

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 	3 Transit STN. 10—4 pm	4	5	6
7	8 TICS MTG LEGION 10:30	9 Food Bank Call In 10-3 GBID Mtg, Water GB FireHall, 11 am Rock Your Body Shelter Point 6:30 pm	10 Food Bank Pick Up,11-12 GBID Mtg. Finance/Governance GB FireHall, 4:30 pm	11 TWIN Luncheon PUB—Noon	12 Community Lunch Seniors Centre Noon Legion Meeting 7 pm	13 Transit STN. 10—4 pm Invasive Species Workshop Legion, 10 am
14 Famer's Market Mini Fair GB Ball Park	15 Sandcastle Mtg, GB Ballpark, 5 pm	16 GBID Mtg., Trustee FireHall 4:30 pm	17 Transit STN. 10—4 pm VAID Mtg FireHall 1:30 pm	18	19 Legion Bingo Doors at 5:30 pm Game at 7 pm	20 Express Lines Deadline
21 Texada Inn Raise the Rooms— 3 pm -7 pm	22	23	24 Legion Potluck Doors-5 pm Dinner—6pm	25 Community Bingo Sr. Ctr.—1 pm	26 Community Lunch Seniors Centre Noon	27 Transit STN. 10—4 pm TCOTR Old School 5:00 pm
28	29	30	31			**TCOTR— Texada Church On The Rock**

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

<p>MONDAY: TAI CHI , GB Hall @ 9:30 am Fire Dept Practice GB & VA Fire Halls @ 6:30 pm 3-Ball Pool—Texada Inn @ 7pm</p> <p>TUESDAY: TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS, Senior Centre @ 9:30AM Pickleball—Texada School @ 6 pm</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: TAI CHI , GB Hall @ 9:30 am Texada Museum, by Texada School @ 10-Noon Scrabble at the Legion @ 1:30 pm</p> <p>THURSDAY: Pickleball—Texada School @ 6 pm Fun Darts, Texada Inn @ 7 pm</p>	<p>FRIDAY: Karaoke—Texada Inn @ 8pm</p> <p>SATURDAY: TAI CHI , GB Hall @ 9:30 am Meat Draw, Legion @ 3:30 pm Pickleball—Texada School @ 10 am</p> <p>SUNDAY: Church Services, United Church @ 10:30 am Farmer's Market, GBBallpark@12pm, to the14th. Trivia Meat Draw, Legion @ 3:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church @ 6:30 pm</p>
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TEXADA ISLAND



September 2025

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Thank You

A huge shoutout to all the retiring Sandcastle volunteers, specifically

Doriana and Warren Kiland

for contributing endless hours of their time, during and after Sandcastle, and for stepping in to continue Elayne's legacy.

And, of course, we thank the late Elayne Bolton, along with her partner Ed Kowalyk (who still volunteers). We will be forever grateful for their years of dedication.

And, **to all of you** who have volunteered in the past and present, you all show why Texada "Rocks".

So we are now looking for positive, energetic, enthusiastic, team-minded people to keep Sandcastle going.

If you feel you can commit to such a task, please show up at the **Gillies Bay Ball Park, September 15, 5:00 pm** to vote in a new Sandcastle Committee.

Here's to keeping Sandcastle alive!
Dawn Hughes.



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Currently, there is a greater need for funds for our Cancer Support Group and we 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.



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6:00 AM	Thu	Except on Dec 25 & Jan 1
7:45 am	Mon - Sun	
9:25 am	Mon - Sun	
11:50 am	Mon - Sun	
3:00 pm	Thu - Sat, Sun, Mon, Tue	
3:00 PM	Wed	No passengers permitted - DG Sailing only.
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6:50 am	Mon - Wed, Sun, Fri, Sat	
6:50 AM	Thu	Except on Dec 25 & Jan 1
8:35 AM	Mon - Sun	
10:15 am	Wed	No passengers permitted - DG Sailing only.
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10:15 am	Thu - Sat, Sun, Mon, Tue	
12:40 pm	Mon - Fri	
1:15 pm	Sun, Sat	
3:55 pm	Mon - Sun	
5:50 pm	Mon - Sun	
7:30 pm	Mon - Sun	
9:45 pm	Mon - Sun	

P.R. to COMOX AUG. 25—DEC. 31, 2025

7:55 am	Mon - Sun
12:00 pm	Mon - Sun
5:15 pm	Mon - Sun
8:45 pm	Mon - Sun

COMOX TO P.R. AUG. 25—DEC. 31, 2025

8:00 am	Mon - Sun
9:55 am	Mon - Sun
3:15 pm	Mon - Sun
7:10 pm	Mon - Sun

HORSESHOE BAY TO LANGDALE SEP 02—OCT 14, 2025

7:30 am	Mon - Sun	
9:50 am	Mon - Sun	
10:25 am	Sat	Only on: 11 Oct
12:10 pm	Mon - Sun	
2:25 pm	Mon - Sun	Not Available on: 13 Oct Only on: 12 Oct
2:55 pm	Mon, Sun	Not Available on: 12 Oct Only on: 13 Oct
4:45 pm	Mon - Sun	
5:30 pm	Mon - Fri	Not Available on: 13 Oct
7:05 pm	Mon - Sun	
9:25 pm	Mon - Sun	
11:30 pm	Mon - Sun	

LANGDALE TO HORSESHOE BAY SEP 02—OCT 14, 2025

6:20 am	Mon - Sun	
8:40 am	Mon - Sun	
11:00 am	Mon - Sun	
11:30 am	Tue	Only on: 02 Sep
1:15 pm	Mon - Sun	
3:35 pm	Mon - Sun	
4:10 pm	Mon, Sun	Not Available on: 12 Oct Only on: 13 Oct
5:55 pm	Mon - Sun	
8:15 pm	Mon - Sun	
10:30 pm	Mon - Sun	

SALTRY BAY TO EARLS COVE AUG 27—OCT 14, 2025

5:35 am	Mon - Sun
7:25 am	Mon - Sun
9:25 am	Mon - Sun
11:45 am	Mon - Sun
2:30 pm	Mon - Sun
4:55 pm	Mon - Sun
7:05 pm	Mon - Sun
9:00 pm	Mon - Sun

EARLS COVE TO SALTRY BAY AUG 27—OCT 14, 2025

6:30 am	Mon - Sun
8:20 am	Mon - Sun
10:35 am	Mon - Sun
12:55 pm	Mon - Sun
3:40 pm	Mon - Sun
6:00 pm	Mon - Sun
8:05 pm	Mon - Sun
10:00 pm	Mon - Sun



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TEXADA FOOD BANK 2025

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

Call on the Tuesday (day before pick up) between 10 am and 3 pm

Pick up on the second Wednesday between 11 am and 12 pm

Call in September 9—Pick up September 10

Call in October 7—Pick up October 8

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Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made by mail to PO Box 233, Van Anda, B.C. V0N 3K0.

Non-perishable food donations may be put in the baskets at the Gillies Bay General Store, the Texada Market and the First Credit Union in Van Anda. Donation tins for cash are available at both stores—Gillies Bay Store and Texada Market in Van Anda, and the Credit Union. Thank you so much.

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

Texada Food Bank Thanks You!

We are very grateful to everyone who make 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 Credit Union, our only request is that all food donations be intact and not previously open.



Texada Women's Island Network
TWIN LUNCHEON
September Luncheon
 Thursday, September 11, 2025
 Texada Island Inn Pub.
 Doors open at 11:30 a.m.
 Lunch at 12 noon - Guest speaker at 1 p.m.
 Guest speaker: Ken Barton
 Topic: T.W.I.N. Origins

To reserve, please call Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday September 4, 2025. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation. If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item. Members not wearing their name tag will be fined a loonie. If you are wearing your name tag, you will be automatically entered into our draw for a free lunch to be drawn at next June's luncheon.

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What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Worship Services:

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship afterwards.

Communion Service:

September 7. Everyone is always welcome in our church and at our communion table.

Focus on Spirit:

Published weekly (except for the last week of the month) on the website. Links can be found on the Texada United Church Facebook page.

Minister's Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 pm. The church is open during these times for prayer and quiet meditation.

Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard:

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Website:

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Texada Island United Church

Church Mission:

To foster the spiritual development of all members of our community as revealed in the Bible.

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...lest we forget.

A Sandcastle Thank You

I thank the Community for their
ongoing support of Texada
Island Sandcastle Weekend. It
has been a labour of love for
Warren and myself.

I have helped and assisted with
Sandcastle for 12 years, but after my
good friend Elayne Boloton passed, it
became a passion. I always wanted to do
the best for her memory.

Now it is time to pass the torch to the
younger crowd. It does not mean Warren
and I will not help or assist, but Sandcastle
needs a new Leader and we will see what
direction that takes.

I will never forget the many, many
Volunteers who over the years have
carried this celebration on their
shoulders... Thank-you... Thank-you from
the bottom of my heart!

Doriana Kiland, Sandcastle Chairperson



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232

Welcome back,
hope everyone had a
wonderful summer.

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Friday, September 12th.
Summer dress still in effect
Doors—5:30 pm, Meeting
starts at 7 pm

POTLUCK IS BACK!

Wednesday, September 24th
Doors Open at 5 pm
Dinner Starts at 6 pm
Bring your favorite dish
and utensils.

BINGO

Friday, September 19th
Doors Open at 5:30 pm
Game Starts at 7 pm

WEDNESDAY'S SCRABBLE

Come Play! Starts at 1:30 pm.

MEATDRAWS

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BENJAMIN GIESBRECHT

the eldest gentleman on Texada Island

February 23, 1928—July 4, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Benjamin Giesbrecht on July 4, 2025. Ben was born on February 23, 1928, in Gretna, MB. He passed peacefully in the arms of his daughter Benita at qathet General Hospital in Powell River, BC.

Ben was predeceased by the love of his life, his wife Marvel (Wally) Beatrice Giesbrecht (nee Magrum). Along with raising their family in the Yukon and on Texada Island, their life together included many adventures like working their gold claim in Burwash Landing, YT in the summer and travelling in their RV to spend winters in Arizona.

Ben is survived by his beloved family – four children: Garnett (Carrie), Catherine (Richard Fahlman), Trevor (Valerie Rippon), and Benita (Paul Boulanger); seven grandchildren: Leah Giesbrecht (Darren Murray), Alana Giesbrecht (Jason Booth), Caitlin Remus, Benjamin Giesbrecht Jr., Honey Mercier (Micah), Maggie Giesbrecht, and Katie Benjamin; and nine great-grandchildren: Caleb, Solomon, Claire,

Joseph, Carissa, Chelsie, Johnathon, Hailey, and Jazzy. He had a deep love for his family, and they knew him for his kindness and sense of humour, his ability to fix or build anything, and his lifelong interest in learning, which included his ability to always master the latest technology, among many other things.

Along with his love for his family, Ben's love for life was built on taking it one day at a time. A veteran of the Korean War, he had a deep respect for his comrades at Royal Canadian

Legion Branch 232 (Texada Island). He was also known for dropping everything to lend a hand to friends and strangers.

AA was his pillar of strength and he was 51 years sober. The prayer he lived by was: God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference.

Forever loved, forever missed, never to be forgotten.



Coyote Tales . . . The Ice Tunnel

A chopper from Campbell River picked me up at the Texada airport on route to Vancouver's downtown heliport. I was hired to meet up and transport two Howe Street Brokers out to a gold claim, which was located near the old Bralorne mine in Lillooet country. We were high in the mountains above the timber line around 8000 ft. where fuel equipment, generators and gas engines suffered because of the elevation and low air quality.

A two man crew had been sent out weeks before to set up a camp trailer and equipment to remove a solid ice barrier from blocking the entrance to an old tunnel and mine workings. Two narrow gage steel tracks ran out from the bottom of the frozen tunnel. An old ore car, about the size of a large wheelbarrow, was used to remove the ice as the crew had been auguring in and blasted out the ice for days before our arrival.

We had arrived in the chopper just as the crew had removed the last of the frozen ice exposing the inner workings of the old mine's tunnel. I was hired to do a song and dance and promote the company's claim, if possible, but I didn't know what to say to these brokers, as I've never been to this property before and my employer was expecting me to say something impressive to influence the brokers to write something positive hoping to promote the stock to raise capital.

Well... all I could think of was to find some shiny pyrite or gold mineralization if lucky and do some arm waving and act excited. So with a little fanfare and some casual bluster I said, "well boys... if this property has any true value and worth its salt at all you should be able to scoop some muck up off that tunnel floor and pan it. If it's got gold

colours in the pan it's a winner". So now, I just stuck my neck out with what I had just said, I was honest and these Howe Street boys knew it and so the fate of this property was in my hands, or the gold pan, so to speak. So without further ado I scraped up some muck from the newly opened tunnel and proceeded to pan for gold... all eyes were on me now, the Howe St. boys including the two crew and the chopper pilot to boot.

Well would you believe it, the pan had a ring of fine and course gold laced around the bottom crease of the pan concentrates. I was impressed myself and nervous but acted all knowing like. I gave them some ideas about parallel veins and some history of the famous gold producers at Bralorne, that I knew of, sounding all important and knowledgeable and I let it go at that. I didn't want to overdo it before heading out and back to Vancouver.

As luck would have it, after dropping off the two Howe Street boys the chopper, on route back to Campbell River, dropped me off in my back yard. What a nice trip and got paid for it too.

Two days later I got a call from the Company's CEO who hired me wanting to know what the heck I told them Howe Street boys as the stock had jumped from 7 cents to 45 cents and still climbing. All I said was, "I made sure to those two brokers that I was just a prospector and had no financial interest in the property and my evaluation was just my own". Lucky there was gold to pan. Honesty, trust and luck are sure winners in a world of scammers and charlatans and that's what them Howe Street boys saw... without a doubt.

Honesty, is the best policy but luck played its part too.

TEXADA ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club Notes

September is back to school month! This month's article gives us a taste of what knowledge is available at our Texada Library.

Anne Robertson, one of our library volunteers, gives a run down of what is in the stacks. Check them out. Our in person meetings will start next month.

GARDENING COLLECTION AT THE TEXADA LIBRARY

As the days grow shorter and the nights lengthen, there is less time for gardening and more time for reading. The Texada Library has a collection of more than eighty books about all aspects of growing plants both edible and decorative.

Our gardening section can be found on shelves marked 630 through 635.9. Larger gardening books are kept on the oversized shelves across from the DVD section.

Our collection covers every aspect of gardening from hardscaping (fences and gates) to pruning. Some of our most popular titles are "Grow What You Eat" by Roberts Creek writer Randy Shore (635 SHO); 'DIY Mushrooms" by Willoughby Arevalo (635 ARE) and the Texada essential "Deerproofing Your Garden" by Rhonda Massingham Hart (635 HAR).

We are always looking to add new gardening books to our collection. We were inspired by a recent Garden Club talk on how to water your garden and have picked up "Waterwise Gardening: Everything You Need to Know about Efficient Watering to Grow a Healthy

Yard" (635.95 RES). Author Richard Restuccia encourages a methodical approach to tackling the watering needs of every plant based on an analysis of your garden's growing conditions. Another new title "The Sustainable Homestead" by Angela Ferraro-Fanning (635.04 FER) is a comprehensive guide to sustainable farming and covers everything from site assessment to tapping trees for syrup. You will find both titles in our New Books section.

We have ordered several more gardening books for the fall including "Japanese Gardens" by Geeta Mehta, "Held by the Land: A Guide to Indigenous Plants for Wellness" by Joseph Leigh and "The Crevice Garden" How to Make the Perfect Home for Plants from Rocky Places" by Paul Spriggs.

If you have any ideas for gardening book acquisitions for the Library, do let us know.



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In loving memory of

EDITH LILLEY LEE

1934—2025



Eadie was born March 24, 1934 in a home birth at Lime Kiln Bay, Texada Island. She passed away peacefully July 26, 2025, at her home in Van Anda, Texada Island, with family by her side.

Eadie will be deeply missed by her family Dianna (Jim) , Gale (Doug) , David (Kim) , Sharon (Dave) and stepson Paul .. her grandchildren and great grandchildren, niece Sandi & nephews Ron (Brandi) and John. Plus many close friends near and dear to her.

Eadie was born on Texada, but then spent a good part of her youth, along with brother Eino, in Vancouver, where parents Art and Olga Akre had a boarding house, while her Dad worked at the Vancouver shipyard.

Eventually they moved back to Texada At 18,

she married Bud Lee, moved to Mill Bay on Vancouver island, raised their family, and helped with Bud Lee Contracting.

Eadie followed her heart back to Texada, settling in Van Anda where she worked hard picking salal & pine mushrooms.

There were many cherished family & friend visits, over open pit fires with a cold Rainer and summer vacation clambakes & visits to Shelter Point with her grandchildren & great grandchildren.

So many wonderful memories of our beautiful loving Mom, Mama Bear, Mumuu, sister, Auntie and friend.

Heartfelt thank you to Dr. Kevin Black , Dr. Rothan , Granddaughter Brandi Miller, clinic staff and the wonderful homcare staff .

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- Pension information on Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan
- Get a Social Insurance Number (birth certificate in most cases will be required)
- Receive an access code to sign up for online My Service Canada
- General Government of Canada information
- Canada Disability Benefit
 - * Please bring any ID you have as what is required will depend on the services accessed

For more information, Please contact: Warren Kiland – 604-414-5619



Powell River Public Library—September at a Glance!

It's year four of PRPL's Writer in Residence (WIR) Program. This year the WIR is award-winning writer Marion Quednau. For more details go to prpl.ca or email wir@prpl.ca

WIR 2025, wir@prpl.ca

WIR Launch: What do Writers Eat?

First Credit Union Community Room. Saturday, September 20, 3:00-4:00 pm
Meet PRPL's newest Writer in Residence, Marion Quednau.

WIR Reading: Sunday Drive to the Gun Club Road

First Credit Union Community Room. Saturday, September 26, 7:00-8:00 pm
Marion Quednau reads from her short fiction collection.

Writing Support and Manuscript Review

Rotary Makerspace. Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 pm, Saturdays 11:00-1:00 pm. September 24 to October 29 (except October 11 & 18)
Meet one-on-one with Marion Quednau.

ACCESSIBILITY, kwootten@prpl.ca

Silent Book Club

Meeting Room B. The fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:00-8:00 pm.
An introvert's book club.

KIDS, szagwyn@prpl.ca

Preschool Storytime

Children's Reading Room, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am
Library Storytime. Drop-in.

MODS on Mondays

Rotary Makerspace. Mondays, 3:15-4:15.
For neuro-divergent kids aged 7+ & their families. Registration required.

Tinker Trunk

Makerspace, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. Starts September 2. Kids 8-12, choose-

your-own-tech-adventure. Drop-in.

Prime Time

Community Room, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm. Starts September 3.
Primary grades K+ connect & play. Drop-in.

Drawn Together

Community Room, Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm.
Starts September 4. Kids aged 7-12. Drop-in.

TEENS, edgar@prpl.ca

Switch Time

tox*um/Huckleberry Room. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. Starts September 9.
Ages 10-14. Multiplayer Nintendo. Drop-in.

Young Writers' Group

tox*um/ Huckleberry Room. Friday, 3:30-4:30 pm. Starts September 12.
Youth 10+. Drop-in.

Minecraft Afternoons

Makerspace. Saturdays, 2:00-3:00 pm. Starts September 13.
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ADULTS, mmerlino@prpl.ca

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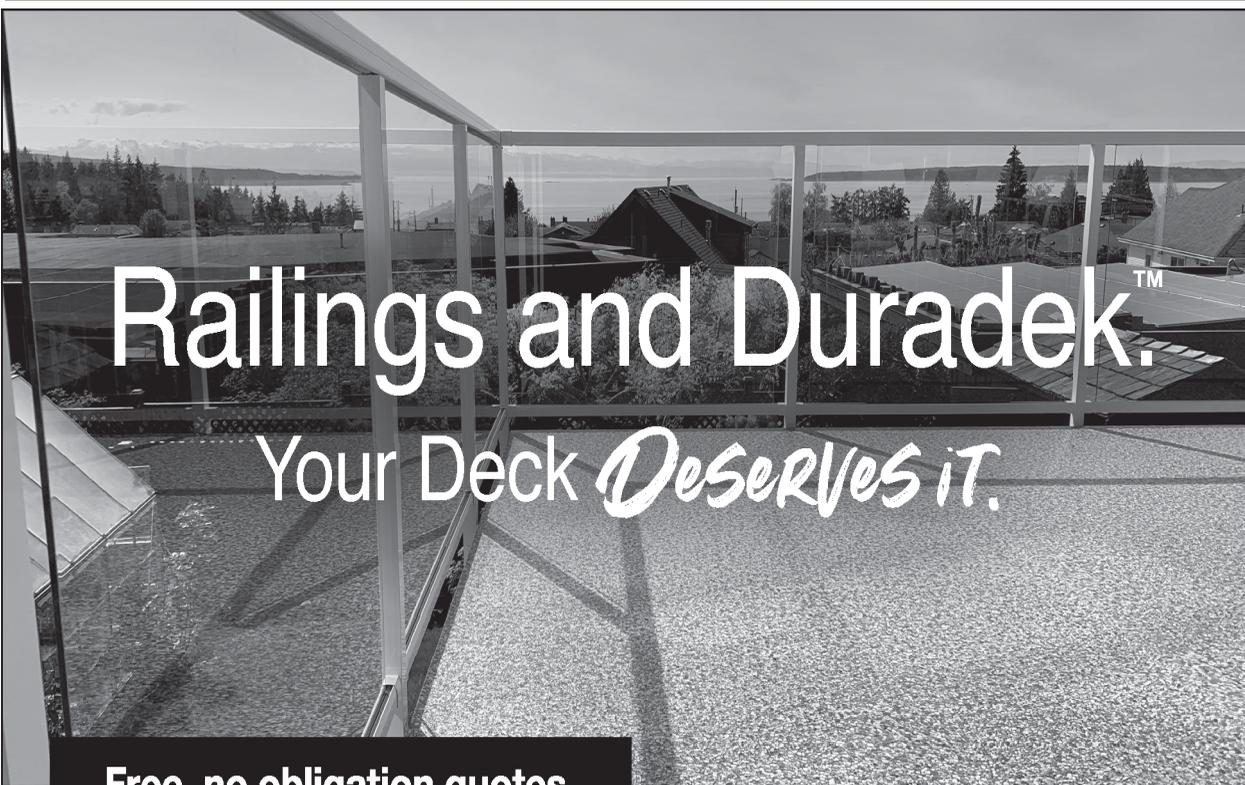
Community Room. Saturday, September 13, 2:00-3:00 pm. Retired Psychiatrist Dr. Peter Uhlman discusses mental health. Drop-in

Truth & Reconciliation Screening Room

tox*um/ Huckleberry Room. September 15 to 29. Continuous screening, 10 am to 1 pm. PRPL partners with the NFB to present films. Drop-in. To learn more contact szagwyn@prpl.ca.

WIR Visits: Write On

Virtual. Friday, September 26, 2:00-3:00 pm
Marion Quednau visits. Registration required.
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- Plant ID, How to Use iNaturalist, & Lake Monitoring Protocols At Priest Lake—12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Discover some of the invasive species in the region, including garden plants, aquatic invasive animals and plants, and their impact.

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TEXADA ISLAND COMMUNITY SOCIETY

Well, September has finally arrived. I know it's not the best news, but the TICS Friday Night Bingo has been CANCELLED for the foreseeable future. We're having a hard time generating any revenue with the small turnout that attends.

TICS wants to Thank all the Players and the Volunteers who have kept this Bingo going for so long.

TICS General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8th at 10:30am in the Texada Legion.

Do you have any problems or outstanding issues with the CRA or Service Canada?

Well, now is your chance to meet face-to-face, on September 9th, at the Texada Legion from 9am-4pm.

Do you qualify for the new Canadian Dental Plan?

Their outreach team will be on Texada to help you find out what you're able to qualify for or even help you with your income tax. Check it out!

Warren Kiland
President



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Summer is almost over and we expect things to slow down on our island.

School will be back in full swing, so we ask you to be mindful while driving, as there will be children waiting for the bus on a regular basis.

Last school year, the Texada Island RCMP received reports of motorists passing the school bus. This was not tolerated—and many motorists found themselves with tickets for doing so.

This school year is no different.

If you are caught passing the school bus, you will be ticketed. (The school bus is equipped with security cameras)

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Thank you to all who stopped by our tent at Sandcastle for a chat. Congrats to draw winners: Marv Nyl - Wildfire Protection Kit and Debra Gill - Zero Mile Texada Meal basket! Special thank you to the "Jacks of All Trades" team who won the adult category and donated their winnings to TINSHS!



DRIVERS START YOUR ENGINES!!!

October 18th, **2025 TINSHS ROAD RALLY**, Lunch & Live Auction fundraiser! Registered teams will start & finish at the Texada Island Community Hall, where everyone is welcome to join us for lunch (by donation), prizes, draws, activities & an afternoon of LIVE AUCTION fun.

Team Registration \$25 (minimum driver & navigator) includes a donations collection sheet (participation encouraged, but optional). Prizes for best team name, costumes, most donations collected, performance at individual stops & overall rally. This is a combination of road rally and scavenger hunt.

Call or email to register: 604-486-6766 or pres@texadaseniorshousing.ca. Look for us on posters & Facebook.

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Donors can create a lasting legacy by supporting causes they are passionate about, ensuring

their values continue to impact future generations.

Nonprofits can benefit from larger gifts that may not be feasible during the donor's lifetime, helping to secure their financial future.

In the upcoming Express Lines issues, we will explore different types of planned giving: Bequests, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Life Insurance Policies and Retirement Accounts.

If you are considering making a gift, it is advisable to inform your family of your intentions and consult with a lawyer to ensure your wishes are accurately stated in your will.

We strongly advise all potential donors to seek independent legal and financial advice from a professional who is familiar with Planned Giving. Barb Egglestone, STI (Specialist in Trust Industry)

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Email: info@texadaseniorshousing.ca
Phone us at: 604-486-6766
Facebook: Texada island Non-profit Seniors Housing
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Better at Home helps B.C.'s older adults live safely and independently in their own homes by providing simple, non-medical 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, assistance with grocery shopping, light housekeeping, friendly visiting and basic lawn care.

Some services have a sliding-scale fee based on household income. For information on costs, eligibility or to complete the required intake

appointment, please call 604-485-4008 ext.101 or email betterathome@inclusionpr.ca.

We are actively recruiting volunteers for various roles, contact us today! Visit our website for the online application and to see open roles: <https://inclusionpr.ca/pages/volunteer> or call Gerry Gray Place at 604-485-4008 ext. 101.

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In-Person Meetings are hosted the 4th Tuesday of each month. **Where:** Powell River, BC (please email for address information). Refreshments start at 6:30 PM | Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

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When: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
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Material	Fee per Item
Metal	Free
Tires - Off Rim	Free
Tires - Passenger On Rim	\$10.00/Tire
Tires - Commercial On Rim	\$65.00/Tire

Resource Recovery Centre

Material	Fee per Tonne	Minimum Fee	Fee per Item
Municipal Solid Waste	\$350	\$8.75	\$5.00/Bag \$35.00/Mattress
Metal	Free	-	-
Clean Wood Waste	\$320	\$8.25	-
Contaminated Wood Waste	\$380	\$9.50	-
Construction & Demolition	\$410	\$10.00	\$6.00/Bag
Food Waste (under 10kg)	Free	-	-
Food Waste (over 10kg)	\$200	\$5.00	-
Yard Waste	\$225	\$5.75	-
Commingled Food & Yard Waste	\$250	\$6.25	-
Tires - Off Rim	-	-	Free
Tires - Passenger On Rim	-	-	\$10.00/Tire
Tires - Commercial On Rim	-	-	\$65.00/Tire

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.

Thank You! to all who attended TAG's Annual General Meeting and food security discussion on August 24. We welcome your interest and invite you to join our ongoing efforts to improve household and community food security on Texada Island.

In progress: TAG is fundraising for a second freeze drier, and we would be most grateful for donations of bottle/can returns toward that goal. Contact Tom Read at ravenbaywoods@gmail.com if you need a pick-up, or you can drop off returns under TAG's account (250-510-3850) at the Return-It depot on Duncan St. in Powell River.

Anyone can join TAG 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).

“ Local food is about getting the freshest and best-tasting food. It's also about connecting to and strengthening your community. ”

ANNA LAPPÉ

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

For more information or to become a TAG member, please contact Tom by email at: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 604 483-1471.

If you have questions about TAG you can also usually find Tom at the Texada Farmer's Market coffee-tea booth, where proceeds of all sales go to support TAG.

The Market is held from noon to 1:30 next to the Gillies Bay ball field on Sundays, ending September 14 with the Fall Fair.



See you there!

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TEXADA ISLAND MUSEUM—TEXADA ISLAND REUNION - 1983

The concept of a reunion of former Texada residents formed the seed of an idea that grew into a year-long project coordinated by the Texada Island Community Society (TICS).

Their enthusiastic president, Ralph Gorham, volunteered as “Homecoming” chairperson with spouse, Shirley, acting as correspondence secretary.

After Texada’s win in the Vancouver garbage battle (see Expresslines - June 2025) there was a feeling of optimism. Support was easily garnered from all the service clubs, businesses and people of the island. The date was set for the long weekend at the end of July, 1983.

It is estimated that over 1000 people responded and the island was filled to overflowing. Many residents hosted visitors (BNB style) or allowed RV’s to park on their properties.

“The participation was tremendous,” Ralph reported.

Saturday opened with children’s games at the Van Anda ballfield followed by lunch provided by Texada Food Market. A plaque naming the field “Jack Smithson Park” was unveiled and pioneers Joe Pillat, Glennie McLeod and Bill and Florrie Young were

honoured.

Ball tournaments at both Van Anda and Gillies Bay fields were followed by a beef barbecue.



The day ended with a dance - two actually. The “old timers” cut a rug at the Elks Hall with Bill Campbell and friends blasting out the tunes. The “young timers” boogied at the Legion.

Sunday started with a pancake breakfast at Harwood Park (Shelter Point) and church services in the meadow (group site). A children’s treasure hunt, loggers sports and quarryman sports filled the day. The Rod and Gun Club sponsored a salmon barbecue and beer garden.

Events were capped with an old fashioned Tug-of-War between the Gillies Bay and Van Anda volunteer fire departments.

Monday morning farewells included coffee and donuts at the Harwood Park concession.

“What a party! It was a great success and drew the island community together,” said Ralph Gorham.

Texada’s “Reunion 83” was indeed a memorable event for both islanders as well as the hundreds who attended.



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You are invited to an evening of dialogue and reflection with Marie Wilson featuring a keynote speech, Q&A, and book signing. Light refreshments will be served.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation issues will be front and center at this year's annual Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) conference in Victoria this month. A meeting is planned with Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) to advocate for the shoulder-widening safety upgrade project on the upper side of GB Road. Another transportation related meeting is planned to discuss targeted provincial funding to address culvert infrastructure needs and deficiencies on Texada.

Last year's Drainage Study identified aging culvert infrastructure but limited funding remains an obstacle to repairs being made. MOTT area managers report that there has been some further engineering assessments to the VA Creek culvert (near the post office and store). Additional funding is being sought so more work can be done sooner rather than later.

Also related to transportation, a decade-old letter from the Texada Island Public Safety and Policing Advisory Committee recently snuck into my current files. Some things never seem to change.

- Dated June 10, 2015, the letter identifies the committee's priorities regarding road issues. While the relationship between the qRD and MOTT is much more positive now, the issues are not much different. The top six priorities identified 10 years ago were:
- the frequency, quantity and quality of the gravel being used on our dirt roads creating a problem with dust in the dry season and slick mud in the wet

season

- the on-going need to repaint the centerlines in the communities
- the need to create road shoulders to keep pedestrians and bike traffic safe
- the need to repaint the fog lines (so helpful in the winter)
- timely roadside mowing, and
- timely attention to potholes.

The letter was signed by then-committee chair Leslie Goresky and was addressed to area manager Clint Monson.

Finally, thank you very much to everyone for your good wishes, food and visits as I battled a spinal infection for most of the summer. These are all very much appreciated.

A special thank you to alternate director Joseph Scott for filling in admirably as needed.

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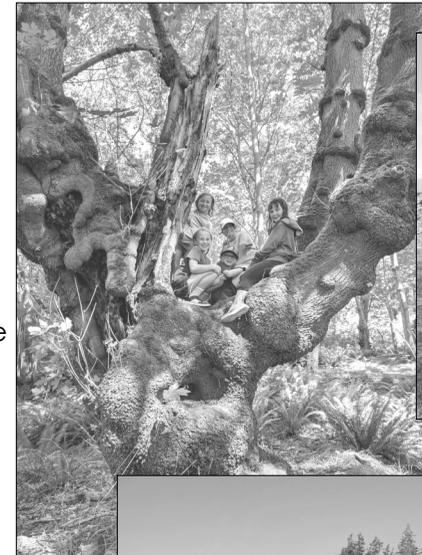
Thank you to all the Texada NatureKids who joined us yesterday for a hike down to Cox Lagoon with Kaylee Griffith!

We're so grateful for Kaylee's time, curiosity, and the beach exploration resources she shared with us. One important perspective Kaylee offered was the idea of exploring with empathy—treating the creatures we encounter the way we'd like to be treated if our roles were reversed. It's a powerful reminder that observing without touching helps protect the integrity of these beautiful spaces and allows us to witness the natural behavior of wildlife in their own world

Our hike led us to Cox Lagoon in all its full glory and beauty, and what a phenomenal discovery zone it was! Texada Naturekids found remnants of chitons, lugworm piles paired with a

gelatinous mystery, clam and geoduck puzzles, sponges, moon snails, gobies, sculpins, starfish, anemones, and crabs galore—ranging from the tiniest to impressively large.

We even came across a brown seaweed that looked like Oyster Thief seaweed—now we're curious about the origin of that name! Apparently, when fresh, it tastes like an oyster—mmm!



Thank you Katherine Stuart for contributing so many awesome photos to capture the essence of the event!



Thank you again to everyone who joined us and shared their hearts and highlights from the morning. This place is overflowing with life, wonder, and opportunities to learn and connect. Hope to see you at the next Texada Naturekids adventure!

Lisa Bordeleau

Sand Sculpture Building Results 2025

CATEGORY	Adult	Family (Max. 2 adults)	Teens (13 – 19)	Children (12 & under)
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Second Prize	\$150 Owlet Family (A1)	\$120 Deo (F8)	\$90 Texada Titans (T6)	\$60 Cousin Crew (C4)
Third Prize	\$75 Good Bee-having (A4)	\$60 Awesome Peeps (F1)	\$45 Dragon (T2)	\$30 Pickles (C5)
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- DOG SHOW:** Texada Home & Garden and Pet Value
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GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

From the Fire Chief:

A reminder that the Total Fire Ban for Texada Island includes campfires and fire works!

Boil Water Notice

A reminder that the Boil Water Notice is still in effect for Gillies Bay. We anticipate lifting the notice in mid to late October.

Upcoming Water Line Upgrades

The first stage of the 5-year water line upgrades will commence in mid-September, specific dates to be announced.

What to Expect:

Day 1

- Digging will begin on Sanderson Road, from the intersection of Gillies Bay Road and to 4914 Sanderson Road.
- Traffic will be reduced to one lane for the duration of the week.
- Please follow the instructions of the flaggers for optimum safety of the crew and residents.
- Water will be drained from the targeted line and may interrupt road passage for approximately a half an hour.

Day 2

- Water will be shut off between 8 am and noon, while the crew disconnects the existing pipe.
- Properties that will have their water shut off will be notified in advance: Medical Clinic, 4961, 4923, 4903, 4875, 4966, 4952, 4922, 4914
- All residents of Gillies Bay MAY experience low water pressure during this time.

Days 3, 4, 5

- The crew will fill in the trench and level the road.

How to Prepare:

- Please fill whatever container you have for water use during the day.
- You may consider purchasing a bottle of water for drinking and cooking.
- Residents in this section will need to find alternative parking, as the road allowance will be dug up.
- Please remove anything from the roadway which may prevent the crew from digging.

Emergency Alert System Upgrade:

In the event of a major or minor emergency (water, fire, tsunami, earthquake, dam breach), don't assume we have your contact information! If you've disconnected your landline, changed your cell phone number, or email address, we need to know. John Bikadi is generously volunteering his time to help us update residential contact information, by contacting you either by phone or door-to-door. Alternatively, you can email us at admin@gillies-bay.ca to give us your updates.

Water Distribution Bylaw Review

As mentioned in the last issue, the Board of Trustees is currently reviewing our water use and distribution bylaws. If you have anything you wish us to consider, please email us your comments and/or ideas at admin@gillies-bay.ca.

You are invited to our meetings at the Gillies Bay Fire Hall.

September 9 at 11:00 am—Water Quality
 September 10 at 4:30 pm—
 Finance & Governance
 September 16 at 4:30 pm—Board of Trustee
 We wish you all a wonderful September!

VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

METER PROJECT UPDATES

Requests For Proposals (RFPs) were posted on our website and BC Bid at the beginning of August. The mandatory site visit was held Aug 19 for contractors considering the Site Works RFP - installation of meter setters. Closing date is Aug 29 with evaluations completed by Sep 10 and awards/notice to proceed on Sep 15.

All but 20 of the existing 234 connections have been found after much searching by the Water Operators. The locations have been recorded using a map app and include details and pictures.

Next phase involves purchasing the standard parts to supply the contractor who is awarded the Site Work part of the project (concrete meter pit boxes and lids, meter setters, standard compression fittings, and municipal pipe) for the 148 connections that do not have meter setters already installed. It has been standard practice for VAID to install meter setters in new connections for at least 20 years.

WELCOME BERNARDO

Bernardo Reyes has been working as a Water Operator for VAID on a casual basis since April. In August, his position became permanent part time. Glad to have you on the team!

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCIES

Did you know that you can receive automatic notification of emergency situations via phone, email, or text message? qathet Regional District's Community Notification System is designed to spread important messages for events closer to home than those handled by the

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FIREFIGHTERS ALWAYS NEEDED!

Contact Fire Chief Mark Robert 604-414-9662 or firechief@vananda.ca

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Sep 17 at 1:30pm, upstairs at the Firehall.

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SANDCASTLE BED RACE WINNERS 2025



ADULT DIVISION:

First: Gooners (37.13sec)
Micah Leopkey, Rowan Wyton-Hughes, Logan O'Brien, Satsuki Leopkey and Miyuki Leopkey.
Second: The Champions (38.18 sec),
Blake Raleigh, Kaleb Raleigh, Braydon Penn, Acacia Hill and Tanee Hill.

YOUTH DIVISION:

First The Spicy Weenies (42.06 sec)
Easton Deveau, Arelo Deveau, Bow Nichvolodoff, Orrin Nichvolodoff and Levi Turnell.
Second: The Jackasses (42.37 sec)
Paige Spence, Leighton Palmquist, Cheyenne Choo, Abigail Fitzgibbon and Joria Rogers.

CHILD DIVISION:

First: The Flash (one team only),
Evan Barley, Chloe Holden, Aliza Clapis, Pearl Van Proyen and Jeremy Holden.

TEAM SPIRIT AWARD: Gillies Bay Fire Department

SANDCASTLE CAR SHOW RESULTS 2025

BEST IN SHOW:
Gord Milne – 1953 GMC Pickup

SECOND PLACE:
Rick Jones - 1955 Chev Belair
THIRD PLACE:
TIED - Rhoda Stuart - 1965 Mustang
& Jeff Turnell - 1975 F-250 Ranger

PARADE RESULTS 2025

BIKE # 1 – David Jewels – Team Star Crusher; **BIKE #2** – Wynter Langendorff

BEST FAMILY FLOAT - Flight of the Bumblebees – Dale & Mary Leopkey

BEST DISPLAY FLOAT – 1st. Texada Heritage Society; 2nd. Texada Island Inn

SANDCASTLE WEEKEND RAFFLE WINNERS 2025



- 1st: Eagle Falls Oceanside Suites 3 Night Stay Off-season (valued \$920) – Kevin Haddock
2nd: Sunshine Coast Fuels Gift Certificate (\$500) – C. Skipper
3rd: 2 BC Ferries, Vehicle/passenger & 2 Passenger Passes (\$200) – Sherri Smith
4th: Beach Glass Wreath donated by Sandy McCormick (\$100) – David Colussi
5th: Artisan Necklace, donated by Faye Hutton (\$100) – Margaret Brent
6th: Gift certificate to local restaurant, donated by Zaikow Agencies (\$100) – Karen Jones
7th: Gift certificate to local restaurant, donated by Zaikow Agencies (\$100) – Skipper Dave
8th: Basket of Veggies & Preserves donated by Woodhead Farms (\$75) – Victoria Turbill
9th: Glass art hanger donated by Glass Picture Company (\$75) – Val MacLennan
10th & 11th: Basket of Local Gift Certificates – Jodi Wigmore, Frieda Aune

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Thank you to the Texada Island Sandcastle Organizing Committee (Doriana Kiland, Warren Kiland, Evelyn Seymore and Jane Waterman) and their Priceless VolunteersThank-you!

The following Volunteers made Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend 2025 happen:

Set-up Gillies Bay Park: Warren Kiland, Nick Kiland, Stephanie Kuentzle, Chris Bernard, Doug Eng, Arcosa Employees (Kyle Rousseau, Morgan Robertson, John Graham)

Information Desk and T-shirt Sales: Doriana Kiland, Evelyn Seymour, Jane Waterman, Janet MacDonald

Stage Set-up and Take down: Dick Falhman, Gerry Childress

Bike Decorating & Family Zone: Lisa Levez-bordelau, Bailey Rairie, Sophie MacDonald, Megan Reeve, Norm, Noha, Gracie Bordeleau

Parade: Lizetta Hanley, Gillies Bay Fire Department, Joesph Scott

Traffic Control to Vendor Area: Tom MacDonald, Warren Kiland

Security at Gillies Bay Ball Park: Ray Campbell

Bed Race: Debra Gill, Ron Smith, Morna Rockingham, Roger Kimmerly, Tom Brent

Car Show: Ed Kowalyk, Richard Shawcross, Andrea Farmer

Royal Canadian Legion #232: John Redekop Barb McCormack and their many Legionnaires

Lip-sync Contest: Sid Boloton, Evelyn Seymore, Judy Ferguson, Doriana Kiland, Janet MacDonald, Finlay Rodgers, Alex Day, Stefanie Kuentzle.

Pancake Breakfast: Texada Island Volunteer Fire Fighter Association and helpers.

Dog Show: Home & Garden Centre - Terry Anders & Lisa Starz and Staff from Pet Value, Music provided by Jerzy

Sand Sculptures Contest: Sarah Bond & Andrea Farmer

Take Down Gillies Bay Park: Nick Kiland, Warren Kiland, Stephanie Kuentzle, Lorrie Pirart.

Trophy Organizer: Dawn Hughes

Making of the Hand Tie-dyed T-shirts: Deb Dumka, Lee & Rolly Thorpe, Doriana & Warren Kiland, Evelyn Seymour, Susan & Lorrie Pirart, Roxanna Rassmussen



Once again, we have just finished a fantastic weekend. It has been one of the Best Turn-outs and Parades, in many years. The following are the Certified Official Results of Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend on August 9-10, 2025.



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Hello Texada, Glorious, Blue Days, Cool Nights, Harvest Coming,.

Check Out Our Always Changing Art, Shop Local. Buy Beautiful. New Vendors Always Welcome.

We Will Be Closed On September 1st AND September 14th (No Power Day)

RAISE THE ROOMS JAM—SEPT. 21ST, Sunday 3PM To 7PM Or Later, Come Join Us For A Musical Experience, Free Snacks, Cold Drinks, Dancing, DAILY SPECIALS.

MONDAY, Free Pool, 3 Ball. Naughty Nikki On Blender.

TUESDAY 15% Off All Seniors Meals. WEDNESDAY. Free Classic Pin Ball After 6pm

THURSDAY Buy A Drink For A Chance To Win Lunch & Fun Darts Start Back Up.

FRIDAY Karaoke 8 pm To Closing. SATURDAY New York Strip Steak Lunch. 5PM Steak Dinner.

SUNDAY 25% Off All Draft Beer, All Day Bar Side Only.

- Full Lotto Ctr.
- Gift Certificates
- Bagged Ice
- Island Info
- Local Art
- T- Shirts, Vests & Hoodies
- Ice Cream
- ATM

Thank you,
Texada, for all your love,
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*Cymry, Evan,
& Kaitlyn*

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NEWS FROM THE TEXADA ISLAND LIBRARY



A BIG thank you to all those who supported the library's annual book sale: community members, visitors, volunteers and **City Transfer**. City Transfer delivers the sale

remainders to "Big Brothers" in the lower mainland.

We are preparing an order for DVDs. Please drop off your wish list at the library.

AGATHA CHRISTIE

15 September 1890 – 12 January, 1976
 Agatha Christie, famously known as the "Queen of Crime" stands as one of the most prolific and influential mystery writers of all time. Her career spanned more than half a century, during which she penned 66 detective novels, 14 short story collections, and the world's longest-running play, *The Mousetrap*.

Christie's genius lay in her ability to craft intricate, "locked-room" style mysteries with clever plots and surprising twists. Her most enduring character, the fastidious Belgian, detective Hercule Poirot and the deceptively sharp elderly spinster Miss Jane Marple, have become iconic figures in literature. Poirot with his "little grey cells" and Marple with her keen observations of human nature, solved countless cases.

Many of her novels have been turned into films and TV presentations. David Suchet and Joan Hickson are thought of as the ultimate Poirot and Marple.

"Agatha Christie", Text generated by Gemini, August 2, 2025. Edited by 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:

Monday	2 pm to 4 pm
Tuesday	12 pm to 2 pm
Wednesday	12 pm to 2 pm
Thursday	10 am to 12 pm
Friday	12 pm to 2 pm
Saturday	12 pm to 2 pm
Sunday	12 pm 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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The Texada Annual Fly-In

0700 Sunday, July 26: A few swallows are flying above tents parked under the wings of a line of light aircraft on the north field of Texada Airport. A pickup truck arrives at the small shack next to the hangar line to unload several boxes and some food coolers.

As two young men unload the truck's cargo, the sound of an arriving plane breaks the quiet of the airport. It's an older amphibian plane, flying into the circuit, with obvious intent to land. More carloads of people arrive and set up a portable kitchen, others raise the tents to house the folded tables!

A steady stream of planes is in the circuit, and several vizi-vested volunteers guide them to parking areas.

The Texada Annual Fly-In has begun...



Within a half hour, the sweet scent of sausages and coffee mixes with that of dew on recently cut hay.



By the end of the day, over fifty visiting planes had come and gone, their crews and passengers greeted, made welcome. Some flew in from nearby airfields, others from BC's Interior, Vancouver Island and some from farther yet. They came to celebrate aviation, to tell tales of other flights, and



some just to look at all the planes and collector cars that came to join in.

They left satisfied by comfort food and pleasant conversation! The airfield was quiet once again. The

resident swallows, now undisturbed, dove and soared silently knowing that humans were only now learning to fly.

And, that was the 2025 Texada Annual Fly-In. O.C. (Doby) Dobrostanski

(Photos by Rodger Hort)

