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Lot 302 Celebration... Just in the Nick of Time

A large and boisterous crowd turned out for the Lot 302 Celebration on March 6th. As of March 6th, we were still in the elbow bumping stage on coronavirus awareness and we mingled freely in a packed Bunkhouse. We can be thankful now that we squeezed the celebration in.

The Bunkhouse was filled to capacity with around 60 people, the stage was set with sparkly lights and a full-fledged sound system (thank-you Mark Stublely and the 302 organizers) and the food was spread out on every counter in the kitchen. Instruments were tuned and waiting for their turn in the limelight.

Thank-yous were spread far and wide: for a big effort on the part of the Lot 302 Fundraising Committee, for the amazing generosity of the community and beyond and especially to Derek and Pat D'Altroy for giving the community the opportunity to purchase this beautiful piece of land. A very special shout out was given to Dennis Mattson for his major contribution to the cause.

After the thank-yous, congratulations, and a fine dinner our wonderful local talent took the stage amid much hilarity and good will. The *Ukuleles* and the dynamic rapping duo Clarke Leggett and Hugh McNab (darn, no picture, too busy enjoying) were special highlights, though many different players provided backup and support.

It was a super party and a great way to fill our hearts before the “new reality” set in.

Thanks to all who made it possible.

Kathy Barnes



Lot 302 Update

Some incredibly positive news in a time of uncertainty. We certainly got the timing right for this amazing community effort, right down to the party that we were able to have just before the Covid-19 crisis took hold!

So where are we now?

Firstly, the financial news. Donations have continued to come in, including an incredibly generous \$25,300 from the Hayes, Lilburn and Edgett families who can trace their roots to Read Island in the late 1920's. Kathy Barnes is currently working with a member of the family to put together some of this fascinating history for an upcoming edition of the Current. With all the donations and auction money we have received we now have over \$57,000 that can be used for signage, trail materials, shelters and to facilitate the protection of additional land.

As those who were able to attend the party, we have now set up 2 groups to keep things moving along with respect to Lot 302. The "On the Ground" group will take responsibility for establishing the trail, shelters, signs, etc. The "Administration and Other Important Stuff" group will determine what should happen regarding ownership, covenants, etc. If you're interested in being involved in either of these groups please contact Ralph (coastmtn2@gmail.com) for the "On the Ground" group and Jim (jmallis@telus.net) for the "Administration and Other Important Stuff" group.

Ralph and Lannie will be leading a socially distant walk through Lot 302 this coming Wednesday, April 1st. They have flagged a first draft trail that now awaits community input. Everyone is welcome to join them. Meet at 1:00 pm at the John Kim sign opposite the Lot 302 corner.

Finally, our hope was to have a big community party sometime this summer to "open" the trail and celebrate this great community endeavour. However, this is of course on hold at this point in time. *Lot 302 Fundraising Committee*



Outer Island Community Services Information

As at March 28, 2020

FOOD & FUEL:

Save-On-Foods to Surge Narrows Grocery Delivery:

To order groceries from Save-On-Foods and share the water taxi delivery cost, contact **Judith**, (judithwright@hotmail.com), to get your name on the Grocery Email List. You will be sent an order form with instructions and payment info. Currently, we are ordering every other week but if there is enough demand, we may start to order weekly. The order is placed on a Monday and arrives at the Surge dock the following Friday afternoon where it is sorted into individual orders and is usually available for pickup by 3:00pm. Check out the Save-On-Foods website to browse the available products.

https://shop.saveonfoods.com/store/C7D81102/?_ga=2.179417124.1499796258.1585341589-2108920449.1582578571#/landing

Quadra Island: Tru Value Foods (both locations)

7 days a week, 10am - 6pm, 10 customers in the store max at one time. Customers are encouraged to pre-order, and pick up.

Q-Cove: 250-285-3391

Heriot Bay: 250-285-2436

Or email the Heriot Bay store at

heriotbay@truvaluefoods.com.

Heriot Bay store delivery to dock available if delivery person on staff that day, 4 PM cut off, sorry no passengers in delivery vehicle.

Yellow Dog Bulk & Whole Foods

Email & website orders

www.yellowdogbulkwholefoods.com

yellowdog@telus.net. Pickups Thurs/Fri/Sat 11 am - 3 pm in front of store or deliveries to dock.

Amped On Nutrition

Phone orders welcome, 250-285-3412. Thur/Fri/Sat 11am-3pm. Check FB page for changes.

Quadra Island Gas Station

No customers in the store. 7 days/week 6:30am - 8:30pm. Propane 10am - 3pm.

Accepting cash or cards, pay outside if you can.

Heriot Bay Inn

Fuel: Wed & Sat 3-5pm. Propane available during gas dock hours.

OTHER SERVICES:

Post office at Surge Narrows

The post office is open regular hours and is practicing social distancing.

To get stamps without coming in to the post office, use the zip lock bags attached to the board beside the mail slot in the freight shed. Deposit the bag and money with your name and postage order through the mail slot. Your stamps and change will be put in your mailbox. A book of 10 stamps is \$ 9.65; a single stamp is \$ 1.10. A schedule of post office fees for other services is on the board beside the mail slot.

Donna K, Postmaster

Quadra Island: Free Wifi Hotspots

There are 4 wifi hotspots operating 24/7, no password required.

At Q-Cove: Inspirations & Library.

At Heriot Bay: Tru Value & the Government Wharf.

BC Ferries

Operating on schedule & requesting passengers remain in their vehicles. Walk-on passengers can use the seating area on the main deck, no lounge access.

Quadra Island - Cove Pharmacy

Call ahead to order prescriptions 250-285-2275.

Mon-Fri 9:30am - 5:30pm, Sat. 10am-3pm

Coastal Community Credit Union

ATM, online banking, or phone appointments.

Quadra Builders

Mon-Fri, 8am - 12pm and 1-5pm. 250-285-3221

sales@quadrabuilders.com

No customers in store, please go around back.

Isle Tech Auto

Call ahead for appointment 250-285-3100. Open regular days and hours w/ all safety protocols in place.

Auto Insurance

Can be renewed by phone or online with brokers or ICBC.

Outer Island Health Resources

March 28, 2020

Home Support for Outer Islanders

If you need assistance or believe a neighbour might need support, contact Lise lululise08@gmail.com if you're not already in touch with her on a regular basis. Monthly report below.

Medical

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, have been traveling outside of Canada, or have been in contact with COVID-19 DO NOT enter the local medical clinics. Please call to speak with your doctor or call the COVID-19 hotline: 8-1-1

Quadra Island Medical Clinic

Encouraging patients to call and schedule phone appointments 250-285-3540. Open to walk-ins but 1 patient max. in the clinic at any time. Blood work Fridays only and no non-essential procedures until further notice.

OTHER SUPPORT

NEW – Just for Outer Islanders

Physical distance, social connection

Starting April, teleconference chats using Zoom. Details in "Board Shorts" in this issue.

NEW – Food Share Box in the freight shed

Please help yourself if you're short of supplies.

Please leave groceries with a long shelf life if you have excess (e.g. canned milk, potatoes, onions, canned beans). Cleaning supplies can also be shared.

Book Bonanza

Open 7 days/week 10am – 5pm. 250-285-3665, bookbonanza@telus.net. Phone and email orders welcome. Curbside pickup available.

On Root Greenhouse

250-204-2050, Email or FB message orders for pickup. Wed - Sat 11am-3pm.
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Garden-Center/On-Root-Greenhouse-1563819757254616/> for product lists.

Canada Revenue Agency – income tax revised deadlines, CERB (Canada Emergency Response Benefit), other benefits:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/covid-19-update.html>

COVID-19 Sites recommended by Emergency Preparedness BC

BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) COVID-19 Health Information - Health Info for public and health workers, self assessment testing: <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>. Also <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

Case counts, situation reports, governmental press statements: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/case-counts-press-statements>

BC Public Health Officer – orders, notices, posters, guidance and letters
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Provincial Support and Information on COVID-19 regarding Essential Services, Symptoms Checking, Child Care, Education, Employment and Finances, Businesses, Housing and Monthly Bills, Transportation, Travel and Tourism, Reduced Services, Being Prepared and Health Care:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support>

What are Essential Services

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/essential-services-covid-19>

Home Support for Outer Islanders—April Report

Lise is now well past her self-isolation period (following Hank and Amy's return from their travels) and is arranging to see clients in the coming days, utilizing all the proper protocols, of course. This means that much of her work will be done from a distance.

Perhaps it is needless to say, but Lise will not be able to provide services that require her to be in close contact with anyone returning from out of the country for two weeks following their arrival home. Also no indoor socials can be held at this time. We're contemplating the idea of some kind of outdoor, social-distanced event, but in the future.

Lise's funding from the Quadra Island Health Society was expected to end March 31st. Because of her self-isolation, and the uncertainty regarding Covid-19 in March, we have funds remaining which will allow her to continue working into April. We're cautiously optimistic about receiving funding for the next fiscal year (which starts April 1st, 2020) but have received no confirmation whatsoever at this time.

Lise's outreach initiative is a good one. And needed. But, it seems, we are not unique. A lot of communities have upped their 'neighbourly-assistance' efforts and from what we hear our 'village' is doing the same.

Sally & David

Current Events and Notices

Medical Clinic April—TBA

Saturday Morning Kundalini Yoga with Eve

Join Eve from your home for a 75 minute Kundalini Yoga class using Zoom. Each Saturday in April (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) from 10:30am-11:45am we will focus on movement, pranayam, and meditations to promote our immune systems and release stress. All abilities welcome from the advanced yogi to those in need of more than a tune up!

These fundamental yoga movements are simple and very effective at nurturing our spines and balancing our endocrine systems.

First class is free, the rest by donation or trade. Email Eve at eve.flager@gmail.com prior to Saturday to receive the Zoom link and class details.

Free picture windows - great for your greenhouse project or other island construction plans

More than a dozen to choose from! Please email nicolemagistro@gmail.com with requests for measurements and pick up details. Double paned but some have broken seals.



SNCA Board Update
"Board Shorts"- a bit longer this month
April 2020

Hi everyone, we hope you and your loved ones are in good health and good spirits.

We recognize how challenging these times are. Not only are we facing the global problem of climate change, we are currently facing a health pandemic which has altered our lives in the outer islands in many ways. Fortunately this crisis has come just as the weather is improving and we can spend more time outside. Perhaps you have rekindled old hobbies or have taken this time to reconnect with family and friends via phone or the internet.

Despite the difficulties this pandemic has put on us, we can use this as an opportunity to explore how to make our unique community more resilient. We can use this time to build on the Visioning and Community Planning work done last year, and refine our priorities given the current circumstances. For instance, we all now recognize more than ever how food security is critical to our lives on the outer islands.

Next week, on Wednesday April 8, the Community Planning group will host a virtual community meeting to explore how we can make our community more resilient given the current circumstances. Sheila recently attended a Zoom call with community leaders on Cortes who are currently mobilizing in the same way, and will give a summary of that meeting on the April 8th call.

How to stay socially connected to our friends and community while maintaining physical distancing in the outer islands:

- The SNCA website <https://www.snca.ca/> provides information on Community projects and links to the Message Board and the Current Newsletter.
- The Surge Narrows Message Board https://members.boardhost.com/SurgeLink/index.html?posted_1571758942 allows users to make posts where they can advertise a service, sell an item, discuss a topic etc.
- For Facebook users, look for the private "Surge Narrows Community" group. This group is closed so only the members can see the messages.
- **NEW!!** The Surge Narrows Community has subscribed to ZOOM for online audio & videoconferences. We hope it will be a tool for both information exchange and fun chats for an unlimited number of people, possible virtual Book Club, kids get-togethers, etc.

NEW! Surge Community Virtual Coffeehouses: each Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning at 10am, starting Friday April 3rd.

The first Coffeehouse, this Friday April 3, is where we will get used to using the Zoom app and talk about how we are doing. Paste this URL in your browser for our April 3rd meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/972624582>. Sheila will be hosting the first meeting, but we will be looking for other community members to take on this role. Each meeting will include a brief check-in, and in future calls we may focus on a topic of interest (e.g. our gardens, our projects, current books, our families). Any other ideas about how this could work would be greatly appreciated. We'll learn as we go.

Community planning for resiliency: Wednesday April 8, 10 am (instead of coffeehouse). At the meeting start time paste this URL in your browser: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/359193624> Discussion of topics such as how can we improve food security? how can we better help seniors? how can we prioritize community projects? how can we support children and youth? How can the Surge property be used to help our community become more resilient?

How to access a coffeehouse conference:

- Download the ZOOM app in advance (it's free!)
- At the meeting start time, paste the URL for the meeting in your browser window.
- It will take a few moments for the application to open; it may ask you to confirm Zoom is the application; it will also ask if you want audio or video or both (answer: both). It's also possible to dial in to our coffeehouses; dial in numbers will be provided for USA and Canada.
- We've learned it's best not to run Netflix or other streaming services at the same time as it can cause your system

Where to find video-conference URLs: On our message board - go to SNCA.ca and click on "message board". Also, in our reminder emails.

For the first meeting everyone who receives the Current will receive an email inviting them to join the meeting. This email will include a reminder of meeting URL as well as the date and time. There will be an option for people to "opt out" of the meeting notifications. The email notification list will then be adjusted accordingly.

If have any questions or want to organize a video-conference for your community group using the SNCA account please contact Sheila (fashedo@hotmail.com); back up contact surgenarrows@gmail.com.

OTHER COMMUNITY UPDATES

Food Share Box in the freight shed; please help yourself if you're short of supplies.

Please leave groceries with a long shelf life if you have excess (e.g. canned milk, potatoes, onions, canned beans). Cleaning supplies can also be shared.

Local Community Resources and Services 2-page update included in this edition. Designed as a reference for you to print and post on your fridge, prepared by Emergency Preparedness and local service providers.

The BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (MoECCS) has issued open burning restrictions for all High Smoke Sensitivity Zones across the province until Wednesday, April 15th, 2020, in response to COVID-19. Our area is not a "high smoke sensitivity zone", all of the outer discovery islands are exempt (**in other words, open burning fires are permitted in our area**) as of March 30, 2020.

Key in the **Community Wildfire Protection Plan** is the presentation of the draft findings to the Surge Community. Options are being considered for this, along with a likely deferral until a community presentation can occur.

Training – **Wilderness First Aid** and **Ham Radio** training have been deferred.

Board of Directors

The Surge Narrows Community Association / Sheila, Rosie, Steve, Jim, Ginny

Sitting on The Dock of The Bay

Waiting for people back on the dock...on some sunny day.

The two collages Joanne assembled seem like mere blinks from her camera.

The panorama of a mail day, with wild open edges, let the mail plane in.

Characters enjoyed what we can take for granted, each other.

Then we're at the party celebrating the purchase of Lot 302.

I'm really happy Joanne had access to the photo labs at University of Victoria during her recent year of Art Studies, putting them to good use.

Her travels with Daryl and family up the coast over the years exploring, with digs uncovering evidence of the First People. In and out of the pits Joanne photographed and recorded alongside. Sure, photographing a 13,000-yea- old footprint on Calvert Island is impressive.

We got lucky. Thanks so much Joanne for catching a day we loved and we'll see again.

Some people were right out of the frames enjoying the pleasure of our last Read Island social where the Ukulele Ladies took us away, Hugh planted the base notes in surprising places with Kenny playing too...'like a desperado waiting for a plane'.

We appreciated the huge task people gave in organizing the success of acquiring Lot 302.

In yellow cedar frames by Hugh who snuck the pictures back from the Bunkhouse

for the skookum glass...Better than the best that had blocked the glare but not as well.

Expensive! and with the hearty collection of 200 dollars! THANK YOU. They're home now!

With Sarah at Waypoint Signs and Frames beside the Building Supplies on Quadra,

I learned a lot. Joanne McSporran, an 'artist' captured a moment with ease....

Looking forward to meeting again some sunny day.

Tina Thomson

Our Trip to Alert Bay by Dillon Harvey

Out of the entire field trip I liked basket weaving the best. We all sat together weaving our baskets over under, over under, occasionally getting help from Donna the basket weaver. Since it was my first time weaving a cedar bark basket I had some help weaving my basket.

The baskets were not very big, they were ten by ten. Before we did basket weaving we were at the U'mista Cultural Centre looking at all the masks that had been taken from the people at a Potlatch in 1921. There was a treasure hunt there to find as many Dzunukwa masks as you could. Dzunukwa, who is the wild women of the wood would throw naughty children in her big basket. Then we watched a movie about Dzunukwa. It was really great to see most of the masks returned to the Kwakwaka'wakw People. All in all it was a great trip.



By Adam Hrybko, future Surge student

Around three weeks ago I went to a place called Alert Bay. On the way there we stopped at a place called Telegraph Cove. We went to a sea creature exhibit. One skeleton it wasn't the biggest because it wasn't an adult but it was humongous!!! There were whale skeletons and other sea creatures. There was one eagle. After that we went to Alert Bay. While we waited for the ferry we had a large game of tag. When we went to Alert Bay the cabins were really nice. They had two bedrooms and a bathroom. The next day we went to a First Nations museum and got a tour and a scavenger hunt. Then most of us did basket weaving. I was the first to finish. After that I was starving so I got a small snack. That night we had spaghetti for dinner. The trip was extremely fun and that's about it.



The School Trip to Alert Bay (March 10th to March 13th) by Jasmine Harvey

Day 1: Going to Alert Bay. It was decided that we would all meet at the Browns Bay turnoff at exactly 11:40 on March 10, and then we were off on the 2 hour drive to Telegraph Cove. We went to the killer whale interpretive center there, where we learned all about the bones of the whales that were on display, (among other mammal's bones), each set of bones had a story to be told, and Jackie, an amazing whale researcher, told us some sad but amazing stories of how each marine mammal died. After the killer whale interpretive center we then went to a restaurant in port McNeil to have dinner. Now having finished a meal we headed over to the ferry for the ride to Alert Bay.

Day 2: Cedar basket weaving. Donna the basket weaver had agreed to teach us the secrets of her grandmother with her daughter at the cultural center. Before they arrived, we had a tour of the cultural center where the beautiful masks were kept. We found out that the whole reason the cultural center was built by the community is that the National museum of man would return their collection of masks, the return however, could only happen if they had a place to house the masks so that's how the cultural center was built to try and get what was

rightfully theirs... I could go on for a long time on how a few of the masks are still missing and how unfair this all is but then it would write a newspaper by itself. Anyway the basket weaving was my favorite part on the whole trip but I won't go into detail but I recommend it strongly to anyone who is the patient type!

Day 3: Walking beside Totem Poles. Each Totem Pole stands for a beloved family member that has died. While some families believe that once Totem Pole falls down, the spirit has gone free, while others repaint the Totem Poles and prevent them from falling down. Each Totem Pole has a unique story to tell and each of those so interesting! We went and saw the tallest Totem Pole in the world! It's very interesting but to me the shorter Totem Poles are nicer. Well I don't remember too much about the reason the tallest Totem Pole was made but I'm pretty sure that it was to symbolize the clans joining together. Not long after we went to T'lisalagi'lakw School where we got to play the log drum and learn the rhythm

Day 4: Leaving. This trip has ended too soon! We're all packing up and saying our goodbyes, so it's not very interesting. Good thing we did this before the social isolation!



The Surge Narrows Alert Bay Field Trip by Samuel Hrybko

On Tuesday most of the students traveled over from Read and other nearby islands to meet at a little pit stop a bit out of Campbell River. Once everyone was there, we continued to drive until we reached Telegraph Cove. There we learnt about whales and other marine animals and how they are affected by people with their boats. After that we started coming up with places to eat in Port McNeil. So, we drove, not really sure where we were going to eat until we got to the town then we went to a medium sized restaurant called "Nighttime", "Midnight" or something I don't know. Point is we went there and ate, and the food wasn't bad but that's just judging from the burger I ate.

From that restaurant we traveled down to the ferry and got into the terminal not knowing how crowded the terminal could get which is to say there were about 4 other cars that weren't part of our group! So, like normal children we couldn't just sit still and talk so us and some adults traveled over to the grass patch just beside the terminal. From this point we played tag, but the thing is the field was covered in goose poo! So, I ended up witnessing about 3 face plantings! But then when the ferry was almost back, we got called back to the cars and one student sprained their ankle, so this field trip was off to a great start!

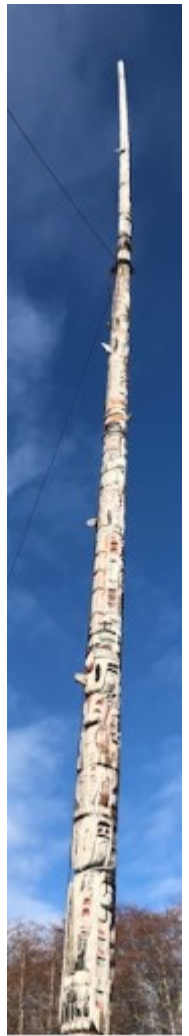
The ferry was just a big boat smaller than the Campbell River to Quadra one, but it was still a lot larger than my father's boat so ya, but really, we didn't do much on it except some students got fascinated with vending machines.

Once we got to Alert Bay, we didn't exactly know where the cabins we're so we kinda looked around a bit, but we got there, and we went to sleep.

Ok so now it was Wednesday, a brand-new day. We started it off by going to the U'Mista Cultural Centre. Once getting there most of the children played on some rope swings and climbed some trees until we could go in. The first thing we did was watch a video about the Kwa'kwala language then we explored the museum. It was quite interesting with all the masks. Next, we were given a scavenger hunting sheet and went to find stuff but I think that most people missed at least one because there was this one picture with a Dzunukwa mask no one was looking at! Then after turning in our scavenger hunting papers, we watched a second video was about a boogeymen man like First Nations creator called Bukwus. We then went outside and had lunch 'cause, who doesn't like lunch, no one that's who! So, then the teacher organized basket weaving. I myself went and made one. So that was pretty much Tuesday. Oh, and most of the children played on the large field in front of the cabins when we got back (the game was just running around and tackling each other)!

Thursday was next and we went on these forest/bog walks through this park area then half of the people when back to the cabins and half stayed at the beach. So then when everyone got back, we went to a big house on the island and we saw the largest totem pole in the world, I think. From there we walked to a private public school ya confusing and learnt how they were teaching. But this school was teaching Kwa'kwala which is cool it was also a big house style school and that didn't look bad. Then we ate and headed back to the cabins where the same things as the night before happened, so ya!

Friday was the day to go home. We woke up early because they were worried about overload on a ferry off of a small island, so we got dragged there and there was no one. We were about the only people who were heading back to civilization over so ya! But this ferry was more exciting I organized a tour of the bridge which was fun. Then we went home.



Travels in the Maritimes #3

Hello everybody!

We got back to Read Island on Sat March 21st, but of course we are self isolating so haven't seen many people yet except at a distance. Here is my final article about travelling out East:

(MARCH 10th, WRITTEN WHILE IN PEI): I have been doing a lot of fiddle and I am learning some new songs: The Pelican Reel by G. Stobbe, Scotland the Brave, the Joys of Quebec, Celtic Touch by Richard wood, and an Irish\ Scottish song called Smash the Windows. I really like the Pelican Reel and the Joys of Quebec. I was going to go to a Richard Wood concert, but the day before we had gone through a really bad pothole and both of the tires on the driver's side were leaking pretty badly, so Grandma Amy had to get the car towed to a garage and we couldn't go to the concert. The potholes here are almost as bad as the ones on Read, because there are lots of frost heaves. It's been getting a bit warmer the last few days and the snow is beginning to melt, but I bet that it will snow and then freeze again soon.



Yesterday I was wandering around in the grove of trees next to Grandma Amys house and I found a trail of Fluffy (the really fluffy cat I talked about last issue) fur. There was fur stuck to all of the lower branches and it formed a trail, probably leading back to his house. When I told this to Grandma Amy she said that the humming birds will probably use it in their nests.

There are lots of birds at Grandma Amy's feeder right now, at least 2 dozen blue Jays, a gang of four crows, a whole bunch of chickadees that flit around so fast that you can't count them, one or two nuthatches, and two evening grosbeaks that come and go. It is warm enough that all of the birds are squabbling over the seeds and the squirrels are chasing each other up and down the tree. When it gets really cold they don't waste energy squabbling.

(MARCH 16th, STILL IN PEI): Yesterday we went to a really neat performance at a brewery called the Copper Bottom Brewery (which allowed children). There were two musicians, one who switched between playing fiddle, an Irish-pipe, and a flute, and the other one, who used to be part of the band Ten Strings and a Goatskin, who played a guitar. They were really good, and Grandma Amy and I had an exercise where Grandma Amy would ask me what kind of song it was, like if it was a jig, or waltz, or reel, etc., and I would have to try and identify it by the beat. Grandma Amy was annoyed because they couldn't serve coffee (because they could only serve things that had a lid) because of COVID 19, and everyone sat very far apart. It was probably the last time we'll go to a public event in a long time.



(MARCH 26, WRITTEN WHEN I GOT HOME) On March 19, Grandma Amy dropped us off at the airport and we flew from Charlottetown to Montreal, then Montreal to Vancouver, then Vancouver to Victoria. The airports were very deserted and the cafés were shutting down all around us. Mom went to get something at a coffee place and used the washroom first, but by the time she got out it was closed. We were really careful and put on hand sanitizer whenever we touched something and washed our hands all the time. On the first flight they served food and drinks, but by the second flight they had stopped and were only giving out bottled water. We arrived at 10 o'clock pm (which felt like 2 am to us) and went to a hotel room in Victoria. The first thing we did was have showers and wash our clothes. We are very glad to be home and away from town now. We will stay quarantined for two weeks just in case we caught COVID 19 on the plane or on the way home.

(PS - Kitsy had disappeared all winter but he showed up at 1 am last night and was happy to see us!)

April 2020

Beazley

Hole in the Wall

Campbell River

Turns	Maximum	reverse	maximum
Day Time	Time Knots	jour heure	heure noeuds
1	0111 -5.3	16	0258 -5.8
WE 0419	0704 +3.3	TH 0610	0852 +4.2
ME 0931	1237 -4.6	TH 1155	1444 -4.2
ME 1547	1916 +7.4	JE 1734	2120 +6.9
2	0214 -5.3	17	0041 0405 -6.4
0543	0821 +3.7	0708	1003 +4.9
TH 1049	1400 -4.6	FR 1308	1553 -4.4
JE 1656	2031 +7.5	VE 1846	2223 +7.2
3	0019 0332 -5.7	18	0134 0458 -7.0
0651	0928 +4.8	0754	1059 +5.8
FR 1214	1523 -5.4	SA 1404	1704 -5.0
VE 1809	2142 +8.1	SA 1946	2313 +7.4
4	0119 0432 -6.3	19	0218 0542 -7.4
0744	1029 +6.1	0834	1143 +6.8
SA 1328	1625 -6.3	SU 1450	1744 -5.6
SA 1919	2243 +8.8	DI 2035	2354 +7.5
5	0210 0523 -7.1	20	0256 0617 -7.5
0830	1122 +7.4	0909	1220 +7.5
SU 1428	1723 -7.2	MO 1528	1825 -6.3
DI 2020	2334 +9.4	LU 2116	
6	0255 0607 -7.8	21	0030 +7.5
0912	1209 +8.6	0329	0646 -7.5
MO 1519	1816 -7.8	TU 0941	1252 +8.1
LU 2113		MA 1603	1901 -6.8
7	0021 +9.7	22	0102 +7.4
0336	0646 -8.2	0359	0712 -7.2
TU 0953	1254 +9.6	WE 1011	1321 +8.4
MA 1606	1905 -8.3	ME 1636	1936 -7.2
8	0104 +9.7	23	0132 +7.2
0416	0724 -8.7	0427	0736 -6.9
WE 1033	1336 +10.3	TH 1040	1349 +8.6
ME 1651	1953 -8.6	JE 1707	2010 -7.4
9	0147 +9.3	24	0202 +6.8
0455	0801 -8.8	0455	0800 -7.0
TH 1113	1419 +10.6	FR 1108	1416 +8.8
JE 1737	2041 -8.7	VE 1739	2044 -7.4
10	0231 +8.6	25	0233 +6.2
0535	0839 -8.6	0525	0825 -7.0
FR 1154	1503 +10.6	SA 1138	1445 +9.1
VE 1825	2131 -8.5	SA 1813	2120 -7.2
11	0028 0318 +7.6	26	0017 0306 +5.7
0616	0921 -7.9	0557	0853 -7.0
SA 1236	1549 +10.2	SU 1210	1518 +9.3
SA 1917	2224 -8.0	DI 1851	2159 -6.9
12	0123 0405 +6.4	27	0100 0345 +5.1
0701	1008 -6.9	0634	0928 -6.6
SU 1322	1640 +9.5	MO 1246	1556 +9.3
DI 2016	2328 -7.4	LU 1936	2244 -6.5
13	0227 0511 +5.4	28	0150 0433 +4.5
0752	1104 -5.8	0718	1012 -6.1
MO 1412	1739 +8.5	TU 1328	1643 +9.1
LU 2122		MA 2029	2342 -6.2
14	0020 -6.6	29	0251 0531 +4.0
0341	0614 +4.5	0813	1109 -5.3
TU 0857	1211 -4.9	WE 1418	1740 +8.6
MA 1510	1841 +7.6	ME 2131	
15	0141 -5.9	30	0035 -5.9
0459	0732 +4.1	0401	0651 +4.1
WE 1024	1329 -4.3	TH 0922	1221 -4.7
ME 1618	2005 +7.0	JE 1519	1848 +8.0
2340		2236	

Turns	Maximum	reverse	maximum
Day Time	Time Knots	jour heure	heure noeuds
1	0124 -5.6	16	0309 -6.1
0443	0719 +3.1	0628	0902 +4.2
WE 0937	1249 -4.9	TH 1158	1455 -4.6
ME 1604	1927 +7.6	JE 1749	2128 +7.0
2	0226 -5.7	17	0046 0415 -6.7
0606	0839 +3.6	0724	1011 +4.9
TH 1054	1411 -4.9	FR 1312	1604 -4.9
JE 1712	2041 +7.7	VE 1900	2230 +7.2
3	0022 0341 -6.1	18	0139 0508 -7.2
0710	0934 +4.7	0809	1112 +5.8
FR 1219	1529 -5.7	SA 1409	1702 -5.3
VE 1824	2150 +8.3	SA 1959	2320 +7.4
4	0123 0440 -6.6	19	0224 0551 -7.5
0759	1037 +6.1	0848	1150 +6.8
SA 1334	1633 -6.6	SU 1455	1747 -5.8
SA 1932	2249 +9.1	DI 2047	
5	0214 0529 -7.2	20	0001 +7.5
0844	1128 +7.6	0302	0625 -7.5
SU 1434	1730 -7.4	MO 0922	1227 +7.5
DI 2031	2340 +9.7	LU 1535	1832 -6.4
6	0259 0612 -7.9	21	0037 +7.5
0925	1215 +8.9	0335	0654 -7.4
MO 1526	1821 -8.0	TU 0954	1258 +8.0
LU 2124		MA 1610	1908 -6.8
7	0026 +10.1	22	0109 +7.4
0342	0650 -8.5	0405	0719 -7.0
TU 1005	1259 +10.0	WE 1023	1327 +8.4
MA 1613	1910 -8.4	ME 1642	1943 -7.2
8	0110 +10.1	23	0139 +7.2
0422	0727 -9.0	0434	0742 -7.0
WE 1044	1341 +10.7	TH 1051	1355 +8.8
ME 1659	1958 -8.5	JE 1713	2016 -7.3
9	0153 +9.7	24	0209 +6.7
0502	0803 -9.1	0503	0806 -7.2
TH 1124	1424 +11.1	FR 1120	1422 +9.1
JE 1744	2046 -8.4	VE 1745	2050 -7.3
10	0238 +8.9	25	0241 +6.2
0542	0842 -8.9	0533	0831 -7.3
FR 1205	1508 +11.0	SA 1150	1452 +9.4
VE 1832	2136 -8.3	SA 1819	2126 -7.2
11	0039 0326 +7.7	26	0029 0315 +5.7
0623	0925 -8.2	0605	0900 -7.2
SA 1247	1555 +10.5	SU 1223	1525 +9.6
SA 1923	2230 -8.0	DI 1857	2205 -6.9
12	0135 0420 +6.5	27	0114 0355 +5.0
0708	1013 -7.2	0642	0936 -6.9
SU 1333	1647 +9.7	MO 1259	1605 +9.5
DI 2021	2333 -7.5	LU 1942	2251 -6.7
13	0242 0522 +5.4	28	0206 0445 +4.3
0758	1110 -6.1	0726	1021 -6.3
MO 1425	1747 +8.6	TU 1343	1653 +9.2
LU 2126		MA 2035	2347 -6.4
14	0037 -6.8	29	0310 0549 +3.9
0359	0627 +4.5	0820	1119 -5.6
TU 0902	1215 -5.2	WE 1435	1751 +8.7
MA 1524	1857 +7.5	ME 2135	
15	0152 -6.2	30	0042 -6.3
0520	0735 +4.0	0422	0701 +4.0
WE 1027	1334 -4.7	TH 0928	1232 -5.0
ME 1633	2014 +7.0	JE 1537	1859 +8.2
2345		2240	

Day	Time	Metres	Feet	jour	heure	mètres	pieds
1 WE ME	0539	3.5	11.5	16 TH JE	0059	4.1	13.5
	0826	3.6	11.8		0843	3.0	9.8
	1645	1.4	4.6		1127	3.1	10.2
					1834	1.6	5.2
2 TH JE	0056	4.0	13.1	17 FR VE	0141	4.1	13.5
	0714	3.4	11.2		0928	2.8	9.2
	0930	3.4	11.2		1254	3.1	10.2
	1754	1.4	4.6		1930	1.8	5.9
3 FR VE	0144	4.0	13.1	18 SA SA	0216	4.0	13.1
	0826	3.2	10.5		1004	2.5	8.2
	1137	3.4	11.2		1401	3.2	10.5
	1900	1.3	4.3		2018	2.0	6.6
4 SA SA	0224	4.1	13.5	19 SU DI	0247	4.0	13.1
	0845	3.0	9.8		1035	2.4	7.9
	1316	3.5	11.5		1454	3.4	11.2
	1956	1.3	4.3		2057	2.1	6.9
5 SU DI	0300	4.2	13.8	20 MO LU	0316	4.0	13.1
	0835	2.7	8.9		1103	2.2	7.2
	1422	3.7	12.1		1542	3.5	11.5
	2042	1.4	4.6		2125	2.3	7.5
6 MO LU	0334	4.2	13.8	21 TU MA	0344	4.0	13.1
	0916	2.4	7.9		1127	2.0	6.6
	1520	3.8	12.5		1627	3.6	11.8
	2123	1.6	5.2		2151	2.5	8.2
7 TU MA	0405	4.3	14.1	22 WE ME	0409	4.0	13.1
	1008	2.0	6.6		1143	1.8	5.9
	1617	3.9	12.8		1712	3.7	12.1
	2201	1.9	6.2		2221	2.7	8.9
8 WE ME	0437	4.4	14.4	23 TH JE	0430	3.9	12.8
	1146	1.6	5.2		1120	1.6	5.2
	1716	4.0	13.1		1758	3.8	12.5
	2241	2.2	7.2		2253	2.9	9.5
9 TH JE	0509	4.4	14.4	24 FR VE	0446	3.9	12.8
	1225	1.2	3.9		1145	1.4	4.6
	1820	4.0	13.1		1846	3.9	12.8
	2326	2.6	8.5		2327	3.0	9.8
10 FR VE	0542	4.3	14.1	25 SA SA	0503	3.9	12.8
	1304	1.0	3.3		1216	1.2	3.9
	1928	4.0	13.1		1936	3.9	12.8
11 SA SA	0028	2.9	9.5	26 SU DI	0009	3.2	10.5
	0617	4.2	13.8		0525	3.9	12.8
	1345	0.9	3.0		1251	1.1	3.6
	2035	4.0	13.1		2028	4.0	13.1
12 SU DI	0224	3.2	10.5	27 MO LU	0134	3.4	11.2
	0654	4.0	13.1		0553	3.8	12.5
	1429	0.9	3.0		1329	1.1	3.6
	2143	4.0	13.1		2123	4.0	13.1
13 MO LU	0348	3.4	11.2	28 TU MA	0303	3.5	11.5
	0735	3.8	12.5		0625	3.7	12.1
	1520	1.1	3.6		1412	1.1	3.6
	2253	4.0	13.1		2221	4.0	13.1
14 TU MA	0537	3.4	11.2	29 WE ME	0435	3.5	11.5
	0825	3.5	11.5		0703	3.5	11.5
	1621	1.3	4.3		1502	1.2	3.9
					2318	4.1	13.5
15 WE ME	0002	4.1	13.5	30 TH JE	0639	3.3	10.8
	0734	3.2	10.5		0758	3.3	10.8
	0943	3.3	10.8		1601	1.3	4.3
	1729	1.5	4.9				

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Day	Time	Metres	Feet	jour	heure	mètres	pieds
1	0019 0545 WE 0913 ME 1714	4.1 3.5 3.6 1.3	13.5 11.5 11.8 4.3	16	0134 0816 TH 1155 JE 1848	4.4 3.0 3.2 1.6	14.4 9.8 10.5 5.2
2	0126 0726 TH 1031 JE 1822	4.2 3.4 3.5 1.3	13.8 11.2 11.5 4.3	17	0223 0902 FR 1333 VE 1952	4.4 2.7 3.3 1.8	14.4 8.9 10.8 5.9
3	0220 0826 FR 1210 VE 1932	4.3 3.2 3.5 1.3	14.1 10.5 11.5 4.3	18	0302 0935 SA 1446 SA 2048	4.3 2.5 3.4 1.9	14.1 8.2 11.2 6.2
4	0304 0908 SA 1343 SA 2035	4.4 2.9 3.6 1.2	14.4 9.5 11.8 3.9	19	0333 1004 SU 1542 DI 2135	4.3 2.3 3.6 2.1	14.1 7.5 11.8 6.9
5	0340 0947 SU 1459 DI 2130	4.5 2.6 3.9 1.3	14.8 8.5 12.8 4.3	20	0400 1031 MO 1630 LU 2217	4.3 2.0 3.8 2.2	14.1 6.6 12.5 7.2
6	0413 1026 MO 1604 LU 2219	4.6 2.2 4.1 1.4	15.1 7.2 13.5 4.6	21	0424 1059 TU 1714 MA 2254	4.2 1.8 3.9 2.4	13.8 5.9 12.8 7.9
7	0445 1107 TU 1704 MA 2306	4.7 1.7 4.2 1.7	15.4 5.6 13.8 5.6	22	0447 1126 WE 1755 ME 2330	4.2 1.6 4.1 2.6	13.8 5.2 13.5 8.5
8	0516 1149 WE 1803 ME 2352	4.7 1.3 4.3 2.0	15.4 4.3 14.1 6.6	23	0508 1154 TH 1837 JE	4.2 1.4 4.2 	13.8 4.6 13.8
9	0548 1232 TH 1904 JE	4.7 0.9 4.4 	15.4 3.0 14.4 	24	0005 0529 FR 1223 VE 1920	2.8 4.1 1.2 4.2	9.2 13.5 3.9 13.8
10	0039 0622 FR 1316 VE 2007	2.4 4.6 0.7 4.4	7.9 15.1 2.3 14.4	25	0041 0551 SA 1254 SA 2004	3.0 4.1 1.0 4.3	9.8 13.5 3.3 14.1
11	0131 0656 SA 1401 SA 2113	2.8 4.5 0.7 4.5	9.2 14.8 2.3 14.8	26	0120 0615 SU 1327 DI 2053	3.2 4.0 1.0 4.3	10.5 13.1 3.3 14.1
12	0231 0732 SU 1449 DI 2222	3.1 4.2 0.8 4.5	10.2 13.8 2.6 14.8	27	0207 0641 MO 1405 LU 2145	3.3 3.9 1.0 4.4	10.8 12.8 3.3 14.4
13	0345 0812 MO 1540 LU 2330	3.3 3.9 1.0 4.4	10.8 12.8 3.3 14.4	28	0305 0709 TU 1447 MA 2242	3.4 3.8 1.0 4.4	11.2 12.5 3.3 14.4
14	0520 0900 TU 1637 MA	3.3 3.6 1.2 	10.8 11.8 3.9 	29	0424 0747 WE 1537 ME 2341	3.4 3.6 1.1 4.4	11.2 11.8 3.6 14.4
15	0036 0702 WE 1012 ME 1740	4.4 3.2 3.4 1.4	14.4 10.5 11.2 4.6	30	0559 0851 TH 1637 JE	3.3 3.5 1.3 	10.8 11.5 4.3

Perhaps the World Ends Here

Joy Harjo - 1951-

The world begins at a kitchen table. No matter what, we must eat to live.

The gifts of earth are brought and prepared, set on the table. So it has been since creation, and it will go on.

We chase chickens or dogs away from it. Babies teethe at the corners. They scrape their knees under it.

It is here that children are given instructions on what it means to be human. We make men at it, we make women.

At this table we gossip, recall enemies and the ghosts of lovers.

Our dreams drink coffee with us as they put their arms around our children. They laugh with us at our poor falling-down selves and as we put ourselves back together once again at the table.

This table has been a house in the rain, an umbrella in the sun.

Wars have begun and ended at this table. It is a place to hide in the shadow of terror. A place to celebrate the terrible victory.

We have given birth on this table, and have prepared our parents for burial here.

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Perhaps the world will end at the kitchen table, while we are laughing and crying, eating of the last sweet bite.



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