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Texada's Calendar of Events

September 2022

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AUTHOR EVENT:

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For more information, contact Mark:
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CAREFUL, PLEASE

Everyone using Shelter Point Park is asked to be mindful and considerate of other users, especially at the boat launch area. Sticks thrown innocently for dogs can damage boat propellers and vehicles parked unnecessarily by the boat launch can make it difficult for manoeuvring boat trailers. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

Lafarge Texada has partnered with Let's Talk Trash and Ocean Legacy Foundation to complete a beach cleanup on Texada. The cleanup will take place at various beaches on the island between 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday, September 17th. The sorting of the beach trash will take place inside the Lafarge gates at 4300 Airport Rd.

In an effort to minimize the use of plastic, if you have reusable items to collect trash (e.g. buckets and/or work gloves) please bring them along. We will be providing safety vests and will have gloves if needed.

If you would like to volunteer for this event or know of a location that needs cleaning up, please get in touch with me. I can be reached by phone at 604-578-8037 or email carolanne.white@lafarge.com



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Friday 8:30 am to 11:45 am

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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.

Donations to Texada Medical 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.

MOVE OVER

In 2019, I submitted an article “Every Second Counts” to the Express Lines. I was urging people to pull over and stop if an emergency vehicle is approaching with flashing lights and siren on. Maybe the tone was too polite since clearly many people didn't get the message. If an emergency vehicle is on route to an incident with flashing lights and siren on, move over — it's the law! We know with our narrow roads that is often not possible to pull over, but you can always stop. This applies to situations where the emergency vehicle is catching you from behind, as well as when it is meeting you.

We don't use our lights and sirens when practicing, or when we are just in transport mode. When they are on it is because dispatch has advised that the incident we are responding to is an emergency. So instead of adding to the problem, help us respond as quickly as possible to the emergency. Thank you.

— Chief

Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department.

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



BINGO

What a summer we had!! Lots of fun and all the festivals were back. Busy, busy, busy... and fun, fun, fun!!

So let's keep the fun going. TICS will be kick things off with Bingo. We'll be at the Community Hall in Gillies Bay on September 2nd. Doors will open at 6:30 pm; games will start at 7 pm.

Grab a friend and come down for some games, some prizes, some goodies and some fun! All proceeds go to funding the two \$750 TICS Scholarships.

MEETING

It's been a power packed summer with everything that went on, and it will be nice to get back to a semblance of order and routine!

Our first meeting back will be on September 12th at the Legion in Van Anda. Members will be contacted but everyone is welcome to come and check us out. Please call Ruth at 604-414-4111 if you'd like to come.

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**Employment Opportunity
Small Water System Operator**

Gillies Bay Improvement District is accepting applications for a full-time Small Water System Operator. Experience preferred, but training will be provided for the right candidate.

Applications will be accepted until 4 pm on September 2, 2022.

Contact us at admin@gillies-bay.ca for a full job description or send your cover letter and resume to apply for the position.

Texada Food Bank

is ONLY offered on the second Wednesday of the month. Call on the second Tuesday between 10 am and 3 pm. Pick up on the second Wednesday between 12 and 12:30.

Call in September 13 – Pick up September 14
Call in October 11 – Pick up October 12
Call in November 8 – Pick up November 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.

Take what you need, leave what you can.

Please do not leave alcoholic beverages!

GREEN ARMBAND PROGRAM



The Texada Health Services Society (THSS) would like to thank all the volunteers involved and the community in general for the recent outstanding support of the Texada Island Green Armband Program.

Sandcastle Pancake Breakfast is routinely organized and managed by the Van Anda Volunteer Firefighters Association (VAVFA). This year's pancake breakfast was staffed by volunteers from both organizations (VAVFA and THSS) and by volunteers from the community in general. The event resulted in a donation of over \$1300 to our Green Armband Program. This donation will be used to help Texada Island residents return home following an unexpected emergency that takes them off-island without an escort.

Donations to GAP can be made by anyone at

anytime, whether they have used GAP or not. Direct deposits can be done at the First Credit Union under the Texada Health Services Society with GAP in the notation. Cheques can be made out to the "Texada Health Services Society", with a note that your donation is for GAP. Cheques can be left at the Texada Island Health Centre in Gillies Bay or sent to:

Texada Health Services Society
PO Box 84
Gillies Bay, BC, V0N 1W0

Thank you for your valuable support!



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.

Please do not leave alcoholic beverages!



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- ⇒ Texada’s representative **to** the Regional District, not the other way around.
- ⇒ Directors are responsible for local services, land use development, regulations— and advocacy on **ANY** issue, including provincial and federal.
- ⇒ Got an issue? **Let’s talk, then act! I’m inviting you to join these discussions:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Staffing shortages hit Texada — now what? <i>Wed, Sept 7, Srs Ctr Old Sch, 7—8:30 pm</i> 2 qRD tax increases: a counter-strategy <i>Sat, Sept 17, 1:30—3:00 pm, Credit Union</i> 3 Texada and qRD: power-sharing can work <i>Fri, Sept 23, 1—2:30 pm, Srs Ctr, Old School</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Next-level Texada emergency prep. <i>Sat, Oct 1, 1:30— 3:00 pm, Credit Union</i> 5 Where’s our voice in land use decisions? <i>Thu, Oct 6, 7—8:30 pm, Srs Ctr, Old School</i> 6 A proposal for better representation <i>Thu, Oct 13, 7—8:30 pm, Srs Ctr, Old School</i> |
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Voice only: **604-483-1471**/Email: **ravenbaywoods@gmail.com**/Facebook: **Tom for Texada**
 (authorized by Tom Read, ravenbaywoods@gmail.com)



Wow!! That was one heck of a Sandcastle Weekend, wasn't it?? And it all went off without a hitch. And that happened because of our sponsors and dedicated volunteers.

Huge thanks to our sponsors, who provided prizes and trophies for our events:

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| TICS | USW 816 |
| Texada Home & Garden | Texada Auto Repair |
| PBF | Dynamite Logging |
| Pet Valu | |

And to our organizing volunteers:

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| Jane Waterman | Doriana Kiland |
| Debra Gill | Evelyn Seymour |
| Terry Andres | Dave Sarnowski |
| Lisa Levez-Bordeleau | Dave Colussi |
| Angie Beaumont | |

And all their helpers. You are too numerous to name, but without you, it couldn't have happened!

We'll see you all next year—July 15 & 16

Thanks...

Thanks to all the donors to our draw:

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| BC Ferries | Doby Dobrostanski |
| Gillies Bay Store | Mary Mary Café |
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| Texada Market | VAFFA |

And last, but definitely not least, to the people who provided the behind-the-scenes support and muscle to make the weekend run smoothly:

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| Dick Fahlman | Warren Kiland |
| The Brent Family | Dog's Ear Tshirts |
| Mike Irving | qathet Regional District |
| Steve Croasdale | Rolly & Lee Thorpe |
| Deb Dumka | Sid Boloten |

I'm sure I've missed people — please forgive me! The weekend would not have been the success it was without you!

Well, summer is almost over. It sure went quick... There's never enough time to do all the nothing you want.

~Bill Watterson, *Calvin and Hobbes* (comic strip), 1988



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TEXADA AGRICULTURE GROUP AND FOOD HUB

The Texada Food Hub is available to all and is located inside Texada School. The Hub is a Vancouver Coastal Health-approved community food preservation kitchen equipped with commercial equipment for flash-freezing, dehydrating, freeze-drying, baking, juicing, fermenting and canning all kinds of foods.

Anyone can join Texada Agriculture Group and use the Hub. Life membership in TAG costs a one-time fee of \$10 for individuals or \$15 for a household with two adults. For a nominal usage fee, Hub members can use the kitchen for stocking up a personal household food supply and for making commercial food products (but not for commercial catering). For more information, please

contact Tom Read, home phone 604-483-1471 or text 604-414-9998 or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.

If you are already a TAG member and would like to schedule time at the Hub, please contact Breanne Percy by email at: breanne@why-health.com

In the end, everything will be okay. If it's not okay, it's not yet the end.
~Fernando Sabino, translated from Portuguese



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REPORT FROM THE CHAIR Gillies Bay Improvement District (GBID)

It is no secret that Gillies Bay water is neither what it should be nor what it could be. This time of year is the worst. We all have come to expect that the community will be put on boil water advisories by Vancouver Coastal Health at some point during the summer. That is the way it is and that is the way it will be until we get better water treatment in place. The issue has been studied to death, and the GBID trustees have a plan to fix it.

We have applied for a multimillion dollar grant to help cover the costs. The grant application has passed the first hurdle. We expect a decision on the application early next year. In the meantime, we are working on necessary items that are not covered by the grant as well as further refining and

costing our options. Once we have a decision on the grant, we will host one or more community town hall meetings to present and discuss all aspects of the proposed treatment system. With or without the grant, we still have to act. No final decision will be made without the approval of the Gillies Bay rate-payers. The water system belongs to all the landowners of Gillies Bay, sort of like a co-op. The Board of Trustees is just that, a group of volunteers entrusted by the community with looking after the co-op. We cannot do it alone and as we move along will be asking for the support of the community to finally fix the water!

*Chuck Childress,
Chair GBID*

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T I R C

The Texada Recreation Commission (TIRC) will be meeting on Wednesday, September 7th, starting at 5 pm. Those interested in attending the meeting or making requests to the TIRC should contact Ron Smith by email (ronsmith@tru.ca) or phone 604-578-1989 as the meeting will be held virtually.



**YOUR ISLAND HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
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Hello, Texada,
A fun-filled, busy, hot August we have had!

- Still suffering from a staff shortage as is the whole world. Wait staff and cooks are needed. Call or come in...
- We will be closed Sept. 5th for Labour Day but on Friday Sept. 2nd Karaoke is back — every Friday!
- New arts and crafts coming and going. Always looking for new artists. Buy local, shop beautiful.
- We are pleased to welcome Eva's Hair Salon to the Texada Island Inn, 3 days a week.
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Thank you,
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your love and
support,
*Cymry, Evan, and
Kaitlyn*

Bar Hours
Mon - Wed: closed
Sun, Thurs: 3 pm - 8 pm
Fri, Sat: noon - 8 pm

Restaurant Hours
Mon - Thurs: 3 pm - 7 pm
Fri - Sat: noon - 7 pm

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
BRANCH 232**

The Legion is open and meat draws are back.

- On Saturday, doors open at 3:30 pm; first draw at 4:15 pm.
- On Sunday, there's trivia meat draw. You can buy tickets, but throughout the afternoon we will ask trivia questions. Be the first to answer correctly and win tickets as well. The doors open at 4 pm; first draw at 4:15 pm.

Upcoming Events

General Meeting September 9th 7pm
Bingo September 16th, 7 pm
Battle of Britain September 18th ... no service

Proof of vaccine no longer required; please stay home if feeling unwell.

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 May you not forget the infinite possibilities
 that are born of faith and hope.
 May you use those gifts that you have
 received,
 and pass on the love that has been given
 to you.
 May you be content with yourself just
 the way you are.
 Let this knowledge settle into your bones,
 and allow your soul the freedom to sing,
 dance, praise, and love.
 It is there for each and every one of us.
 St. Teresa of Avila*

Worship Services:

Sundays 10:30 am Communion will be celebrated on Sept 4, 2022. Everyone is welcome at our communion table.

Focus on Spirit!

The 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.

Texada Breast Cancer Support



Contact: Joan Martisca
604-483-6438

Udith Teuner
604-486-6744

Canadian Cancer Society-Trained
Peer Facilitators

LIVE - LOVE- LAUGHTER

Prayer Group:

Please call Rikki Kooy, 604-243-8097 for prayers or information

Minister's Office Hours:
 Tuesday & Thursdays, at the church
 1:30 -3:30 pm

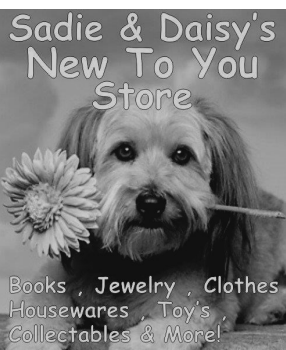
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Texada Action Now (TAN) AGM

TAN (Texada Action Now) will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday Sept 11 at 2 pm at the Gillies Bay Ballpark, after the Farmer’s Market. All Texada residents are members of TAN and are invited to attend.

The meeting will deal with the usual AGM stuff, plus an open discussion of the history and future of TAN. I believe we are at or near TAN’s 40th anniversary. TAN has history of fighting hard and successfully for this island. It has always been there when really needed. Should it and can it continue? It is up to the membership... which is all of us.

In addition, there will be an election to fill a number of executive positions at the AGM. We are looking for some new blood, so if you know of someone who would be interested in standing (including yourself) please contact Chuck Childress 604-486-7443 or tanchair2014@gmail.com. The workload is whatever you choose to make it.

Chuck Childress - Chair - TAN



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DIRECTORS REPORT

Last month's column focused on island issues I've contributed to as Texada's regional director. *This month is a look ahead* as this term of office winds down. This includes both unresolved, on-going issues and new initiatives.

Still needing resolution are applications by **GBID** and **VAID** for gas tax funding for water system upgrades, protecting **Mt. Davies** should Lasqueti choose 911 service, access to **high-speed internet for all Texadans**, expansion of **Emily Lake Park** and protection of **Stromberg Falls**. Two other unresolved issues I initiated are allowing **volunteers in parks** and installing **public electric vehicle charging stations** on Texada.

In August, a new unresolved issue emerged related to **Texada Rescue (TR)**, operated by VAVFD including a rescue vehicle with the jaws-of-life. Taxes of \$15,000 are collected annually from all area D taxpayers for TR. Recently, TR requested a budget increase for equipment, tools and training. Because the existing TR bylaw already taxes the maximum allowed, a new bylaw would be needed. The cost of legal fees for the new bylaw were taken from TR's existing budget reducing its operating revenue for 2022 to \$4,000 from the \$13,500 that was expected. **TR had no advance warning that such a reduction could happen and didn't know its budget was reduced until the cheque arrived.**

This lack of communication concerns me greatly. Efforts are being made to provide TR with financial assistance, but I don't want to see any other community group left out of the information loop the way TR was. **There's nothing in the RD's procedures bylaw which says that staff have to notify community groups when unanticipated budget reductions occur, but in the inter-**

ests of courtesy and just plain common sense, there should be. I've asked that this issue be included in the next strategic planning session, after the Oct. 15 local government elections.

So what about the future? Two initiatives I'll be pushing for are an organized **Texada trails group**, which could receive RD funding for trail maintenance and signage, the way a mainland group does. And I'll be pushing for a **wider range of housing** on the island, including seniors, small accommodations and rentals.

As Texada's regional director, I've been humbled and inspired by the opportunities to help people, protect our land and preserve our island lifestyle. With your support, I'll continue to do so for the next four years.

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Thanks...

I give my sincere thanks to all who made the parade such a success this year:

- Our sponsors Dynamic Logging for the prize money, Mary Mary Cafe for the ice cream cone certificates and Bubbles the Clown
- The wonderful participants - you excelled yourselves. I wish I could name you individually, but you all rock!
- The honorary parade marshal, Ken Behan, who stepped in at the last minute and escort Kevin Behan
- Jim and Elder Duggan for the special effort made to bring your wooden cars and giving rides in the afternoon
- RCMP for ensuring someone was here from Powell River to lead the parade
- Judge Sandy McCormick
- Jim Mason, Tom Read and Terry Waterman who directed traffic
- All who came to watch

A big thank you to Elayne & Ed as always!

*Till next year,
Jane Waterman*

Thanks to Mary Mary Café for sponsoring Bubbles the Clown in the parade, making the candy bags I gave out possible.

— *Bubbles*

BIG AND BEAUTIFUL

On behalf of the Texada RCMP and myself, I would like to give a great big thank you to Sandi Martens-Carpenter who spearheaded the new picnic table project. It is a beautiful 10 foot cedar table placed on the property near the waterfront for all to enjoy. Thanks also go out to Sylvia and Urbie, TICS, and George Franklin whose craftsmanship is outstanding. Also to any others involved in the endeavour as I don't have your names... all of your efforts are very much appreciated. It is so nice to see a lovely new table and I am sure it will be enjoyed by all for years to come. Happy picnicking everyone!

Warm welcome to Constable Micha Yakonowsky who comes to us from outer Gulf Islands.

Drive safe!

*Pat Collins
Texada Island RCMP*

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BETTER AT HOME

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. 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, contact Tom Read (Texada volunteer coordinator) at 604-483-1471 or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.

ORCA NEIGHBOURHOOD STRONGSTART PROGRAM

The School District spent last year looking into offering an outdoor nature program for families with children 0-5 years and is thrilled to present this to the community starting in September. When we visit Texada school, we will spend some time indoors in the new childcare space and some time outdoors exploring outdoor play. Each month we will explore a topic—in September we will explore “Community”.

Our first visit of the year will be September 19, 11:30 am-2 pm.

We are looking forward to reconnecting with families on Texada.



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TINSHS

TINSHS AGM will be held on September 18th at 2 pm at the Gillies Bay Ballpark. We have a number of successes to report! There will be elections for some of the board positions. Annual membership: \$10/individual or \$15/family of two adults. Membership must be up to date to vote and will be available at the meeting.

Our comprehensive island wide Housing Needs and Demands Study will be available soon! We would appreciate all Texadans completing this survey. Thank you in advance!

*Cathy Brown, President TINSHS
Texada Island Non-profit Seniors Housing Society
tinshs2019@gmail*

PO Box 32, Van Anda BC V0N 3K0

NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS

Thank you to all of those who attended our meeting on Saturday August 6, 2022. Some great ideas came out of all of this that I would like to share.

For those of you living on your own, here are some tips that could help in the event that you find yourself injured or requiring immediate medical attention when there is no one around to assist you:

- Introduce yourself to your nearest neighbour.
- Set up a signal with your neighbour whereby they would know when or if you need help. It could be as simple as a certain curtain being drawn everyday, a plant moved on your deck/porch, or a sign on your door that says “welcome” put out each day.
- If you are comfortable with your neighbour, let them know where they can find a spare key to your dwelling. This would allow them access to you without involving the emergency people having to break into your home in the event you need medial assistance.
- Arrange to phone a designated person every day at a set time so that if you don’t call they will know to check on you.
- If you are not comfortable with a neighbour checking on you, consider wearing a medical alert button so people are notified immediately if you have a fall or you are not feeling well.
- Put a list on your refrigerator with names and phone numbers of family members.

Let’s not hear of anyone not receiving medical assistance because no one was aware of their situation! If you are aware of a vulnerable senior, introduce yourself and see if they would like to set up a system with you so you know they are okay. Share your ideas with other friends and neighbours and get them involved in caring for the vulnerable people in our community.

At the meeting there was a surge in interest in organizing a Seniors’ Meet once again. You will be hearing more about this in the future as there is a lot of interest shown by volunteers to participate in getting this going.

Supported by Texada Health Services Society

TEXADA WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK

September Luncheon

Thursday, September 8, 2022
 Texada Island Inn Pub

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

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Greetings, everyone.

The Book Sale is over for another year. Thank you to the generosity of residents and visitors for their support. A huge thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped with setup and takedown.

“A ‘**Ghostwriter**’ is a person who writes on behalf of the credited author of a work.”

Some of the best examples are those authors who have continued the series created by author Robert B. Parker, who wrote in the Mystery and Western genre.

Mr. Parker passed away in 2010. He was such a prolific writer! He created the memorable characters of “Spenser” (named after the English Poet), Jesse Stone, Sunny Randell mystery novels, and Cole & Hitch western novels.

Robert wrote 40 Spenser novels. Some were made into TV movies with the main character played by Robert Urich and Joe Mantegna. The Texada Library has five Spenser novels and one western novel, *Brimstone*. Michael Brandman produced the series and collaborated with Parker on the Spenser movies. After Parker’s death, he wrote *Killing the Blues*, a Spenser novel. Ace Atkins has ghost written ten of the Spenser novels up to and including 2022.

Another famous Parker character is Jesse Stone. The Jesse Stone novels were also made into TV movies, with Tom Selleck playing Sheriff Stone of Paradise, Massachusetts. The Jesse Stone TV series was filmed in Nova Scotia, which represents Massachusetts. The library has eight of the nine Jesse Stone DVDs. Author Reed Farrel Coleman has taken over writing the Jesse Stone novels.

Mike Lupica has written some Sunny Randall and Jesse Stone mysteries. Robert B.

Parker’s legacy continues.

The author himself can choose ghostwriters in his will or the author’s family/estate will make the decision. In Parker’s case, it was his estate and his publishers who decided to continue his series.

Google Robert B Parker or go to the website for more information: robertbparker.net

Pam Kenny



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:

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MUSEUM MUSINGS OLIVE’S VAN ANDA DIARY... 1897

Harry and Olive Treat’s first trip together to Texada in 1897 must have been filled with excitement and anticipation for the newlyweds as they arrived on strange island shores.

Excerpts from Olive’s Van Anda diary (now held in Virginia Tech’s Special Collection) were recently shared thanks to former Texada resident Budd Arnold who visited the museum this summer.

Wealthy east coast socialite Olive Graef was 27 years old in 1896 when she married handsome Harry Treat, a smooth-talking Chicago lawyer. Embarking on their honeymoon by train, their Texada connection was forged during a chance encounter with Ed Blewett who persuaded them to invest in his Van Anda Copper and Gold mineral properties.

Harry had chosen the right woman for his bride. Although Olive was featured in *Vogue* magazine’s 1894 *Fair Women from Vogue* portraits of “some of the attractive women who adorn the social life of our foremost cities”, she proved to be a sturdy and adventurous companion.

Olive wasted no time getting to know Texada. She states that she went deer hunting and helped Ed Blewett stake claims. Her diary entries tell of hiking to the mines and descending via rope bucket and ladders. Harry writes: “No other woman would have had the courage. The miners all think the world of her.”

She visited Mr Chung the Chinese “overseer”, finding him “respectful and hospitable”. Olive states they talked for an hour and shared “two bottles of Pommery” and “Chinese nuts”.



Another entry tells how the newly-weds watched the felling of the “great trees” near the wharf at the site they had chosen for their “Honeymoon Cottage”.

That log cabin seemed aptly named. Their diary entries express a great affection for each other. Harry writes: “I know her. I worship her. I love her.” Olive adds: “Kim (Harry) is awful sweet to me.”

Olive’s last Texada entry tells of leaving on April 22 for Vancouver aboard the Union Steamship *Comox*. Though the couple eventually relocated to their

Seattle mansion, Olive retained a fondness for life on Texada and returned in summers to visit friends. “I like the life in my log cabin... one must have a breathing spell,” she wrote later.

Personal diaries such as this one help us put a human face on the past.

*Peter Lock
Texada Island Heritage Society*

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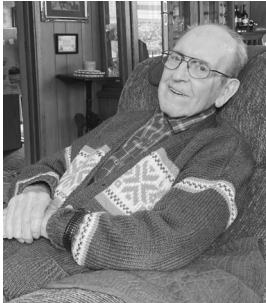
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It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of a remarkable man. George Kilroy was born on June 20, 1930 in Glasgow, Scotland and passed away on August 10, 2022 in Powell River, BC at

the age of 92 years.

He was predeceased by his parents George and Flora Kilroy, his beloved wife whom he adored Shirley Ann Kilroy, and his sister Anne Perry. He is survived by his children Gordon (Carolyn) and Kathi; sisters-in-law Marian (George) and Sally (Scott); granddaughters Presley and Kaleigh; they adored their Papa; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

George was blessed to live on Texada Island for his adult life. He was a beloved member of the community and many dear friends are mourning his loss. He will be remembered for his sense of humour and always having a smile for everyone in his company.

Just as it takes a community to raise a child, it is also true that a community of people are needed as people age and wish to stay in their homes. George was absolutely blessed with so much support and acts of kindness. So many went well beyond that call and it speaks to the caring ways of island people.

For those who are inclined to make a donation in dad's name, the Texada Health Service Society is an excellent choice. It's a wonderful asset to the island and offers help to everybody.

His service is scheduled for September 17, 2022 at 1 - 3:30 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion on Texada Island.

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We would like to thank residents for their efforts in curbing water

use in the recent hot periods. Usage was noticeable higher on some of the hottest days, and we were relieved to see the numbers came back down. Please check that all hoses are equipped with an automatic shutoff.

Leakage overall is still excessive, so we require continued diligence on your part. Let us know if you see any suspiciously green areas during this dry weather – it could indicate a leak. Thanks for your cooperation!

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POWELL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY – **SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE!**

New this year, PRPL launches a *Writer in Residence (WiR) Program*. The WiR is Gabrielle Prendergast, an award winning writer of children's and young adult books. For more details, see below or go to prpl.ca or email wir@prpl.ca

KIDS

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Preschool Storytime: Anne Woznow Reading Room, Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11 am. Library Storytime. *Drop-in*.

Preschool Storytime with Gabrielle Prendergast: Anne Woznow Reading Room, Wednesday, September 7th, 10:30—11 am. A space-themed storytime featuring Gabrielle's picture book *If Pluto was a Pea*. *Drop-in*.

Collage Poetry Workshops at Family Place For Families: Tuesday, September 20, 12:30- 2 pm.

For Single Parents: Tuesday, September 27, 12:30-2 pm. WiR leads two workshops that blend poetry and social awareness.

Literacy Day Event: Town Centre Mall, Thursday September 8, time TBD. WiR celebrates literacy at the mall.

Drawn Together: Thursdays, 3:45 pm- 4:30 pm. Kids 8-12 share your drawing ideas and creations in these collaborative sessions. *Drop-in*.

TEENS

edgar@prpl.ca

Teen Advisory Board: Teens 13-18. Get library skills and volunteer credit. *Registration required*.

Young Writers Group: Youth 11+. In Library. Fridays, 4 pm. Talk writing, learn new techniques, stretch your skillset. *Drop-in*.

First Dibs: Write reviews - get volunteer credit. *Registration required*.

ADULTS

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Individual Writing Support and Manuscript Review: Starting September 8th. Tuesdays 6 - 8 pm, Thursdays 11 am - 1 pm, Saturdays 11 am - 1 pm.

WiR is offering ongoing feedback and advice to help you on your writing journey to local aspiring writers at all stages of a writing project -- whether you have a complete project or are just starting out.

WiR in Powell River- Launch Event: Saturday September 10, 2 pm at the library. Award-winning author Gabrielle Prendergast will present her numerous books for children and teens, including the fantasy novel *The Crossword* and her award-winning middle-grade trilogy *The Farie Woods*.

Screen Writing Workshop with WiR: Saturday September 17, 2 pm at the library. Gabrielle Prendergast – screenwriter of the family adventure film *Hildegarde* – will introduce screenwriting, covering topics such as format, conventions, structure, and the realities of a screenwriting career.

WiR on Texada: Saturday September 24, 1:30 pm at the Texada Seniors Room next to Library. Gabrielle Prendergast will present her writing life – from children's picture books and poetry to writing novels and screenplays for feature films.

Memories of the Mill - Call for Submissions: In partnership with the qathet Museum and Archives, PRPL invites members of the public to submit stories about the paper mill in Powell River for a memoir anthology project.

Write On: Fridays 2 pm. Via Zoom. To register, contact edgar@prpl.ca. Fun creative writing group. *Registration required*.

ALL AGES

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Poetry Circle: Thursdays, every second week starting September 15, 4:30 - 6 pm. A shared creative space for poetry with Amira Abouelalla. *Drop-in*.

Poetry Circle with WiR: Thursdays, September 27, 4:30 - 6 pm. Gabrielle Prendergast joins Amira Abouelalla to talk about writing in verse. *Drop-in*.

See prpl.ca for detailed listings, or email info@prpl.ca

GARDEN CLUB NOTES

Barbara McLean is the author of this month's article. She shares with us some interesting Texada Island history.

I consider myself extremely lucky to be living on one of the oldest homesteads on Texada. Established in 1912, our farm house was built, the land cleared, and many fruit trees planted by hard-working folk of Swedish descent. 110 years later, we are still enjoying the harvest from apple, pear, plum, and cherry trees. I have tried to imagine how many tons of fruit those harvests represent over time. Last year there were so many cherries I had to borrow a cherry pitter. Half of one whole freezer is devoted to apple and pear sauce to enjoy all winter long on hot breakfast cereal.

Unfortunately, this year we had a tent caterpillar infestation which cleared the foliage from a lot of the trees. But we will still have some fruit to harvest. These pests come in cycles and we were definitely due for a visit. We had out the sprayer and the BTK (a solution that you spray on deciduous trees to kill caterpillars). It's quite a battle.

One of my favourite desserts to make when the plums are in season is called Kuchen. The recipe is from the *Tassajara*

Bread Book. It calls for peaches but those purple-skinned yellow-flesh Italian prune plums make the best kuchen.

It is described as a peach (plum) mosaic set in custard with a sweet crust.

Kuchen

Serves 2-12

1/2 cup butter
 2 cups flour
 1/4 tsp. baking powder
 1/2 tsp. salt
 2 TBS. sugar
 15 plums or 12 peaches, cut in half
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 1 cup sugar (I use less)
 1 cup heavy cream or sour cream
 2 whole eggs

Cut butter into flour, baking powder, salt, and 2 Tablespoons sugar with a pastry cutter until it looks like a coarse meal. Press firmly into the baking pan. Round is pleasing to the eye. Arrange peaches or plums on the surface (cut side down) to cover. Sprinkle fruit with a mixture of cinnamon and remaining sugar. Bake for 15 minutes at 400. Pour egg beaten with cream over top, and bake 40 minutes longer at 375. Really beautiful and a crowd pleaser for sure!



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