

Express Lines

Texada's Calendar of Events

April 2021

COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION PLAN

As a part of the Phase 2 COVID-19 Immunization Plan rollout, Vancouver Coastal Health is holding a series of vaccination clinics on Texada Island. These clinics are open to seniors who are age 70+ and Indigenous peoples age 55+. To get a vaccination at this clinic, seniors should call 1-877-587-5767 to book.

To prepare for your call, please have available a pen and paper, personal health number, full name, date of birth, postal code and phone number. There are enough appointments available for all seniors and there is no rush to call in. Call volumes are lower in the late afternoon and evening. The appointment booking toll-free phone line is open from 7 am to 7 pm, seven days a week. When making the call, please say you are calling from Texada Island.

More information on the vaccination rollout can be found here: <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine>

TEXADA ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL

4913 Gillies Bay Rd, Gillies Bay

Hours	March 30	10:30 am—2 pm
	April 1	10:30 am—2 pm
	April 6	10:30 am—2 pm
	April 8	10:30 am—2 pm

Please see page 2 for more information about the Texada Island Plan.



EASTER BUNNY DRIVE BY

Van Anda Fire/Rescue will be putting on an Easter event at the Legion in Van Anda on April 3 from 10 am to 12 noon.

This will be a no contact event with families driving by and receiving their Easter treats from one of our Easter Bunnies.

Traffic will be one way from the Credit Union to the Legion parking lot and then down Volunteer Ave to disperse.

COVID restrictions will be in place and vehicle occupants must be masked while receiving the treats. Social distancing of 6 ft will be maintained (24 Easter Eggs).



TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH CENTRE

Hours of operation

Monday to Thursday

8:30 am to 11:45 am, 1:15 pm to 4 pm

Friday 8:30 am to 11:45 am

Phone Number: 604-486-7525

If there's no reply, please leave a message.

Emergencies: 604-414-9638. If there's no reply within 10 minutes, please phone 911.

Information – Nurses Hotline: 811

COVID changes:

- Visits strictly by appointment except for emergencies. We will try to deal with issues by phone as much as possible and give appointments when patients need to be seen in person.
- Lab tests by appointment only. Extended lab time: 8:30 am to 9:45 am.
- Masks and hand sanitizer compulsory on entering the health centre.
- If you are ill and suspect you may have COVID, please come to the back door marked COVID and follow the posted instructions.
- TAP forms can be picked up after 1:15 pm.

Please be patient with us. We have never been in this situation before either.

TEXADA

HOME & GARDEN

604-223-9180

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS COMING TO TEXADA ISLAND!

There will be Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics scheduled for the residents of Texada Island on an ongoing basis, in accordance with the provincial vaccination schedule. Announcements will be made on the Facebook Texada Message Board, on local bulletin boards at the grocery stores/post offices and other public spaces, and, time permitting, in the *Express Lines*.

On the Sunshine Coast we are lucky to be able to vaccinate a wider range of ages due to our smaller population. On March 30th, April 1st, 6th and 8th, the Texada Island Health Centre staff, aided by Public Health staff, volunteers, and the Gillies Bay Fire Department, are co-ordinating vaccination clinics at the Gillies Bay Community Hall. These clinics are by appointment only, from 10:30 am to 2 pm, for persons born in the year 1951 or earlier, and for indigenous persons born in the year 1966 or earlier. Please call 1-877-587-5767 to book your appointment. **We anticipate the next age group will be vaccinated in the upcoming weeks as vaccines become available.**

Thanks to all the Health Centre staff, Public Health Nursing staff at Powell River Hospital, and community volunteers for their assistance in making this service available to the residents of Texada Island.

On the day of your appointment:

- Check your scheduled appointment date, time, and location.
- Bring photo identification/BC health number with you.
- Please arrive on time for your appointment and avoid arriving early. This will help us follow public health guidelines, maintain physical distancing and keep everyone safe.
- Wear a short-sleeve shirt as the vaccine will be delivered to your upper arm.
- Dress in layers to stay warm as you may be required to wait outdoors to maintain physical distancing.
- You will be monitored for 15 minutes after receiving your vaccine.

qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT 



**FIRESMART
CLEAN-UP DAY**

Contact Marc Albert at firesmartpr@gmail.com to schedule a free FireSmart assesment and you may even qualify for a \$500 rebate.

Get your FireSmart clean-up debris chipped at the Van Anda Legion, Prospect St. on Saturday May 1st, 9am-5pm

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS WILL APPLY

Only tree and shrub branches will be accepted, No lumber or boards.

LITTLE FREE PANTRIES

Texada’s own “little free pantries” are available to everyone on Texada with food insecurities. Please feel free to pick up or drop off some much needed food. Locations are at the Food Bank in Van Anda and in front of 4758 Cedar St. (between Oak and Ash) in Gillies Bay. Sponsored by the Community of Texada and the Texada Food Bank. "Take what you need; leave what you can."

THANK YOU for all the anonymous donations of food that have been left in the pantries! If you see a cooler under the pantries, you may take or leave produce, including excess from our gardens.



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group has readily available funds for individuals on Texada Island needing additional financial support while obtaining treatment for their cancer. We are here to help and can provide up to \$500 per year per patient.

Forms can be picked up at either the Texada Island Health Center or my home in Van Anda. I can be reached at 604-486-7494. All inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence.

— Barb Egglestone

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DONATIONS TO TEXADA CLINIC

If you or someone you know is making a donation to the Texada Clinic, please make the cheque out to **Texada Health Services Society** and mail to Box 84, Gillies Bay, V0N 1W0.

Thank you in advance.

ROB HILL for SD47 Trustee



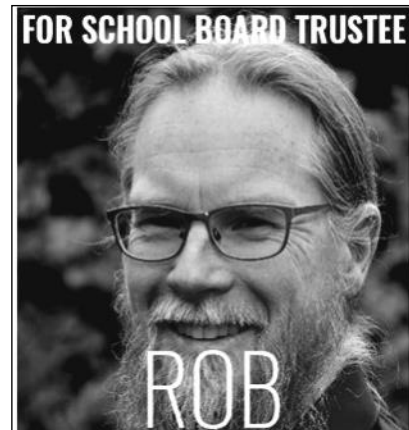
Texada students and families can be confident that I'll represent their interests at the board table. I believe in transparency, collaboration and I will always be available to meet if you have concerns or suggestions.

On April 24, vote for me.

Find out more at [www.robhillsd47 weebly.com](http://www.robhillsd47.weebly.com), including where to vote.

Authorized by Drewen Young, Financial Agent, 604-414-9915

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Advance voting: April 14 and April 21
Voting Day: April 24 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

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TICS BURSARY

Needing money for school? Planning to enroll this fall in a trades program? Health care? Child care? University? TICS has two bursaries of \$750 each to help out with costs. This is not just for recent high school graduates but for anyone returning to school for further education in any post-secondary program. We only require three things:

- You must be a Texada resident
- You must provide proof of enrollment
- You must provide a short one page essay about yourself and your educational plans

Please apply to:
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Deadline for applications is May 31, 2021.

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 604-486-7180
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Meetings: Sundays at 6 pm at the United Church

Texada Breast Cancer Support



Contact: Joan Martisca
 604-483-6438

Udith Teuner
 604-486-6744

Canadian Cancer Society-Trained
 Peer Facilitators

LIVE - LOVE- LAUGHTER

qathet Regional District 2021 Youth Summer Positions

The qathet Regional District is accepting applications from youth ages 15 to 30 for three (3) summer positions.

Shelter Point Regional Park: to start May 14

Haywire Bay Regional Park: to start May 14

Powell River Cemetery: to start May 17

All positions end around Labour Day 2021.

Wage rate is \$20.00 per hour. Positions are covered by a union contract under CUPE Local 798. Work schedule: 7 hours per day, 5 days per week, with 2 consecutive days off. Park employees **must** work weekends and holidays.

Applicants must be physically strong, familiar with basic maintenance tools and equipment, capable of physical work in an outdoor setting, and be good with the public. Applicants must also have their own transportation to and from work.

Deliver a cover letter and resume to:

qathet Regional District
Attn: Patrick Devereaux, Manager of Operational Services
#202-4675 Marine Avenue
Powell River, BC V8A2L2
Fax: 604 485-2216
E-mail: employment@qathet.ca

Deadline for applications: 4 pm · Friday, April 23, 2021. For more information contact Patrick Devereaux at 604 487-1380 or by email employment@qathet.ca



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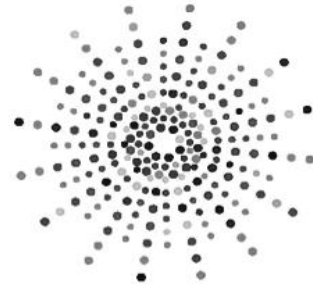
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ONLINE

<http://participatepr.ca/povertyreduction> or scan:



There are four ways to fill out the survey.

PAPER SURVEYS

are available at the Powell River Public Library, Recreation Complex, and City of Powell River.



CALL OR TEXT

April at **604-578-8948** if you would like some help.



Or **VISIT** the north-side of the Mall, opposite the liquor store on Saturday March 27th, 10 am - 3 pm.



DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2021

The City of Powell River, qathet Regional District and Tla'amin Nation have partnered to complete the qathet Regional Poverty Reduction Strategy as part of the Union of British Columbian Municipalities (UBCM) Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Program.



qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT



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Texada Food Bank

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We hope the change will avoid any families missing the day. Call on the second Tuesday between 10am and 3pm. Pick up on the second Wednesday between 12 and 12:30.

Call in April 13 – Pick up April 14
Call in May 11 – Pick up May 12
Call in June 8 – Pick up June 9
(604) 483-1219

The Little Free Pantries are always available for anyone with food insecurities. They are located at the Food Bank porch and in front of 4758 Cedar St. Gillies Bay.

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POWELL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY – APRIL AT A GLANCE

Drawn Together: Virtual Drawing Group, Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm on Zoom. Kids 8-12. Join artist Luke Ramsey on Zoom for interactive drawing. Contact szagwyn@prpl.ca

Bubble Storytime is BACK on Wednesdays starting March 17 at the Willingdon Beach Pavilion. Preschoolers' families can enjoy storytime at a safe physical distance. Advance registration required. Contact szagwyn@prpl.ca

Virtual Preschool Storytime, Wednesdays on Youtube! Online storytime continues! Check out Powell River Public Library on Youtube!

K-readiness Display, March/April in the Anne Woznow Children's Reading Room at PRPL. Have a child entering kindergarten in 2021? The library's hosting a display to help you and your child get ready. Organized by the SD47 StrongStart Early Learning Team.

Douglas Fir Seedling Pickup at Powell River Public Library, from April 15, 2021. Free pick up at the library service desk, while supplies last. Contact edgar@prpl.ca

First Dibs: Teens can earn volunteer credit! Contact edgar@prpl.ca

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 232.

The Legion is open!!!

We'll be open weekends — Saturdays at 3:30 – 7 pm and Sundays at 4 pm – 7 pm. Meat draws, considered events, have been cancelled until further notice

We have a safety plan in place and look forward to seeing everyone again!

Stay safe everyone!

Young Writers Group, age 11-18, every Friday from 3:30- 4:30 pm via Zoom. Interact, create and engage! Watch PRPL's Youtube for writing prompts each Monday. Contact edgar@prpl.ca

The joy of drawing with Lowell Morris. Tuesday March 30, 3 pm via Zoom. Discover drawing with local artist Lowell Morris. Contact mmerlino@prpl.ca

Getting Creative – Exploring Creative Nonfiction, Thursdays April 1 to 22, 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom. Writer Megan Cole goes deeper with your writing. Contact mmerlino@prpl.ca

Traditional Tla'amin Songs with Drew Blaney, Wednesday April 7, 4:30 pm via Zoom. Drew Blaney discusses traditional Tla'amin songs and the remarkable story of rediscovering archival audio. Contact mmerlino@prpl.ca

A Pictorial History of Courtenay and District, Saturday April 10, 2 pm via Zoom. Local authors Dickinson and Griffiths present *Watershed Moments*. Contact mmerlino@prpl.ca

Howard White presents *Here on the Coast*, Saturday April 24, 2 pm via Zoom. Author Howard White reads from his latest book about the Sunshine Coast. Contact mmerlino@prpl.ca

A Journey Back to Nature, Saturday May 15, 2 pm via Zoom. Catherine Marie Gilbert's history of Vancouver Island's Strathcona Provincial Park. Contact mmerlino@prpl.ca

Check out prpl.ca for detailed listings, visit us in person at 100-6975 Alberni Street in Powell River, phone 604-485-4796, or email info@prpl.ca.

See you soon!



**ROBERT
(BOB)
DUKER**

**July 4, 1938 to
March 6, 2021**

Bob passed away peacefully on March 6, 2021 with his family by his side after a very short battle with cancer. Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years Jennifer, daughter Rhonda (Blair), daughter Shellie (Ron), son Michael, granddaughter Miranda (Pat), granddaughter Dana, grandson Cody (Amanda), granddaughter Janice, great-granddaughter Destiny (Hanlon), great-grandson Ayden, great-grandson Karter, brother Allan (Barbara), brother-in-law George (Patti), many nieces and nephews and countless life-long friends.

A rockhound to the core, you would often find Bob in the bush staking claims, prospecting, crushing rock at his mill or teaching anyone who was interested. He had a true love for all things Texada and a passion for the outdoors. He would refer to the blue of the sky as one of his favorite things. Bob had an unconditional love for his family which showed each and every day; this will be irreplaceable. He was referred to by many as a true gentleman and was a kind man who always had time for a chat or to help someone out. Bobby will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

A special thank you to Dr. Black, Dr. Awopetu, Texada Ambulance and all the 4th floor staff at Powell River General Hospital for making his last days so comfortable.

We truly appreciate and would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, and especially their kind words.

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TUESDAY: STIRFRY

WEDNESDAY: PIZZA

**THURSDAY: CURRY CHICKEN OR
CHICKEN FAJITA**

FRIDAY: BEEF BURRITO

SATURDAY: PORK RIBS

TEXADA COMMUNITY POLICING HUNTING STATS 2020

The start of the fall season was quiet while the beginning of the antlerless season was the busiest Conservation has seen. Near the end of the season, two people were issued a warning for riding an ATV up Oak Street in Gillies Bay (a Motor Vehicle Act violation) and were ticketed for cocked crossbows on their backs (a Wildlife Act violation). As well, they could not produce their photo ID, were technically hunting in a closed area (cocked weapons near residences), and were heading to hunt on private property without permission.

There were 23 Wildlife Act case files opened by the COS from January 16, 2020 to January 30th, 2021. Eighteen cases were unique to the COS and all were hunting related except one (dogs chasing geese). Five violation tickets were issued, eight written warnings were issued, and two cases are still under investigation. There was one report of night hunting made to the RCMP in the early part of the season.

Two complaints were made to the policing committee from Van Anda. One,

also reported to the RCMP and Conservation, involved hunting in a closed area (Van Anda) with deer carcass remains left by the road. The other expressed concerns around the current rules regarding hunting distances from the road in the Slow Farm area adjacent to Van Anda as there has been a marked increase in new residents.

Please phone in all violations, hunting or otherwise. Without statistics, there is no evidence to base the level of support (patrols) needed to curb these activities.

Contact – Box 48, Van Anda, BC V0N 3K0
or phone Leslie at 604-483-8423

Meetings are cancelled until further notice.

**Gillies Bay
Internet Society**

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Store Hours	Sun: Noon - 5 pm Mon - Sat: 10 am - 7 pm
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Van Anda, BC, V0N 3K0 Fax 604-486-7279

“Whistlin an a-fishin in Heaven”

- John Prine



BILL REEVE

July 12, 1943 – December 29, 2020
Thank you to the wonderful community of Texada for all your help. Thanks also to the great staff at Evergreen, where Bill lived for the last 3 years.

— Jill & Family

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By appointment only please.
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604-578-8214
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MUSEUM MUSINGS

THE VAN ANDA SAWMILL

For the first part of the twentieth century, the Carter Brothers' sawmill at the outlet of Van Anda Creek was one of the town's best known landmarks (photo).

Passengers arriving at the Van Anda wharf would note the tall brick chimney and hear the screech of the steam-powered saw blades, a quite different scene from the tranquil one today.

Henry and John Carter bought the mill in 1899 from the Grant brothers of Comox who had run the mill for 20 years at a Cumberland coal mine. Along with it came George McLeod to help set up the operation. McLeod, however, was soon lured away by Texada's mineral possibilities and became a prominent island prospector.

The economic boom due to the mining activities caused a huge local demand for sawn lumber for houses, shops and for mine supporting timbers. In addition, nearby logging sites such as Lang Bay, Stillwater, and the new mill at Powell River needed lumber to build camps and houses.

Initially "Steamboat Bob" (Walter Pinnock) would tow the milled wood across Malaspina Strait with his driftwood-fuelled, steam-powered boat, *Wood Nymph*. Later, Bill Young and Bill Kirkness rivalled for towing contracts.

With a sawmill close by, logging on Texada took off. Nearby trees were felled, some towed along the rocky shore by

hand. The first log boom received by the mill was from Myrtle Point (350,000 board feet — one week's supply).

Fuel for the steam plant was supplied by Chinese labourers and others who cut 4-foot cordwood and hauled it to the mill by horsepower.

The Carters enthusiastically joined community affairs, locating their house on the creek bank just upstream of the mill. John ran the mill while brother Henry acted as a mine recorder, helped establish the Texada Gun Club, served on the School Board, and became Justice of the Peace.

Before the mill closed in 1923, it is said that the very last load of lumber was floated around Texada to construct the first house in Gillies Bay — Dr Sanderson's.

With the economy slumping, the sawmill was eventually demolished, only its chimney remaining. It stood for years after as a reminder of the valuable enterprise that helped create Texada's boom times.

*Peter Lock
Texada Island Heritage Society*





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Texada Women's Island Network April Luncheon

Yay, it's Hat Day!!! *Please wear a hat.*

Thursday April 8, 2021

in the Pub at the Texada Island Inn. Doors open at 11:30 am, lunch at 12 noon. There will be no speaker but a fun, surprise event instead. To reserve, please call Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday April 1, 2021. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when making your reservation.

If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item.

Part 1 of our mini-silent-auction will be held at the luncheon. If you have something you would like to donate, please do it early by phoning Moe Woodhead (604-414-7312) or Linda Johnson (604-486-7682) for pickup.

Members not wearing their name tags will be fined a loonie. If you are wearing your name tag, you will be entered into our draw for a free lunch, to be drawn in June.

Good Luck!



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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Greetings, everyone.

Here's the status of our Canada Reads short list titles. At the time of writing, we know the winner is Joshua Whitehead's *Jonny Appleseed* (FIC WHI); the other four titles are *The Midnight Bargain* (FIC FAN) by CL Polk, *Two Trees Make a Forest* (971 LEE) by Jessica J. Lee, *Hench* (FIC SF WAL) by Natalie Zina Walschots, and, finally, *Butter Honey Pig Bread* (FIC EKW) by Francesca Ekwuyasi. We have yet to receive Polk's title. They are shelved on the top shelf of the big blue stack by the windows.

After some consideration, we've decided that it's time to start a holds (or requests) process for titles which you cannot find on the shelf when you're browsing. Just ask the volunteer at the desk who will check to see if it is already out on loan, whether we actually own the item, or if it is, perhaps, missing. Your name, contact information, and the title of the item you want will be recorded to be checked against any

materials being returned. Once the item you've requested has been located, you will be notified.

It will be held for one week for you to come and pick it up. Let us know how it works for you. Many thanks.

As of the time of writing, the calendar tells me that Spring is here!!

The Texada Island Library is a volunteer-staffed community service located in the Gillies Bay Old School: phone 604-486-6728, during open hours.

Library Open Hours:

Wednesday	noon to 2 pm
Friday	noon to 2 pm
Sunday	noon to 2 pm

For more information about the library or about becoming a volunteer, please phone Anne Carney, Library Coordinator, at 604-486-7117.

— Dick Turner

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month. ~Henry Van Dyke



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T I R C

The Texada Island Recreation Commission (TIRC) recommended to qRD that the bleachers at the Gillies Bay and Van Anda ballfields be removed before they become hazardous at its December 2020 meeting. This recommendation was adopted by qRD and reaffirmed at TIRC's March 2021 meeting. It is expected that the Gillies Bay bleachers will be replaced later this year whereas the Van Anda bleachers may last another two years. After the bleachers are removed, other structures could be built or installed to increase the functionality of the ballfield recreational sites. TIRC welcomes the community's suggestions in this regard (email suggestions to ronsmith@tru.ca).

— Ron Smith
Chair, TIRC

TEXADA FOOD HUB

As you plan your garden for 2021, allow for planting extra to use at Texada's own community food preservation kitchen, the Texada Food Hub. The Hub is equipped with commercial equipment for flash-freezing, dehydrating, fermenting, and canning all kinds of foods. Covid restrictions apply, but the Hub is available. For a nominal fee, Hub members can use the kitchen for stocking up a personal food supply, for making commercial food products, and for learning how to do food preservation using the above techniques. All are welcome to join; membership costs \$10 per year for individuals or \$15 per year for a household with two adults. For more information, please contact Tom Read, phone/text 604-414-9998.

What glad, mad fools we are in spring! ~John Robinson Jeffers, "Last Spring"

GARDEN CLUB NOTES

April is here. That means the soil is warming up and we need to get ready for planting. Our guest writer this month is Anne Carney. She has lovely reflections on spring.

We have had a year in the garden with Covid-19; now it is spring again and a time of awakening for our gardens and our souls. Time to get dirty and cleanse our foggy minds. Time to stop thinking about Pfizer and Moderna and turn our attention to shallots and helianthus, plants to adorn our space this year. I began pulling weeds in January and February on those not too cold days when the sun shone. The first snow drops, croci and other bulbs were exciting, now I am checking for the first asparagus spears to emerge from the soil.

There were so many highlights of my garden last year, the peas were lush, I had a bumper crop of squash, everything seemed to thrive. My biggest pride came from the eggplant seedlings that I got from Wendy. In previous years I have had little success, maybe there was not enough heat. Last year they were beautiful, Traviata's deep purple skin complimented Beatrice's globes that shone like jewels in the sun. I was thrilled every time I walked by them. At the other end of the garden the sunflowers massed together to give a wall of golden and bronze hues. I am hoping for a repeat performance this year.

We don't know yet the path that Covid will take in future months; we do know that we can find solace and take strength from our gardens. The effort we put into them will be given back to us. Happy spring, happy gardening, and keep safe everyone.

My recipe comes from a book titled Savour by Peter Gordon. It has become a favourite of mine.

Miso-baked Aubergine (eggplant)

- 3 Tbsp miso paste (I use shiro miso)
- 3 Tbsp mirin (or 2 Tbsp liquid honey)
- 2 Tbsp sunflower oil
- 2 Tbsp sesame oil
- 2 aubergine
- 1 Tbsp sesame seeds

I prefer to use the long oriental aubergine but other kinds work just as well; they just take longer to bake.

Trim the stems from the aubergine then cut them in half lengthwise. Lightly score the flesh in a criss cross pattern and put them in a baking dish cut side up. Mix the miso, mirin and oils into a paste. Brush the mixture onto the cut sides of the aubergine. Sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake at 350 degrees until the flesh is incredibly soft, 25-30 minutes for small aubergine, up to an hour for the rounder types. Enjoy!

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Dinner: Sunday, April 4. Buy dinner for a chance to win a basket. The Easter menu is glazed ham and scalloped potatoes, veggies, and garlic toast. • Easter Monday we will be closed. • Even though everyone is getting a shot, we are still following our safety plan and masks are still mandatory. • We are looking for wait staff. If interested, please drop off a resume at the Hotel. • As always, great food, good prices, friendly staff, good service. Come enjoy. 					
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TEXADA FOOD BANK

Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made at the First Credit Union or by mail to PO Box 233, Van Anda, B.C. V0N 3K0

Non-perishable food donations may be put in the baskets at the Gillies Bay General Store, the Texada Market, and the First Credit Union in Van Anda.

Thank you so much. Donation tins for cash are available at both stores (Gillies Bay Store and Texada Market in Van Anda) and the First Credit Union.

If you have any questions regarding contributions to the Food Bank, please call Pauline Fleming at 604-414-9590.

The Texada Food Bank acknowledges all of our contributors:

Thank you to Arlene Rycroft, Larry Dawe, Judy Ferguson, Stan Smith, Pam Kenny, Shelly Moberg, Danielle Robert and the Texada Elementary School for all your financial donations and a big Thank You to everyone that makes regular anonymous financial deposits at the First Credit Union. We are so grateful.

We are always grateful to Jake and the Gillies Bay General Store for continued support with donations of cases of food and to everyone at the Texada Market for your help every month. We are very grateful to everyone for all the anonymous cash and food donations that are dropped off at the Gillies Bay Store, Texada Market, and the First Credit Union.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Your opinion please: In response to issues including illegal camping, shellfish poaching, and the dumping of garbage/yard waste, RD staff are proposing putting gates on the roads to Howie's Dump and the Ponderosa in Shelter Point Park. Howie's (a former log dump) is accessed from the road leading down from the nature trail parking area and the Ponderosa runs off Mouat Bay Road to the beach.

What do you think? Please let me know by April 9 and your opinion will be included in materials for the RD Board, sandynleeti@gmail.com. If you've already responded to my Facebook post, there's no need to do so again. If you want to write directly to the RD, the address is administration@qathet.ca. Please indicate that it is correspondence for Committee of the Whole.

Meanwhile, the qRD has signed on to the Connected Coast (CC) project which will bring high-speed internet access to 154 rural coastal communities. The \$47 million, 3,400-km sub-sea fibre cable will connect communities from Haida Gwaii-Prince Rupert to Victoria-Vancouver with a minimum 50/10 broadband speed.

The cable will circumnavigate Texada with "landing hubs" at GB and VA. Construction is expected to start later this year.

CC is a partnership between corporations owned by the City of Prince Rupert and Strathcona Regional District. Federal and provincial funding is being sought.

The sub-sea cable would become the backbone of the coastal network. Still to come are plans for "last mile connections," which will bring this internet connectivity from the hubs to your home or business.

Consultants at Driftwood Communications are currently completing a Connectivity Plan for the qRD to address this issue.

The RD was also able to provide the GB Internet Society with a letter of support for funding for the upgrading of the GB coaxial TV cable to add internet connectivity.

Finally, the RD together with PR City and Tla'amin Nation has begun work on a Poverty Reduction Strategy and again, your opinions are being sought. Please complete a community well-being survey, aimed at gathering input regarding income-related experiences. The survey explores barriers and opportunities regarding poverty reduction. Responses accepted until April 15. Access the survey at participatepr.ca/povertyreduction or by contacting social planner Kai Okazaki:

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Hopefully some hard copies will make it here.

—*Sandy McCormick,*
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Better At Home on Texada Island matches volunteers with seniors to provide non-medical support so seniors can continue living independently in their own homes. B@H services may be limited during the Covid-19 pandemic, but currently we offer limited transportation (including grocery delivery) plus friendly visits by phone and light yard work.

Better at Home is administered by Inclusion Powell River and BC United Way, with funding from the Province of BC. For more information phone Tom Read (Texada program coordinator) at 604-483-1471 or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.

VAID



25% of our leaking water has been found and repairs are underway. 75% of our lost water is still under investigation. Did you know a running toilet can waste up to 6,400 gallons of water per day? An unseated toilet flapper can leak 200 gallons a day. Underground irrigation leaks can be costly and damaging. Water leak detection continues and we appreciate your help on both public property and your private property.

Due to COVID-19, our Annual General Meeting (usually in April) is postponed and is tentatively planned for July 17th, 2021.

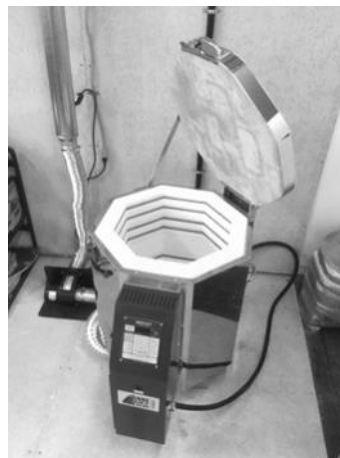


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TEXADA CERAMIC AND SCULPTURE STUDIO UPDATE

2020 was a difficult year for a newly created community group to be shut down. Despite having to close the studio for the majority of 2020, we have persevered and continued making improvements for our users. Through fundraising from the recyclables at the Van Anda Recycle Depot last year, we purchased a new digitally controlled ceramic kiln. We conducted the required test firings and it is now ready for use. Its digital programs make it versatile, ranging from a ceramic kiln to a glass fusing kiln. Thank you to everyone who chose to bring your recyclables to the local depots. We have now taken over collection from the Gillies Bay depot for 2021, meaning we will have more bottles to sort! A huge thank you to our volunteer members who continue to sort and deliver bottles, keeping themselves involved with the studio, even when we can't open the doors. During the year some of our users had taken home their clay and tools, and we have done some firings to keep up with stuff brought in. We all patiently wait until COVID is less concerning and we can resume operation of the studio, with weekly open sessions and classes to come. Initial annual user fee will remain \$25, and renewals will be \$60. Clay and tools are available for sale on site, the basement of

Texada Elementary School, Waterman Ave, Van Anda. For information or enquires, contact Alfred Muma and/or Kathleen Scott.



Studio email:
texadaartroom@outlook.com



TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH NOTES



*We can do no great things;
only small things with great love.
Mother Theresa*

Focus on Spirit!

A weekly reflection is posted on the church website. Links can be found on the church's Facebook page (sometimes there are extra posts there so check it out) and Texada Message Board.

Church Reopening

Bonnie Henry has announced that she will give new guidelines for church gatherings and there is hope that we will be able to have church services soon. I will send out the information (email and on Facebook) as soon as it is available and a decision is made for reopening.

Prayer Group

Please call Rikki Kooy, 604-243-8097 for

prayers or information.

**Weekly Services: 10:30 Sundays...
are suspended** until further notice.

Please note that your donations or tithes are more important than ever right now, and can be mailed to Texada United Church, Box 23, Gillies Bay, BC V0N 1W0.

Minister's Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursdays, at the church, 1-3 pm. The church is open at these times for private individual prayer or meditation. Offering envelopes and Our Daily Bread booklets can be picked up during these hours.

Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard, 604-414-7309
trollhollow123@gmail.com

Board Chair: Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050

Legion Chaplain: Karen May, 604-413-0994

Website: www.texadaunited.ca

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Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon. ~Doug Larson, 1989

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TEXADA AEROSPACE CAMP HANGAR AND AVIATION MUSEUM NEWS

Despite Texada Arts, Culture & Tourism Society having cancelled all events this year due to the pandemic, the AeroSpace Hangar and Aviation Museum staff have continued to operate, although at a reduced pace. People still donate aviation related books and artifacts, cash donations, and offers to help. Gerry Johnson continues to fabricate display cases and drawers.

Pete Stiles, who has contributed a number of artifacts in the past, has recently donated an RCAF tunic and his flight logbook from 1949-1951. The logbook documents his very first flight in a Harvard trainer as a student pilot. There is an entire Pete Stiles section that shows his flying paraphernalia. Thanks again Pete!

Another recent donation was a delightful surprise for the staff. Ken Williams approached Gerry Johnson with the offer to

donate three model radio-controlled helicopters. The helicopters were still in their containers, and one, the largest, has never been flown! Both Gerry and I agreed immediately that this offer needed to be accepted! A big thanks to Ken.

It's planned to use the models as training aids for the next batch of AeroSpace Camp students when health authorities give everyone the OK to resume events as usual. As an aside, the museum's library books are being re-cataloged and lists of books will be published for the public's information on the TACT website. A couple of people will be needed to help organize the books by subject and author. If you are interested in volunteering, please call me at 604-223-2588. Social distancing and COVID protocol will be followed.

Thanks...

The generosity of Texadans at the February 28th, 2021 Gillies Bay TINSHS bottle drive was overwhelming! Special shout out to the Legion and everyone who has been stockpiling and kind enough to donate their empties! In addition, we received cash donations from Paul Boulanger of Van Anda and Dave of the newly opened "Texada Home & Garden".

A HUGE TYLENOL THANK YOU! to the amazing volunteer work horses: Pam Kenny, John Whitehead, Sandy Harvey, Theresa Beech, Sue Comely, Lois Warner, Brenda Currie, Tara Schumacher-Leibe, Pauline Fleming, Gina Ducharme, Debra Gill, Phil Beddard, John & Cathy Brown. We filled the 5 tonne U-Haul truck almost to bursting. Most of the boxes collected for us to fill and use at the qRD Gillies Bay site were courtesy of Mary-Ann Kulchyski.

Monday morning, March 1st, Gina Ducharme, John Brown and I scared the folks at the Powell River Return It Depot on Duncan Street, unloading over a quarter of a million

bottles and cans! Their staff dug in and worked steadily, receiving our load without complaint. Three Toyota pick up loads of flattened cardboard boxes were taken to recycle. U-Haul donated a mileage discount, and Columbia Fuels forgave us the truck refueling cost.

After truck and ferry expenses, we netted a cool \$2,515.30 for our seniors housing project! Everyone involved deserves a much deserved rest — Texada rocks!

We will keep our recycling account #2285 active at the depot on Duncan St, in case anyone wishes to donate their empties through the year.

As of March 1st, 2021 we have stepped aside at the Gillies Bay qRD depot. The new fundraisers there are the Texada Ceramics & Sculpture Group. We wish them all the best. My personal appreciation to Mary-Ann for all she has done for me these past two years (one as TAG, one as TINSHS).

— *With much gratitude,*
Cathy Brown — TINSHS Secretary

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7:50 am	8:35 am	7:50 am	8:35 am
9:20 am	10:10*/ 10:20 am	9:20 am	10:20 am
11:25 am	12:15 pm	11:25 am	12:15 pm
3 pm *	3:45 pm	3:30 pm	4:15 pm
5:05 pm	6 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm
6:50 pm	7:40 pm	7:25 pm	8:15 pm
8:35 pm	9:20 pm	9 pm	9:45 pm

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POWELL RIVER - SECHELT	
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7:30 am	8:25 am
9:25 am	10:25 am
11:20 am	12:25 pm
3:50 pm	4:55 pm
6 pm	7 pm
7:55 pm	8:50 pm
9:45 pm	10:40 pm

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9:50 am *	9:45 am
10:50 am	11:55 am
1:05 pm	2:10 pm
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5:25 pm	5:30 pm
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7:40 pm***	7:50 pm
8:55 pm	10:55 pm

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Leave Powell River	Leave Comox
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11:50 am	9:55 am
5:15 pm	3:25 pm
8:45 pm	7:10 pm

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4 Easter Sunday	5	6 Vaccination Clinic: Comm Hall, 10:30 am	7 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm	8 Vaccination Clinic: Comm Hall, 10:30 am TWIN Mtg: 11:30 am, Texada Island Inn Pub	9	10 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

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MONDAY: Tai Chi, Community Hall, 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY: Tai Chi, Community Hall, 9:30 am

SATURDAY: Tai Chi, Community Hall, 9:30 am

SUNDAY: Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church, 6 pm