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Its purpose is to provide an insight into the Craig Bay Lifestyle and an archive of the contributions of residents who are actively involved in this community.

Submissions of articles and photos are always welcome and will be included as space allows.

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Three Wise Men - Trevor West



# BEACH CLUB NEWS

The Craig Bay Beach Club - the heart of the community!

## WINE CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

By Penny Rutherford

The Wine Club gathers on the **3rd Thursday of every month** for a relaxed social evening with residents who enjoy good company, good conversation, and—of course—a glass of wine or their beverage of choice.

This past year, Wine Club members enjoyed a wonderful lineup of themed events, including a *Dessert Wine Tasting*, *Spring Fling*, *Summer Beach Party*, *End-of-Summer BBQ*, *Oktoberfest*, and a *festive Christmas Cocktail Party*.

Membership is just **\$15 per person**, a small contribution that helps support event costs, prizes, and the little extras that make our gatherings special.

We warmly welcome new residents to join the fun. 2026 is going to be a great year for us to explore more ways to enjoy time spent with friends, while learning more about why we call our club "THE WINE CLUB"!

For more information about becoming a member, please contact: **Maggie Webb at 250-586-7998 or [streight@shaw.ca](mailto:streight@shaw.ca)**





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## Craig Bay Choristers – The Year in Review

By Leslie Simpson

Thank you to all our friends and neighbours within our great community who so heartily supported us during 2025! To recap the year:

The Choristers started rehearsing in January for our spring concert in May. In the meantime, we brought “The Paperboys” to a sold-out crowd at Knox in February. Due in large part to the success of this fundraising event, we were able to donate \$2600 to Oceanside Hospice in March.

In May, we presented “Ask Me to Sing” and had the talented singing group, Oceanside A Cappella (now known as “Treble Magic”) as our guest performers.

On July 1st we gathered on the lawn at the Beach Club to sing a few tunes for you and lead the Craig Bay crowd into the singing of our national anthem.

After a summer hiatus, rehearsals started in September for our year-end concert entitled “Born in Bethlehem” which garnered rave reviews from our loyal concert go-ers. An afterglow party at the Beach Club followed the performance where we celebrated another great year of fellowship with our choir friends.

Other highlights of the year include the times we gave mini versions of our concerts to the residents and staff of Arrowsmith Lodge and Stanford Seniors Village. These folks are so welcoming and appreciative of our visits – it is truly a heartwarming experience for us each time.

### What's Coming Up in 2026:

**January 6th** - 1:00pm Chorister registration and first rehearsal in the Conservatory. Rehearsals each Tuesday thereafter from 1:30-3:30.

### No auditions - all are welcome!

**February 28th** 2:00pm  
The Paperboys at Knox  
(A Craig Bay Choristers Project)

**May 1st** - 7:00pm  
Spring Concert

**December 5th** 2:30pm  
Christmas Concert



Alison and Wally Chinn bring “The Holiday Tango” to life at our Christmas Concert.



Cheque presentation to Oceanside Hospice from The Choristers:

Mandy Levesque (Oceanside Hospice) with Lesley Brown and Anne Collins, co-chairs of “The Paperboys” event and Jim Reid, Choristers President.



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## Craig Bay Acoustic Guitar Band - 2025

*By Andrew Collins & Peter Jarman*

The Craig Bay Acoustic Guitar Band has had a fulfilling 2025 and looks forward to more of the same in 2026. Over the year we've added three new players and said goodbye to two, both original members who have moved away from Craig Bay. We now have seven regular attendees at our Tuesday evening sessions.

We meet in the Conservatory every Tuesday evening at 7 pm, and welcome players of all levels of skill and style. We play both acoustic and electric guitars, but would also welcome other string players. Anyone interested in joining us should contact a group member in order to get a sense of the music we play and how best to access our repertoire, which is getting extensive.

The Craig Bay Guitar Band has had a history of performing for Craig Bay community events over the last seven years including Canada Day and other great social events. This year, we were privileged to be asked to play for a full house at the Wine Club's AGM in May, and the Social Club invited us to perform to a packed house, at one of their successful TGIF series events in early November. Our style is to encourage audience participation, and pass out song sheets to help everyone sing along to the songs. Our thanks to the Wine Club and Social Club for inviting us to join their events this year.

**Here are the links to short videos of our two performances in 2025...**



**Click on the images to view video**



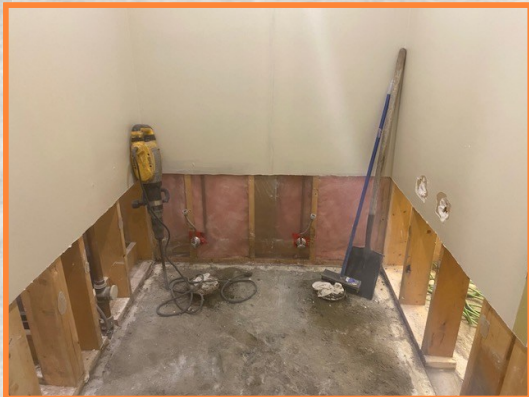
*Thanks to Dick Glassford and Anne Collins for spending the two evenings videoing the concerts for the community.*



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## Women's Change Room Renovation from Start to Finish





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## Congratulations CBME on making it to our 1st Anniversary



**Thank you to all members, the CB community and Craig Bay Beach Club for your support.**

### **Some history on how we got here and achievements to date:**

- CBME has grown from the 5 that attended the first meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in response to a flyer published in "Tidelines" in late December 2024, to 12 active members today
- The Beach Club confirmed its support of CBME January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. They have fully supported us throughout the year in every way.
- We have fulfilled all the goals set out under "Benefits" in the introduction flyer and more with full support of all the members, each contributing to comradery, enjoyment, support for each in all matter, not just motorcycling
- We have learned many new skills over the past year due to the club activities and interactions.
- Some highlights: Show & Shine, rides to Gold River, Maple Bay, Campbell River, Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride (Charity for Prostate Cancer research) presentations including Guys trip across Canada

### **The future looks bright with more interesting events for 2026 including:**

First off-site meetup of CBME at Serious Coffee January 16<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm

- January 30<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm is presentation by Rick Lovelace in the Conservatory on his bush piloting experiences followed by CBME monthly meeting
- CBME members offsite meetup at 356 Coffee Bar February 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm
- "Staying Alive" on motorcycles presentation by Paul Willie, Robert Morgan for CBME members only February 1;30pm February 27<sup>th</sup> (Other presentation by Mike Bennoit and Guy Flavelle are planned for March and April)

Over the next few weeks plans are being prepared for the riding season

Thank you again for all the support

*By Dave Longdale*



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## Craig Bay Social Club

Your Craig Bay Social Club plans a variety of social events for our community and holds special appreciation lunches to honor its many hard-working volunteers. We are a friendly and welcoming group, always looking for new members and fresh ideas. An open invitation is extended to anyone to drop in to one of our regular monthly meetings, held the 2nd Monday at 10am in the Four Seasons Lounge.

Funding for our events is subsidized by the monthly Craig Bay bottle drives (a shout-out to the dedicated volunteers who show up year-round). Interested in how the bottle drive money is spent? Our latest financial report and annual budget are posted on the Craig Bay website. While there, why not check out our 2023 and 2024 newsletters for a glimpse into past events.

Our 2025 Year-in-Review will be coming out shortly. Watch for it in your inbox.



## WELCOME New Residents

**Don & Marlene Bison**

1406 Cape cod  
(Seaside Village)

**David & Kari Searle**

1396 Gabriola  
(Seaside Village)

**Charles & Karen Framingham**

106 - 1325 Cape Cod  
(Onyx)

**Peter & Tracy Kloos**

1358 Saturna  
(Meadow Beach)

**Charles & Ruth Lamb**

1409 Gabriola  
(Seaside Village)

**Michael & Denise Hogge**

1698 Brentwood  
(Seaside Village)

**Dwayne Ward & Jan Troyer**

1381 Gabriola  
(Seaside Village)

**Margaret Compo**

402-1325 Cape Cod  
(Onyx)

**Ron Crossan & Liane Brunet**

1248 Gabriola  
(Arbutus Grove)

**Lance & Myrna Nordling**

1357 Gambier  
(Seaside Village)

**Christian Massey & Colleen Drain**

1383 Britannia  
(Seaside Village)

Help us connect with new residents! If you know of a new neighbor who has not been mentioned here, please ask them to contact the Beach Club office so that they can register with us.



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## GUESS WHO'S

### COMING TO DINNER

## Next "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"

### Spring 2026

### Details to follow



### SOCIAL BRIDGE

**Day:** *Thursday*

**Time:** *1:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

**Place:** *Clubhouse Lounge*

**Everyone welcome!** Skill level is intermediate and above.

Complete beginners would be encouraged to take some instruction before signing up.

Please call Maggie Webb (250-586-7998) if you are interested in playing.

# Facebook

## CRAIG BAY BUY/SELL ETC.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR NEIGHBOURS!!** Can you believe we are entering our 7th year since the initial idea of a [Facebook Craig Bay Buy and Sell](#) page was born. We are 425 strong! Here is quick reminder of what it is about.

**\*\*\* You must live in Craig Bay to join and have access to this page. Family and friends outside of CB are not eligible...sorry.**

- **BUY / SELL/ GIVE AWAY**
- **BORROW / LEND**
- **RECOMMEND TRADES PEOPLE TRADE ITEMS OR SERVICES.** These items and services can be new or used. A home-based business in our CB community that have items to sell or have a service to offer, may participate on this site as well.
- **INFO RE MANNA HOMELESS SOCIETY, REFUGEES & WOMEN IN TRANSITION**
- **FRESH AND UNCLUTTERED** – Please remove any posts no longer needed. Posts more than 2 weeks old will be deleted but you may repost.
- All posts must be approved by the administration. Please allow 24-48 hours for your post to appear.
- Please understand that this platform is NOT under the 'official' Craig Bay umbrella, and so any recommendations that are made are not sanctioned by the strata corporation or CLC – they are just personal opinions. This FB group is in no way connected to the Craig Bay executive.

**Cheers for a happy and healthy 2026**

Submitted by  
*Penny Wade*



# WMPG 2025 Summary

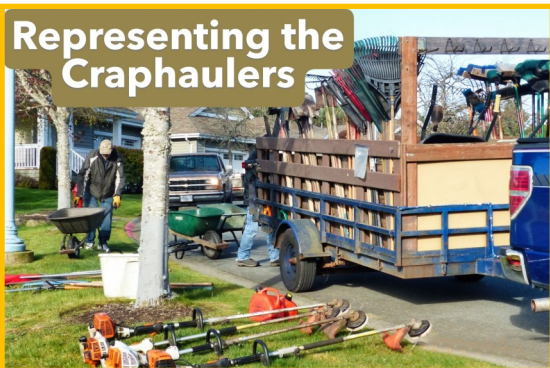
Submitted by Terry Henfrey, President WMPG



Over the course of 28 Wednesdays, an average of 42 volunteers, working in weather conditions ranging from a damp 2 degrees to sweltering 31 degrees, WMPG volunteers saved Craig Bay at least \$100,000 in 2025 and \$1.3 million since WMPG started working in the community.

## The following tasks were completed by WMPG during 2025:

- Reconstructed 7 individual fences consisting of 12 panels at a cost of \$3,700. If a private contractor had done the work the cost would have been at least \$18,000. Total saving: \$14,300.
- Built two resting benches for the CLC which now reside in the Arbutus Grove.
- Conducted a survey of 98 privacy fences to predict future costs for budgeting purposes.



- Serviced tools on 28 Monday's.
- Hauled away 13 tons of waste.
- Cleaned up 1,600 meters of pond shoreline and 600 square meters of "Three Bridges Island" of invasive plant life.
- Cleared various pond areas of cattails and other aquatic growth.
- Managed pond summer and winter water levels through weir flashboard installation and removal, as well as main weir sluice gate operations.

- Cleared 150 meters of "Three Bridges Pond" berm.
- Trimmed and removed tree branches from trees verging on collapse into the water channel adjacent to the Three Bridges Island.
- Cleared vegetative growth and debris from the main pond outlet weir as well as the associated outfall channel to the ocean.
- "Trimmed" cattail growth as pre-approved in a few isolated and specific pond shoreline areas.



# WMPG Wednesday Morning Project Group

- Replaced deteriorating timber lawn edging with almost 2200 feet of polyethylene benderboard, providing superior durability.
- Cleared deadwood from 3 hectares (4 football fields) of forested areas to strengthen fire mitigation.
- Cleared and groomed 3 kilometers of trails, including cutting and removing brush and fallen trees.
- Weed wacked, raked and removed overgrowth vegetation across 2.4 hectares (3 football fields).



- Refinished 6 picnic tables.
- Refinished 2 Adirondack chairs on the Beachclub patio.
- Installed the new Memorial bench at Three Bridges.
- Refinished 8 Adirondack chairs for the cottages.
- Repaired and replaced the Stop/Do not enter signs at the parking lot.
- Repainted numbers on all 34 fire hydrants.



- Replace the sign at the end of Langara.
- Repainted the white trim on the entrance pergola.
- Repainted the bollard in front of the Beachcomber.
- Reorganized painting supplies in the workshop and paint storage areas.
- Cleaned off old Memorial Bench and pad.

- Refinished stream outfeed barriers.
- Refinished handrails on man bridges.
- Painted the disabled parking space in the parking lot.
- Repainted stop/street sign posts.



- Supervised the annual watermain flushing and fire hydrant testing program that was carried out by Caledonia Fire Inspection Services.
- Tested successfully residential water shutoff valves providing water service to 376 homes in AG, MB and SV Strata's.
- Located 1 valve that had been buried in a lawn for several years.
- Conducted manual tree root pruning services at 6 SV homes where roots presented an imminent danger to water service lines.
- Repaired or replaced water valve boxes at approximately 20 homes in AG, MB and SV strata's.



Our turnout during our 2025 spring session averaged 45, while our numbers during the fall session averaged 39 for a 2025 average of 42.



WMPG will start-up again on March 18<sup>th</sup> and the spring session will conclude on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026. We can always use volunteers...men and women.



Anyone who is interested in joining us, please contact Terry at [thenfrey@gmail.com](mailto:thenfrey@gmail.com)

**\* A heartfelt appreciation goes out to Bonnie Lambert** and over three dozen talented volunteers who consistently delivered exceptional baked goods and steaming hot coffee every week. **Throughout 2025, we indulged in at least 2,500 delectable treats and 1,100 cups of coffee.**

Bonnie and her dedicated team play a crucial role in refueling our tired bodies and helping foster friendships. Their efforts significantly contribute to our community work, and for that we and all of Craig Bay, say

**THANK YOU!!**



# Volunteer Recognition

Thank you to the many volunteers who give their time and efforts to help the Craig Bay community run smoothly!

## Volunteer Profile

Name of Volunteer: **Maggie Webb**

Volunteer Role(s): **Bridge Club, Wine Club & Social Club**

Notable Contributions:

Seventeen years ago, Maggie Webb arrived at Craig Bay, unpacked her boxes, took a look around, and immediately knew she had found her people. From the very beginning, she stepped into community life with enthusiasm—and Craig Bay has been richer for it ever since.

A formidable card player, Maggie quickly found her way to the Bridge Club. It wasn't long before she moved beyond the card table to take on a leadership role, organizing games, managing dues, and overseeing prizes with her trademark efficiency and good humour.

Next came the Wine Club. Maggie and her husband, Bill, joined as keen participants, and once again Maggie answered the call to serve. As treasurer, she has faithfully kept the books for many years, while also welcoming new members, selling tickets, and lending a hand wherever needed.

When the Social Club required someone reliable to design and manage ticket sales for community events, Maggie stepped forward without hesitation. With warmth, charm, and unfailing dependability, she became the club's "go-to" ticket seller, making every interaction a pleasure. Maggie took extra steps to sell those tickets. She'd phone members she knew had attended previously but hadn't bought tickets yet; also sold tickets not just on her "days" at the clubhouse, but from her house, making herself available at all hours. Maggie also took on a co-sharing role organizing the WMPG (Wednesday Morning Project Group) annual luncheon.





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## More Recognition...

Maggie's friendly and engaging nature, combined with her integrity and steady commitment, make her ideally suited to the many roles she fulfills across the Bridge Club, Wine Club, and Social Club. She is trustworthy, organized, and always willing to accommodate changes - qualities that make her an invaluable part of Craig Bay's vibrant community life.

Thank you, Maggie, for the countless ways you enrich our clubs and strengthen our sense of community. Your dedication, generosity, and joyful spirit make Craig Bay a warmer, more connected place for all.

## Nominated by:

Social club Co-Chairs Anne Collins, Carol Matthews and Nancy Young. Penny Rutherford, Carol Chilton, Finola Rayner, Bonnie Lambert, Leslie Simpson.





***“Many hands make light work.”***

Craig Bay is a unique community. We thrive thanks to the efforts of our many volunteers, who give their highly valued time and effort to make things work.

Many Craig Bay residents bring with them special skills, talents and interests that lend value to all of us. There are roles to suit most – from administrative roles within the various stratas to more casual and recreation-related roles in our many clubs.

We’re hoping to spark an interest in what we can offer as serving opportunities, and would love to connect with you through the Volunteer Interest Form linked below.

We can connect you to the appropriate people to tell you more about the various opportunities and answer any questions you might have.

**Volunteer Interest Form**



## **SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED AT CRAIG BAY IN 2025!**

*Strata Councils ~ Strata Committees ~ CLC  
~ Beach Club ~ Ponds ~ WMPG ~ Infrastructure  
~ Human Resources Advisory ~ Goose Advisory  
~ Landscaping ~ Irrigation ~ Social Club  
~ Bottle Drive ~ Fall Food Drive  
.....and all other volunteer roles!*



## **NOMINATE A VOLUNTEER!**

Craig Bay runs on an enormous number of volunteers – so we want to highlight these valued residents on a regular basis in the Tidelines. Submit your nomination to: [beachclub@craigbay.com](mailto:beachclub@craigbay.com)



## Artists' Corner:

### MEET THE ARTISTS AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR ART

#### ELAINE REID

##### **"GREAT BLUE HERON"** *Cross-stitch*

The heron is a denizen of our ponds and a frequent sight on the shores of the area. Piercing eyes, great patience, and lightning-fast strikes spell doom for frogs, small fish, and other pond dwellers. This is a counted cross-stitch piece on Evenweave cotton, double matted and framed by us at home.



#### CAROL CHILTON



##### **"SUNBURST ROSES"**

*Watercolor*

A luminous watercolour of a sunburst rose accompanied by a smaller fading companion. Both stand out on a warmly toned background. All cultures are fascinated by roses like these.

##### **"CURIOUS"**

Sea Otters, which were almost extinct on B.C.'s coast 80 years ago, thrive in pockets today. The otter has the thickest fur of any animal in order to keep warm in our frigid waters. While they love to frolic, they also like to relax while floating on their backs; groups of them can be found floating as "rafts."

This painting is based on a photograph by Darren Livingston of Prescott, Arizona.



**ART WALL Selection Committee: Lyn King, Kim McCabe, John Anderson, Heather Gray**  
**Project Coordinator: Heidi Bunting**



**JULIE GIBLER**

**"SEA OTTER DAYS"** *Acrylic on Canvas*

This little cutie is a perfect example of the coastal sea otters easily seen off the cliffs above Central California. You can watch them forage for food, crack open the mussels, clams and other crustaceans, and even transport their young on their belly, all at the same time!

**JENNIE MEDYNSKI**

**"ZAMBEZI DENIZENS"** *Watercolor*

Having just arrived in Africa, we found ourselves on a sunset cruise on the Zambezi, just above Victoria Falls. Imagine our excitement when a herd of elephants began crossing the river just ahead of us. My first sighting of these magnificent animals in the wild and I knew I had a great subject for a painting: these majestic creatures in their natural environment under a warm African sun.



**FAYE WALKER**

**"HORSE IN THE WILD"**

*Black Canvas Cross Stitch*

**WALLY CHINN**

**"LONELY PERSEVERANCE"**

Reflects the persistent isolated life of a tiny Douglas Fir (sometimes referred to as the "Fairy Lake Bonsai Tree"), living uniquely atop a partially submerged nurse tree. It continues to survive with little change in its overall growth from one year to the next. The tree and its nurse log are located within Fairy Lake, which is just east of Port Renfrew, BC., and it is likely the single most photographed tree in Canada, if not beyond!





**DEB REIDLINGER**

***"TAI O FISHING VILLIAGE, HONG KONG"***

Tai O is an ancient fishing village near the city of Hong Kong. The inhabitants are still active fishers today. The village is full of canals and much of the village homes are built on stilts with the boats moored alongside. This is just one view of a small part of the village with boats moored in front of a stone wall and very old homes and even apartments behind.

**CATHY HILL**

***"THREE BRIDGES...EARLY MARCH SNOWSTORM"***

We all enjoy our "Three Bridges" in all seasons, and this picture, captured in a sudden late winter snowstorm seems to lead us across the bridges, to the rail fence, and beyond...



**NANCY YOUNG**

***"SEEDS AND PODS"***

This is a mixed media piece using pen, pencil, and acrylic paint (transparent and opaque), to draw a variety of pods and seeds and other natural forms. I used negative painting at the end, to highlight the various botanical shapes. I applied a few paint skins at that stage as well.

~I finished the piece with a high-gloss resin~

**ART WALL POPS UP:  
Non-hangable art mediums show-  
cased at the Opening Reception on  
January 9th, 2026**

Featured Artists:

**Ron Crossan—Wild Life Carver**

**Josee Neuville—Collage decoupage on  
Glass**

**Rita Morin—Fibre Art, Machine Stitching**



# Gardening Matters

by Wendy Smith, Vancouver Island Advanced Master Gardener

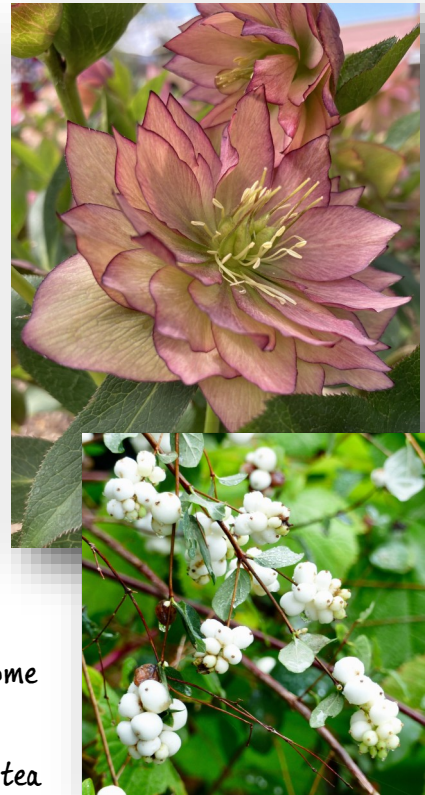
## The Winter Garden

*"Winter is a season of recovery and preparation."*

*Paul Theroux*

Need to relax and recover from a busy holiday season? The winter months reveal many hidden treasures in the garden which are just waiting there for you to discover them. Go out for a walk around your garden or the neighbourhood. Observe the textures and colours of evergreens and plants with winter interest such as the Arbutus and Paperbark Maples. Look for signs of spring blooms that will be popping up now. I have already seen early snowdrops which arrive on the Heritage Site this time of year. Berries provide colour and interest in the landscape when other plants are dormant. Berries also provide food for birds and other wildlife who have to forage in the winter months. There are many bird varieties that stay for winter in our area. See how many varieties you can see on your walks. Be present on your walks. Allow your body to relax and connect with nature.

(i.e. no phones! No ear buds!)



Winter is also a great time to plan for some additions or changes for the upcoming gardening season. Cozy up with a cup of tea and some gardening magazines or books from the library to get some inspiration and new ideas. What improvements would you like to make to your outdoor spaces? Would you like to try growing some vegetables or herbs this year? Growing vegetables on your patio or deck is easy and rewarding. It is not too early to start thinking about what you might like to try to grow this year on your own deck or patio. You might find some inspiration by attending Qualicum Beach's 22nd annual Seedy Saturday. This year it will take place on February 7th at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. Admission is by donation and there is something for everyone... seeds, plants and garden supplies as well as demonstrations, vendors and children's activities.

Take a stroll around your own garden space and make notes about what worked well for you last year. What did not work for you? What plants were too labour intensive or required more watering than you like to do? I recently decided not to hang my baskets but instead remove the hangers and place the container on a small table and let the plants trail down. It was so much easier for me to water, feed and deadhead this way and I still was able to enjoy the pop of colour that a seasonal basket makes. Maybe you experienced some problems this year, too. I am eager to try some wool pellets this year which is supposed to deter slugs and snails, retain water and suppress weeds! I will let you know how they worked.



One of my favourite early blooming plants are hellebores. They are evergreen and have thick, leathery leaves with sharp edges which are a deterrent to deer and rabbits. When new shoots appear I cut off the old weathered leaves to make way for the fresh growth and allow light to reach the emerging shoots. Hellebores come in a wide range of colours and are very hardy. They easily bounce back from drought, snow and frost. If you would like to learn more about growing hellebores the Alpine Gardeners of Central Vancouver Island are hosting a talk called, "Heavenly Hellebores" with Margot Moser on January 26th at the Nanoose Library on Northwest Bay Road. Doors open at 12:30pm cost \$3.00.

Hope I have inspired you to get out in nature and enjoy some walks in order to recover but also to prepare and renew for the next garden season. Remember that spring is just around the corner!



*Happy Gardening!*

## Featured pets...

Rescued in August 2016 from Slave Lake Reservation in Alberta with his two siblings who were found in a culvert by a group of volunteers. Frightened and malnourished at five weeks old, they were given to me to hold and care for until they were healthy and old enough to be neutered and eventually be adopted to their forever homes.

I could not give him up, for he chose me with his big brown eyes pleading to be taken into a loving home, so hence his name. Even today, he always comes to say "thank you" after his meals rubbing his head into our legs. Keeper is forever

Meet  
"KEEPER"



Submitted by:  
*Dalma Desaulniers*

## Featured pets...

Lucy is a 10-lb Havanese who presides over Anne and Andrew's home on Gabriola Drive in Arbutus Grove. Her favourite pastimes are playing ball and agility training. She recently qualified for a real job as a Therapy Dog and she enjoys her visits to The Gardens in QB.

Everyone loves Lucy !



Meet  
"Lucy"



Submitted by:  
*Anne Collins*

# Island Life photo gallery



Photos by Cathy Hill

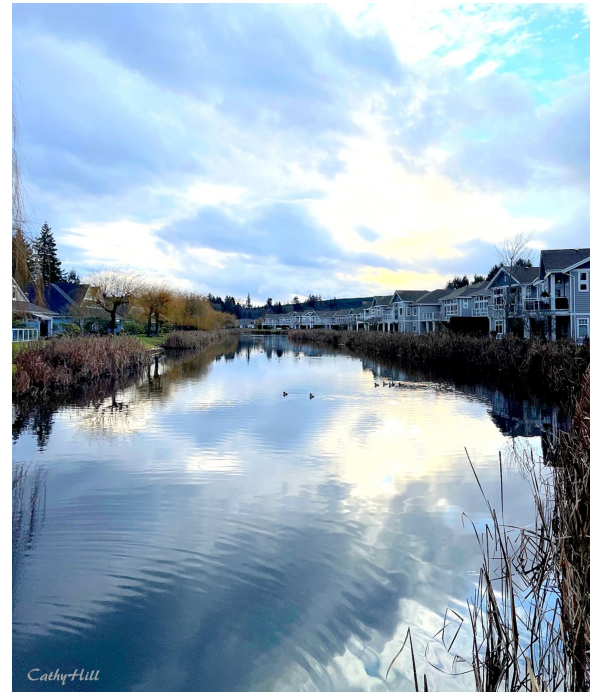




Photo by Cathy Hill



Cathy Hill

Photos by Wally Chinn



Giant Polypore Fungus



Root-Borne Fungus

W. R. Chinn  
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Turkey Tail Fungus

W. R. Chinn  
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Photos by Tony Markle

Bee pollinating St. John's Wort



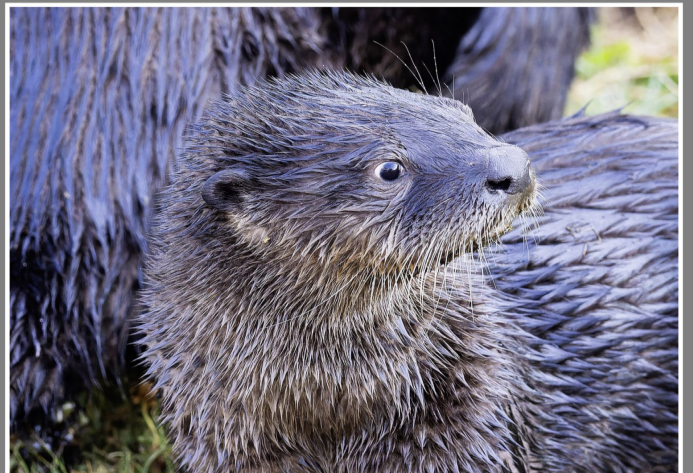
Butterfly checking out a water lily.



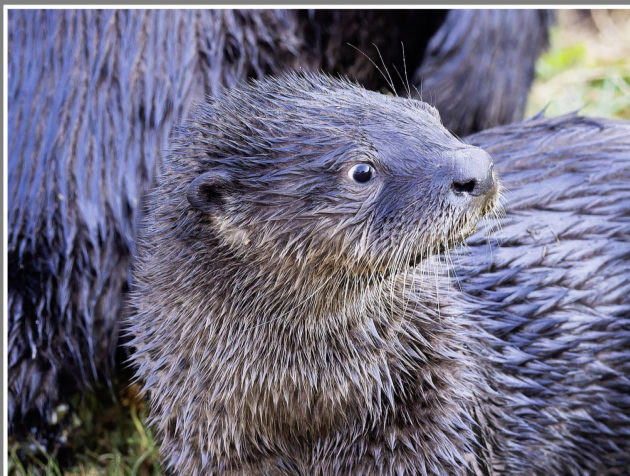
female Belted Kingfisher



River Otter pup, probably only a few months old.



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Common Merganser with her chicks trying to get a ride on her back.





Photo by Bob Baldwin

*Rainbow over the Pond*



Photo by Trevor West

*French Creek January 15th, 2026*

