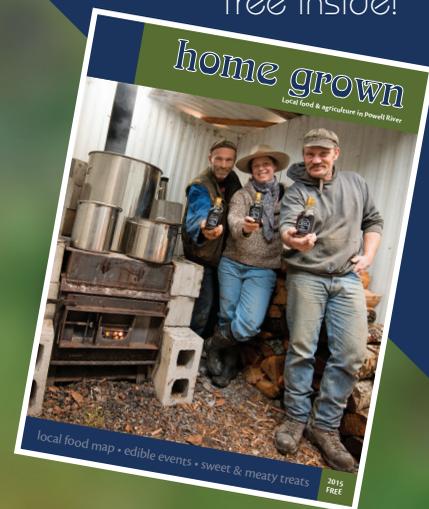


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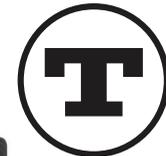
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THE TOP THREE LOVE YOUR NON-PROFIT WINNERS (SEE STORIES P. 8)



"Therapeutic Riding! And I just won \$500 for my favourite non-profit in Powell River Living's Love Your Non Profit story contest."

SUSIE DARKE spent a 20-year career with Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers in the Lower Mainland, then retired to Powell River in 2012. She can usually be found volunteering, hiking the trails with her faithful hound Maya, or out in her kayak enjoying the ocean.



"Powell River Hospice Society, a brand new non-profit dedicated to providing compassionate care to individuals and families during their end of life journey."

KIM BARTON-BRIDGES her husband and three daughters moved to Powell River in 1998 from Vancouver. Kim is the Events Coordinator for PRISMA this year, and her volunteer pursuits include positions with the PR Hospice Society and the BC Ferries Advisory Committee for our region.



"Family Place, a drop in centre for families with young children where they can meet others, gain a sense of community and find ongoing support."

ANNABELLE TULLY-BARR is involved with all kinds of community groups and organizations, but Family Place is the one that has her whole heart. She loves to write, adores children books that rhyme and was inspired by children's writer Virginia Kahn for this issue's contribution.

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Boris the Russian Dwarf hamster, enjoying an afternoon of relative freedom and some cuddles.

photo by Pieta Woolley



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"Friends of the Library is my favourite non-profit. They have been a wonderful group to connect with and to work with."

ELAINE MACKEE grew up in the Townsite but spent her summers on the Keays family property north of town where she now lives. She is a retired Waldorf High School teacher of art, craft and science. She is a practicing artist and designer.



"Powell River Mobile Opportunities Society. I have been involved with it from the start and have been a Sherpa. My best memories come from the annual Thrive and Shine runs on Mother's Day weekend as part of Team Becky."

BILL HOPKINS Bill moved to Powell River 14 years ago. He loves his job as a teachers assistant with School District 47. "I love working with young people and helping out with community events." He's raced in the Soap Box Derby, been a spectator every year and for the past few years, he's been the MC of the Derby.



"Powell River Mobility Opportunities Society. Seeing the difference in the 'hikers' and volunteers being out in nature, sharing new experiences, and making new friends is too great a high to miss."

CC DUNCAN lives in Powell River with her husband Raymond. As a behaviour management consultant she works with children and families and through her business, 4children.ca, she brings presenters to our community. She also hosts monthly video-conferences via the Pinwheel Education Series.



"SPCA. I have always loved animals and had a cat or dog. I contribute monthly to their PAWS program and would like to volunteer with the local SPCA shelter in the future."

KERRY JONES was the Program Coordinator for Home Care and is now retired. She is currently an active member of the Powell River Cycling Association. Other interests include drawing, painting, travelling and curling. Kerry is married with three children and three grandchildren.



FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK

Non-profits and pets make Powell River proud



It's official. Powell River loves their non profits!

It takes a lot for me to be rendered speechless but I was totally overwhelmed by the response to our first Love Your Non-Profit story contest. We received 33 outstanding stories telling us why their non profit was the most deserving non profit in Powell River.

They all represented excellent causes, ranging from helping young moms with babies, to the archery club, to the hospice society.

I'm happy I wasn't judging as I know judges had a tough time picking the winner. Congratulations to all who entered and special congratulations to Therapeutic Riding – you've won \$500 plus a full page ad in *Powell River Living*!

This month, we take a look at tiny pets. As I read

Pieta Woolley's story about Boris, the hamster, I thought about the many pets we've had. I was eight when I got my first mouse. After visiting a friend's mouse, my mouse had babies. At one point I had 33 white mice living in my bedroom. My mother thought this was too many so she "released" them in our backyard so they could "visit their country cousins."

It was no surprise when my youngest son Alex said he wanted a mouse. I protested as long as I could but my then seven-year-old wore me down with his persistent campaigning and I caved. After a trip to Mother Nature, we became the proud mouse owners of Scampy. I remember questioning my own sanity when we took Scampy to the vet (you don't want to know how much it cost) when it looked as though she was dying. Scampy was dying and she did die despite the medical intervention.

Alex learned a lot from Scampy. He learned about being responsible for another living creature. And he

learned about death. Pets are great friends and great teachers.

This year May 10th will be a special day for me. Not only is it Mother's Day but it is also the 18th birthday of my oldest son Matthew. Sometimes it seems like he was only born yesterday; sometimes it seems like he was born a lifetime ago. When Matt made me a mother, I began a crazy, wonderful, often-frustrating journey that I wouldn't trade for anything. To my own mother, Happy Mother's Day.

And for all our readers, many of you who are also mothers, Happy Mother's Day to you and thanks for reading.

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HOURS OF ENTERTAINMENT: Boris Rasputin, a one-year-old Russian Dwarf hamster, is five-year-old Abi Woolley's constant companion. He's quiet and inexpensive. And, no noticeable shedding. Bonus. Meanwhile, Isaac Percy started an Instagram fad with shots of people with cats on heads.

photos by Pieta Woolley and Ella Percy

In praise of mini-pets

BY PIETA WOOLLEY

Boris the hamster has been to Kindergarten for show and tell. He's romped in the yard and on our tables. He gets carted around by his owner, Abi Woolley, receiving love and giving it back (we suppose) with his tickly whiskers.

"A hamster is the most careful and tiny pet on earth," reports Abi, as Boris skitters around her neck. "Everyone just goes crazy for him."

In short, he fills all the roles you might want in a pet, but in a small, convenient package. Big vet bills? Nope. Accessories needed? Not really (though you can buy a leash and litter box for a hamster... go figure). Kennelling? No way.

Here at PRL, we're declaring 2015 the year of the tiny pet. Backyard chickens, Babydoll sheep, bunnies, hedgehogs, Guinea pigs, Muscovy ducks and other animals are having their moment right now. Maybe it's the

recession. Maybe it's dual-income time-starved families. Maybe it's the celebrity trend.

Famed keeper of tiny pets Paris Hilton reportedly spent about \$40,000 on three Canadian-bred teacup Pomeranians over the past year. Miley Cyrus has a piglet (not making this up.) And Justin Bieber has a monkey.

Local boy Isaac Percy, 11, started #catheadchallenge, on Instagram. As you might expect, the idea is to put a cat on your head, and take a photo. So far, 19 brave humans have shot their own version. It's not the ice bucket challenge, but it's catching on.

He and his sister Ella Percy, 8, have two small kittens, Smokey and Smudge.

"When they see the leashes come out, Smudge starts to purr and Smokey runs away," says Ella. "She loves to go outside, but Smokey, not so much. They look very cute with their harnesses on."

Cute, yes. And so very patient, thank goodness. **PRL**

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BY ANDREW AND SARINA GLEN

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The two bunnies are sisters and are now three years old. They are the best of friends and quite often in the mornings you can watch them preening and grooming each other.

They live in a two-room hutch which has a sheltered room with bedding for sleeping in and another room where they can be out in the fresh air. On sunny days we have a chicken wire run in the yard where the two bunnies spend a lot of time with our dog Rontu.

The bunnies enjoy carrots, broccoli, kale and every other vegetable you can give them. Every week we clean out their hutch and we give them fresh water and food every morning and evening. Every few months we clip their toe nails and give them a warm bath.

Having bunnies is fun because they are so fluffy and cute you want to hold and cuddle them forever, and as for the dog ... all he wants is another bike ride and belly rub. 

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BY SUSIE DARKE

What time is it, Mr. Wolf?" We are approaching the end of a class at Therapeutic Riding. A shiver of excited anticipation runs through the students as they hear the instructor's words – there's enough time for their favourite game! Each child in turn calls out "What time is it, Mr. Wolf?" The instructor responds "2 o'clock" or "11 o'clock," and the horses move forward the appropriate number of paces. As we near the other end of the arena the response is: "it's dinner time!" The horses wheel around and retreat down the arena as Mr. Wolf chases and tags each student in turn. Happy squeals of mixed mock terror and delight result.

The end of class is one of the most rewarding times at Therapeutic Riding. At the start of class, the students are often tense, or over-excited, and to see them so happy at the end is a testament to the value of the program.

In a typical class the students start with stretching exercises. They have to concentrate carefully on what the instructor is telling them. Concentration is difficult for many of the students, but they understand that the instructor is boss for this section of the program, and they try very hard. Once the work portion of class is over they can relax and chatter as we go out on the trails.

Why is Therapeutic Riding the most deserving non-profit in Powell River? I think it's because of the tremendous personal growth that we can see in each student over the course of a year. As volunteers we usually work with the same students over the course of a year, and it is so rewarding to see a child who starts the year as a timid little mouse, wary of his or her horse, grow in confidence and improve in both concentration and balance. We know that for many of these students, Therapeutic Riding is the highlight of their week.

We also serve such a diverse group in the community, from tiny pre-schoolers who look absurd balanced on top of a horse,



to adults who are able to ride independently. We serve people with a huge range of disabilities, from mental impairment to physical challenges to attention issues. All of these people are changed through their involvement with the program.

Therapeutic Riding relies heavily on volunteers – and the program needs a lot of volunteers! In a typical class for grade 3 or 4 students, there will be four students, 12 volunteers (one person to manage the horse, and a person to walk on each side of the student), and two instructors. The program is able to

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KIM BARTON-BRIDGES

To Everything There is a Season ... A time to be born, and a time to die."

Dad had suffered three falls in two weeks and was taken to hospital by ambulance at the end of May. His condition had been worsening as the cancer that had ravaged his thyroid, bones and lung for four and a half years was now invading his brain. My brother had driven as quickly as he could in response to Mum's call; she couldn't lift him up. Mark would later break down when describing Dad, 6'3" and 140 lbs, with his head in his hands and tears streaming down his face. "I'm sorry, I can't get up," he'd said.

He spent that night in ER with serious heart issues, and later the next day was moved into a private room. I walked around the ward for close to half an hour to see if I could find a nurse for a few extra pillows to prop up his bony legs with no success. This was in sharp contrast to what we would experience in the hospice when he was admitted the next day.

The hallway was carpeted, it was quiet and the decor was warm and welcoming. The smell of fresh-baked bread permeated the air. A nurse and two volunteers joined us in his suite.

As soon as they got Dad into his bed, his attendants remarked on his height and immediately brought in an extension for the bed along with a mountain of pillows. The glass doors in Dad's suite opened up to a beautiful courtyard. He was asked what he liked to eat as the chef aimed to please. No "one size fits all" here!

He had a long soak in a bubble bath the next morning. We actually confirmed his accounting of that story with the nurse as it sounded quite unbelievable! Dad loved hockey, so we all watched the game with him in his room one night.

The hospice doctor had suggested we bring him a shandy. I think his holding that glass, even though he didn't take a sip, made it feel like he was home.

Volunteers offered us tea and freshly baked cookies when we hadn't thought about food, and hugs just when they were needed. These women showed genuine empathy; they had been drawn to this

HOSPICE SOCIETY

The aim of this group of volunteers is to help make peoples' experience of their last days both meaningful and pleasant. They've been meeting for about a year, and planning services they'd like to offer in this community. Those include art and music therapy, bereavement groups, support to family and friends, and eventually, a hospice building. Are you interested in volunteering, becoming a member or making a donation? Visit Powell River Hospice Society's Facebook page.

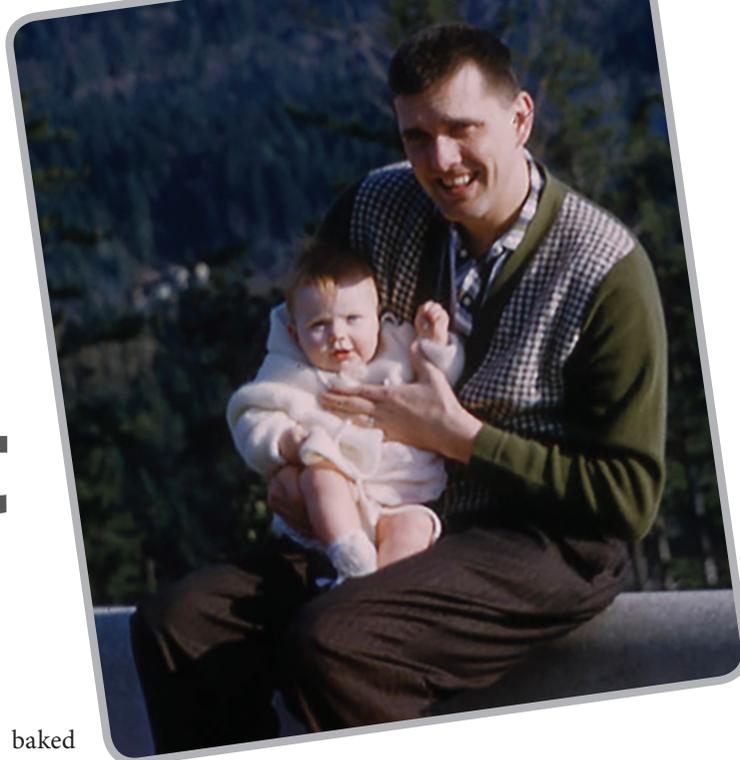
work because of their experiences during loved ones' stays in hospice. They listened attentively as Dad told family stories and bragged about his grandchildren. A music therapist visited and allowed my parents to pick their favourites from the songs and lyrics contained in her book. She then played the guitar and sang and the music evoked happy memories.

The hospice was such a gift to us all as we were supported in our efforts to make the most of those last days. We had some good conversations with Dad, and nothing was left unsaid.

The nurses and volunteers told us that hearing was the last sense to go, so we just kept telling him how much he was loved, that we were there and that we would all be okay.

Research has shown that hospice care can improve the quality of life of a cancer patient who is dying and of the patient's family.

It is a sad reality that where you live can determine how you die as we don't have universal access to hospice and palliative care in Canada. The Powell River Hospice Society is a new non-profit.



LONG AGO: The author and her father, in a different season of their lives.

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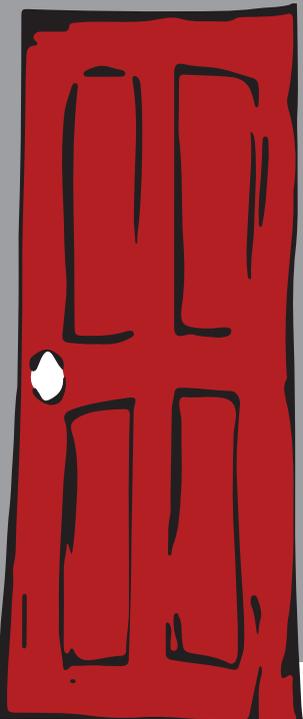
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BY ANNABELLE TULLY-BARR

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 And rhymes and songs that are sung all the day
 At Family Place.
 Perhaps a toddler, who croons, wails or yaks
 Might talk of bright blocks they can put into stacks
 Or stories in pictures, or sand or paint
 They might talk of leaving with a huge, loud complaint!
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In the mall across from Wal-Mart, the Powell River Family Place is a drop-in for parents and caregivers and their young children. The centre, which is part of the PREP Society, offers free-play for kids, parenting support, a library, healthy snacks, seasonal celebrations, a clothing exchange, and other services. Want to know more? Check out prepsociety.org/familyplace.html

They may burst in the door like bees from a hive
 With smiles and hugs and stories to tell
 Excited to be able to move, play and yell!
 And although they will hear how they ought to walking
 For some, this learning will bring a great squawking!
 But should there be tears, the walls here would wish
 That sad and mad would be gone with a swish
 Or a hug, a soft touch, or a pat to a face.
 That's the language we speak, here at Family Place.
 When parents do speak, they talk of no sleep
 Of smiles and trials so big they could weep
 They come for a coffee, some company, some friends,
 They come for the bathroom, change table, it depends
 On the mood that day and whether they are able
 To get everyone dressed and away from the table
 And socks on and boots on and coats on and oh bother!
 I forgot the car keys, the bus pass, your brother!
 The parents are happy and thankful to come
 Into a place that isn't so dumb
 That meets them and greets them and hears how they cope
 And lets them be them even when they might mope
 'Cause being a parent is really hard work
 Sometimes you're a hero, sometimes you're a jerk
 Sometimes you feel great and sometimes you don't
 And going somewhere where you know that you won't
 Be judged or shamed or made to feel bad
 For the messy moments or the feelings you had
 A place to find more, a place to get better,
 A place to connect and learn from each other
 A place that is open, friendly and holds space
 That place is a place called Family Place.
 And if the Place itself had a voice to speak
 It might tell the story of budgets so meek
 And doing so much on so little for years
 That many a time it has battled its fears
 But kept the doors open and hours through the week
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 And if it should win five hundred smackers
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Stapled to southern British Columbia

Brenda and Clarke Greer were living in Prince George, BC, which, if you haven't been there lately, is no longer a small town. The duo were looking for a place to raise their blended family that would hopefully be both smaller and more Southern than PG. Brenda, a store manager at Staples, found an opening here in Powell River, and the rest is history. Together, they have one daughter, three sons, and "one beautiful granddaughter." Currently, they're working on convincing their adult children to move here.

Why did you choose to move to Powell River?

Brenda • Staples was looking for a GM and I was given the opportunity for a promotion and relocation to here.

When? Where from?

Brenda • October of 2014 and we moved from Prince George.

What surprised you about Powell River once you moved here?

Brenda • It is all uphill. Then it was the ocean and then it was the trees. What a beautiful place. Every day off that I had we would go for a drive and discover a "Wow this is beautiful" moment.

What made you decide to move to Powell River?

Brenda • My husband and I wanted to move away from the north to a warmer climate south and in a small town. We had been discussing this for years. Relocating within the same company, it can be hard to meet all your requirements. I posted my name for relocation and within the same year, the opening happened here. My husband and I had no trouble deciding that we would take the opportunity to move and start building our life here.

Where is your favourite place in Powell River?

Brenda • My favorite place is being on the ocean in our boat. On land, it would have to be Maude Bay. Inland Lake is beautiful, too.

How did you first hear about Powell River?

Brenda • Staples . Powell River store and Prince George store are in the same District and we always had weekly calls. Never knew the exact location until I was asked if I would be interested in relocating here and then Google search happened.

What would make Powell River a nicer community?

Brenda • Having spent only six months here, I think Powell River is already unique and great. I cannot think of anything that would make it nicer.

If you were mayor of Powell River what would you do?

Brenda • More flowers and trees as you walk along downtown main street.

What are Powell River's best assets?

Brenda • The best assets are the view and the unique shops around town.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Brenda • We love our children and we love helping our children achieve what they want.

Which talent or superpower would you most like to have?

Brenda • The superpower I would like to have is to be able to fly, so we could bring our family here more often and spend more time with them. 

If you know someone we should feature in I Made the Move, please email isabelle@prliving.ca with your idea.



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Zài jiàn, MP John Weston

John Weston has served Powell River as MP for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country since 2008. But that's ending soon.

On October 19, when Canada goes to the polls again, Powell River will be part of the new Vancouver Island North-Comox-Powell River riding; John will no longer be our MP, as he plans to run again from his home community in West Vancouver.

On June 25, John and his local constituency assistant Linda Wegner will host a celebration "to thank the community for the honor of representing it and to shine a light on its unique and impressive virtues." And, it's our chance to say zài jiàn to John – goodbye in his third language, Mandarin.

What has John done for us? And what has he learned in his positions as our rep to the House of Commons?



A MAN OF MANY TALENTS: He's our Mandarin-speaking, bike-riding, black-belt-in-Taekwondo-earning, infrastructure funds-obtaining, constitutional and international-law practicing, soccer coach-volunteering Member of Parliament. Not for long, though. When we go to the polls again on October 19, Powell River will be voting in a different riding.

First, a bit about John. When he's not MP-ing, he practices international and constitutional law, and identifies himself as "a passionate human rights advocate."

It was while living and working in Taiwan that he met his wife, Donna. They have three children - Shane, 16, Jake, 14, and Meimei, 13 - all actively involved in sports.

Who inspires you?

JW • People who consistently think of others before themselves; who hold true to high principle; and who pursue worthy endeavors, undeterred by the inevitable impediments a person meets along the way.

What vice would you like to beat?

JW • Sleep.

Favourite novel?

JW • *The Source*, by James Michener. (It's a historical novel written in 1965, about the history of the Jewish people and the creation of the State of Israel.)

What are your three biggest accomplishments for Powell River?

JW • The magnitude of Federal investment; the sense of adoption by a community that seemed at first very unlike my West Vancouver home; and my ability to translate unique needs and desires of Powell River into action by the Federal Government – for investment in environmentally friendly aspects of the mill; for help for individuals in their dealing with the Government.

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Mayor recognizes MP

Powell River mayor Dave Formosa first met MP John Weston soon after he was elected to city council in 2008.

"I was all excited and rarin' to go," Formosa told *Powell River Living*. "Then the federal government announced funding for infrastructure."

Formosa remembers being told by staff at City Hall that if you get one or two projects done during a term you're doing really well.

"My comment to staff was: 'that won't sit well with me. Let's work hard and see if we can do five or six.'"

The previous council had left behind some "shovel ready" projects. "Based on that we pushed the button to go and that is when I met John," recalls Formosa.

At first, Formosa was skeptical about Weston's commitment and dedication to Powell River. After all, here was an MP from West Vancou-

ver working for a diverse constituency, and the upper Sunshine Coast is quite unlike the city in which he lived and the others in his riding.

But Weston surprised Formosa in a good way. He helped the City land close to \$50 million in grants. The City built a new track in the Townsite, and Weston found money for the north and south harbour, money for the Westview waterfront infill completion project, and funds for the main water system. As well, he helped the mill secure the funding they were after.

And all this happened during Formosa's first term in office.

"I was more than pleasantly surprised at John's willingness to work hard for us. It was then that I realized the commitment and dedication he had for Powell River," said Formosa.

"It's a loss to see him go."

You unexpectedly have three free hours in Powell River. What do you do?

JW • Go for a run around Townsite, past the Patricia Theatre and Churches Corner (linger, reread the historical plaque on the Corner), around Inland Lake, and beyond!

One of your main focus areas has been on health and fitness. In your own riding, how do you assess how much impact your initiatives had?

JW • Powell River has been one of the most avid proclaimers of National Health and Fitness Day, offering a "fitness passport" to residents on NHFD, and being one of the leaders among the 170 cities that have already proclaimed the Day.

How has being an MP changed your family?

JW • We have learned that "proximity" can't be taken for granted. As a Dad who's constantly on the move, my wife Donna and I work hard to stay together as a family; to communicate with one another about needs and aspirations; and to value highly our time together. I deem it a great honor to hold the MP position; my wife and children have, with me, learned much about service.

What is Stephen Harper like in person?

JW • Incredibly intelligent. The Prime Minister is able to order complicated concepts quickly and effectively, to remember names and people; a true statesman; hard-working and seemingly tireless; surprisingly witty.

In a letter to constituents defending the Enbridge pipeline, you note that, "We as Canadians are blessed with a high standard of living and quality of life due in part to our abundance of natural resources." What do you think about the rising anti-industry sentiment in your current constituency?

JW • It's too easy to conclude there's a "rising anti-industry sentiment" due to the presence of protesters relating to Enbridge or other matters. The truth is that most supporters of industry and people who care about jobs don't show up to protests. Even the people who do show up at protests would, I bet, not call themselves "anti-industry", but "pro-environment". I believe that, with a true commitment to world-class pipeline and marine safety, we can continue to offer high-quality education, health care, and other social services that are funded in large part by our natural resources.

You versus Justin Trudeau in a boxing ring. Who wins? (And, may Powell River host it?)

JW • If we change the medium to taekwondo, he'd be turning tail (my wife, children and I all have black belts).

Have you ever had trouble getting to Powell River by ferry? What's your best ferry story?

JW • It occurred in January this year. I'd done my usual tour of meetings with constituents, officials, volunteers, and media in Powell River, and was heading back to West Vancouver for an important, first-time meeting early the next morning with a group of fisheries advocates. The cloud cover did not cooperate, however, and our incoming flight could not land. I headed to the ferry terminal to catch the day's last ferry, without any real plan how I was going to get from Earls Cove down the coast to my place in West Van.

I just knew that, in Powell River, when things don't go according to plan, there's usually someone around with an innovative response. And I was not disappointed! The owner of a local art gallery, a hospital project manager, and I – three strangers with a common goal - met at the ferry terminal. We got ourselves down the Coast; hired a water taxi who met us in Langdale; shared a cab from Horseshoe Bay; and all reached our meetings on time the next day. With two new friends and a little adventure under our belts, each of us look back on Powell River and its magic even more fondly than before...

Biggest regret?

JW • Not (yet) having acquired that place in Powell River that my son Shane wanted our family to have. [PR](#)

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Creating home, celebrating family

Unique house perched on rocky cliff blends nature, math and history

BY ELAINE MACKEE

On a granite cliff north of Emmonds beach stands a unique seven-sided house. It was inspired by contemporary organic architects, designed by the owner, and built with local materials and local talent.

The property has been in our family since 1950. It was purchased by my parents, Dr. John and Effie Keays, while we lived in Townsite. Our family spent weekends, summers and all holidays on the land, which had no road access at the time.

A rough cabin of found materials served as our second home. Four children – myself and my siblings – and sundry friends roamed the cliffs and forests, caught fish, built forts and found beach treasures.

As a high school art teacher at a Waldorf school in Vancouver, I taught principals of architecture for 20 years. Each year, I would dream of our land, and would redesign the home we envisioned building.

The design was inspired by the works of Christopher Alexander, an advocate for people creating their ‘home,’ from vision to final finishing; by Lloyd Kahn’s book, *Builders of the Pacific Coast*; and by architect and philosopher Rudolf Steiner.

Each year, our vision became more refined. The location became clear: in the middle of the bay on a high granite cliff. The drawings took on life: watercolour sketches, cross view sketches, and rough floor plans.

The organizing theme is the uniting of the curve and the straight, in much the way that nature works.



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There never were blueprints. We would use the trees from the land; we would create a light-filled, spacious seven-sided small home that included as many organic, energy saving ideas as possible. It would wrap around the granite cliff as if it grew there.

We had the land, we had the dream. How to take that vision and create home? It would need an exceptionally creative team to turn inspiration into physical reality, with adaptability to let it grow organically at each step, and a willingness to let us work with them.

We found the ideal person in Colin Mallery, of CTM Construction.

He was able to gather a team of creative, skilled, flexible craftsmen who realized all we hoped for, each bringing their particular unique view to build the final structure. For the first year, we spent a week a month, several months in the summer, and all holidays on the land, helping to shape the dream.



Beams were trees cut from the land and milled on site by the crew. Siding shingles are local cedar from Lois Lumber. Floors are local spalted maple. Most finishing wood is from the property. All windows and doors are local old growth Douglas-fir.

With very few 90-degree angles, each piece of wood had to be carefully measured, from foundation to finishing. Overhangs were planned to get maximum passive solar gain in the winter, and protection from the summer sun.

The skylight in the bedroom is set to the exact angle of the ecliptic, or path of the sun, moon and planets in our latitude. It took several hours of pretending to be sleeping on a non-existent bed in a space with no walls, to find the exact placement – which is perfect!

Colin is a natural mathematician, so he could take our sketches and rough floor plans and work out all the complex mathematics of a seven-sided structure. The

GROUPS OF SEVEN: A seven-sided house, north of Emmonds beach, evolved organically in a partnership between the owners' and builders' visions and skills. **Far left**, the wood exterior of the house fits in with the rocky cliff side. **Left**, the fireplace features 35 tons of local granite, a tall firebox, and a yellow cedar mantle sourced from the ocean near Savary Island.

angle at the entry is 11.769 degrees, just enough to give a gentle invitation to enter. A significant mathematical challenge came with the questions of how to cut and anchor five beams for the central roof, set over a crooked center post.

The entry features two curved walls on a seven-foot radius, plastered in rich two-toned Italian marble plaster: a curved window over the door was created by Paul Holbrook, Heirloom Woodwork, as are all the windows in the house.

It is a light-filled space, even on grey west coast days, with three sky-lights, strategic solar-gain overhangs for the window, a direct southern exposure, and solar hot water in-floor heat. Every room has at least two light sources. Extra insulation in walls and ceiling help keep heating costs down.

Artistic considerations informed the process from concept to move-in. The shingles blend with the granite cliff on which we perch, and the sky of blue or grey or in-between. Many creative decisions were born in the field at break time, when builders and owners contemplated together the next step. Often, it is these details that most delight visitors.

Unique features include the kitchen bar, which is a curved log found on a cold January morning off Savary Island by one of the three young builders. Ross Fitzgibbon fell into the ocean while trying to capture the yellow cedar bedroom fireplace mantle. Ross looked up from the icy waters and said, "That is Elaine's center bar!" The three builders hauled it home, along with the yellow cedar mantle for the fireplace in the bedroom.

Each worker brought their special artistic gifts, from the curved shingles over the entry window by Brodie

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The central Rumsford fireplace is a work of art by local stone master Mal Prentice, with 35 tons of local granite, creating a stunning center for the living area, visible from the kitchen across the curved bar.

The bedroom also has a fireplace,

built of carefully selected rocks from the beach, 200 feet below the house. The corner posts are cedar tree bases from Powell Lake, with stone 'roots' built into the stone floor in front of the fireplace. Mal urged us to use Rumsford fireplaces, with a higher opening, so we see the full flame, and the narrower fire box gives us heat within a few minutes of lighting the fire.

Our builder, Colin, was prepared to work with us in a living process, allowing

the details to 'grow' with each stage, including placements of windows, layout of the rooms, the best ratios for a gracious entry. He was also willing and able to let us participate at our level of skill.

We raised walls and walked the spaces to decide exactly where the sink, dishwasher and stove would be for maximum social encounter between the chef and the guests!

For the last four months of construction, we lived on site in our 1950's LA city bus and we worked. We painted pine fascia and overhang boards, we dipped shingles, we bent wood for baseboards on curved walls, we installed basement insulation and painted the black tar onto the basement concrete. We tiled, we painted, we cleaned up...daily!

We had been warned that building a house was the most stressful event in a life, after death of a long beloved partner. That was so not our experience. It was a joy.



THE DREAMERS: Brian and Elaine MacKee had a vision for a unique, naturally-crafted seaside home. With a little help from local contractors, the dream became reality.

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How is sustainability (social, environmental, economic) a factor in arts/culture initiatives?

Paul • Good ideas spin off in a multitude of ways. Take the Choir of the World Totem Pole. We built on Kathaumixw's First Nations roots. Here is sustainability in action – a downed cedar log carved into a work of art, culturally blessed, paraded and showcased. The Totem created greater interest in Kathaumixw and promoted participation and tourism because choirs wanted to win it. Now, eighteen people will take the totem to Slovenia, including carver Craig Galligos, Mayor Formosa, Chief Williams, filmmaker Claudia Medina and others. It will become a national story there that will pay us dividends. It is the gift that just keeps on giving.

What role does arts/culture play in developing a strong economy?

Walter • Our biggest impact is building a good community. We don't think much about the money part. I am fortunate to be the steward of this school and I do it for the love of it, to contribute to making a good community. Wealth is in the success of the community, in better lives and vibrant lifestyle.

Paul • Yes, economics is secondary. We employ people; there is capital in concerts and other events, but it is about a healthy community with good quality of life. However, these questions make me realize the importance and value of arts/culture in contributing to the economy.

What needs to be in place for arts/cultural initiatives to be economically viable?

Paul • We already have great infrastructure – the Evergreen Theatre, the band shell at Willingdon, Max Cameron Theatre, the Academy; excellent facilities for a small community. We have strong leaders with vision and the ability to attract people who share the vision. We think about who we can work with for mutual benefit. It is an unexpected evolution – a surprise that various unknown people can become partners to bring visions to life. This community is great about



THE MUSIC MEN: Walter Martella, academy music director, and Paul Cummings, academy director and Kathaumixw artistic director, say Powell River's character is key to the vibrancy of culture here. But is bigger necessarily better?

GROUNDSWELL PLANNING

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making connections.

Walter • People here want to make a great community and great life, and the importance of arts and culture is understood. Maybe it's 'in the air' here! We have vibrant cultures; traditions remain and everyone sees the value in those traditions.

What are your ideas to cultivate a thriving region?

Walter • It already is! It's pretty vibrant along Marine Avenue...there is a whole new scene down there.

Paul • Some people would like to see the region developed. Others like that we are relatively undiscovered, quaint, with reasonable living expenses. Where do I sit? As an educator, I'd like to see more young families and more job opportunities as kids grow up. That kind of development is good. However, I do love

that we have exactly what we have. Attracting more people or business to the region means going with strengths – our natural beauty, First Nations culture, the great infrastructure we have, people who care and get involved. Use those strengths...

What makes Powell River unique?

Paul • We're unique because we are so darn isolated! There is transience in other places...easy to live in one place and work in another. I teach kids whose parents and grandparents went to school here. We have core families and traditions carry on from generation to generation.

Walter • I think lots of people choose Powell River because of the arts and culture; it's accessible and affordable in a way that isn't available in other places. Would the Academy be successful someplace else? North Vancouver or Gibsons? I don't think so – there is not the same regard for arts and culture.

Paul • I'm 100% convinced that Kathaumixw would not exist in any other town.

Walter • Kathaumixw has been branded by Powell River...it only happens here. [PR](#)



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1947'S DERBY DAREDEVILS: No helmets! And the guy in the back seems to be both the engine and the brakes.

photo courtesy of the Powell River Museum and Archives Society

BY BILL HOPKINS

Boys and girls, get your cars up to the loading ramp. It's time for some fun!" For almost 70 years (and maybe longer) our local Soap Box Derby has sent the town's children whizzing down the city streets.

The earliest record of the Soap Box Derby dates back to 1937 where winners are listed in The Powell River News but a September 3, 1947 clipping says it was Powell River's first ever Soap Box Derby race.

The city's early Soap Box Derbies saw kids racing down Westview Hill and finishing in front of Willingdon Beach. Racers had to maneuver down the then-dirt road before crossing the finish line. That must have been some ride!

The 1947 winners were Bruce Smith and George Kent. They were awarded \$10 (\$130 in today's currency) and got to hang on to the Alsgard Trophy.

The Alsgard trophy is still awarded every year to the top racer at the end of the day. For many years our past mayor,

Stewart Alsgard, has presented this trophy to the day's best driver and he will do so again this year.

Times have changed since the first Soap Box Derby was held. The winner still gets the trophy for a while along with bragging rights, but the \$10 is no longer given to them. Some people say that Soap Box Derby is as much a part of being a Powell River kid as playing road hockey.

A young lady started racing here a few years ago at the tender age of ten. Electra Atkinson raced for three years and took top honours for two of those years. When I talked to her, she said the best part of helping her dad build the car was doing the design. Her advice to anyone thinking of racing is to "have fun." She said that she might race again this year, because the Soap Box Derby has been one of the best things she has done here, and the thing she has had the most fun at in Powell River.

A few years ago, I had the honour of taking a very fast car down the hill. I went down video taping with one hand and steering with the other, while I had

one foot on the brake. I was still clocked at 35 km/h. Electra, the two-time winner, has gone past the speed trap clocked at 43 km/h.

Drivers are encouraged to get the de-

SOAP BOX DERBY

What: The annual go-kart race

When: May 30 (preruns) and 31 (raceday)

Where: Wildwood Hill

tailed instruction booklet with all of the specs to build a safe car.

No one wants to see anyone get hurt. The day of the race, volunteer techies look over each soap box, making sure the brakes work and the steering gears are all in line and every nut and bolt is tight.

On Saturday, the day before Sunday's big race, drivers get a chance to come out and do some pre-race day trips down the hill, to work out any bugs – so they can do some serious racing on Sunday. That day is also a pre race inspection and organizers check to make sure permis-

sion slips for children have been signed. Volunteers have been busy for months now with meetings and getting the word out about the race. Young and old are encouraged to put together a four-wheeled speed demon and come out to test their driving skills and test their nerves of steel.

On Sunday, race day, start off the morning with a pancake breakfast put on by the Kiwanis service club. This derby has been taking place for 67 years and it has raised money for the Kiwanis club which in turn gives it to community organizations that need funds.

I can't say enough about the people and service clubs that help put this event on. This is one of the longest-running community fun times we have going here in Powell River.

Race packages are available at Quality Foods and the Town Centre Mall office. Quality Foods will be selling burgers at the event with proceeds going to the Kiwanis Club. This year, the ATV club will also help out. Race hard and safe – for the fun of it. **R.L.**

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Missions Fest: let your light shine

BY LINDA WEGNER

When David and Villö Zomer accepted the position of pastor at Powell River Reformed Church in the early summer of 2014, they brought with them far more than theological knowledge and leadership skills. They also brought the ability to speak many languages and a host of memories from decades of living all over the world.

David is on the organizing committee for the missions fest and has been asked to be one of the speakers.

"I was asked to help motivate more mission activity stemming from Powell River. [This fest] is important to our community in that it builds bridges between the different churches and organizations working hard to create more of a 'local vision for global mission,'" he tells *Powell River Living*.

Villö was born and raised in Hungary; David was raised in a Dutch-

China, and as a fully installed professor in Hungary at the Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary (Budapest).

His time in Hungary included working with university students to develop micro-business developments; in turn, profits derived from these ventures were poured back into the local community.

"An example would be buying a small herd of sheep, employing a local shepherd, learning cheese-making, selling the cheese in the local market then increasing the herd and employing another shepherd."

For the past decade David was called to serve in the Waldensian Church of Italy as a Protestant Liaison in the Holy See during the transition of power from Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

Oh yes, he also shepherded three churches, two schools and a nursing home in Southern Sicily. Little wonder David refers to himself as "a man who likes action."

"In the nursing home a new programme was started with European Union funding. This program enabled the home to take in refugee boat people coming from Africa. Some died in the attempt, some made it to Italy. At that particular nursing home we were able to aid more than 400 refugees and the program is still ongoing."

Here in Powell River, and after spending six years without a pastor, the Powell River Reformed church invited David to become their leader-shepherd.

The Zomers' first visit to Powell River was enough to convince them that this is the place they wanted to be while at the same time, the congregation came to the same conclusion.

In line with their respective goals and interests, congregants and pastor alike began to focus on "family" needs that included harnessing the skills of members to turn an empty part of the church building into a beautifully designed and decorated living space, and launching a weekly communal supper



MINISTRY WITH MIGRANTS: Just before moving to Powell River, David and Villö Zomer oversaw a home in Southern Italy that cared for refugee survivors of the precarious boat journey from North Africa to Europe. David, formerly a protestant liaison to the Holy See, is a speaker at this year's Powell River Missions Fest.

and study group. From there they ventured boldly into the community.

"I am impressed with all the service groups in town and our people are in [many of them]," Dave said, with appreciation.

Practising what they preach, the

couple also attends community events at a number of other local churches.

In addition to finishing up his doctoral thesis, the couple keeps busy with the building of unity, membership and bridges between the various churches in town. **RRL**

MISSIONS FEST

What: Booths, seminars & worship

When: May 22 and 23

Where: Evangel Pentecostal Church

Info: powellrivermissionsfest.com

speaking community in the United States. He has served as a pastor, an ecclesiastical liaison and as an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America, a denomination comprised of churches in over 200 countries.

She earned a degree in Chemical Engineering in Veszperm, Hungary and Vienna, Austria.

In total, the couple speak English, German, Hungarian, Italian, Dutch and Russian.

Unable to find employment in her field here, Villö works with Hungarian-Canadian friend Marika Varro at a popular local restaurant.

Over the years David has served in a number of capacities and countries, including Hong Kong Christian Council in the New Territories, Zhong Shan,



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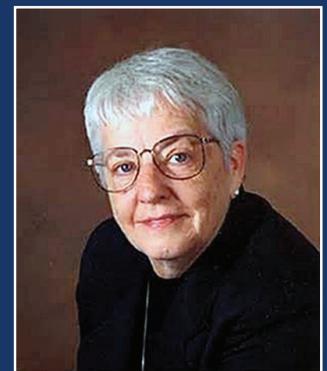
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Wednesday, May 20



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This presentation is in response to a community forum on how we can make our community more welcoming and raises awareness around the damaging impact of prejudice and discrimination.

Jane Elliott is a former Grade 3 teacher who did an experiment which was made into a PBS documentary "Blue Eyes Brown Eyes" and has since gained recognition as an anti racism activist, educator, feminist and LGBT activist with speaking engagements around the globe. Jane will be sharing time with students during the day talking about bullying, prejudice and discrimination and spending the evening with you.

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Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes

Teacher to offer wisdom to race-challenged Powell River

BY CC DUNCAN

In 1968, Jane Elliott was teaching Grade 3 in Riceville, Iowa. The day after Dr Martin Luther King was assassinated, she tried to explain prejudice and racism to her class.

So, she conducted an experiment with her students – which landed her on the Johnny Carson show and was made into the PBS documentary, *Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes*.

She has since repeated that now-famous experiment with students and adults, with First Nations and other Aboriginal groups, in correctional systems, and with corporations around the world.

Nearly 50 years later, Jane's anti-racism work is still relevant here. Close to the end of 2014, someone posted anti-Asian posters around Powell River. Response was swift, and they were quickly removed. The act started a movement. The Powell River Diversity Initiative hosted a forum for members of the community to talk about racism. At the forum, one Powell Riverite of Asian heri-



THE TIMES, THEY ARE(N'T) A CHANGING: During the social upheaval of the late 60s USA, racism was a hot topic, and one that educator Jane Elliott became famous for responding to. Nearly 50 years later, racism hasn't gone away. But the sense of conversation has been lost, some say. Jane is coming to Powell River in May to help us spark it again.

tage stood up and gave an emotional, heart felt thank you to the anonymous person for putting up the posters, because it brought us together that day and gave us the opportunity to address it and do something about it.

Racism is real

My husband Raymond and I love Powell River but as a woman of colour, I feel a lot more comfortable when we're out together. I am not easily hurt, but I know some things that have happened since we have been in Powell River have hurt my husband, who is white. Sometimes, we have been out walking and will both say "Hi" to a stranger, and although I smile, laugh and say "Hi" – he feels it when he's acknowledged and some people chose to ignore me, turn away or give a look (yes, the same one I saw many years ago growing up in a small community) as if I were something they wanted to wipe off their shoe.

Everyone wants to feel respected and valued. Everyone would like validation that they are a person, whether they are toddlers or pensioners.

Coming out of that forum, and based on my own experiences here, I kept thinking that if we want to be a more welcoming community and invite others to come here, start businesses or raise a family here - we have to look at how welcoming we really are. Hearing what was said at that forum motivated me and I thought about Jane and her resources that I'd used when working with the Vancouver School District, so I sent her an email.

I didn't tell Raymond, and I was speechless when I heard that recognizable voice on our answering machine. All I could do was grin and blurt out something weird. When I was able to explain who it was, Raymond laughed and gave me a look – the "Oh no she's at it again!" kind of look.

I have to confess Raymond is my brakes. He brings me back to earth when I get all wide-eyed and just want to go for it. He's used to me "connecting" with people and inviting them to Powell River, starting one of those amazing roller coaster journeys from "Yes! So and so said yes!!" after hanging up the phone. We've been on that journey a few times now, turning phone calls into

ANATOMY OF PREJUDICE

What: Pre-eminent anti-racism educator Jane Elliott speaks

When: May 20 at 7 pm. Pre-event 6 to 6:45 pm

Where: Max Cameron Theatre

Advance tickets: \$15 at Breakwater Books, River City Coffee, Rocky Mountain Pizza, Thick, Tla'Amin Convenience Store. \$20 at the door.

events with presenters coming to Powell River from the Lower Mainland, across provinces or from other countries.

As we planned Jane's visit by phone, we talked about what she faced for believing in something so strongly and how hard it was doing the experiments. She told me how she was shunned in Riceville – her hometown. I could hear the emotion in her voice as she told me that she never thought she would be giving presentations so many years later and how the experiment she had done many years ago was still very relevant today. She told me she loved Canada and had been here at the invitation of the Royal Bank, giving workshops in different cities across the country and how excited she is about coming to Powell River.

Powell River's poster incident was not in isolation. There have been other unwelcoming acts felt by others in our community, including members of the Tla'Amin First Nation. Some people are oblivious and seem surprised that racism exists here. Those posters changed something. Where it goes from here is up to us.

We hope Jane's visit will sow a small seed in the minds of our children, and ourselves, that any kind of prejudice or discrimination hurts and is bordering on bullying. It can be subtle, seemingly unintentional or very obvious. Those on the receiving end, feel it deeply and know it not only exists but affects how they feel about themselves.

By coming together with respect and honesty, acceptance and acknowledgement and a willingness to learn from and about each other, we will generate a better understanding of who we are. And what we gain is the richness of the knowledge and culture we all have. [PRL](#)

"If we want to be a more welcoming community and invite others to come here, start businesses or raise a family here - we have to look at how welcoming we really are."

– CC Duncan

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Bike to Work Week 2015

Cycle with your 25,000 besties

BY KERRY JONES

Ten years have passed since Bike to Work Week first began in Victoria. This year's event, May 25 to 31, marks the sixth Bike to Work/School Week in Powell River and will see us joining more than 44 communities and 25,000 riders celebrating the provincial movement towards sustainable transportation and health.

Every year, more and more cyclists participate in this popular fun, family friendly week which is designed to encourage more people to commute to work or school by bicycle.

Cycling is a great way to get around, says Powell River City Councillor Rob



“just the plain feeling of freedom riding through the fresh air” has helped to give him a positive view of life.

So how can you participate? Go to biketowork.ca/powell-river and register yourself, your workplace team or school team on the website, and join other cyclists at one of the morning or afternoon celebration stations, where there will be coffee, snacks and daily prize draws. As in past years, the generous staff from TAWS and Suncoast Cycles will do complimentary bike checks and minor bike first-aid at some celebration stations and schools. Additionally, all registered participants from across BC will be entered into a grand prize draw for a cycling trip from Prague to Budapest. Who wouldn't love to win that prize?

This year, plans are underway to wrap up the week with a Bike Night ride for all ages, ending with a barbeque and entertainment on Saturday, May 30th. Riders will meet at the new bike park at the complex and go from there. The ride will end up at the complex where the barbeque will be held. [PR](#)

Southcott, who has been commuting to and from work for more than 20 years. Not only do you avoid traffic, get in shape, and save money – but you reduce carbon emissions as well.

“I see preventive health benefits, anti-aging and enjoyment as the number one reasons to ride,” says Rob. He adds that

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BC Festival of Performing Arts is coming here!

Late afternoon sunlight spills golden rays across the upstairs pews at Assumption Church on a Thursday afternoon in April while the clear, young voices of a dozen school children fill the otherwise empty church.

One of the singers is Ciara Maguire, a Grade 10 student at Brooks Secondary School. Ciara concentrates as choir director Fran Schweitzer leads them through a new piece. “Not bad,” she finally concedes after the third run through.

Ciara is excited. She’s been working harder than ever these days as she’s been recommended to compete in classical voice at the BC Festival of the Performing Arts, which will be held in Powell River from May 26 to 30.

“It’s my first time competing,” she told Powell River Living. “I’ve been recommended to go as an observer four times.”

Only a handful of entries that scored well in the Powell River Festival of Performing Arts held earlier this year were recommended.

Ciara, who works with vocal coach Megan Skidmore, says she will do three

classical songs (Baroque pieces) and a Broadway song called “Many a New Day” from *Oklahoma* at the provincials.

Ciara got her start in performing five years ago when she played the role of Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*. “That was when I started enjoying being on stage singing and acting,” says the daughter of Laura-Lee and Brendan Maguire. Earlier this year Ciara played the role of Olive in the 25th annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.

Besides musical theatre and singing in the Assumption Church Choir, Ciara sings in the Brooks Chamber Choir and the Youth Choir at the Powell River

BC FESTIVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS

What: Competitive music, speech & dance performed by artists between 10 and 28 years old

When: May 26 to 30

Where: Various venues, Powell River

More: See bcprovincials.com. Competitions will be held at various venues in the community with festival concerts at the Evergreen Theatre on May 28 and 29. The provincial gala concert begins at 7:30 pm May 30 at the Evergreen.

Academy of Music. She is working towards her Grade 7 Royal Conservatory of Music exams.

“I definitely like classical the most. It’s the most challenging and it sounds so good when you get it right and everyone



READY FOR THE SPOTLIGHT: After four turns as an observer to the Performing Arts Festival, classically-trained singer Clara Maguire will perform in front of a home crowd.

is singing together,” says Ciara.

BC Festival of the Performing Arts chairwoman Joyce Carlson is thrilled that the 51st annual BC-wide festival will be held in Powell River this year.

The last time the provincial festival was in Powell River was in 1997. “It’s changed over the years,” says Joyce explaining how different disciplines have been added such as dance and speech arts.

“It’s a very high caliber of performers,” says Joyce. “It’s fitting that we host it as we are a cultural capital of Canada and Powell River is very supportive of cultural activities.”

Having the festival in Powell River means that performers who have travelled out of town in the past will be able to compete in their home community in front of family and friends. Top perform-

ers at this festival will be recommended to the national festival, which will be held in Edmonton later this year.

The Rotary Club of Powell River, organizers of the local festival, are using their base of volunteers complimented by members of the community to put on the BC Festival. “But there are still opportunities to volunteer,” says Joyce.

At the 2014 provincials, Powell Riverites won three awards. Eden Bourcier was recognized with an honourable mention for Junior Musical Theatre, and Aoife Owton was runner up in Junior Musical Variety and runner up in Intermediate Shakespeare. In 2013, Jeremy Hopper was runner up in Junior Classical Voice, Aoife Owton was runner up in Junior Musical Theatre, and Kyle Auclair won an honourable mention in Intermediate Musical Theatre. [PR](#)

Rocker credits PR Festival for kick-starting his career

BY ANDY RICE

A few weeks ago, the Powell River Rotary Club told me they were clearing out trophies from the Powell River Festival of Performing Arts, as organizers have shifted its focus towards education rather than awards.

I was offered one of the plaques as a keepsake and I eagerly accepted, smiling as I reflected on a childhood of musical opportunities.

The first time I ever stepped on stage by myself was during the 1996 local festival. I belted out ‘I Love Trash’ from Sesame Street, armed with a toothless smile and a soprano range I’m not likely to see again without the aid of helium.

While many things have changed since then, not the least of which is my voice, I’ve never quite outgrown the thrill I felt in that moment. It was with me four

NO ISLAND CD RELEASE

What: Concert and CD release. This is a special hometown CD Release Show for the band’s new album, *Better Days*. Original music for lovers of 70s rock, four-part harmonies and the singer-songwriter era.

When: Saturday, May 9. Doors open at 7 pm, concert at 7:30.

Where: Max Cameron Theatre

Go: Tickets available at Breakwater Books, Powell River Academy of Music, Townsite Brewing and online at noisland.brownpaper-tickets.com.

years later for a performance of Bernstein’s Chichester Psalms at Kathaumixw and just as strong during my graduation recital from Capilano University’s jazz

program in 2012.

My newest project — a Vancouver-based rock band called No Island — has taken me to venues across the country and that same sense of thrill has followed me to every gig.

On May 9th, I’ll return home to Powell River with my bandmates in tow. They’ll probably regale our audience with tales of the Snoopy costumes and bedazzled trench coats I once wore for a shot at those elusive festival trophies.

But as I think back, I realize that the Rotary Festival — and Powell River — have never really been about plaques and medals.

More than anything, they’ve offered life-changing opportunities for experience and growth.

One of the greatest awards I’ve ever received was getting to grow up in Powell River, and that’s a trophy I’ll carry in my heart forever.

Compassion rocks

Have a story to share?

We know Powell River is compassionate. Last year, our community performed 10,000 acts of compassion in just one day! This year, the challenge continues and we want to share it with the readers of Powell River Living.

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We will publish compassion stories in the June issue of *Powell River Living*, along with photos from the day.

Compassion Challenge

On Friday, May 22, the Powell River Compassion Network challenges locals to perform 10,000 acts of compassion in one day during the second annual Compassion Challenge.

Show compassion to yourself, the environment, animals and the community.

The Compassion Challenge is designed to help Powell River connect through meaningful acts of kindness, compassion and service. Actions can be recorded in writing, photography and video, and will be showcased at www.thecompassionchallenge.org.

Compassionate events

- **Walk for Compassion** at the Brooks' track from 8am to 3pm. Six thousand compassion laps were recorded last year. Can we reach 10,000 this year?

- **The First Compassion Race** (sponsored by First Credit Union). A foot race



READY, SET, GO BE COMPASSIONATE!: Wendy Thomas, left, finds joy in being compassionate to others. The now-annual Compassion Challenge event inspires teen community spirit (right).

begins at 4 pm at First Credit Union parking lot. Teams race to perform 50 acts of compassion by 5:30 pm when it ends at Willingdon Beach.

- **Compassion Festival** and free BBQ (sponsored by Inclusion Powell River) at Willingdon Beach gets underway at 5pm. A celebration including music, stories, games, and food. Be sure to check out the Compassion rock display at the beach.

- **The Compassion Challenge Story**, a film by Powell River students and sponsored by First Credit Union. Discover how a project initiated at high school



grew until it blossomed to include the whole community!

COMPASSION CHALLENGE

When: May 22

Where: Throughout Powell River

More: thecompassionchallenge.org

Compassionate ideas

People of all ages are invited to take part in small and large acts of compassion. But unsure what to do? Bake cookies for your coworkers, mow your neighbours lawn, plant a tree, clean up some garbage, give someone a hug or just take the time to listen. Let's show the world the heart of this town and make Powell River the most compassionate community on the coast, says Chris Bratseth, Compassion Challenge chair.

Share your compassionate acts with others at: [#compassionchallenge](https://twitter.com/compassionchallenge) or at www.thecompassionchallenge.org **RL**

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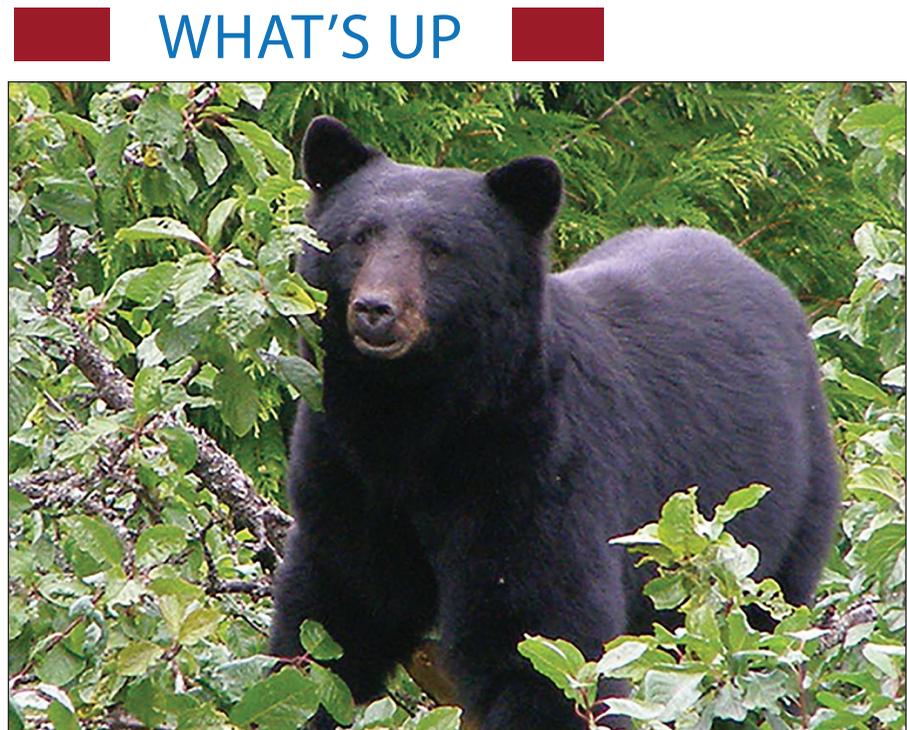


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The bears are back

After a long winter's nap, the bears are out prowling for food. Bears have been spotted near Edgehill School, in Wildwood and elsewhere in the community.

According to BC Ministry of Environment's website, a fed bear is a dead bear. If humans allow bears access to non-natural food sources such as garbage, they help create problem bears.

Brooks tops golds in BC

Students Devon DeGraag and Zane Hernandez will head to the Skills Canada National Competition in Saskatoon May 28 to 30 after each won a gold medal at the Provincial Skills Canada BC competition last month.

Brooks was the only high school in BC to win two gold medals.

DeGraag and Hernandez are both in the Dual Credit Trades program jointly offered by Vancouver Island University Powell River and School District 47. DeGraag won in auto service technician and Hernandez in carpentry.

Bike lanes get money

Twenty BC communities will split more than \$3.69 million in BikeBC funding to expand and build cycling lanes, trails and paths for B.C. families.

Of that, Powell River is slated to receive \$73,500 for bike lanes on Duncan

Street and Manson Avenue.

BikeBC is the province's cost-sharing program that helps local governments build cycling projects that attract and support commuter, recreational and tourism cyclists and pedestrians.

Cycling contributes to increased physical activity and helps reduce greenhouse gases. During consultations for the new 10-year transportation plan, BC on the Move, the ministry heard that enhanced cycling infrastructure and improved transportation choices are important to British Columbians.

Build a library

Powell River Public Library's fundraising campaign "Build a Future" aims to raise \$1.4 million in support of a new library. Voters said yes to a new library during last year's referendum granting the city the ability to borrow \$3.5 million to relocate the library to Crossroads Village. Money raised by the library will augment the city's contribution.

The library's board of trustees appointed Rotary Club President Elect Carol Brown to act as chair of the campaign.

Tax deductible giving from corporations and individuals are welcome. To make a donation or view the new design features, visit the library's campaign website at www.buildafuturepr.ca.

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Winning entries will be featured in the August issue of *Powell River Living* and at the Blackberry Festival, and receive great **prizes** donated by members of Tourism Powell River.

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Tsunami inspires show

Barb Langmaid began working on her exhibition, "Debris Fields," following the tsunami that surged over Japan in 2011.

"Debris Fields," is showing from May 6 to June 2 at Vancouver Island University's Powell River campus with reception on May 8 from 7 to 9pm.

In that tangled mess of grief, Langmaid saw an intensified awareness of life and beauty and richness. Through artist's eyes she couldn't stop looking at the images of the devastation.

"I couldn't quite believe how quickly and efficiently a village turned into a potpourri of colour and sticks and a rubble of colour and texture; houses lifted up and moved as if they were toy boats in a bathtub."

She imagined all the remains heading towards the west coast and the rubble of someone's no-longer life that would end up within the 'Great Gyre' in the sea.

Langmaid is interested in the unanswerables. "It's not the end of the world we're worried about. It's the end of civilization; to put a finer point on it, the end of humanity." [PR](#)

Missions Fest Powell River

"Local Vision for Global Missions"

May 22-23, 2015
at Evangel Church 5139 Manson Ave

Keynote Speakers:

David Zomer of the Powell River Reformed Church
Casey Bjorndal of the BC/Yukon/Alberta Gideons

Powell River Christian School's **Grade 9 students** will share their experience as missionaries in Mexico.

Bill and Elizabeth Broers of Serving in Missions will Skype live with us to share about living as missionaries in Ethiopia. Music and Worship – will be provided by **Common Grounds**, an interdenominational youth band

Kay Nixon will talk about Windows on the World and local fundraising through bottle collection

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Aries
(Mar 21/22-Apr 19/20)

I am enough. I do enough. I have enough. In gratitude I choose to make a difference. Arno Kopecky will be speaking about journalism, oil and his book on the northern gateway May 8th at Dwight Hall.

Leo
(July 23/24-Aug 22/23)

Being comfortable in your own skin, your radiant nature brings joy to any group, at work or play. Check out the other luminaries at the Performing Arts BC week May 25th -30th!

Sagittarius
(Nov 22/23-Dec 21/22)

A talking circle helps open the quiver of medicine arrows. As vision and spirit soar join in the family friendly hike for the PR Hospice Society May 3rd

Taurus
(Apr 20/21-May 20/21)

The roots of your strength are nourished when you are in sync with a higher purpose. BCSPCA Paws for a Cause meetings May 14th (every 2nd thur. until Sept). LDS Church, Courtenay St.

Virgo
(Aug 23/24-Sept 22/23)

An inspiration from an ancestor in a far away land resolves a limitation as angels show up with cash. Attend the One Voices Community Choir fundraiser to bring music to people living with Alzheimer's May 3rd at the Patricia Theatre.

Capricorn
(Dec 22/23-Jan 19/20)

Ironically, play both heals the heart and lights the candle that illuminates the cavern of inner exploration. Get the fun and the insight rolling at the Soap Box Derby May 30th -31st.

Gemini
(May 21/22-June 20/22)

Whispers of beauty seek balance with desire. Lyric and melody cross the veil of time. See Brodie Dawson in concert May 16th, Texada Legion, Vananda.

Libra
(Sept 23/24-Oct 22/24)

Nested in emotional turmoil sleeps the gift of a new discovery. Open it and embrace your own shadow. Honesty with your self opens a roomful of talent.

Aquarius
(Jan 20/21-Feb 18/19)

An offering made in good faith from the aquifer of your soul opens the river of emotional shivers. See No Island's new CD release of 'Better Days' May 9th Max Cameron Theatre.

Cancer
(June 21/22-July 22/23)

As resources are released be confident in the fertility of your thoughts and fearless in love. Whet your appetite for fun at the Lund Shellfish festival May 22--24.

Scorpio
(Oct 23/24-Nov 21/22)

Even though you share values sometimes a little tension fosters growth. Show them you love them, use words if necessary. Invite Leo to Performing Arts BC May 25th-30th at various venues.

Pisces
(Feb 19/20-Mar 20/21)

The simple gravity of a sincere and open hand holds a pool of pure magic. Hear the pickin' and see the grinnin' at the Bluegrass music and art auction May 30th Rodmay Hotel. 



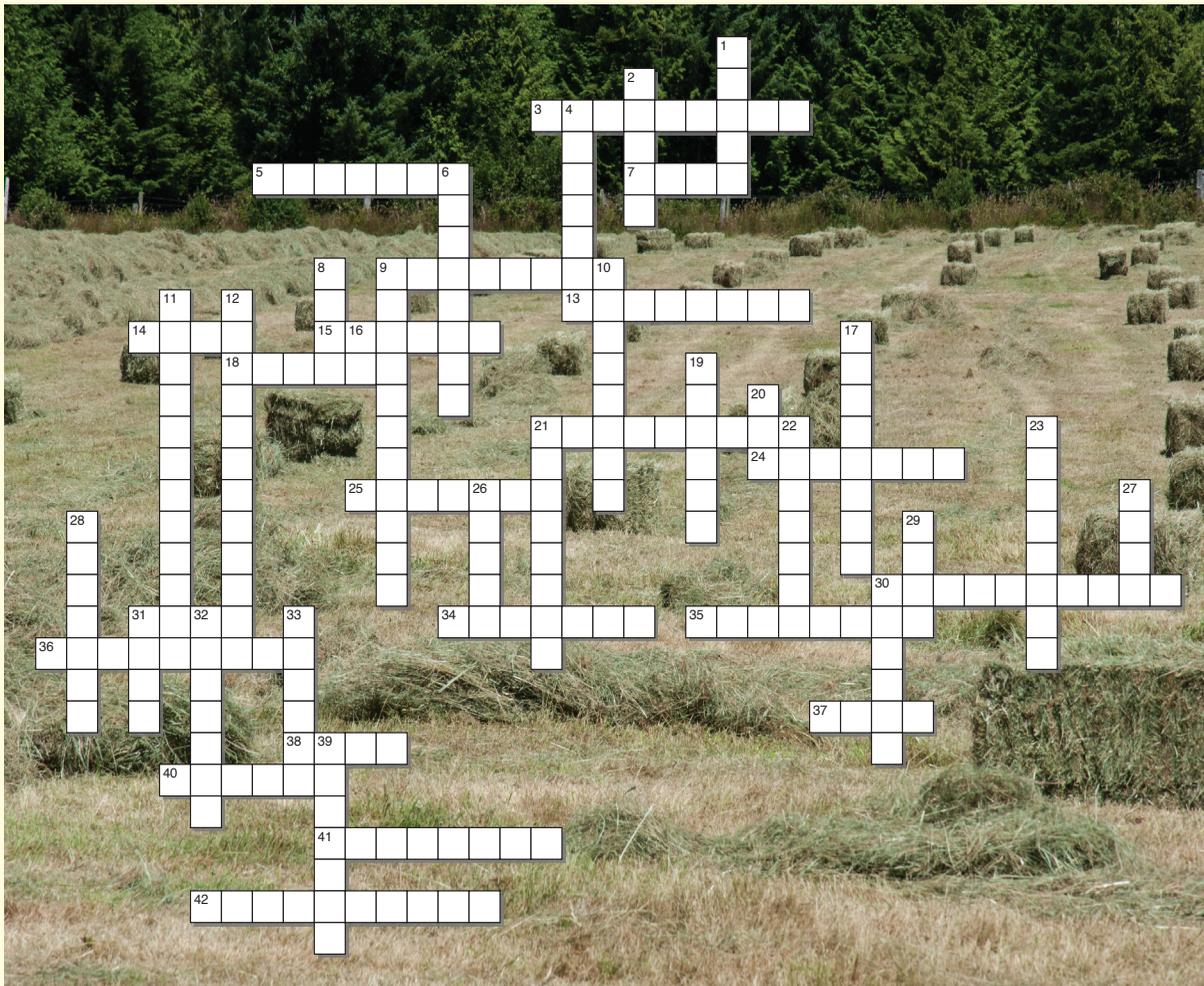
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5. Farmer's bounty
7. Super healthy wonder cabbage
9. Fun guy to have in the kitchen
13. Garlic growers
14. Coast Berry's main crop colour
15. Where farmers and buyers meet
18. If you have his foot, he wasn't lucky
21. Mollusks and crustaceans
24. Paradise Valley hill farm
25. Offspring of one in sheep's clothing
30. Purple flower farm
31. Drink to put a hop in your step
34. Popeye's pill
35. Music making farm in Cranberry
36. Land for early settlers, or a hipster's yard
37. Home of the shellfish fest
38. Simply Fish source
40. A goose or a look
41. Farmer's Gate on the way to Lund
42. Manure and other growing enhancers

Down

1. Pigs, hogs
2. Hogs for sale at brewery
4. Another name for steelhead trout
6. Upper deck feed store
8. Sheep progeny
9. Farm raising Berkshires near the rocks
10. Manson butcher brothers
11. PR's thorny, tasty bounty (plural)
12. Gardening that lasts
16. What to do when there's no bull (abbrev)
17. Plummer Creek egg and produce farm
19. Pole line to Willingdon follows the creek
20. Mountain tree of jam co
21. Organic grocer's light
22. Feathery cracked egg
23. Everyone can grow this squash
26. Sticky sweet from a tree
27. Sheep shearer's product
28. Broken down waste turned to humus
29. Pollinators
30. Spotted, tasty crustaceans
31. Red veggie, good for drummers
32. Lasting forever seed
33. You can eat it
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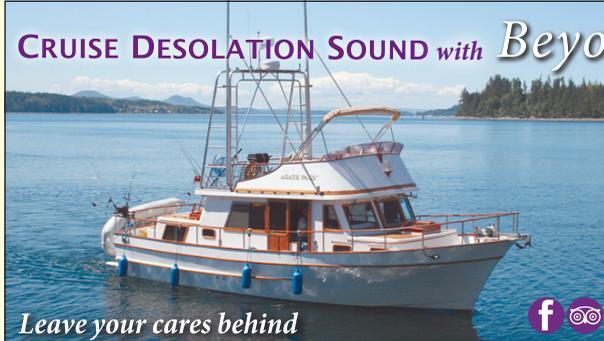
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Powell River has a dive store again. Gary Lambeth and Anji Smith will open **Salish Sea Dive** at 4572 Willingdon Avenue on May 15th. Gary, a scuba diving instructor, says the new independent store is a full service shop that will teach, guide, rent, retail and service. Contact Gary at 604-344-0595.

The Hair Saloon is a one-chair studio located within Simply Bronze Tanning Salon. Hair designer **Lisa Christine** recently moved back to Powell River with 17 years of high-end Vancouver-salon experience. "I am a curly-hair specialist," says Lisa. "I strive to make upscale style and service accessible. My studio is a casual and social atmosphere and welcomes men, women and

kids." Call or text 604-356-7711 (local number) to set up an appointment.

The former flooring centre at **RONA** has been replaced by a large hot tub showroom featuring Canadian-made **Beachcomber Hot Tubs**.

Pelican Pressure Washing and Paint is changing hands. This summer, **Dan Russell and Stephanie Bleau** plan to take over the business. They will change the name to Pelican Pressure Washing & Paint. "Instead of having winters off we would like to do some indoor painting contracts," said Stephanie. "Dan has been pressure washing on and off for 15 years and we both painted together at Henderson School," said Stephanie. For more info call 604 414-5369 or 604 578-0018, find them on Facebook or email pelipressurewashing@gmail.com. **RL**

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The Oil Man and the Sea

Join us for a reading and discussion with environmental writer and journalist Arno Kopecky.

Friday, May 8th, 7-8 pm
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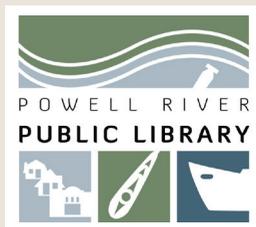
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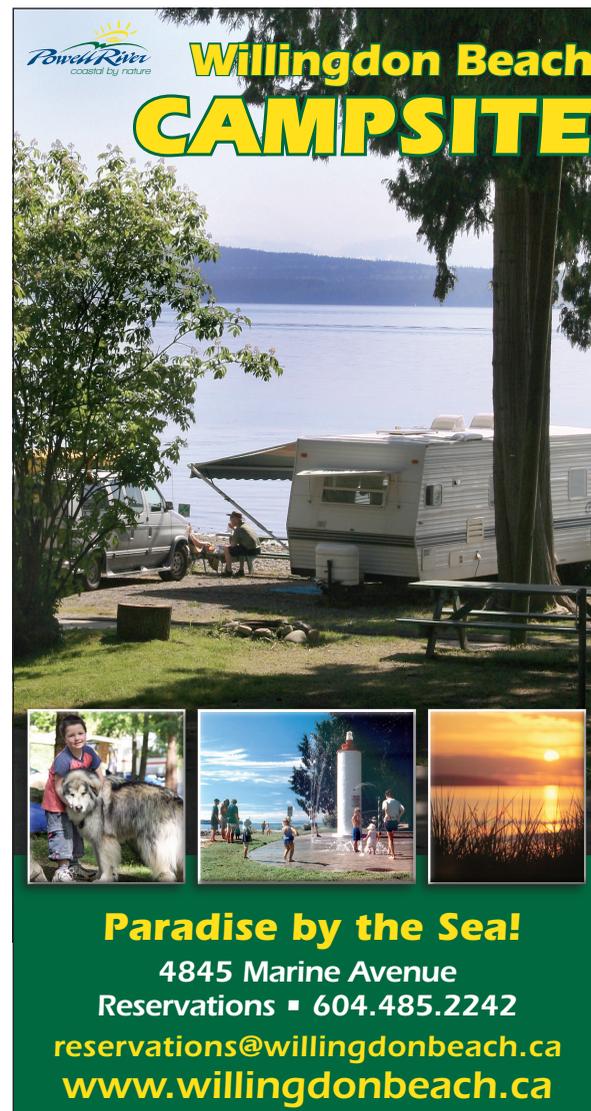
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, May 1

Roots Round-Up

With Carolyn Mark and Clay George on their 30th anniversary tour. 9 pm at McKinney's Pub.

Powell River Studio Tour 2015 Registration deadline

Powell River Studio Tour 2015 calling for artists. Register at www.powellriverartists.com/studio_tour_2015/registration.html. Tour dates are August 22 and 23.

Saturday, May 2

Emergency Preparedness Fair

Rec Complex from 10 am to 5 pm. A fun, free, family educational event.

Kiwanis book sale

4943 Kiwanis Avenue from 10 am to 1 pm.

Sunday, May 3

One Voices Community Choir

Voices, drums, fiddles, cellos, guitars. 2 pm at the Patricia Theatre by donation. Proceeds to the Powell River iPod project. Helping awaken the musical spirit of those living with Alzheimer's and dementia. .

Hike for Hospice

Powell River Hospice Society will host their first fundraiser—Hike for Hospice Palliative Care at Willingdon Beach.

Wednesday, May 6

Free Breast Cancer Prevention Session

5:30 to 7:30 pm at Evangel Pentecostal Church. Interactive webinar with Tracey Mager from the Breast Cancer Prevention & Risk Assessment Clinic at BC Women's Hospital. Register through Public Health by calling 604 485-3310 or email Barbara.forsyth@vch.ca.

Friday, May 8

Ages & Stages Fair

9:30 am to 3 pm at the Rec Complex. Meet local experts in childhood development at this fun, family event.

Author reading with Arno Kopecky

From *The Oil Man and the Sea: Navigating the Northern Gateway* from 7 to 8 pm at Dwight Hall. Call 604 485-8664 for more info.

BREEDING GROUND 3

The Music Revolution presents BREEDING GROUND 3 beginning at 7 pm at Base Camp. Join us for the third installment of our acoustic singer-songwriter series.

Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9

Getting to Know Dementia workshops

Cranberry Seniors' Centre. Introductory session 1 to 3 pm May 8; family caregiver series 9 am to 3:30 pm May 9. Call 1-866-984-8348 to register.

Saturday, May 9

No Island

Local musician Andy Rice and his rock band No Island perform at the Max Cameron Theatre at 7:30 pm and release their CD, *Better Days*.

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

Spoil mom and tell her you love her!

Thursday, May 14

Board Games By Night

6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Powell River Public Library. Bring your own games or try one of ours! Call 604 485-8663 for more info.



Lund Shellfish Festival

From May 22 to 24, come on out to Lund for the annual celebration of all things shellfish. Music, events, kids area, cooking demos, etc. Check out lundbc.ca for the whole menu.

Saturday, May 16

Drive a Ford event

First Credit Union from 9 am to 3 pm. This is a fundraiser for Dry Grad. Test drive a Ford and help raise money for Dry Grad. Also a car wash, hot dogs and hamburgers and a bake sale from 10 am to 2 pm.

Walk with PR Mobility Opportunities

Third annual community walkabout with PR Mobility Opportunities Society begins at 9 am. Meet at the upper entrance of the Powell River Recreation Complex and walk along the revitalized Willingdon Creek Trail. .

Brodie Dawson

Concert at 7 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion in Van Anda, Texada Island.

Bells & Cannons Killer Campground

Women's punk rock choir and Evan Symons at old Bank of Montreal Building, 5813 Ash Street, Townsite starts at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, May 20

Jane Elliott's Anatomy of Prejudice

Max Cameron Theatre. Pre-event 6 to 6:45. Event at 7 pm.

Thursday, May 21

Spring Sing

7:30 to 9 pm at James Hall, Powell River Academy of Music. A broad spectrum of music from composers throughout the ages.

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Google maps. How to find your way anywhere in the world. 7 to 8 pm at the Powell River Public Library. For more info call 604 485-8664.

Shrek

Musical Kids Theatre May 21-23 at 7 pm at the Rec Complex. Matinee May 24 at 1 pm.

Friday, May 22

Compassion Challenge

Perform an act of compassion and document it with photos, video or a story then submit it to thecompassionchallenge.org. Help Powell River perform 10,000 acts of compassion in a single day!

Friday, May 22

Missions Fest

Share in global missions with a local vision at the Evangel Church May 22-23. Visit powellrivermissionsfest.com.

May 22 to 24

Lund Shellfish Festival

Music, fresh cooked seafood, tours, cooking demos, kids area, craft booths and entertainment. Chowder challenge from 6 to 9 pm May 22 at Community Centre. Tickets \$18, must be purchased in advance from Tourism Powell River or SunLund By-The-Sea. Festival at Lund Harbour on May 23 and 24 from 11 am to 5 pm. Details at LundBC.ca.

Saturday, May 23

Print A Baby

Use your baby's tiny hands and feet to create prints that capture memories. A Library program at the United Church on Crofton Street, 10:30 to noon.

Powell River Missions Fest

Evangel Pentecostal Church from 9 am to 9 pm. Includes local vision for global missions.

Roller Derby

Double Header at 6 pm at the Hap Parker Arena.

May 25 to 31

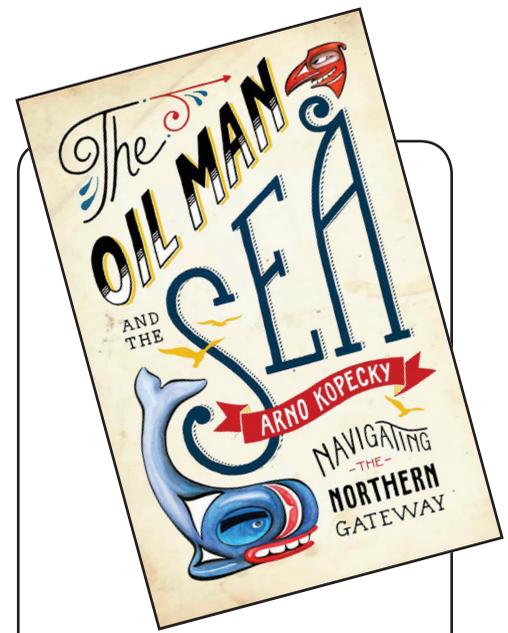
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May 26 to 30

BC Festival of Performing Arts

Competitions and concerts at various venues in Powell River. See ad on Page 25 or bcprovincials.com



Coastal Query

Squamish-based journalist Arno Kopecky is coming to Powell River to read from his book, *The Oil Man and the Sea* (Douglas & McIntyre, 2014) May 8. Concerned about sharing a coast with the Enbridge project? Come to Dwight Hall at 7 pm.

Saturday, May 30

PREP Society's 30th anniversary

Noon to 2pm at Willingdon Beach Park. Free. Games, information, raffle prizes, music with live DJs, food, and fun for all ages. www.prepsociety.org.

Adopt a Crag

Powell River's annual Eldred Valley adopt a crag weekend. A fun weekend of camping, working and climbing. For more info visit 2015 Eldred Adopt A Crag Facebook page.

Soap Box Derby

Pretrial runs begin around noon at Sunset Park in Wildwood..

Nature of Powell River Photography

Display at the Powell River Public Library beginning at 7 pm. Photo winner announced and submissions showcased.

Scout Mountain Bluegrass & Art Auction

7 to 11 pm in the Rainbow Room at the Rodmay.

May 30 & 31

Soap Box Derby

Sunset Park, Wildwood. Ages 7 to adult! Racing manuals available at the Town Centre Mall office or at Quality Foods. Want to build a new cart? Go to www.gokit.com. Proceeds to the Kiwanis Club of Powell River. Call Rob at 604 487-9332 for more info.

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How is your mother?

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