



**Union Bay Community Club Newsletter**  
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 **March 2022** 



## SPRING CRAFT FAIR



**Our Spring Craft Fair is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is still a possibility and depends on how quickly the hall repairs are done. Watch for updated information at [WWW.UBCC.CA](http://WWW.UBCC.CA), our Facebook page, Union Bay Community Hall/Club and the Union Bay Bulletin.**

## HALL DONATIONS

**After our community hall flood in December the Community Club reached out to the public asking for donations to assist in covering the \$10,000.00 deductible. The response was amazing, our goal was met in record time. This community, surrounding communities, clubs and businesses gave generously. This took the burden off the Community Club financially. Having no rentals or activities in the hall has had an impact on its income. We can't begin to thank everyone enough for the support and love you have shown to our beautiful hall. This was all made possible.....**

**BECAUSE OF YOU!**



# HALL REPAIRS UPDATE



## DINING ROOM SEALED, STARTING TO TAKE FIRST LAYER OFF

Work is progressing well. This shows the first layer of Lino being taken off as well as it's subfloor. Due to asbestos being present, the crew wear protective clothes and breathing apparatus and the room is sealed in order to create an air tight containment and the equipment shown creates a negative pressure and filters the air before exhausting outside safely.



## FIRST LAYER OFF, STARTING NEXT LAYER

The first layer is removed and now starting to remove the second layer and subfloor. This has exposed the original old fir flooring. It is in pretty good shape but will need some minor repairs to get the floor ready for the new subfloor and Lino.



## UPPER KITCHEN CABINETS GONE

The lower cabinets and counter tops have been removed in the upper kitchen as well as all appliances to give the abatement crew access to remove 3 layers of old water damaged Lino and tiles. All have tested positive for asbestos. Should be removed week of Feb 21. We had a crew of volunteers help unload the cabinets from the kitchen and dining room. The balance of the work will be done by the restoration company and their contractors.

## BARE FLOOR WITH MESS AND CLEAN UP

This has been quite the job to follow. The mess you see after removal is all wrapped and sealed with the red tape then it is taken out to the large bin in the parking lot for safe storage and disposal. We can now see the cleaned up original fir floor. Dining room was completed by Feb 18. Thank you to Scott from the abatement crew for all the pictures as we are not allowed in until each room is safely cleaned up. As mentioned, the upper kitchen floor is next then they move to the lower kitchen to remove that flooring. The last job for abatement is two ceiling sections at the west end of the daycare where the bulk of the water came through will be removed. More pictures and update will follow in the April DBTB which hopefully will include some of the repair and finishing as well.



## SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

Purchasing the hall's surveillance system has proven to be a good decision. It was reported that they are working very well. We saved video of kids climbing on the roof and throwing roofing tiles off and the same kids destroying the hockey net in the tennis court. Hopefully now they are aware that we have cameras this will stop.

On a positive note, we can keep an eye on what's happening around the hall remotely. We even noticed a local man who rode in on a bicycle this winter, cleared 6" of snow with his boots, no shovel, down to the daycare entrance and basement storage. He was thanked the next day. If anyone notices anything suspicious, please call the hall and leave a message with time and date. There is always 2 weeks of video saved. The cameras were a great addition and was supported by the generous donations of the Union Bay residents.

## Union Bay Historical Society

Our next meeting will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the goal. We encourage new, past and present members to help keep our Post Office, Library, and Goal/Museum in good repair. Memberships December 2021 to December 2022 are due now. Any grants we apply for are based on paid membership. A big thank you to ABC printing for the new sign by the propeller. To Bill Maximick for permission to use his "Union Bay 1917" on the sign. Also a thank you to John and Nick for keeping the snow and ice at bay at the Post Office.



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Ideas for new articles are always appreciated. Is there a person you would like to highlight or a story to be told? submit to [ub.dbtb@gmail.com](mailto:ub.dbtb@gmail.com).

### Advertising and articles in Down By The Bay

Submissions may be mailed to Box 335, Union Bay, BC, V0R 3B0 or email to [ub.dbtb@gmail.com](mailto:ub.dbtb@gmail.com). The order form with instructions, cost and payment options is on the Community Club website at [www.ubcc.ca](http://www.ubcc.ca) Click on newsletter and then on advertising in the newsletter. Ads must be prepaid.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE ADVERTISERS



March 13th

### Current Events

The hall is home of several activities and meetings. Hopefully more of these activities will start up again soon. For more information about renting space, contact Linda Ziefflie at [rentals@ubcc.ca](mailto:rentals@ubcc.ca). Meeting rooms, dining room, kitchen facilities, large auditorium, with stage are available.

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY CLUB REGISTRATION

\$15 PER PERSON, \$35 PER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP RUNS THE CALENDAR YEAR, JANUARY TO DECEMBER

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The forerunner of the Community Club was the Union Bay Social Club. Twice a week the club held dances for the young people, concerts, sports, movies, whist drives, and smoking parties. All of the events were held in the Little Red School House. After the new school was built in 1915, the LRSB was put on skids and moved behind the new school. For a few years it was used for the Primary class. Then it was rented from the Union Bay School Board for \$4.00 a month, and used by the Social Club. Because there were no chairs they had to be borrowed from the Church, carried back and forth for each event. This was at the discretion of the presiding minister, one of whom refused to loan the chairs for card parties. In the fall of 1923, eighty chairs were bought for \$125.00. Eventually a stage was built. Then in 1935, after being inactive for several years, the executive members met to disband the Club, and dispersed the funds. They gave \$ 325.00 to the Fire Brigade, and \$111.00 each to the United Church and U.B School Board.

Early in 1940 an Old Time Dance Club was formed, which soon became the Community Club, with the sole purpose to build a hall. So, with \$75.00 in assets and a great deal of optimism, the club approached Mr. Plommer, general manager of CC(D)Ltd. (the coal company), for financial assistance. He suggested they first raise some funds to test their optimism. The Club set out to do just that with many money raising events:

- a Silver Tea held by Mrs. Moore
- a Tulip Tea held by Mrs. Searle
- a Ladies Costume Party held by Mrs. Renwick
- Telephone Whist at homes that boasted a telephone
- a Baked Bean Supper on the lawn of the Nelson Hotel
- a huge Garden Party on the Dickson property
- Theme dances were held at Fanny Bay and Native Sons halls
- Ed and Jack Anderson built a beautiful cedar row boat for a raffle

In a short time the Committee had amassed \$2,000 so they went back to Mr.Plommer, who on behalf of CC(D)Ltd gave them a triangle of land on the highway at the head of the bay. The company also provided the Club with a 20year, interest free loan of \$5,000. The Company architect, W.A. Owen, was hired to draw up plans and to oversee the construction carried out by Abe Orr of Courtenay. The 70' X 45' floor was of edge grain fir, strapped underneath, to give sufficient resiliency for dancing. The 16' high walls were of 8" and 10" beaded shiplap, varnished to highlight the beautiful grain. The 21' X 47' dining room could comfortably seat 100 people. The food hundred very proud people attended a banquet to mark the official opening.

President Peter Reid turned the hall over to the people.

*"Here is the Hall! for your pleasure or business. Make the most of it as a centre of effort for the advantage and improvement of the community. Use it freely".*

*E.T. Searle accepted the Hall on behalf of the citizens of Union Bay.*

*"This fine Hall is a monument to public spirit. I accept it on behalf of the people of Union Bay with the utmost pleasure."*

*Bill Auchinvole declared the Hall officially open.*



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## New Bylaw for Union Bay

The Comox Valley Regional District is pleased to announce the adoption of the new Union Bay Fire, beach fires and camp fires on all Protection Service Regulation Bylaw No. 688. This bylaw addresses the regulation of industrial burn piles, residential or "yard waste" burning privately-owned and publicly-owned properties located in the Union Bay Fire Protection Service area. Residents of Union Bay are encouraged to use this bylaw as a tool for safe recreational and vegetative debris clearing practices. The bylaw addresses fire prevention and protection of persons and property topics such as:

- Open burning
- Prohibited materials
- Burning permits
- High risk activities i.e. fireworks

For more information call: 250-334-6000 or visit:  
[www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/fir](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/fir)



### PARENTS & TOTS DROP IN

Parents and tots is a free drop-in program, at the Fanny Bay Hall. The program offers various play opportunities for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, a story time and a snack is provided. The program is 1 ½ hours of fun on Tuesdays 9 am - 11:30 am.

Adults need to be masked and show proof of vaccination. The program is made possible through CV Family Services and the Fanny Bay Hall Assoc.

FMI call Laurel: 250-792-5025

## Beaufort Watershed Stewards



Has it really been a year since our last AGM? It must have been, given everything we've done since then! Roger Chayer's President's Report at the AGM covered the highlights. Sadly, this will be his last report as he is stepping down as President. Thankfully, he plans to be involved in other ways. So, while BWS will miss his leadership, we will still benefit from his skills and wisdom.

### Highlights from the President's Report:

"The year 2021 continued to be difficult as COVID-19 dominated the headlines. Undeterred, the Beaufort Watershed Stewards' Board members and the numerous volunteers steadfastly continued the important work of collecting information and advocating for our watersheds. All of our core activities achieved major milestones again this year.

- \* Data gathering has expanded dramatically. The stream monitoring program doubled in size. We now have two teams, regularly monitoring eleven streams. This means even more data for the BC Surface Water Monitoring database. The stream flow measurement program expanded as well, adding two new gauging stations. The groundwater level monitoring program continues, with improved monitors and plans for adding more wells. A major step was made towards the mapping of local aquifers after a BWS-initiated collaboration with the University of Victoria.

- \* This year saw the publication of a Hydrological Health Report Card for four of our watersheds which was well received by the community at large.

- \* Advocacy is a major tenet of the Beaufort Watershed Stewards. This year BWS is working with other interested parties towards creation of a Waterloo Old Growth Management Area.

- \* Community Outreach remains an important focus as we establish partnerships with other groups in the stewardship community such as the Comox Valley Conservation Partnership, Our Water BC and the Canadian Freshwater Alliance to name a few. In the time of COVID, events are difficult to organize but, following all required protocols, BWS, in a show of support for organizations in our community, participated in the Fanny Bay Market. On Earth Day, BWS sponsored a very informative and well attended Forest Walk. Community Outreach also means getting the word out there. The BWS website, Facebook and the Fanny Bay Flyer continue to be the mainstay delivery systems to disseminate the fountain of information we have for the public.

- \* No organization can be successful without taking care of day-to-day affairs. BWS continues to be diligent on the administrative side of things. This year we achieved several goals one of which was obtaining charitable status. Fundraising this year reached new heights enabling the purchase of new equipment and maintaining a healthy bottom line. We have been approved for a grant from West Coast Environmental Law to formalize our data agreements. As well, this year, we formed a Safety Committee to ensure volunteers are properly trained and supported for their work in the field. We continue to increase our membership and track our volunteer hours.

In conclusion, this year the Beaufort Watershed Stewards have established themselves as a respected organization and partner in the watershed stewardship community. This is the result of the commitment, perseverance, imagination, and camaraderie of this group of volunteers."

(Save the date! BWS is hosting an interactive presentation on Harvesting in Watersheds including a "Health Report Card" for four watersheds. This free event will take place 7 pm to 9 pm on April 21st - doors open at 6:00)

By Mike Mesford



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# LIVE MUSIC IN MARCH AT THE FANNY BAY HALL

In the month of March, we are excited to present the first 2 concerts of our 2022 season.

**Live at**  
Fanny Bay Hall  
7793 Island Hwy. South, Fanny Bay, BC

**MG3**

**Montréal Guitare Trio**  
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"the trio's virtuosity & impressive stage presence have been winning audiences world wide"



**Saturday, 5 March 2022 3 pm**

ONLINE TICKETS \$33 at [fannybayhall.ticket.ca](http://fannybayhall.ticket.ca)  
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After their memorable concert in Fanny Bay in November 2016, The Montreal Guitare Trio is finally back on the island! The MG3 concert will be on Saturday March 5, for a 3:00 pm matinee.

Described by the CBC as the "hottest" guitar ensemble in Canada, MG3 has quickly established itself as a force to be reckoned with, as well as an interactive force in various musical forms. For over 20 years, the trio's virtuosity, rigour, creativity and impressive stage presence — where humour and interacting with the public go hand in hand — have been winning over audiences around the world. The trio, composed of guitarists Marc Morin, Glenn Lévesque and Sébastien Dufour, has given hundreds of concerts in some of the most prestigious venues across North America, Europe, New Zealand and Australia. For the very first time, the MG3 will present a vibrant tribute to the music of Ennio Morricone, their most beloved composer.

**Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, we have talented Christine Tassan et les Imposteures.**

With a decade and a half of bringing their special blend of Gypsy jazz and revisited cover songs, Christine Tassan et les Imposteures have made a name for themselves on the music scene. The latest show of these four exquisitely talented musicians bring together some works by Django Reinhardt, Felix Leclerc, and American composers. With a singular mix of virtuosity, daring and humour, the string band draws inspiration from one artists' poetry and others swing to weave a rich new musical universe. They've expanded their concept to the wonderful swing music of some contemporary friends of Django and Felix. Lead guitarist Christine Tassan, Violinist Martine Gaumond, double bassist Blanche Baillargeon, and rhythm guitarist Jeff Moseley revisit hit songs created by George Gershwin, Louis Prima or Charlie Chaplin and blend them nicely with Django's beautiful memories.

Save these dates SATURDAY MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm for MG3 and FRIDAY MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm for Christine Tassan et les Imposteures. Tickets can be purchased on line at [fannybayhall.ticket.ca](http://fannybayhall.ticket.ca) \$33.00 OR in person \$30.00, cash at Weinberg's Good Food – Buckley Bay, Laughing Oysters Books – Courtenay, Salish Sea Market – Bowser.

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**Christine Tassan  
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# The Bays Bouquets

## New addition to our newsletter!

Do you have a loved one's Anniversary, Birthday or just want to say a big Thank You to someone? Our newsletter will post it free. Please email [bbitten@telus.net](mailto:bbitten@telus.net) with your well wishes by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.



### Mildred Coe

Our community lost an amazing and dedicated volunteer in January. Mildred grew up in Union Bay, she was a lifelong member of the Union Bay United Church and the Community Club. She was also a member of the Friendly Port Seniors and through this group helped raise money every year for the Tour de Rock, Cops for Cancer. Mildred will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO

Linda Friel  
Austin Bitten  
Russ Chapman  
Rick Weaver  
&  
Grady Baird



A big thank you from the Community Hall to Ryan Lymburner for his bobcat. Ryan moved our dumpster so a 40 ft. dumpster could move in close to the dining room for the abatement of the flooring. This may mean completing the renovations by 3 or 4 days.

It all helps!

### UNION BAY MARKET

We certainly appreciate you and your staff for your continuous support. You always go above and beyond for this community. Thank you for having the donation box in your store and taking names for tax receipts

From the  
*Union Bay Community Club*

Thank You to the Coe family and friends who donated to the hall in memory of Mildred Coe.

The donations were substantial and will be used in a way that will honour her memory.





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