

DOWN BY THE BAY



Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

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JULY 2023



BAY DAY 2023





Beaufort Watershed Stewards

Ours is a hard-working bunch. At the same time, we like to have a good laugh. In that regard Pam Lengyel is probably the quintessential BWS board member. Pam works as hard as anyone and she is never lacking for comments, jokes or stories that make us

laugh. A lot! And, oh, those stories!

As a young woman of nineteen, Pam booked passage on a freighter bound for Capetown, South Africa. At the end of her trip, the day before she was to board a plane to return to Canada, she took a bus to a big game park. She was turned away from entering the park as she didn't have a car. Apparently, you can't just stroll around a big game park. Something to do with hungry lions and ornery elephants. Disappointed, she began walking back towards town, hoping to hitch a ride. It didn't occur to her that she was walking through the same terrain populated by those same lions and elephants but just outside the park boundaries. The animals, of course, weren't aware of park boundaries. According to Pam, she didn't see any wildlife before she was able to catch a ride. But happily, for us, she wasn't mauled or eaten. She must have found the ocean voyage appealing because she ended up spending nine years in the Canadian Coast Guard as a Navigation Officer. One can imagine her entertaining the crew on the bridge with her insightful wisecracks and travelogue tales.

After leaving the Coast Guard, she studied horticulture (a rather abrupt change of course, career-wise) and eventually ended up in Fanny Bay. Since moving here, she has been involved in just about every possible activity in our small community. She has worked with the Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society, the Roy Creek Hatchery, and the Fat Oyster book series. She helped create, and helps maintain, the Spirit Grove Garden at the Hall. She works the door at almost every Hall event. She regularly monitors for European Green Crabs (an invasive species) in our little bay. But most importantly, for us, is her impressive and vital work with BWS. She is the BWS treasurer and helped us navigate the crazy amount of bureaucracy needed to achieve charitable status. She has been instrumental in developing our five-year plan, another step towards financial responsibility. She runs the South Pod stream sampling program (6 streams from the Tsable River to Mud Bay Creek), she is second-in-command of the Refundables Program, the major BWS revenue stream, and she is a valued member of too many committees to count. Some say that without her, BWS wouldn't exist. It is certainly true to say that without her we would be a much lesser organization. And as if all that weren't enough, she's a constant source of entertainment!

By Mike Mesford



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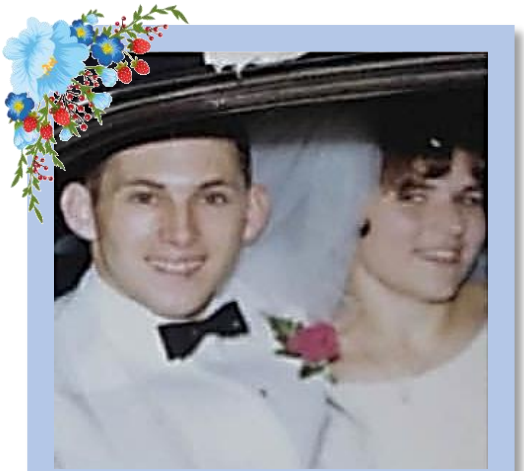
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ROY & CHRIS McKAY
JULY 29th**



*Happy 57th
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Jim & Jan
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July 23rd



Union Bay Fire Rescue would like to congratulate Alan Roberts on his recent promotion to Captain. Al came to the Department in 2022 after retiring from the District of North Vancouver Fire Service. With over 27 years of service, his knowledge and experience will be a great asset to the department and the community.



Union Bay Fire Rescue would like to Thank Roxanne and the Fanny Bay Inn for their very generous donation of \$1500 to the Union Bay Volunteer Fire Fighters Association

The donation will go towards purchasing new medical equipment for our First Responders. Thank You!

The Bays Bouquets

AUGUST

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO

JIM HARGREAVES	AUGUST 3rd
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RHONDA SAMPSON	AUGUST 11th
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BAY DAY

Another successful Bay Day celebration, thanks to the many volunteers! The day started with the kids parade at 11:00. The parade, led by clowns, marched onto the field to music, with the onlookers showing their support by clapping and cheering them on! The family races started at 11:30, and the kids arcade opened for a day of fun! A very popular bouncy castle was donated by the Union Bay First Credit Union for the little ones to enjoy! A great time was also enjoyed at the horseshoe pit. Thank you to Paul Baal. Brian Lindstrom donated a truck load of wood to raffle off, and there was also our Bay Day raffle and 50/50 draws. This event was emceed by the one and only Kenny Shaw, Kenny mixed comedy and music to help make it an eventful day! The Pythian Sisters served their delicious pies and donated the money from the sales to the UBCC. Thank You Ladies! A beer garden was run by the Solutions ball team, and donate a percentage to the club and the remainder to worthy causes. The day ended with 2 Slo pitch games, raffle draws and, silent auction results. Thank you Leanne, for organising such a great day!



CAR SHOW

The first car show was held in 2017 and has slowly grown into one of the participants favourite shows. This year, 77 cars participated, with a small overflow in the parking lot. They like this show because of the activities that involve their families for a fun filled day. Breakfast from the concession was served until 11:30am, and then the menu switched to burgers and hot dogs. The volunteers were amazing, and ran out of food by 3:00 due to its popularity. The Peoples Choice Award was voted on and won by Mark who owns a purple 1936 five window Ford coupe. Prizes were given to some lucky car participants, donated by local businesses. The UB Fire Rescue had a display of their equipment and vehicles at the main gate entrance. A table was set up with firefighters ready to answer questions and to show you their equipment. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Car Show!



PEOPLES CHOICE WINNER



Our New Sign

Our new digital was installed the 3rd week of May and is now up and running. It is so nice to display our upcoming events! It was decided by the club to advertise 1 Down By the Bay advertiser for 1 week in a rotating schedule in hopes of promoting more businesses to place ads in our newsletter. So if you're a business who would like to have an ad on our new digital sign, go to ubcc.ca, then to advertising, and buy a 1 year ad.

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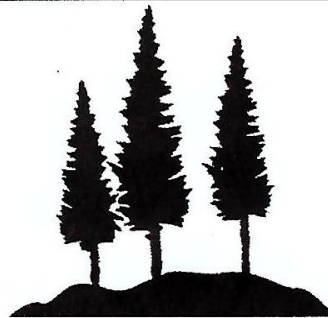
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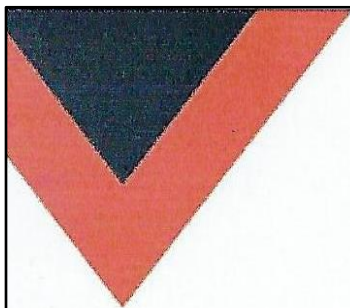


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PAY THE FEE OR PAY THE TOW TRUCK

Many weary travelers use the boat launch for an overnight stay on their way up and down the island. James Barth has kindly taken on the job of making sure they are self contained and that they know this is a quick stay and they must move on. He has met some very interesting people through this volunteer job and some very unusual units. Two in particular last month were visitors from Switzerland and France. Here are pictures of their units.



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Ann Pratt Honoured in Cumberland

The week before May long weekend in Cumberland, Ann attended a fashion Show /tea with her family and friends. 78 years ago in 1945, Ann was May Queen at Cumberland's Empire Day celebration. She also modeled in this years fashion show. Ann with her family decorated their table in a high tea theme, winning the best decorated table. Congratulation!



Union Bay United Church
Sunday Services
11:00 am
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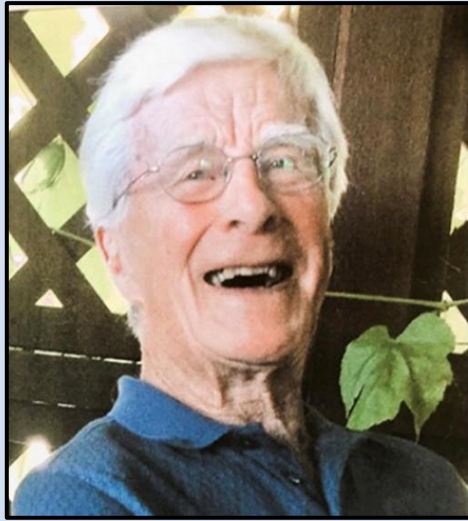


Opened in 1889, the wharves were the largest constructed in BC. At the 490-metre (1,600 ft) principal wharf, four colliers could be loaded simultaneously. The other wharf handled general freight, and coal if required. In due course, the Dunsmuir's had their own fleet transporting coal to San Francisco. In 1910, Sir William Mackenzie purchased all the Dunsmuir mines through his Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir).

During the two world wars Union Bay made a significant contribution in supplying fuel for allied freighters. Throughout the decades, the port was known for its warmth and hospitality. Blue Funnel Line steamers regularly

called to replenish their coal. The final sailing ship to call and load coal was the *Pamir* in 1946. The final freighter was the M.S. *Hikawa Maru* in 1951, but coal barges continued calling during that decade.

Owned by Weldwood, the long abandoned coal wharf, with trees protruding through the trestle deck, was demolished in 1966.



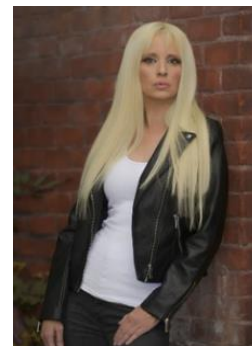
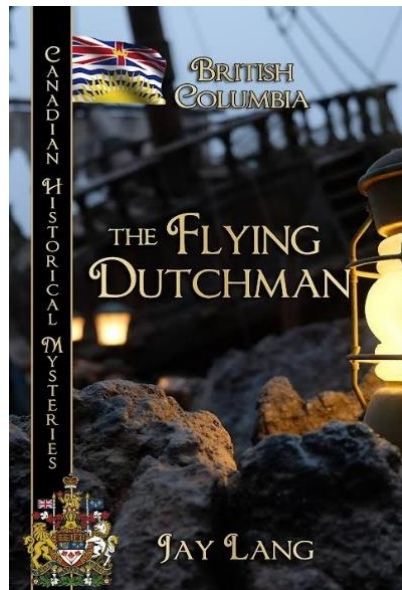
Roy Storey: Oct 1931 - May 2023

Roy was a very dedicated volunteer. He was a familiar face in our community after years of being on the boat ramp committee, beatification committee, a UBCC board member and fundraising for events. He played the music and emceed for many Bay Days. Roy found a love for performing and was an active member of local drama and choral groups. He was always willing to roll up his sleeves and be an active participant, all while sharing stories and wisdom. Roy's life was enriched by the friendship of many and he will be greatly missed.

Book Synopsis

It's 1913. The move to Cumberland is her brother Billy's idea, and it's a good one. The little mining community on Vancouver Island is quiet, and it's a change—exactly what nineteen-year-old Heather Foster needs after her mother's death. It isn't long, however, before Billy's gambling pushes them both into poverty. Soon after, a freak accident threatens to take his life. Desperate and alone, Heather journeys to Union Bay. There, she finds a job at a local store. More importantly, she finds Henry. Over the passing months, Heather falls for the handsome stranger. After a string of burglaries on the coast, Henry provides a sense of security. For the first time since her brother's accident, Heather feels hope for the future—a hope that's shattered when she is working late one evening, and out of the shadows appears an evil truth. In a desperate attempt to save her own life, Heather must outwit the man who is intent on killing her.

Jay will be at the Courtenay Library on July 8th at 1:00pm
The Union Bay Historical Society was invaluable when she was conducting the research for this book.



Jay Lang grew up on the ocean, splitting her time between Read Island and Vancouver Island before moving to Vancouver to work as a TV, film, and commercial actress. Eventually, she left the industry for a

quieter life on a live-a-board boat, where she worked as a clothing designer for rock bands. Five years later she moved to Abbotsford to attend university. There, she fell in love with creative writing. Hush is her first published novel. She spends her days hiking and drawing inspiration for her writing from nature.



NEW HALL ROOF IS A GO!

The installation of the community halls new roof started on June 27th. This project is being done by a few different companies. CJ'S Roofing is doing the metal roofing, Roofpro for the flat roof and gutters, Evolution Homes is doing the heat pump roof and Tower Fencing for a chain link fence around the heat pump and stairs. Safety precautions, of course have being taken to protect the public, but it is best to steer clear of this area until this project has been completed.



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