

**November 2024**

Remembrance Day Service

November 11<sup>th</sup>

Union Bay Hall

10:45am

Coffee, Tea & Snacks to Follow

More info on page 10



# CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

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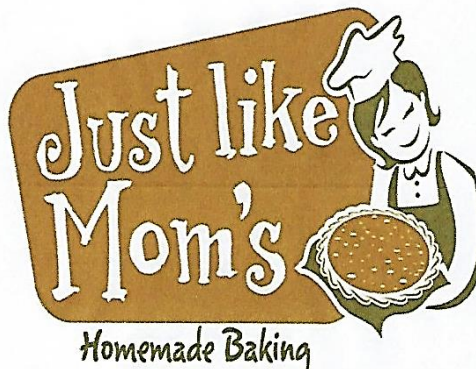


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I am allergic to fish. My Norwegian grandfather found this confusing. He didn't understand how anyone could live without eating fish. My father used to take me salmon fishing in his little boat, out in the sound, but I never caught anything other than dogfish. I think the salmon knew I wouldn't be able to eat them anyway.

BWS is not a fish-centric organization. Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society has that realm covered admirably. We are focussed on water quality and quantity. We are, of course, fully aware of the overlap between fish-sustaining water and human-sustaining water. But given that I spend a lot of time dangling probes in fish-bearing creeks, it's not surprising that I get asked questions about fish. And my friends are surprised when I have no answers.

So, I decided to educate myself. Maybe some of you will also appreciate a quick primer on local salmonids. First, there are trout and there are salmon and they are both salmonids. In general, trout spend their entire lives in fresh water. Salmon spend much of their lives in salt water but need to return to fresh water to spawn. Spawning is the term used for how fish procreate. Spawning involves the female building a nest (called a redd) by thrashing around on the stream bottom until she has mounded up a pile of stones and gravel. Cozy! Then she releases eggs into the water above the redd and goes off to contemplate her life, soon to be eaten by a bear, mink, otter, or eagle. The male, meanwhile, releases sperm in the general vicinity of the redd and then goes off to a similar fate. So, they manage to reproduce without actually touching. Perhaps this is the origin of the term "cold fish" when referring to a passionless person.

Now, the fertilized eggs tucked safely in the crevasses of their rock nest spend the winter developing. In the spring they hatch becoming alevins. These are baby fish with the yolk of the egg still attached. As they grow the yolk sac is absorbed. When they have used up this reservoir of nutrients, they swim to the surface where they fill their swim bladder with air and begin to feed. They are now called fry.

If the fry are Pinks or Chum (two distinct species of salmon), they point their noses upstream and let the current take them, tail-first, downstream. They don't hang around. On the other hand, Coho, another salmon species, may stay in fresh water for over a year. If you see small fish swimming around in our creeks, they're almost certainly Coho.

We only see full-grown fish in late summer or fall. Pinks head up the creeks as soon as there is enough water. The timing depends on seasonal rainfall. They spend eighteen months in the ocean, no more, no less. The larger Chum arrive around the same time but they spend as many as five years in the briny sea. Like the Pinks, the Coho spend around eighteen months in the ocean but they leave later so they arrive later. It's easy to know when the Coho are here because Little Bay is suddenly filled with people in small boats or chest waders wielding fly rods.

When we're out and about in the fall, when the creeks are full of returning salmon, this is the time we are the most vigilant about bears. Bears depend on the oily, nutritious salmon flesh to get them through the winter. They prowl the banks scooping out live fish and scavenging dead fish. We make lots of noise approaching a stream to announce our presence. It may be exciting to see a bear on the opposite bank but clearly, we prefer not to get too close. And since I'm on the opposite bank but clearly, we prefer not to get too close. And since I'm allergic to salmon, I'm not inclined to argue with a bear over its freshly caught fish.

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6:00 to 9:00 pm.



Come and see over 10 talented artists within the Union Bay area. Each artist has presented their interpretation of the Bay. If however, You are not able to join us at the Art opening on Friday night then the goal house Museum will be open to view the art on these subsequent Saturdays, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm & Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We will have a small pamphlet with the artist's contact information if you were unable to meet the artists on the opening night.

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### MAH JONG

Planning in the works and looking at  
1 afternoon a week 1:30 – 3:00

If interested call

Mary Bowen 259.335.1748

## The Baynes Sound Lions Club Annual Walk For The Kids

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

Meeting at the Fanny Bay Hall at 8:30 am

Walk starts at 9:00 am

Anyone can join in this walk from the start or along the way!

For safety reasons, please no pets or minors.

The Lions accept donations along the way to donate at the Sid Williams Theater  
to the Child Development Telethon.

We encourage everyone to listen for us hootin & hollerin along the way. Come out & cheer us on & make a donation!



## Union Bay Town Hall, Wednesday, November 6th!

It has been a busy spring and summer at the CVRD, and a few Union Bay residents have asked if I could organize a Town Hall to update the community, field questions, and get community feedback and suggestions. So I have booked the hall for Wednesday, November 6th at 7pm and hope to see many of you there!

For the format, I will start with a 30 minutes overview and updates on key topics, including:

- 1) Transfer of Union Bay Nature Park to CVRD
- 2) New Union Bay fire hall planning/budgeting
- 3) Union Bay Estates
- 4) South Sewer/Liquid Waste Management Plan status
- 5) New playground at Union Bay hall
- 6) Shipbreaking
- 7) Rural Grants
- 8) Regional Solid Waste Management Plan
- 9) Regional Recreation and Parks
- 10) E&N railway
- 11) Advocacy for future of old school site
- 12) Property tax trends in Area A and pre 2025 budget considerations

Following those updates, I will open the floor for questions and feedback (1 hour).

Thanks in advance for those who will take the time to make it, and if you can't never hesitate to reach out directly to me at [reachme@danielarbour.ca](mailto:reachme@danielarbour.ca) or call 250.650.8480, or to see updates at [www.danielarbour.ca](http://www.danielarbour.ca).

7:00pm



# The Bays Bouquets

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Cindy Olson        | Nov 1  |
| Donna McKay        | Nov 15 |
| Francesca Krickler | Nov 17 |
| Jesse Friel        | Nov 18 |
| Alexis Royer       | Nov 28 |

Happy 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Sophie- Lyn

Happy 57<sup>th</sup>  
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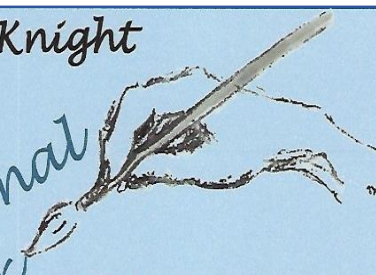
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NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>



Tour de Rock

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## CELEBRATIONS: GUY FAWKES NIGHT:

Janette Glover-Geidt

In the early years at Union Bay Hallowe'en was followed by the bigger celebration of Guy Fawkes night. The mainly British settlers brought the tradition with them.

Guy Fawkes was an English conspirator in the 17th century "Gun Powder Plot" of 1605. The unsuccessful plot was to blow up Westminster with King James 1 and his-parliament in it. Guy Fawkes initiated the plot in retaliation for James increased persecution of the Roman Catholics in England. The plot was discovered and the conspirators found with huge barrels of explosives under the chamber floor. Convicted of high treason Guy was sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered. However, at his execution he died when his neck was broken as he was hanged. So forever after that on November 5th the British people of every town celebrated the unsuccessful plot by lighting bon fires up and down the country.

This celebration was brought to Union Bay and looked forward to by everyone. The coal company had its workers build a huge bon fire at the head of the Bay. The "Fu-Fu Gang", (a crew who repaired and upgraded the wharves and railroad) piled the ties and beams into a big hollow square, about 10 by 10 feet to represent the parliament building in London. Later in the 1930's and 40's the "big boys" took a half day off school to build the fire with wood from the Colliery and beach. It was set a glow, burning high in the sky; then an effigy of Guy Fawkes was thrown in. Children brought the biggest potato that they could find and put it in at the edge of the fire, but the heat was so intense they roasted black and were hard to retrieve, but they ate them anyway, black on the outside and not quite cooked on the inside. This fueled the kid's energy as they roared around the beach playing "Hide and Seek".

The teachers always attended and led everyone in a sing-song. When Donald MacDonald was principal, it was always the highlight of the evening to sing "Old MacDonald's Farm". He even had a Ford car!

In 1942, due to war conditions in the Pacific and the possibility of a "black-out", the fires were banned, then the idea abandoned. Then in the 60's, the firemen rekindled the idea by building a bonfire and serving hot dogs and pop to youngsters who probably had no idea who Guy Fawkes was.

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## Jacob Cordover

**7 pm Saturday**  
**9 November 2024**



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Our November 9th features classical guitarist Jacob Cordover. Jacob is an amazing guitarist and has enjoyed a varied and extensive international career as a concert and recording artist based out of his home in Spain. He is originally from Australia. Classical Guitar Magazine says "Cordover has considered every nuance and phrase...it would be difficult to imagine finer musical performances". This performance is not to be missed! Great entertainment close to home.

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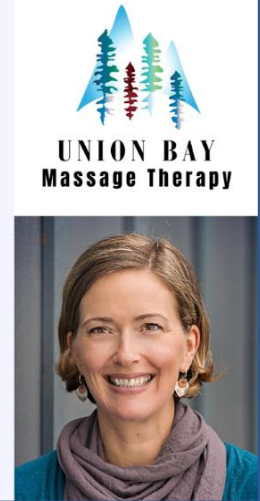
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In an emergency, every second counts. A few minutes may be too late in a medical emergency or fire. The quicker the Department can reach your home in a crisis, the faster they can help. After nightfall or in adverse weather conditions, it can be challenging to identify a house or locate a particular driveway, especially in rural areas.

To make your home easier to find, Union Bay / Fanny Bay Fire Rescue is asking that you participate in the Reflective Address Sign program. The Program provides a prominent way of displaying your home address and helps our emergency personnel deliver the assistance needed quickly during an emergency. Used in many municipalities, these blue and white reflective markers are all the same colour and shape and are easier to see by approaching emergency responders during night hours or bad weather conditions.

Union Bay / Fanny Bay Fire Rescue will be contributing to the cost of the signs to support community participation. Residents can order a sign for \$20. Signs can be paid for in advance at Union Bay Fire Hall, located at 5471 Island Hwy S Monday to Thursday, or upon delivery if ordered via email or phone. When you order a sign, a firefighter could come to your home to determine the marker's best location if needed.

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# FALL SUPPER



The Fall Supper held on October 20<sup>th</sup> was such a success, with a sellout crowd of 200 diners. The guests were greeted at the door by Fire Chief Ian Ham and his fellow officers. When the guests were seated, a welcome speech was given by the Community Club president, followed by an update by the Chief on the UB/FB Fire Rescue and the planning of the new UB firehall. Grace was given by Susan Hargreaves, then dinner was served. The very talented Anela entertained the crowd during and after dinner. Dessert was served, and 14 door prizes were drawn.

**Many thanks to the following people and businesses; without you, this successful fundraising event would not be possible!**

**Laura Agnew** and her husband Rob from "As You Like It" catering. Laura organizes, buys, cooks, and heads up this event, from lending us her buffet table equipment, to working and guiding our volunteers in the kitchen. We are so lucky to have Laura as a director in our club. She plans most of the food for our events. Thank you, Laura, for all you do!

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