

# DOWN BY THE BAY



Union Bay Community Club Newsletter

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MARCH 2024



## Spring

## Craft Fair

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>

UB COMMUNITY HALL


MORE INFO INSIDE



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## Beaufort Watershed Stewards (BWS)

It's hard to believe that this will be our eighth year of existence as an organization. One more Annual General Meeting is in the books. This year's was held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Here are some highlights from our President's Report:

Five-year plan:

This comprehensive document was completely and tabled in early summer 2023. It gives this organization a huge grounding in its decisions on funding projects, documenting activity, visions, and continuity planning moving forward. It has already made the crafting of the 2024 budget a smoother process. It is to be updated annually by the executive to include a full 5-year period. Congratulations to all the folks hard work, true vision, and collaboration in taking this maturing step as non-profit society.

Our next step is to form a "Strategic Planning Sub-committee". This team will work to form a BWS Scientific Advisory Group as a first step.

Sampling:

This entire program expanded in 2023. The Ground Water sampling program increased by 5 new sensors. The Stream sampling program renamed the North and South Pods to the Royston and Fanny Bay Pod respectfully - primarily due to the planned start of the Bowser Pod in 2024. The expansion of our sampling is moving into the Nanaimo Regional District in the first months of new year. Thanks to Sharon, and Manfred for being the new pod leaders for this area. Also, thanks to Pam to doing all the groundwork for this this exciting new frontier in another Regional District.

Projects: A significant achievement this year was BWS's first real science paper, "Evaluating the Use of Electrical Resistivity Sounding to Characterize Aquifers in the Beaufort Watershed, B.C.". It was published by the BC Government in their "Water Science Series – December 2022 edition". A huge congratulations to Mark Lake getting this done, working together with UVic. In addition, Mark and his co-author Mike Wei presented this paper to the Canadian chapter of the International Association of Hydrogeologists at their annual conference in Vancouver in November 2023.

The Tsable River Cumulative Effects (CE) GIS Assessment Project was completed in 2023. This project was funded partly by the CVRD grant and enabled BWS to hire a GIS tech to perform all the hard analysis. The final report was written in Dec 2023 and is published on the BWS website for public review. The overall findings were that the Tsable River watershed has a HIGH risk of being negatively impacted by industrial forest harvesting development – this is significant. The report's findings were presented to the CVRD and all interested parties in Jan 2024.

Communications, Community Outreach and Advocacy:

These activities have increased in volunteer hours from last year and many thanks to Lynne for all her time keeping the BWS website first class and leading the many groups of volunteers per event.

Event promotion was busy, for BWS hosted tents and one walk at the following events Fanny Bay Celebrate your Community, The River Never Sleeps, Earth Day Waterloo Walk, CVCP Family Watershed Day, and Ecole Puntledge Salmon Day.

Partnerships:

In 2023 BWS successfully sponsored a GIS practicum student with VIU – Jake LeBron. For three months Jake worked to assemble a multitude of data, maps, and images to create online interactive maps of the Beaufort Watersheds. He did a great job in setting up our live GIS interactive map on our website for the first time. This project was a test in working with VIU and sponsoring a student. This was lot of work for Mark as the BWS contact and project supervisor, but well worth it – thanks to Mark!! As a result, BWS has developed a new partnership with VIU and as a result has applied for a GIS student again for the spring semester of 2024. Projects have been lined up for that timeframe and should produce more valuable products. Mike Mesford

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## Union Bay Community Club's 2024 AGM

Thank you to all those who attended the Union Bay Community Club's 2024 AGM. President Brenda Bitten presented director Paul Baal with a recognition and appreciation plaque for his 24 years of volunteering as a director. Paul joined the board in the year 2000 and has taken on many projects over the years.

Thank you Paul for your dedication to our Community Club!



Thank you to Mike at Valley Affordable Towing and Scrap Metal on Royston Road for donating two 7' sections of street lighting poles to sink in the ground, filled with concrete and finished with new paint. They will stick out of the parking lot surface by 4ft feet just out from the corners of the front porch. Hopefully this will protect the railings in future.

## BAY DAY PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!

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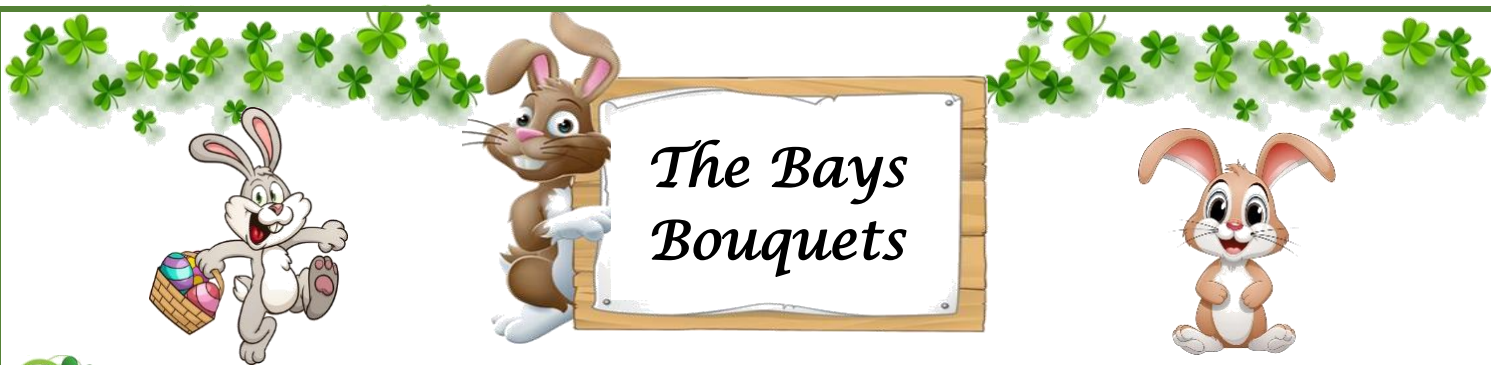
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Spring Craft Fair	Sunday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 3pm
Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Noon (rain or shine)
Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast	Sunday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	8am - 11am
Bay Day & Car Show	Sunday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 6pm
Fall Craft Fair	Sunday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 3pm
Fall Supper	Sunday October 20 <sup>th</sup>	5pm
Kids Halloween Party/ Fireworks	Thursday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	4pm & 7:30pm
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am
Christmas Craft Fair	Sunday November 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 3pm

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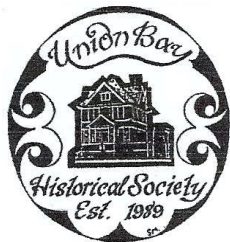
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During the 1930's and after the second World War there were many men unable to find work, and some of them walked the E&N railway tracks to travel from town to town where they hoped to get a hand-out. Some of them made little items to sell: sweet little twig baskets, wire forks and beaters for cooking. Just before the E&N was built from Nanaimo to Courtenay, a crew of Finnish men were hired to build a wire fence from post to post, up both sides of the railroad tracks. This wire was perfect to put into wooden handles to make the cooking utensils. The fence could be crawled under or over to approach houses built near the railroad. I learned a few years ago that the tramps had a code with signs carved into posts that indicated generous housewives. This explains why they all ended up at our house on the Company Hill, and not the neighbours. My Mother took pity on them all; first she had them do little jobs: chop kindling, pile wood, or dig a bit of the garden. Then she treated them to a meal which they ate in the backyard.

The door-to-door salesmen sold everything imaginable. They arrived like clockwork every month with their battered suitcases. Some travelled up and down the Island by train or arrived by ship: the Joan, Charmer or city of Nanaimo. The Watkins and Raleigh men arrived with a large variety of spices, flavourings, lotions and creams. And who could do without the Fuller Brush-man with his superior selections of brushes for every job: hair brushes, scrubbing brushes, vegetable brushes, paint brushes, nail brushes, and toilet bowl brushes.

Then there were the independent fellows, who bought a suitcase, filled it with hundreds of items from a Five and Ten Cent store and hit the road. These salesmen had a great knack for getting their foot or suitcase in the door, then mesmerizing the housewife with their fast patter. Here's how My Mom remembered one little skinny salesman who coughed a lot and she thought had TB.

"He called me Ma-am this and Ma-am that. I always felt sorry for him so I usually bought something: shoe laces, thread or seam binding. One day he came in the 30's and I really didn't have much money. Out came everything and he gave me his sales pitch. When I said no to everything, he quickly stuffed his goods back into the case and snarled "Good day Ma-am," grabbed the handle and stomped out the door. When he turned down the back steps, his suitcase flew open and out tumbles all his wares. By this time he was in a rage, so I took pity on him and sent the twins out to help pick up the buttons, thread, bias tape, shoe laces, funnels, measuring cups, ribbons, toothbrushes, combs, hankies, egg timer, thumb tacks, pins, pot lid knobs, thimbles, etc. Then I decided I really did need a new egg timer after all."

A Chinese gardener who had a beautiful farm in the Minto area in the 30's and 40's, peddled his bountiful array of fresh vegetables displayed under a roof in the back of his pick-up truck. Lots of fresh veggies.

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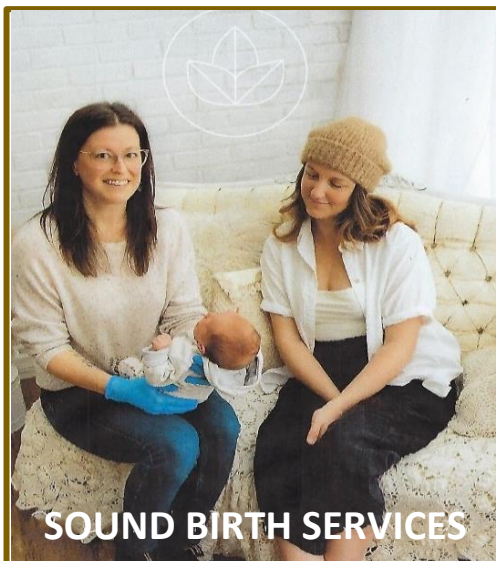
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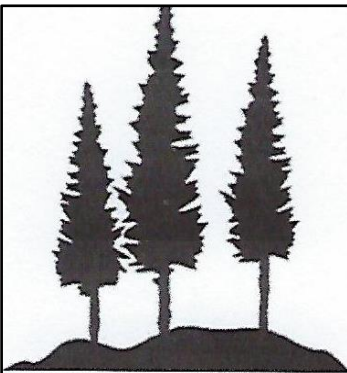


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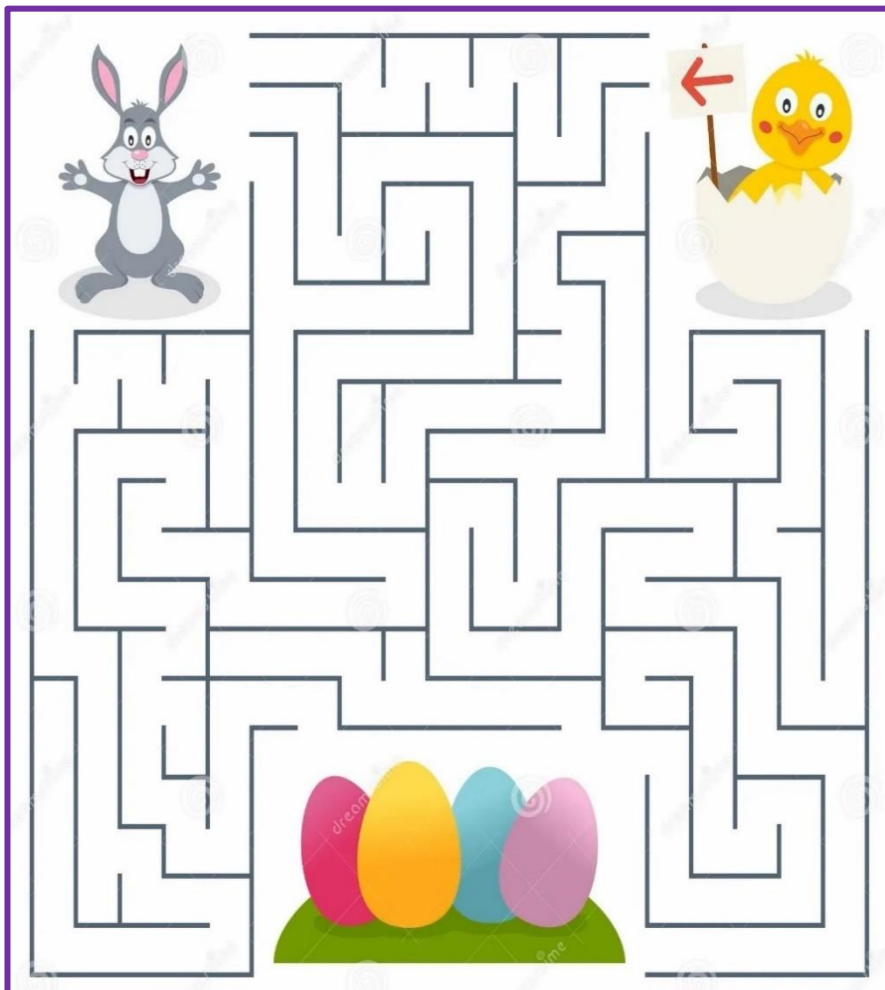


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## Easter Jokes

Q: What did the carrot say to the rabbit?

A: Do you want to grab a bite?

Q: Where is a rabbit's favorite place to eat?

A: Ihop

Q: What did one egg say to the other egg?

A: Let's get crackin!

