

APRIL 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> ROCK Kids Zone 5:30 , Tex Isl Inn Last Qtr.	<b>3</b> Trans Station:10 - 4 pm Scrabble 1:30,Legion	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> TICS Bingo 7pm CommHall	<b>6</b> <b>NO FERRY!</b> Circ of Light 1pm Tex Church Spring Dance 7 pm Tex- CommHall
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  New Moon	<b>9</b> Food Bank Call In ROCK Kids Zone 5:30 , Tex Isl Inn	<b>10</b> Food Bank Pick Up Scrabble 1:30,Legion	<b>11</b> TWIN Meet,11:30 am, Texada Island Inn	<b>12</b> Comm Lunch Noon Sen Ctr Legion Gen- Meet 5:30pm	<b>13</b> Trans Sta- tion:10 - 4 pm TINSHS HiTea Noon TexCommHall KAlce CoLife SheltPoint 3pm
<b>14</b> Tex Emerg Fair 11 am GB FHall	<b>15</b>  1st Qtr.	<b>16</b> ROCK Kids Zone 5:30 , Tex Isl Inn	<b>17</b> Trans Station:10 - 4 pm Scrabble 1:30,Legion GardClub 2pm Oldschool	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Legion Bingo: 7 pm	<b>20</b> Soup/Soul Noon TexCommHall VAID AGM 9:30am Legion Express Lines Deadline Strict
<b>21</b> Legion Vet Dinner 5pm GBID AGM 1pm GBFhall	<b>22</b> Earth Day	<b>23</b> ROCK Kids Zone 5:30 , Tex Isl Inn Full Moon	<b>24</b> Scrabble 1:30,Legion Legion Potluck Dinn 5pm	<b>25</b> Comm Bingo 1pm Old School PolCommeet Legion 6pm RIP Presents 7 pm Tex- CommHall	<b>26</b> Comm Lunch Noon Sen Ctr  RIP Presents 7 pm Tex- CommHall	<b>27</b> TransStation: 10 am - 4 pm  RIP Presents 6:30 pm Tex- CommHall
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> ROCK Kids Zone 5:30 , Tex Isl Inn				

**EXPRESS LINES SUBMISSIONS BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH PLEASE!!!**

**EVERY:**

**MONDAY:** Tai Chi, Tennis Court, 9:30 am  
Fire Dept Practice GB & VA Fire Halls 6:30 pm  
**WEDNESDAY:** Tai Chi, Comm Hall, 9:30 am,Scrabble  
**THURSDAY:** Fun Darts, Tex Inn, 7 pm  
**FRIDAY:** KARAOKE, Tex Inn, 7 pm

**SATURDAY:** Tai Chi, Tennis Court, 9:30 am  
Meat Draw, Legion, 3:30 pm  
**SUNDAY:** Trivia Meat Draw, Legion 4 pm  
Church Services, United Church, 10:30 am  
Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church, 6:30 pm

# Express Lines

**Texada's Calendar of Events**

**April 2024**



**SATURDAY APRIL 20th**  
12-3 p.m. at the  
**Texada Community Hall**  
A fundraising event for the  
**Texada Ceramic & Sculpture Studio**

**Circle of Light**  
A Meditation  
for us all.  
1-2 pm Saturday April 6, meet at  
the Texada United Church.  
This will be a Forest Walk meditation.  
All Welcome! Dress for the weather.  
Facilitator; Roger Kimmerly  
Please join us.

**TEXADA SPRING DANCE**

Everyone 19+ is welcome to come dance into Spring on April 6th at the Texada Island Community Hall from 7pm until 2am.

*Entry will be by donation with partial proceeds going to TINSHS for the seniors housing project and to Justin Liebich for sound equipment upgrades.*

DOOR PRIZES. PHOTO WALL. SNACKS AND THE OH SO FAMOUS ADULT "ENTERTAINMENT" DRAW BASKET!!

**\$4 drinks. Designated Drivers by donation. Shoot us a text early if you'd like a ride in.**  
Lizetta 250-686-5021 or  
Selena 604-414-5275



**2024 Dragon Boat Season.**  
Informational meeting April 23rd.  
7 pm. at the School Gym. We are always looking for new members young,old,male,and female...  
Paddles up!!!



# 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:** 911.

**Information** – B.C. Health 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.

## MAKING DONATIONS TO THE TEXADA HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY

When donating, please make the cheque out to **Texada Health Services Society** at **OUR NEW ADDRESS: P.O. Box 249, Van Anda, B.C., V0N 3K0.**

Please indicate on your cheque or attach a note to your cheque, whether you wish your donation to go to either of the following: **Cancer Support Group; Green Armband Fund; or General Fund (to be used for equipment for clinic, etc.).**

Currently, we have a greater need for funds for our Cancer Support Group and would appreciate any funds that we receive to help our residents who are affected by Cancer. We are reviewing ways in which we can raise funds so we can increase the current \$500 per year per person. As you can appreciate \$500 does not cover much these days.

## Texada Breast Cancer Support



Contact: Joan Martisca  
604-483-6438

Udith Teuner  
604-486-6744

Canadian Cancer Society-Trained  
Peer Facilitators

**LIVE - LOVE- LAUGHTER**

## 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 the Texada Island Health Centre or from **Amber Brewer** who lives in Van Anda and can be reached at 1-250-644-6024 (toll free). All inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence.  
Barb Egglestone

# BC FERRY SCHEDULE

TEXADA ISLAND TO POWELL RIVER			
Monday to Friday		Saturday and Sunday	
Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River	Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River
6 am	6:50 am	6 am	6:50 am
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
		3:30	4:15
3 pm *	3:45 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm
5:05 pm	6 pm	7:25 pm	8:15 pm
6:50 pm	7:40 pm	9 pm	9:45 pm
8:35 pm	9:20 pm		

*\*Dangerous Cargo Wednesdays Only—no passengers*

POWELL RIVER - SECHLT	
Leave Saltery Bay	Leave Earls Cove
5:40 am*	6:35 am*
7:30 am	8:25 am
9:25 am	10:25 am
11:20 am	12:25 pm
3:50 pm	4:55 pm
6:00 pm	7:00 pm
7:55 pm	8:50 pm
9:45 pm	10:40 pm

*\*Daily except Sunday*

GIBSON - VANCOUVER	
Leave Langdale	Leave Horseshoe Bay
6:20 am	7:30 am
8:40 am	9:45 am
10:50 am	11:55 am
1:05 am	2:10 pm
3:15 am	4:20 pm
5:25 pm	5:30 pm
6:40 pm	7:50 pm
8:55 pm	10:55 pm

*Always call to check sailing times!*

To confirm sailing times please call:  
**1-888-223-3779 or go to www.bcferries.com**

## COMMUTER BUS THURSDAYS

Phone Wednesday before 3 pm to reserve a seat (604-483-2008).

**Departs Gillies Bay Store at 8:25 am, and the Van Anda Market at about 8:50 am.**

Departs the North entrance of Town Centre Mall at 3 pm.

Fare (each way): **\$8 and \$2.25 for seniors (65+).**

## Recycling Stations Hours

**Van Anda:**

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm

**Gillies Bay:**

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

**ALWAYS CALL OR VISIT THE WEBSITE TO CONFIRM YOUR SAILING TIMES !!!!!!!!!!!**

POWELL RIVER—COMOX	
Leave	Leave
8:05 am	6:15 am
11:50 am	9:55 am
5:15 pm	3:25 pm
8:45 pm	7:10 pm

## NEW 2024/2026 PHONE BOOK INFO

ALL LISTING INFO, personal & business related, MUST go to this email:

**texadaphonebook@gmail.com**

BUSINESS'S MAY SUBMIT PRINT READY ARTWORK TO:

**texadaphonebook@gmail.com**

**OR CALL STEVE 604-414-7764**

# Classified Ads

## Texada Vacation Rental

3 bedroom unit, fully equipped  
Website: [www.texadavacationrental.com](http://www.texadavacationrental.com)  
604-414-5897  
1925 Sturt Bay Road, Van Anda

## Kel's Lawn, Yardwork and Handyman

604-578-0266

## Certified Personal Trainer Now Available

Also offering Yoga, Strength and Core Training.  
For more information please call Udith: 604-486-6744

## Meals, Groceries & Liquor Delivery

TexadaEats.ca  
604-414-7504

## Jorg's Custom Woodwork

40 years residential carpentry & boat building.  
250-889-2534

## Custom Tilework & Flooring

Professional installation and quality service.  
6042290573, [mark\\_inmeadows@hotmail.com](mailto:mark_inmeadows@hotmail.com)

## TEXADA ISLAND PHONE BOOKS

PHONE BOOKS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE  
FOR A \$5.00 FEE AT:  
THE GILLIES BAY STORE, TEXADA MARKET  
& THE GAS STATION.  
**NEW PHONE BOOKS COMING!!**  
**NEW LISTINGS & INQUIRIES:**  
[texadaphonebook@gmail.com](mailto:texadaphonebook@gmail.com)

## Austin's Services

Household repair, plumbing repair, painting,  
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Austin Rycroft 604-413-1402

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Private Studio available for one night stay or more.  
604-486-7137 2001 Crescent Bay Rd.

## Texada Golf Course

Open April 1 to September 30, 2024  
\$450 Memberships available: phone Malle at :  
604-223-3214  
(OR \$10/9 holes, \$20/18 holes, pay at golf course)

## Express Lines

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Society Executive.

**DEADLINE: The 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to  
publication.** Send announcements (max.  
350 words) or ads to:

**TICS PO Box 233,  
Van Anda , V0N3K0**

- E-mail to : [ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com](mailto:ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com)
- Phone : 604-414-7764
- Editor : 604-414-7764

## EXPRESS LINES SUBSCRIPTION

FOR A 12-MONTH OFF-ISLAND SUBSCRIPTION  
TO THE *EXPRESS LINES*, PLEASE SEND \$30  
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VAN ANDA, BC, V0N 3K0.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

## TEXADA HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY AGM REVIEW

# Changes to the Clinic

As there were several people who were not able to attend the meeting, I have been asked to provide an update on the meeting. Firstly, we do have a doctor coming to replace Dr. Kevin Black at the end of June. She has acquired her property, and we are waiting for her to complete the finalization of documentation with Vancouver Coastal Health before they can formally make the announcement. But everything is progressing in a positive manner.

Secondly, we were very excited to have both Michelle Hanna, and Nova Cleghorn from Vancouver Coastal Health at our meeting. They discussed the upcoming changes coming to our clinic. The plan is to ensure that our nurses are train to provide additional services. It is expected that with the new doctor, both the doctor and the nurses will be able to work as team, so if the doctor is not available the nurses would be able to handle the patient's needs.

There are changes coming to the current computer system at the clinic. The clinic is on a Wi-Fi system that is independent of the system used by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH). The VCH system will be directly connected to the clinic and will not be subject to the ups and downs of the Wi-Fi. This system will allow for other doctors who you see to access the information put in by clinic (including blood work, x-rays, etc.) without you having to repeat your medical history. It will also allow you to have a visit with specialist via zoom/team without leaving the island. The system will also allow you to access the results of your own blood work, x-rays, MRIs, etc. online. Currently, everyone in B.C. has this access.

For those new individuals who have recently moved to our lovely island and are having difficulty in seeing Dr. Black, the clinic has now created a waiting list. If you need a doctor sooner there is a Primary Care Priority Referral Form that can be accessed in Pathways and can be filled out securely online through MS Forms. Also, to print the form for filling out by hand and faxing, visit <https://bit.ly/hcrpriority> to download a PDF. If you don't have access to a computer, then I would ask the staff at the clinic to download a form for you.

This year, we are searching for some new volunteers to serve on our board, as many of our current volunteers, including myself are experiencing health issues due to our age. If you, or if you know someone that would like to serve on the Texada Health Services Society, please contact me at 604-223-7494. It is a very important and worthwhile society, without it Texada would not be where it is with the clinic and the various support systems we provide.

*Barb Egglestone, President*  
*Texada Health Services Society*

**\*\*PLEASE WATCH FOR AN INSERT IN MAYS ISSUE OF THE EXPRESS LINES FOR FURTHER IMPORTANT INFO\*\***

**TEXADA SENIORS' COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY LUNCH**

The Friday Community Lunch will be at the Seniors' Centre in Gillies Bay starting at noon until 1pm.

**Friday April 12 and Friday April 26**

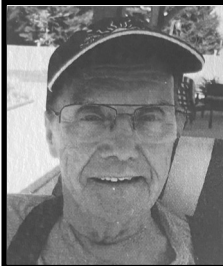
The menu will be homemade soup, your choice of sandwich and dessert, tea or coffee. It will start at noon and be open until 1 pm. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. The lunch is open to all residents of Texada (not just seniors) and it is great place to socialize and meet people. We welcome all newcomers to our island. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are in need of volunteers for kitchen help.

Please contact Joyce at: **778-318-3359** For further information please call Dale Rinehart, Seniors Council President at: **604-486-0050**.

**\*\*\*COMMUNITY BINGO RETURNS! APRIL 25 at 1 p.m.\*\*\***

*And to our ever-changing cavalcade of volunteers: Thank You!!!!!!*



**RAYMOND GRAYSON**

An announcement from the family of Raymond Grayson.  
Ray passed away on March 10 2024 after a long battle with dementia.  
Rest in Peace.



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**TEXADA**

**HOME & GARDEN**

**604-486-0065**

If you want to drink; That's your business.  
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Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** anytime.  
604-414-9811, 604-486-7180, 604-414-5232  
Meetings: Wednesdays & Sundays at the  
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**POWELL RIVER**

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SUNSHINE COAST

**Powell River  
Constituency Office**  
109 - 4675 Marine Ave  
604 485 1249  
Nicholas.Simons.MLA  
@leg.bc.ca

**LAFARGE**

P.O. Box 160  
Van Anda, B.C. VON 3K0  
Telephone: (604) 486-7627  
Fax : (604) 486-7280





**\* NOW OFFERING \***

- Garbage bin rental & disposal
- Deliveries of soil, bark mulch & wood chips
- Deliveries of sand, gravel & pit run
- Personalized hauling from PR to Texada (such as lumber, equipment, etc)

\* Texada seniors (65+) receive 10% off

(call/text) 778-882-9939 - Devin  
(call/text) 778-323-3247 - CJ

Coastalfirewood.ca

**TEXADA TRANSFER LTD.**

Offering Weekday General Transport Service Between Texada Island and Powell River.  
Also Offering Service to Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.

**Phone: 604-485-7683**  
**To arrange for deliveries**

7460 Hwy. 101  
Powell River BC  
V8A 0R1

Texada Arts Culture & Tourism is in need of a new treasurer. If you have the skills and the time to volunteer with us please contact: [texada.org@gmail.com](mailto:texada.org@gmail.com)  
Help enrich your community.

*Texada Library and Gillies Bay Fire Department  
Special Presentation for Earth Day*

**WILDFIRE IN BC COASTAL AREAS:  
CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT ON HUMAN HABITATION**  
Presented by MARK ALBERT, qRD FireSmart Coordinator

**Saturday, April 20, 1:30pm**

**Texada Library**

For more information, contact Mark:  
[mmerlino@prpl.ca](mailto:mmerlino@prpl.ca) • 604-485-4796

**Earth Days Activities**

- April 6th. 11am.**  
Gnome Forest walk with Charlotte Dawe. Meeting at Eagle Cove Trail head parking lot.
- April 6th. 1-2pm.**  
Circle of Light meditation - Forest Walk. Meet at United Church - Dress appropriately.
- April 14th. 1pm.**  
Emergency Services Fair - Free Lunch veggie option available.  
The Fair will showcase 'World Peace' (posters) through our children's eyes.  
Also at the Fair 1:30-2pm  
Tom Read will present:  
Reflections on Texada Food Security" including a circle discussion.
- April 14th 2:30pm.**  
Seed planting for the little ones by Gillies Bay recycling centre.



**TICS President's Message**

Spring has sprung and Easter is upon us, so it must be time for the next Friday Night Bingo. April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, doors open at 6:30pm with Games starting promptly at 7pm. Bring out the entire family, you can play bingo and eat lots of homemade treats.

The next TICS General Meeting is on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 10:30am in the Texada Legion. Everyone is welcome, come out and meet the new Executive and maybe become a new member.

TICS Annual Swap Meet, Buy and Trade is going to be on Sunday, May 26, 2024. Check the times in the May Express Lines. If you would like a table, call Doriana at 604-414-4893.

**TICS BURSARY**

TICS is offering a \$750.00 scholarship bursary to an individual who;

- 1) Is a resident of Texada for a year prior to this application.
- 2) Will have graduated high school this year or in the past.
- 3) Has been accepted for a post graduate course at a recognized educational facility.
- 4) Has not used this bursary in the past.
- 5) Will provide a short one page essay about yourself and your educational plans.

**Please mail applications to: TICS , P.O. BOX 233, Van Anda, VON 3KO.  
Deadline May 15th.2024.**



Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter.

**Upcoming events:** Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting , doors open at 5:30 meeting starts at 7. Bingo, Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 5:49 game starts at 7.  
Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>, this year's Veteran's Dinner, cocktails at 5:00 dinner at 6:00. Veterans and escorts are free , non- Veteran Legion members \$15.00.. R.S.V.P. to 604-486-7750.  
Wednesday potluck dinner is back last Wednesday of the month April 24<sup>th</sup> 5 pm members and guests only , bring your favorite dish and dishes.

- Scrabble & board games on Wednesdays starting at 1:00.
- The shuffle board has now been refinished and available to play.

Anyone wishing to book the Legion for an event must text or phone Fred at:  
**(604)-414-4113.**

Thank you.

*...lest we forget.*

### BETTER AT HOME

Better at Home helps B.C.'s older adults live safely and independently in their homes by providing simple, non-medical home support services for people aged 65 and older. The province of B.C. funds the Better at Home program, managed by United Way Healthy Aging, and provided by inclusion powell river society.

On Texada Island, we offer limited transportation to appointments, grocery delivery, and basic lawn care. Some services have a sliding-scale fee based on household income.

For more information on costs and eligibility or to complete a required intake appointment, please call 604-485-4008 ext. 101 or email [betterathome@inclusionpr.ca](mailto:betterathome@inclusionpr.ca).

The program is evolving and guided by provincial requirements and organizational change. Therefore, Tom Read is no longer the contact for Better at Home on Texada. inclusion would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to Tom, who has been the Better at Home Volunteer Coordinator for Texada for many years.

Tom looks forward to moving on to a new chapter and keeping busy with his other volunteer activities. April 2024 marks the launch of the "Better, Better at Home" program and service model rolled out by the United Way. Further updates about Better, Better at Home will be shared with Texada residents as they become available. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. We look forward to connecting with you!

Community Program Manager

HomeShare|Better at Home|SOAR

Gerry Gray Place

106-7075 Alberni Street

Powell River, BC V8A 2C2

604-485-4008 ext.104 ; Mobile 604-223-9204

[ggp@inclusionpr.ca](mailto:ggp@inclusionpr.ca)

### GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

#### Report from the Chair

Five years ago, during difficult times, I put my name forward to be a trustee of the Gillies Bay Improvement District. I mentioned at the time that friends and family were questioning my sanity in doing so. Well, five years later I am feel the District is in a good place, and the time has come for this old dog to move on. I will not be standing for re-election at the Annual General Meeting in April. As a trustee of what basically is a community co-op, the job is never completely done. The District is in good shape and it is up to the Ratepayers and Trustees make sure the decisions made in the future not only keep it that way, but also improve it. I want to thank the group of trustees and staff that I have worked with over the last five years. They have been great. I wish them the best going forward. Thanks again.

Chuck Childress Chair GBID

**GILLIES BAY  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**

**Sunday April 21st at 1:00  
pm**

**At the Gillies Bay Fire Hall**

G I L L I E S B A Y  
I M P R O V E M E N T D I S T R I C T

PO Box 102  
Gillies Bay, BC VON 1W0  
[www.gillies-bay.ca](http://www.gillies-bay.ca) ♦ [info@gillies-bay.ca](mailto:info@gillies-bay.ca)  
604-486-7757  
[www.facebook.com/groups/gilliesbayID/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/gilliesbayID/)

#### A COMMUNITY REMINDER:

There will be **NO FERRY SERVICE** from Westview (Powell River) to Blubber Bay (Texada Island) on **SATURDAY APRIL 6 2024**

Final service on Friday April 5 will be the 9:20 ferry leaving Powell River.  
Water Taxi service from the Van Anda Wharf will follow the regular Saturday schedule.

Please go to: [bcferries.com](http://bcferries.com) for any further information.

### Texada Island Museum Summer Part-Time Employment

We are looking for eager and enthusiastic individuals who are willing to learn and be part of a team effort.

This is a great opportunity if you are retired or are looking for a rewarding work experience.

July 4th to August 31st

So, if you love talking to people and enjoy sharing your knowledge of Texada's history, we are interested in what you have to offer.

Job descriptions available upon request.

Send your resume and cover letter to:

[janicefehr53@gmail.com](mailto:janicefehr53@gmail.com)

### INVITATION TO TENDER - SHELTER POINT PARK CONCESSION

The qathet Regional District is seeking tenders to operate a food concession at Shelter Point Park for the 2024 camping season. View and download the Invitation to Tender online at BC Bid ([new.bcbid.gov.bc.ca](http://new.bcbid.gov.bc.ca)) and on [qathet.ca](http://qathet.ca) under Projects - Bid Opportunities. Please submit Appendix C: the Registration of Intent to Respond form as soon as possible. Direct inquiries to Patrick Devereaux at 604 485-2260 or [operations@qathet.ca](mailto:operations@qathet.ca).

**Tenders must be received no later than 4 PM on Friday, April 26, 2024.**


**qathet**  
 REGIONAL DISTRICT

 @qathetRD
  [qathet.ca](http://qathet.ca)  
[operations@qathet.ca](mailto:operations@qathet.ca) | 604 - 485 - 2260

**KEITH ALCE**

On February 20th, 2024, our dear friend Keith Alce transcended this earthly realm for the next great adventure. He passed away peacefully, at home, with his family and cats right beside him.

Keith was an incredibly profound person, who deeply impacted many people's lives over his 61 years. He was a master woodworker, creating many beautiful and intricate pieces of work. His eye for detail and precision, his love for the beauty of a piece of wood, and his joy of learning new ways to make things work has left many of his creations all across Texada and Nanaimo (his home town).

Keith was a deep lover of all cats and buses, and his favorite place to be was in front of his fireplace in his bus, coffee in hand and cats cozied up nearby. He took in stray and unwanted cats, having up to 11 at one point, and patiently gained their trust until they felt at home.

He loved to have deep, philosophical conversations about life, and was always asking questions, trying to know as much as he could about anything that crossed his path. He taught himself many of the skills necessary for a successful life off grid and in the bush; plumbing, electrical, mechanics and carpentry. He was proud of his independence and ability to build up the life he loved.

Keith spent the last 20 years as the caretaker of Mouat Bay, milling wood, running Joan the backhoe, and working in his wood shop. He was an incredible mentor and teacher to many and generously shared his wide array of knowledge and skills.

He enjoyed his solitude, but was very invested in helping out the people he loved, and wanted to help make their lives better. There are many people in his close circle who would not be where they are right now if it was not for all of his help. He would often drop his own projects and put things off when he knew a friend was struggling. Even in the last year, as he went through a serious health battle with cancer, he kept showing up with tools in his hand, and brilliant suggestions for fixing any problems.

Keith faced his cancer diagnosis with an optimism that never wavered, and lived out his last days exactly as he wanted to, surrounded by love and laughter.

Keith was hilarious, his sense of humor and quick wit stayed with him right until the end. He carved his own path into this life, and imprinted many people's hearts. He will be greatly missed by many, but I am happy he was at peace and was looking forward to his own evolution.

A celebration of life will be held **Saturday April 13th at Shelter Point at 3pm**. Please bring a potluck dish to share if you can, or a plant to get planted over the spot where his cats have been buried and his ashes will get spread at Mouat Bay.

The name Keith means wood, and the name Alce means strength. I believe he could not have embodied his name any more perfectly.

Until we meet again,  
Ta for your remarkable life, Keith.  
We love you.

*A good man , tradesperson and a true craftsman. I'll miss our animated discussions!*  
Steve.



**TWIN**

**April Luncheon**

Thursday April 11, 2024 at the Texada Island Inn Pub.

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at 12 noon. There will be no guest speaker because of the in house auction.

To reserve, please phone Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday April 4, 2024. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation.

If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item. If you have items for the auction please bring them early. Setting up takes time. If you need something picked up please call Inge-Lore at 604-485-2350 or Linda at 604-486-7682.

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

All proceeds go to our charities: The Green Arm-band Program and Grace House.



**R.C.M.P.**

Spring is finally here and we are happy to announce there were minimal traffic accidents over the winter months. Thanks to all our responsible drivers and those who assisted others involved in car accidents. This community looks out for its own. Now that the snow and icy roads are gone, we still ask you obey the speed limits and be mindful of the bends in the road as we did have a roll over last month. Don't forget the Texada Kids Sports Club is every Monday evening and Youth Group drop in is on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:45-6:45 p.m. at the Elementary School hosted by the RCMP.

Buckle up and drive safe!

Josh, Kevin and Pat

**TEXADA AGRICULTURE GROUP & 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 catering).

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](mailto:breanne@why-health.com)

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**Hello Texada!****Here are some notes from our last meeting, held March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**WATER LINE REPAIRS:** A substantial leak on Earl St. resulted in our Water Treatment Plant going into alarm in the wee hours of the morning. A special THANK-YOU to Sylvia Praught and Ken Soles whose assistance and knowledge are very much appreciated. One leak on Columbia St. has been repaired and more require attention. Several other suspected leaks are under investigation and are being scheduled for repairs. A huge THANK-YOU goes out to the residents that advised us of water leaks. It makes a big difference to the whole system.

**WATER QUALITY:** The Water Quality Advisory continues. Specialized technicians have been to our Water Plant. More follow-up is required. Vancouver Coastal Health reports no issues from the monthly water testing. Test results are posted in the window of our office at the Fire Hall.

**MEETINGS:** The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm at the Fire Hall. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 20 at the Legion. We are inviting community members to join us prior to the start of the AGM. The intent is to have a look at maps, drawings and photographs of water system repairs and installation. Perhaps you will be able to help us identify what we are looking at.

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**Texada Policing & Public Safety Committee**

Happy April Texada. I hope the April Showers don't dampen your spirits (it's good for the garden!) But it does prompt a reminder to take caution when driving on the wet roads. As the new Chair of the Policing and Public Safety Committee, I'd like to thank all those who are putting in time and effort to support the kids and youth of Texada. One of our top priorities for this year is to have a positive impact on our youth and I am excited to see the groups and activities that are popping up. Kudos to all those involved. We have a great public session coming up this month. Are you interested in Restrictive Justice (RJ)? Please see the notice of our upcoming information and education session. Come learn what RJ is and how it can be used to better our community. The Texada Policing and Public Safety Committee are also keen to increase our committee membership. If you have an interested in public safety, crime reduction, restorative justice or public safety education, for example, hunting, water safety, road safety, neighborhood watch, please contact us. We'd love to have you. Have something Policing or Public Safety related, that you would like to report or bring to the committees attention? Please contact us by calling me at 604-765-5218 or email [texadamatters@gmail.com](mailto:texadamatters@gmail.com)

Thanks, and stay safe.  
Rebecca Can (nee Hathaway)

**Texada Community Policing Committee** invites you to a presentation by **qathet Community Justice (qCJ)** on Restorative Justice processes, practices and applicability in a variety of community settings. A Circle will follow, where participants will get a chance to see the process in action. We will set restorative guidelines, use a talking piece, and explore a question as a group.

**Thursday April 25th at  
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And THANK YOU to **Tom Read** for his  
Community service as the **BETTER AT  
HOME** administrator.

**Free Gold**

It was the three amigos, as I called them, Ed Johanson, Jim Brennen and Bob Duker that staked a gold showing claim on Texada and had some junior mining company, Longbar Minerals, come by and take a look, back in the 70s. Ed was able to pan some spectacular course gold from the muck at the bottom of a very narrow flat limestone cave located on this claim and was able to trace, on the surface above the cave, some gold in quartz.

Well, as luck would have it, the mining co. had tasked me with the job of putting on a pair of slickers and crawl into that narrow cave to have a look around and report back. Being a bit apprehensive and down on my belly I crawled, the cave measured about four feet across and three feet high, rock hammer, flashlight and sample bag in my hands I made my way in to about thirty feet. The limestone had a few small stalactites hanging from the cave but what had me the most curious was this sheet shaped structure hanging from the roof up ahead... as I neared it I could make out this clump of wires running through it. Oh my goodness, it was all gold.

When I crawled back outside with the treasure there was excitement to say the least. Within a week the company had set up a diamond drill above the cave and a drill program had started. As the drill helper, I got to look at the drill core as I emptied it into the core boxes for examination. On the second drill hole we hit it. There was a two foot section of marble, as white as snow, laced throughout with quartz and ribbons of gold. To this day I've never seen the likes of something like that. The company owners, Jon Stewart and Warren Geiger used that precious show piece of core to raise funds to build the mine mill that's now owned by Zyroc and undergoing renovations on Crescent Bay road. There are treasures still to be had for the brave and diligent souls of Texada who venture out with a keen eye and rock hammer.

*Cheers, Coyote*



# Garden Club Notes

On Wednesday, April 17th, the Texada Garden Club will meet at the Senior Center in Gillies Bay starting at 2pm. Dorothee Kieser, lead mentor for the Master Gardener certificate program offered from VIU, will give a talk on how to grow vegetables. Do dress in layers as we have the doors and windows open for good ventilation. As always we will have masks and hand sanitizer for you to use. Non-members are always welcome too!

This month Sandy McCormick writes about **edible flowers**. Everyone loves the bright colors and wonderful fragrances of flowers, but did you know that many flowers can be eaten? Edible flowers have been enjoyed in food for centuries, adding flavor, color and beauty to dishes. Most are easy-to-grow, low-maintenance plants which add beauty and attract pollinators to your garden. Avoid eating flowers picked from roadsides or from stores as they could have been sprayed with chemicals. The following are some delicious additions to your menu which can be grown here on Texada:

**Nasturtium** – Easily the most recognizable edible flower which I first ate while visiting Texada in the 1980s. The plant's bright, peppery-tasting blossoms bloom for months. Awesome in salads. Save the seeds for planting or as a peppery substitute for capers.

**Roses (domestic and wild)** – Petals are delicate with flavors ranging from sweet to spicy. The darker the petal, the more intense is the flavor. Freeze petals in ice cubes, add to chutney, crystallize with sugar to decorate cakes or sprinkle over ice cream.

**Lavender** – This pungent, perfumed flower is intensely sweet. Uses include cakes, biscuits and teas.

**Pansy** – Cooler-weather, multi-colored flowers with a sweet baby lettuce taste. Garnish cakes, cupcakes, cheeses, salads.

**Borage** – Blue and white star-shaped flowers with a light cucumber flavor. Use with sweet or savory dishes.

**Marigold/Calendula** – Orange to golden-colored annuals. Petals have a tangy, yet buttery taste. Use with salads, asparagus, teas.

**Yucca** – Succulent white flowers, slightly sweet. Can be deep-fried in batter. Delicious with eggs..

**Dahlia** – Tubers can be eaten raw or cooked. Peel first. Celery-like flavor which sweetens when stored.

Other edibles from the flower garden include petunias, cornflowers and honeysuckle. Edible blossoms can also be found in the veggie patch. Kale, broccoli and arugula flowers are yummy in stir fries. Squash flowers (robust flavor) can be batter-fried or stuffed and baked. Edible herb flowers include chamomile, mint, thyme, oregano, dill and chives.

**Bon Appetit!**

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# MUSEUM MUSINGS WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Texada's place names reveal the history of this fabled island.

Since ancient times the First Nations have called it Sah-yeh-yeen. In the 18th Century European explorers imposed their own culture. The flavour of Spain is captured in the names bestowed upon the area by Captain Narvaez in 1791 - Favada, Lasqueti and Texada itself. Captain Vancouver (1792) introduced English into the mix naming Upwood Point after a childhood friend, for example.

Of course, people initially identified places based on their natural features. Crescent Bay, Long Beach, Shingle Beach, Shelter Point.

Early industries contributed to local names - Limekiln Bay, Blubber Bay, Marble Bay, for instance.

Some pioneer families lent their names to various geographical features - Van Anda (Carrie Blewett's family name), Sturt Bay (Captain Sturt's marble quarry), Priest Lake (after prospector Elijah Priest), Stromberg Falls, Kirk Lake, Erickson's Beach, Emily Lake, etc.

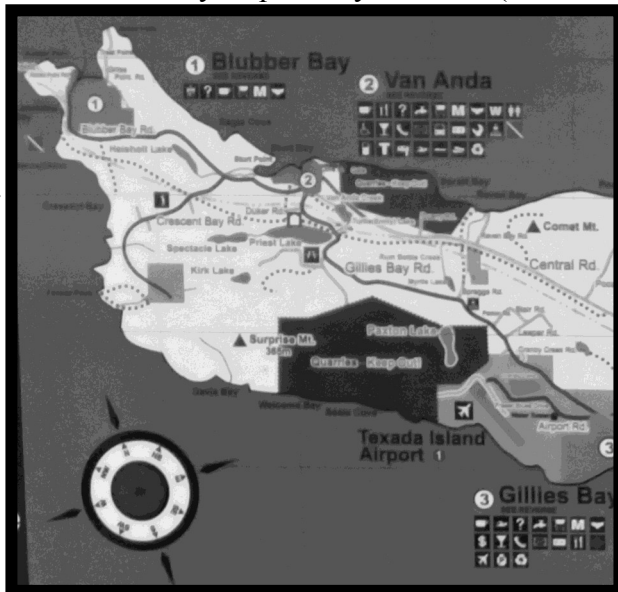
Some names have little directly to do with Texada's history. Mouat Bay is named for a Hudson Bay Company fur trader who operated through Hawaii. Harwood Point is named for a WWII British commander. Partington Point honours a captain whose ship exploded near Bella Bella in 1925.

The name of Pocahontas Bay always seemed out of place as it references a legendary American folk hero of the 1600's. Upon research, however, one finds that Pocahontas was the name of a ship that carried lumber on the west coast. Commanded by Captain Cyrus Sears (of Baltimore) it became famous for transporting a 175-ft Douglas fir spar around the Horn to London for the Crystal Palace Exposition of 1851.

Of course some local names may never appear on any official map - "Break-Your-Ass-Hill" for example. And who can guess the origins of names like Rumbottle and Whiskey Still Creeks?

Perusing place names on the map of Texada Island opens another window into its colourful past.

*Peter Lock  
Texada Island Heritage Society*



The ALC (Agricultural Land Commission) and qRD will be walking the property in mid-April, while we wait for the ALR (Agricultural Land Reserves) decision. A big thank you to everyone who is raising our thermometer level with their donations. Much appreciated.

Posters for our spring fundraising event are now online and out in the community. The TINSHS High Tea and Auction will be live Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, noon to 4 pm at the Texada Island Community Hall. High Tea will be served between noon and 1:30 pm. Cost is by donation. The tea requires a reservation. Please contact 604-414-4485 or info@texadaseniorshousing.ca to reserve your place. There will be coffee, tea and goodies available also by donation for folks needing a little refreshment.

The Triple A online auction (Art, Accommodations and Activities) will begin April 3 @noon and ending April 11 at 9 pm. The link to the auction is: <https://www.32auctions.com/TINSHSAAA2024>. The virtual auction will then transition to a live auction on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Texada Island Community Hall in Gillies Bay. The balance of the Fall Frolic items and some new ones will be available. In addition to the Live Auction there will be a silent auction, pick-a-prize and 50/50 draw open to all. TINSHS welcomes Dan DeVita as our guest auctioneer.

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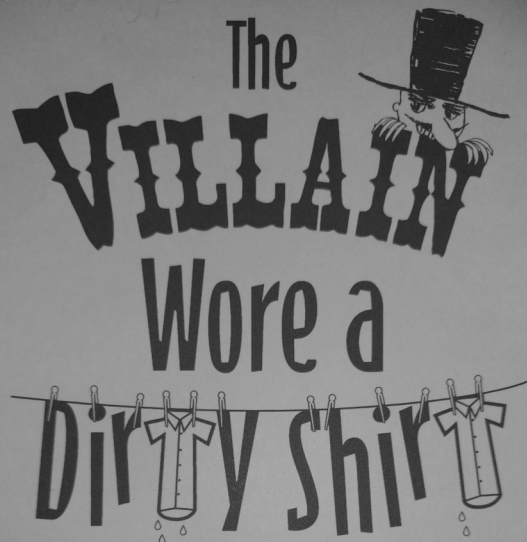
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**Worship services:** Sundays services 10:30 a.m., communion April 7, 2024. Everyone is always welcome with fellowship and coffee afterwards.

**Focus on Spirit:** Published weekly on website. Links on Texada Message Board and Texada United Church Facebook page.

**Minister's Office Hours:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Minister:** Rev. Gayle Chouinard, 604-414-7309  
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2. the Cranberry Seniors Centre located 6792 Cranberry Street in Powell River. Meals can be picked up in person each week on Mondays from 10:00 am to 3 pm and Fridays from 12:00 pm to 3 pm. The lovely kitchen angels who volunteer their time to keep this program running also work on each statutory holiday. You may order meals in advance by calling Carol Hamilton at 604-483-1714 or emailing kchamilton47@gmail.com. All meals cost \$6.00.

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5. The Chopping Block in Powell River

6. Gillies Bay Store and the Texada Market and the Texada Hotel sell food that can meet your needs.

If you are not able to pick up in Powell River, it is possible that we can set you up with someone that can do a pick up for you. If you need help with pick up please call or text Pauline at 604-414-9590, or email at pdfleming1314@gmail.com

**Texada Food Bank 2024**

**Texada Food Bank is offered on the Second Wednesday of the month ONLY**

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**Call in May 7 – Pick up May 8**

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

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We are very thankful to everyone that makes regular anonymous financial deposits at the First Credit Union and to everyone for all the anonymous cash and food donations that are dropped off at the Gillies Bay Store, Texada Market and First Credit Union, our only request is that all food donations be intact and not previously opened.

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**Texada Community Emergency Preparedness Fair**

Ever wonder what will happen in the event of an emergency? Who can you turn to for help? What if you need to be evacuated? What if there is a wildfire? How do I protect my property against fire? Who do you call if someone is missing? What equipment do we have on the Island to deal with emergencies? Representatives from our local and regional emergency response organizations will try to answer these and any other questions you may have on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> when there will be a Community Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Texada Community Hall (4913 Gillies Bay Road, Gillies Bay) between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. The BC Ambulance Service; Fire Smart; Gillies Bay and Van Anda Fire Departments; Powell River Search and Rescue; qathet Regional Emergency Preparedness Program; BC Wildfire Service; Red Cross; and qathet Emergency Radio Communications Unit will all be there to share information about what they are trained to do. Also, Texada Kids for Saving Earth will be providing food and making a presentation. Come check out equipment, participate in information sessions, and talk to people who can answer your questions. There will be activities for children as well as adults. Even door prize draws. You are welcome to drop in any time during the Fair; however, if you are interested in a specific topic, you may want to pay attention to the following presentation schedule:

11:00 am	Tour the equipment and meet with emergency responders
11:30 am & 1:00 pm	Evacuation planning and tour Evacuation Supply Container
12:00 pm	Fire Smart with Marc Albert
2:00 pm	Electrical Safety when hydro lines are down with Gillies Bay VFD
2:30 pm	Food Security and Self-reliance
3:00 pm	Door prize draws

Snacks and kids activities will continue throughout the Fair. Come learn how to help yourself in an emergency and have some fun at the same time. See you on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**Annual General Meeting**

**Sat April 20, 2024 @ 9:30 am**

VAID's AGM will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 232 on Legion Rd in Van Anda.

We have two 3-year trustee terms available for election. After nominations, candidates will be requested to give a brief statement and elections will follow.

The Auditor will be present to report on financials. Audited financial statements will be available to view prior to the AGM at the VAID office and on our website.

If you would like to make a motion, your item must be on the Agenda. Please contact us at least 5 days before the meeting to be included in the Agenda.

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 Texada Emergency Services **RESILIENT COMMUNITY  
 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR AND  
 EVACUATION WORKSHOP**

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*Snacks and refreshments will be provided.*

## April 14 - Texada Island

Texada Community Hall, Community Emergency Preparedness Fair, 11 am - 3 pm

Presentations & Activities hosted by:  
 Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department  
 Van Anda Volunteer Fire Department  
 BC Ambulance Service | Red Cross  
 Search and Rescue | qathet Radio  
 Communications Unit Fire Smart  
 BC Wildfire Service | RCMP



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 REGIONAL DISTRICT**



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Hello everyone,  
 March has come and gone! With that, Texada students gained some first-hand experience learning about the endemic stickleback fish species and invasive species around Emily Lake.



If you want to find out more about our local stickleback population, visit [www.texadastickleback.org](http://www.texadastickleback.org). If this article has you rethinking what to plant in your garden this year, connect with the Home and Garden Center to find out what alternatives are available or check the “Grow Me Instead” guide at <https://bcinvasives.ca/play-your-part/plantwise/grow-me-instead/>.

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We thank you, *Texada Elementary School*



**Powell River Public Library- APRIL at a Glance!**  
 See [prpl.ca](http://prpl.ca) for detailed listings, or email [info@prpl.ca](mailto:info@prpl.ca)

**KIDS, [szagwyn@prpl.ca](mailto:szagwyn@prpl.ca)**

- Preschool Storytime**
- Children’s Reading Room. Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 -11:00 am.**
- ASL Story Hour for Kids!**
- Children’s Reading Room. Monday, April 29, 3:30-4:30 pm..**
- Muck Around in Poems Workshop**
- Community Room. Friday, April 12, 3:30-4:30 pm.**
- The Weather/La Météo Kids Poetry Contest**
- Contest Closes Friday April 26.**
- Tinker Trunk**
- Makerspace. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm.**
- After School Prime Time**
- Community Room. Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm.**
- Drawn Together**
- Room A. Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm.**
- TEENS, [edgar@prpl.ca](mailto:edgar@prpl.ca)**
- The Weather - Poetry Contest for Teens**
- Contest closes Friday April 26.**
- Young Writers Group**
- Room B. Fridays, 4:00-5:00 pm.**
- Fantasy Adventure Club**
- Room B. Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm.**
- Cinematic Saturday: Ghostbusters: Afterlife (2021, 124 minutes, Rated PG-13)**
- Community Room. Saturday, April 13, 1:15-3:25 pm.**
- First Dibs**
- ADULTS, [mmerlino@prpl.ca](mailto:mmerlino@prpl.ca)**
- Local Author Jim Baron**
- Community Room. Saturday, April 6, 2:00-3:00 pm. .**
- Artist Theo Angell**
- Community Room. Tuesday, April 9, 7:00-8:00 pm..**
- A Guided Journey into the Tao Te Ching**
- Community Room Saturday, April 20, 2:00-3:00 pm.**
- Tech Savvy: Artificial Intelligence**
- Community Room. Tuesday April 23, 4:00-5:00 pm.**
- Spring Poetry SLAM**
- Community Room Friday, April 26, 6:00-8:00 pm.[edgar@prpl.ca](mailto:edgar@prpl.ca).**
- Poetry Circle**
- Community Room. Thursday, April 25, 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Drop-in.**
- Write On**
- Via Zoom. Fridays 2:00 pm. [edgar@prpl.ca](mailto:edgar@prpl.ca).**



# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A healthy community has sufficient housing types, sizes and prices to meet the needs of all residents, regardless of income, age or ability. I'm working with other qRD directors to help ensure future Texada Islanders live in such a community.

Building on the housing gaps identified in the recent regional housing needs assessment, the qRD has adopted policies to encourage a full range of housing options. Strengthening the rental housing supply is a priority. With a very low rental vacancy rate (1.7 per cent) and 77 per cent of all housing in the rural qRD being owned, there's a strong need to enhance the supply of stable long-term rental accommodation.

On Texada, secondary suites have always been legal and now they're accepted throughout the region. Accessory buildings for housing are also now allowed everywhere (except in the ALR) where provincial water and septic requirements are met. This includes mobile homes, tiny homes and RVs.

The qRD is supporting through grants and staff time the work of non-profit societies to develop new housing, including our TINSHS, Lifecycle Housing Society south of town and Housing Hope Society in PR.

Additionally, the RD is working with BC Transit to improve transit service in rural areas. Texada's long-awaited second day of community bus service is scheduled to start this year. Since Covid and the popularity of working from home, the need for reliable, quality high-speed internet is critical to attract and retain residents. The qRD supports universal connectivity in the region and joined the Connected Coast undersea fibre-optic cable project to make this happen.

Our island population is going to grow, whether we like it or not. Our Official Community Plan provides a great road map going forward. Provisions include:

- Adapt to change and ensure access to appropriate, affordable and safe housing for all ages.
- Encourage higher density residential development in VA and GB where water servicing is available
- Encourage the development of affordable housing (including seniors housing) to meet the community's needs
- Support secondary suites in single-family dwellings as affordable rental accommodation, and
- The maximum number of dwellings per serviced lot is determined by meeting provincial water and septic requirements.

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## GILLIES BAY FIRE DEPT. & VAN ANDA FIRE DEPT.

### Texada Community Emergency Preparedness Fair

Ever wonder what will happen in the event of an emergency? Who can you turn to for help? What if you need to be evacuated? What if there is a wildfire? How do I protect my property against fire? Who do you call if someone is missing? What equipment do we have on the Island to deal with emergencies? Representatives from our local and regional emergency response organizations will try to answer these and any other questions you may have on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> when there will be a Community Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Texada Community Hall (4913 Gillies Bay Road, Gillies Bay) between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. The BC Ambulance Service; Fire Smart; Gillies Bay and Van Anda Fire Departments; Powell River Search and Rescue; qathet Regional Emergency Preparedness Program; BC Wildfire Service; Red Cross; and qathet Emergency Radio Communications Unit will all be there to share information about what they are trained to do. Also, the Texada Earth Day Committee will be providing food and making a presentation. Come check out equipment, participate in information sessions, and talk to people who can answer your questions. There will be activities for children as well as adults. Even door prize draws. You are welcome to drop in any time during the Fair; however, if you are interested in a specific topic, you may want to pay attention to the following presentation schedule:

11:00 am	Tour the equipment and meet with emergency responders
11:30 am & 1:00 pm	Evacuation planning and tour Evacuation Supply Container
12:00 pm	Fire Smart with Marc Albert
2:00 pm	Electrical Safety when hydro lines are down with Gillies Bay VFD
2:30 pm	Food Security and Self-reliance
3:00 pm	Door prize draws

Snacks and kids activities will continue throughout the Fair. Come learn how to help yourself in an emergency and have some fun at the same time. See you on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Saturday, March 16th Texada Naturekids joined at Emily Lake’s trailhead and were gifted an opportunity to learn about the rare and endangered Stickleback species pairs that evolved from one common ancestor. Who knew that Texada was like the Galapagos of the west! Thank you to Robyn, Stephanie and Sue who travelled from across British Columbia to share from the Invasive Species Council of BC. Thank you to all that attended – from the young to the elder Texada NatureKids! Texada Naturekids learned about invasive species and how harmful they can be to preservation of magical sanctuaries like Emily Lake to take care at the trailhead and removed yellow archangel and English ivy and periwinkle - all garden escapes that are invasive species and can invade and detrimentally affect local biodiversity. We were gifted copies of a video made with the 2012 students of Texada Elementary – if anyone



wants to watch – let us know!

Don’t miss our spring event April 20th from 11 am til 1 pm at the Texada Home and Garden centre. Rolly Thorpe will celebrate and teach us about the importance of pollinators and show NatureKids how to build mason bee homes. Galen Muma will help us perform the colourful magic of tie dye! If you intend to come, please email [Texada@naturekidsbc.ca](mailto:Texada@naturekidsbc.ca) so that we can order enough supplies and t-shirts for the event.

Check out our facebook page ‘**Texada NatureKids**’ for regular updates regarding events.

“We’re all interconnected, we can choose to take care of each other, to help each other, and to cherish and value one another.” Ever thankful for our community that heeds Jane Goodall’s words and takes care to share with TexadaNaturekids!

**NatureKids Spring & Summer 2024**

**Spring Solstice Celebration**



Tie Dye with Galen  
Herbal Learning with Emily  
Power up Pollinators with Sea Dreams

Sat., Apr., 13th, 11 am  
Texada Home & Garden Centre

**Beach Glass & Drift Wood Art**



Learn beach glass & driftwood crafting techniques with Sandy McCormick.

Sat., May, 11th,  
Longhouse Shelter Point


**Geocaching**



Join us to cache and find geocaches on Texada!

Sat., Jun., 8th, 11 am  
Big Loop Nature Trail

**Texada Arcosa Quarry Tour**



Find out how Texada Arcosa quarry processes quarry rock & limestone.

Sat., Jun., 29th, 11 am  
Butterfly Point Rd, Texada

# NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Greetings Everyone.

Last month in my tribute to the accomplishments of Anne Carney, I touched on Library Programming. Faron Wolfe was our first Program Director followed by myself and presently Irene Kyle. The library has been approached by or invited local authors, to give presentations and readings. Pat Carney lived a similar experience as an Islander on Saturna Island. She spoke to about 15 people about her new book, “**On Island: life among the coast dwellers**”. John Wood, our Van Anda postmaster wrote “**Raven and Salmonberry Rapture**”, a compilation of Haida Legends with illustrations by our own, Alfred Muma. Lou McKee has family ties to Texada and spoke to residents about her book, “**Klee Wyck Journal: the making of a wilderness retreat**”.

In 2015, a “Summer Reading Club” was offered and attended by a mix of 20 local and visiting grandchildren. It was a fun event culminating in a pizza party with face painting. The pizza was supplied by Marion and Dan Devita. Summer Reading Clubs are run by Libraries across Canada, each summer with a different theme. The Powell River Public Library runs a SRC program.

Mark Merlino brought his “Tech Savvy” workshops to Texada with topics such as: Facebook, Instagram, Smart phones and Tablets and Ebay.

Irene has posted the PRPL program offerings for April in the *Friends of the Texada Library* group. There is a special presentation for Earth Day held on Texada, Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> presented by Mark Albert, qRD FireSmart Coordinator in partnership with the Gillies Bay Fire Department, the Texada Library and PRPL.

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**Library Open Hours:**

- Wednesday noon to 2 pm
- Thursday 5 pm to 7 pm
- Fri, Sat, Sun noon to 2 pm

For more information about the library, or about becoming a volunteer, please phone: Charlotte Dawe, Library Coordinator, at 604-486-7440.

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