

# DOWN BY THE BAY



Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

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APRIL 2023

# SPRING CRAFT FAIR



SUNDAY APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>

UNION BAY HALL

10:00am - 3:00pm



# EASTER EGG HUNT

UNION BAY COMMUNITY FIELD

SUNDAY APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am

More information inside



## CRAFT FAIR INFORMATION

Held in our main hall with 40 talented crafters. Lunch is served all day in our dining room. Our volunteers will be serving up hot soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, muffins and cookies. It all starts at 10:00am and finishes at 3:00pm. There are a wide variety of crafts and weather permitting an outside plant sale! So come out and support the event!

### The Union Bay Community Club & The Union Bay Fire Rescue will be holding an EASTER EGG HUNT

Yes the Easter Bunny is coming to Union Bay!

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EASTER SUNDAY!

At the Union Bay Community Field.

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next newsletter



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Corn Hole  
at the hall  
has ended for  
the season.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Craft Fair	Sunday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am - 3pm
Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	11am
Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast	Sunday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	8am - 11am
Bay Day & Car Show	Sunday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 6pm
Fall Craft Fair	Sunday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 3pm
Fall Supper	Sunday October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5pm
Halloween Party/ Fireworks	Sunday, October 31	4pm & 7:30pm
Remembrance Day	Saturday November 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am
Christmas Craft Fair	Sunday November 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 3pm



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## Stewards Beaufort Watershed

We've talked about our resistivity project before. We've described the process of pounding stakes in the ground for the electrical connections and then tugging them laboriously out again when the readings are done; how the process gives information about the geological layers beneath the ground; and we've promised that one day there would be a scientific paper published describing the results.

The promise has now been kept! You can read more about the scientific paper in the article First Steps in Aquifer Mapping Published on our website [www.beaufortwater.org](http://www.beaufortwater.org). You will also find a link to the article itself if you're really ambitious. (Reading a scientific paper is not for the faint of heart). But – SPOILER ALERT - I can tell you the conclusion: the method works!

The whole point of the project was to determine if the resistivity technique was valid for our area. It is. To quote from the report summary "it should be possible for future resistivity surveying to contribute to mapping of significant aquifers in areas of the Beaufort Watersheds". It also points out that the technique could help identify features of aquifers, such as vulnerability to contamination or saltwater intrusion.

Even though it took two years to write and publish the results, not unusual for scientific papers, the conclusions were available to us right away. This means that when the University of Victoria folks visited us for a second year of measurements it was, as the summary says, "to contribute to mapping of significant aquifers in areas of the Beaufort Watersheds", not just to validate the technique. For an example of the results from the second season, and an excellent overview of the technique itself, have a look at the short video in another article on our website: [Mapping Beaufort Groundwater with Geophysics](#).

There are five names listed as authors of the paper. Victoria Pereversoff, B.Sc is the student and lead author who did the majority of the writing, Lucinda Leonard, PhD, her advisor, Mike Wei, P. Eng, Sylvia Barroso, P. Geo with the Provincial Ministry of Forests, and Mark Lake, P. Geoph (Alberta – Retired), a BWS member and the person ultimately responsible for making it all happen.

Mark originally proposed the idea at a BWS board meeting a number of years ago. It was well received though I'm not sure we fully understood the process or the implications. We just knew it was something he had done as a student at university in the UK and it involved pounding stakes in the fields and running wires across the English countryside. And it had to do with aquifers. But Mark knew what he was doing. He contacted the University of Victoria School of Earth and Ocean Sciences. The idea of a collaboration was attractive to UVic because it would offer real-world experience for advanced students.

But there were lots of hurdles. Program design, travel arrangements, lodging, meals, site selection, landowner permissions. All within the context of a large academic bureaucracy and all during the Covid years. Mark stick-handled through it all calmly and capably. We all appreciate Mark's work and dedication. We hope the mapping born of this project will continue for years to come.

Mike Mesford



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## Happy April Birthdays To

Donna Chapman	April 3
Bruce Campbell	April 3
Karen Skinner	April 4
Rod Bitten	April 6
Colleen McKay Hogg	April 6
Jacqueline Miller	April 6
Linda Spencer	April 11
Codi Woodfine	April 12
Diane Etherington	April 16
David Hymers	April 17



Happy Birthday  
To  
Margaret Anderson  
April 23rd

The UBCC would like to thank Marilyn Cooper of Vancouver for her a donation to our Down by the Bay Newsletter!

Susan Hargraves would like to thank The Union Bay Church, Fanny Bay OAP, Union Bay Fire Rescue and all her family and friends who supported her in the "Coldest Night Of the Year" walk. She raised \$905.00 for this worthy cause.

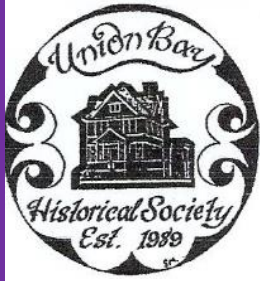
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Some residents of Union Bay asked me to find information on the house that was recently demolished on the corner of Russell St and the Island Highway. Although Janette Glover Geidt posted its history back in 2021, I am reposting it for you.

North from the Pub was a large swampy area. The boardwalk, which stretched from McLeod Road to Jones Street, kept you dry. On the next property, in the early 1930's, the Home Garage was built by Geoff Kirk and leased by Ernie Chandler. The last to live and operate the garage were Gordon and Lil Murdock. It closed in the 60's and was demolished. The big red house next to Russell Street was built by the coal company for the Wharfinger, who oversaw all loading. He decided where ships were to berth, which coal chutes were used, and gave orders to the train crew regarding emptying of coal cars. In 1907 Mike Manson came up from Nanaimo to take over the job, and with his large family lived in the new house. Michael, born on the Shetland Islands, came to Canada at age sixteen to work on his uncle Oliver Duncan's farm in Sandwick. He then moved to Nanaimo where he met, courted, and gave a ring to Jenny Renwick. Her religious father did not approve of Mike, and he beat her over the hands and broke the ring. This only made the couple more determined.

In 1878 Mike hired a canoe and six natives for an elopement. The husky canoers paddled all night, and when they arrived at Sidney Mr. Manson hired a team and wagon to take them to Victoria where they were married. Mike prospered as he served the Island with his steamer, first the Rustler, then the Thistle, which could sleep thirty-two. With a crew of ten he transported fish, seals, copper, and furs up and down the Island. While in Nanaimo the couple had five children, then tragedy struck and four of the little ones died of diphtheria. After that, before leaving Nanaimo, the couple had two more children then a set of twins. At Union Bay, another set of twins and a daughter were born. Mike was very community minded. He was on the school board, and the main driving force to build the church at the Bay. Every summer the family went by rowboat to Cortez Island, where they moved in 1907.

Long interested in politics, Mike ran as a Conservative, and for seven years was MLA for Comox District. Fred Brown was the next Wharfinger for a couple of years before he became Union Bay's Postmaster in 1913. During the first world war the house was seconded by the army and billeted to the Officers, while the non-commissioned men lived in tents on the ball field. In its collection the UBHS has two pictures of when the Army occupied the house. One has "72nd Seaforth Highlanders" spelled out in white-washed rocks on the slope in front of the house; the other photo features thirty of the officers in front of the house. Before the second world war John Moore became Wharfinger, and as the big red house was getting run down a new house was built for him at the top of Russell Hill. The old red house was rented out and eventually sold when the company closed.  
By: Janette Glover-Geidt

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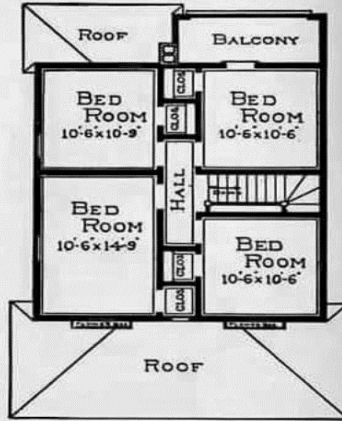
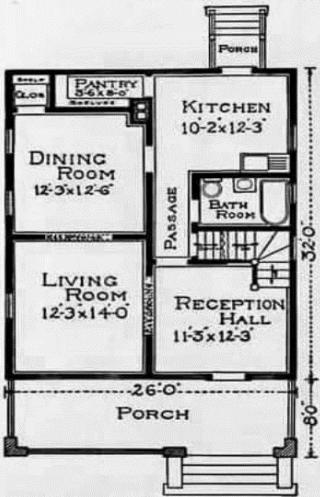
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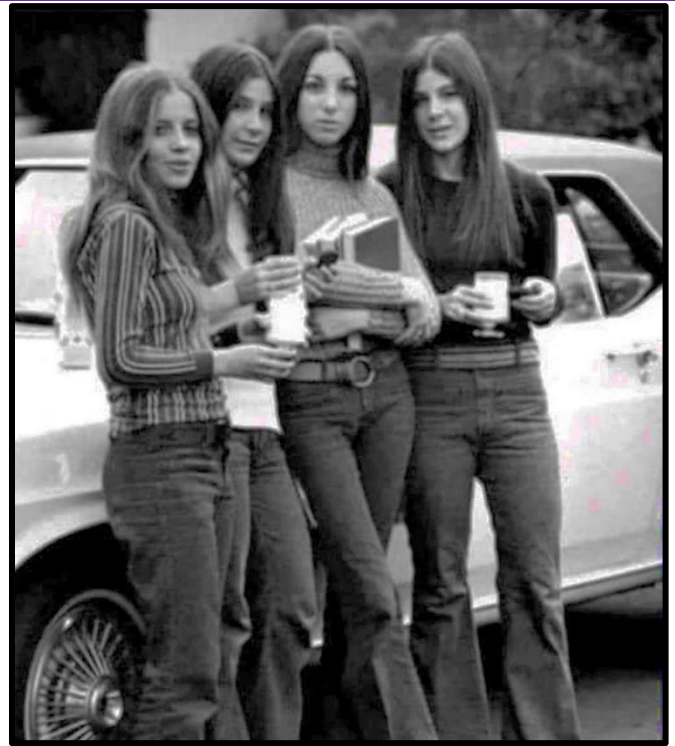
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## Your 2023 Club Directors

Every director has taken on an important role to make certain the UBCC remains successful. I want to thank all the directors and volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure everything runs smoothly. Our directors all deserve a special mention for their endless volunteer work. Our treasurer Anne Carroll who has done a very professional job maintaining our books and paying our bills. After 5 years Anne will be stepping down as a director, leaving our accounts in the capable hands of Dianne Jager. Thank you Anne for your hard work and a big thank



you to Dianne for stepping in as our treasurer. We look forward to volunteering with you!

**Rick Weaver** our chief maintenance person spends countless hours keeping our hall in tip top shape. Rick also applies for grants, and looks after the boat launch with his hard working crew. Rick and his crew also maintain the grounds at the launch, the boulevards on front Street and set up for events such as craft fairs, Bay Day, Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast and Fall suppers.

**Carly Gilchrist** has taken on the position as secretary. She also looks after club memberships and assisted Rick in applying for our roof grant. Carly is definitely a great addition to our club.

**Jenny Segan** is our assistant secretary and takes the reins when Carly is away. Jenny is also applying for a children's playground grant. She has been busy looking at plans and visiting the local playgrounds to choose the one that will best suit our community.

**Starr McFadyen** took on the very large task as our craft fair coordinator, which is not an easy job. She decorates, organizes tables and greets the crafters with her big smile while directing them to their tables. Starr has brought new refreshing ideas to these fairs and it shows.

**Trina Gable** has taken on the difficult task of renting out the hall and grounds. Keeping track of pricing and booking dates is not easy. This position takes a lot of time, with answering emails and phone calls, showing the hall and, making sure everything is left in order after a renter.

**Laura Agnew** owns "As You Like It" and does our catering for most events. Buying the food and calling on volunteers to assist her. Two of her biggest volunteer jobs are Bay Day concession and the Fall Supper. We certainly value her expertise!

**Jen Balcke** is our janitor and is responsible for keeping our hall nice and clean. Jen is also our activities person. She books activities for the hall and field, collects their fees and looks after our online activities calendar at [ubcc.ca](http://ubcc.ca).

**Paul Baal** volunteers where ever he is needed. From running horseshoes at Bay Day to buying bar supplies for events. Paul just recently took on the job as designated driver at our latest function. He donated his 30.00 in tips back to the club. Paul always brings good ideas to the meetings.

**Seth Nanayakkara** is one of our newer directors. With the December snowfall and Rick away, he shoveled off a good portion of the hall roof to prevent it from leaking. His family has also taken on the job of keeping our grounds maintained.

**Travis Mephram** buys the food for most of our craft fairs and looks after ordering, organizing and setting off the fireworks on Halloween with the help of our local Fire Rescue.

**Leanne Lindstrom** is a busy lady. She organizes most of our events. She has a great talent for decorating, getting prize donations and has wonderful ideas. Leanne has made our Bay Day bigger and better then ever!

I would like to especially thank **Darcy Rainey** for returning to the board and taking the position of vice president to guide me through my president position. Darcy has spent many years as president and I definitely value his knowledge. Thank you for shadowing me through it all.

As you can see you have left your Union Bay Community Club in very capable and caring hands.  
Thank you all again for all you do.

Brenda Bitten

Directors Picture On Previous Page

From L to R: Darcy Rainy, Jenny Segan, Jen Balcke, & Rick Weaver

Back Row: Rick Bitten, Carly Gilchrist, Starr McFadyen, Brenda Bitten, Seth Nanayakkara, Trina Gable, Laura Agnew.

Missing: Travis Mephram, Leanne Lindstrom, Paul Baal, Dianne Jager.



Kids Corner

**Easter Maze**

This baby chic has just hatched. Help him find his way to the chicken coop!

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