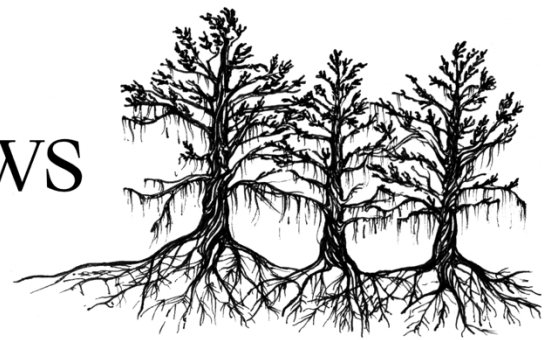


# Xwe'etay News



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## A Note from your Editors

This issue of XN is chock full!

Fittingly for the month of the winter solstice, we have a story of a wonderful winter community event from the past and photos of generations of Lasqueti families. It's been so great seeing those connections that extend outside of the traditional family to considering our friends and neighbours as family.

Our next month's photo theme is something many people on the island enjoy - **knitting and crocheting**. We know there is a lot of great creativity out there and we look forward to seeing what you've made. And so here we are. The month of the winter solstice. Coming from the Latin *sol* (Sun) and *sistere* (to stand still), December 21st will mark the shortest day of the year. Traditionally this was a time of renewal, community, and connection which seems a good tradition to carry on.

We are so grateful for all of your contributions to the *Xwe'etay News* this past year. You truly do make it a reflection of community and connection.

To contact us and for submissions or donations: [xweetaynews@lasqueti.ca](mailto:xweetaynews@lasqueti.ca); for on-line, colour versions: [www.lasqueti.ca/xweetay-news](http://www.lasqueti.ca/xweetay-news) - Anna D., Karen G., Dana L., Deb P., JennyV, and Wendy W.

The next deadline: Jan 2 (Friday), 2026!!!

### awakening on the winter solstice

there was a quiet absence  
the pump in the yard  
pillowed plump  
and sparkle-coated

a snow Buddha  
now ringed by wheelbarrow tracks  
from my clockwise circuit  
to the woodpile

unmoved  
in the center  
of empty sky  
and vanished ground

spinning this one prayer wheel  
billowed breath  
my mantra, I carry wood  
I crunch to the pond to chop water.

-Sophia Rosenberg



Sue Wheeler



Sue Wheeler

*We acknowledge and honour the Indigenous Peoples  
who, for generations, have made Xwe'etay/Lasqueti their home.*

## Christmas Bird Count

On Saturday, January 3, 2026, the annual Lasqueti Christmas Bird Count takes place. Anyone with an interest in birding is welcome to join in this 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Christmas Bird Count in North America. Our data joins with that of more than 2,000 locations to assist conservation biologists, naturalists, and environmental planners in their assessments of the populations and distribution of our feathered friends. If you are unable to be on Lasqueti on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and want to participate in a count, visit <https://naturecounts.ca/apps/cbc/mapviewer.jsp> to view a map of where other counts are being held and the dates.

Throughout the day we citizen scientists will walk the roads and trails and ply the waters around the island identifying species of birds and counting the number of birds seen in each species. Traditionally in the evening we have gathered over a potluck supper to compile our results, which are later posted to the Birds Canada Christmas Bird Count webpage. We have a great time discussing the more unusual sightings, the large flocks seen, and the usual sightings that weren't present.

**This year, however, we are changing it up.** We will gather for a potluck brunch at Terry and Doane's on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. You may walk into their place, bring your own boat, or meet Doane on the dock between 10:30 and 11:00 for a ride over in their skiff. Bring the list you created and a dish to share. Your own plate & cutlery would be helpful too. Our hosts will provide coffee and tea. When we're done, Doane will ferry you back to the dock, or you can join the walkers. As well as the birds seen, counters are asked to keep a record of the following:

1. Number of people in your group and their names
2. Distance covered when counting (on foot, by bicycle, driving, and by boat)
3. Time spent counting (on foot, by bicycle, driving, and by boat)

Talk with friends and neighbors to be sure the route you take doesn't overlap with theirs. If you want to join a group, contact Marti Wendt (250-240-8879), Wendy Schneible (250-333-8632) or Terry Theiss (250-240-2266). We'll put you in touch with a group in your area of the island to

count with. New birders are very welcome! We can provide you with a list of the birds most likely to be seen at this time of year to make your counting easier to tally. And if you don't want to leave home, we accept birdfeeder counts, too.

– *Terry Theiss*



## Birds on Lasqueti



### Winter Forest Birds

Walking down a soggy forest trail on a winter day, you may suddenly find yourself in the midst of a multispecies flock of small, insectivorous birds. Chestnut-backed Chickadees are always the leaders of the pack. Calling as they go, keeping the group together, they glean insects from small branches and conifer needles.

Three different tree trunk specialists may be quietly accompanying the Chickadees. The spectacularly camouflaged Brown Creeper braces its stiff tail against the trunk as it hops up the tree in a spiral, devouring tidbits hidden in the bark as it goes. When it reaches into the canopy, it flies to the base of the next tree to resume its search.

Poised to find the insects the Brown Creeper missed is the Red-breasted Nuthatch, which goes down the tree head first, checking the nooks and crannies from a different perspective. It accomplishes this using only its feet.

The more noticeable Downy Woodpecker also braces itself with its stiff tail as it drills through the bark for its hidden meal.

It seems logical that the Kinglets join this group, and some places they do. Here on Lasqueti the Golden-crowned Kinglets form an exclusive winter flock, acting like the multispecies flock. If you see a lone Kinglet, it is either a Ruby-crowned Kinglet or lost.

Why do these birds flock together in the winter? We can only imagine, but many eyes watching for predators are likely to set off an earlier alarm. The birds suddenly flying up in all directions may confuse the predator. Extra eyes working together can more easily spy the next food bonanza. Another hypothesis is, grouped together, the birds don't risk searching for food in an area recently picked over. – *Marti Wendt*



## Kitchen Creations



December is the month the humble cookie is elevated to celebrity status. Bedazzled in sprinkles they're featured in everything from magazine covers to A-list stars on famed cooking shows.

My go-to cookie (made only in the month of December) is less rock star and more, I think, classically trained soprano but still has that certain *je ne c'est quoi* that makes a star a star. Slightly crispy and nutty on the inside with a melt in your mouth coating of icing sugar, it even looks great nestled among its showier peers on the cookie plate.

Whether they're glitzy and glamorous or just simply delicious, whatever your cookie of choice is this month, make sure to have an extra one or two! \* I've made these without a food processor and chopped the nuts by hand and they turn out great.

### Russian Tea Cakes

*The New Vegetarian Epicure*, Anna Thomas (Knopf, 1996)

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar and more for rolling
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 tsp almond extract
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup pecans or walnuts
- 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour

Combine the butter, powdered sugar, vanilla, almond extract and salt in a bowl of a food processor. Cream until light and fluffy. Add nuts and pulse until chopped finely. Add flour. Pulse until dough is just combined.

Turn dough out into a sheet of wax paper and shape dough into a cube. Refrigerate until dough is firm – about an hour or so.

Preheat oven to 400°. Using a thin bladed knife, cut 1/2-inch slices off the cube and then cut each slice into 1/2-inch cubes. Leave square or roll into balls.

Place on parchment-lined baking sheets about 1/2 inch apart and then bake one sheet at a time in the upper part of the oven for 10-12 minutes or until they are just starting to turn colour. They taste best if they start to develop a golden-brown colour on top. Watch that the bottoms don't burn.

When done, remove from the oven and cool on the sheet for 2 minutes. Add icing sugar to a bowl and toss cookies a few at a time until coated. Spread cookies out and when cool, toss in icing sugar one more time.

Makes about 4 dozen cookies. – *Deb Perell*



Holly trees have been seen to be an aggressive invader of some southwestern BC forests. Earlier this month volunteer holly hackers gathered on Young Point and Camas Flats conservancy lands to remove hundreds of young holly trees establishing themselves in a wetland area of those properties. LINC thanks Betsy, Izzy, Wendy and Bruce, Tracy and Grant, Charlene and James for coming out for a few hours of work and to Suzi L. for providing us a hearty lunch.

Under the guidance of conservation biologist and plant ecologist Dr. Cora Skaen, LINC is extending the fencing at the Mt. Trematon Restoration Research Project to include a riparian area along Trematon Creek. Having seen remarkable recovery of native shrubs and wildflowers in the currently fenced section, it will be of interest to see how this stream side will develop when heavy herbivore grazing is curtailed.

In an effort to learn more about their properties, B.C. Parks Foundations has asked LINC to install a few wildlife cameras and ARUs (Autonomous Recording Units) at Young Point and Mystic Ridge Conservancy lands. We have marked these areas with attention signage. If you have questions about these devices please email to [linc@lasqueti.ca](mailto:linc@lasqueti.ca).

Times passes quickly. Here we are once again about to send out our Year End Appeal for donations. Your help and support goes toward keeping Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy a meaningful and vibrant part of our community. Thank you. - *The LINC Board*



Sarita Mielke





## Remembrance Day

The air was really quiet as I stood in front of the old stone memorial in our town, with red poppies scattered all over the ground, some bright and some already drying and curling up from the cold November wind, and I held one poppy in my hand thinking about what it really means to remember someone I never even met. My great-grandpa fought in a war a long time ago before I was born, and my family always says he was brave and kind but the war changed him a lot, and I kinda wish I could of met him to hear his stories face to face instead of just hearing them second hand. The ceremony started slow, with people standing around in their coats and scarves, and everyone got quiet like the whole world stopped talking at the same time. When we bowed our heads for the moment of silence, it felt like even the air wasn't moving, and I tried to imagine the soldiers far away from home, writing letters and wondering if they would ever get to see the people they loved again. I imagined them marching with their friends, promising to stick together and look out for each other, even when they were scared or tired or cold. I imagined the sound of boots hitting the muddy ground and the echo of voices shouting orders in the distance. I thought about how they must have felt fear but still kept going because they had courage, and courage doesn't mean you're not scared. It means you keep going anyway. And then when the trumpet started playing "The Last Post," the sound echoed through the air and it felt deep, like it was calling out from the past straight into my chest, and I felt a lump in my throat. And my eyes stung a bit, even though I tried to blink it away so no one would notice. Remembrance Day isn't just a day off or just another assembly where we sit quietly in the gym and wait for it to be over. It's a day to remember real people with real lives who laughed, loved, dreamed, and lived before everything changed for them. And some never got to come home again. Even the ones who did come home carried memories that were heavy

and didn't fade. When the ceremony ended I pinned the poppy on my jacket, and I stood there for a moment longer, looking at the names carved into the stone. The wind was cold but the poppy felt warm in my hand before I pinned it on. I think wearing the poppy is a small thing, but small things can still matter a lot, because it shows we care, we remember, and we won't forget the sacrifices that let us live the way we do today. – *Lincoln M. Lacey, grade 8.*



Cody Lacey, grade 7 and Arlen King, grade 9



## Charles Williams School Christmas concert, 1960

You have to remember there was no community hall in those days. The population was dwindling and grownups went to the Legion hall to play whist and have “smokers,” But for everything else, it was the school. After all, it had a furnace and a lighting plant.

The Christmas concert was a mid-winter highlight for everyone, especially for us big kids. Lessons on the history of the ancient world got relaxed in the final week of school, and more meaningful life skills took over.

Suddenly, desks were cleared away and dads appeared with 45 gallon drums and well-used sheets of plywood. In no time a stage was set up by the men and all the big lads who all seemed to just know how to do it. Curtains were reassigned to the stage; folding seat units appeared and were set up with the little chairs out in front.

Meanwhile, the girls had painted the windows, made endless paper chains and put up fir and cedar boughs. The room was transformed, and we all went home to change into our best clothes.

Most islanders came. Pat Forbes, who knew a thing or two about concerts, chose skits for the little kids. Soon there was the autoharp and rhythm sticks and little ones shouting, “What is Christmas? What is Christmas? That is what WE want to know!”

That sent Klara Welsh laughing and slapping her bony, dress-clad knees in delight.

The big kids usually did a scene from Dickens; Gail Nicky Darwin played the piano beautifully; and the audience of Catholics, Presbyterians, Mormons, Jews, atheists and heathens all joined in singing a Christmas song.

John Osland made a special appearance and kids who were mere classmates all year took on a fresh patina in the dark and we thought of excuses to lend a hand together in the cleanup.

Meanwhile, in the “little kids’ room”, the goodies were set out: drinks and sandwiches and every kind of cookie and square. One year Mrs. Gillespie made brandy snaps that she curled around a broom stick while still warm. Probably no one else remembers them as I’m pretty sure I ate them all. Then one time there was a sensational new cookie: oatmeal, cocoa and coconut all boiled together and set out to cool on waxed paper!

Eventually the magical evening ended. Costumes and toddlers were gathered up, furniture left for another day, and cold vehicles fired up to carry us home. Our community had once again gathered in warmth and friendship.. – Kate Hackett

**Column editor’s note:** Through Kate’s vivid recounting of her childhood memories, we time-travel to 1960. We see that though things have changed, much of our island’s activities have remained the same. School concerts are an important part of our community life today. Soon, we will feel the excitement of the new build. Visit the link below for another longer submission by Kate about a Lasqueti Christmas in 1950. [https://lasqueti.ca/files/user279/lasqueti\\_christmas\\_page\\_1\\_2.pdf](https://lasqueti.ca/files/user279/lasqueti_christmas_page_1_2.pdf)

- Season’s Greetings to all from Ebbs and Flows



Livingstone house at the corner of Lennie and Main, 1950



5 Evelyn and Fred Livingstone. “The parents” in the story

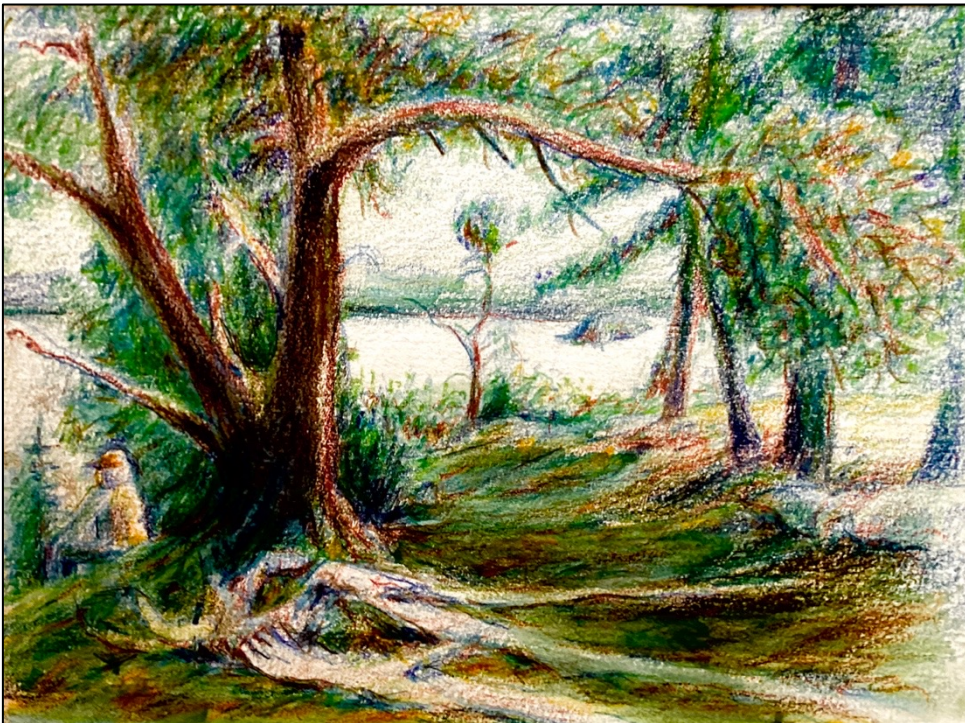


## Wisdom from Xwe'etay Gardeners Lowering your Gardening Footprint



In discussions with several Lasqueti gardeners about the ecological and social footprint of peat vs coconut coir (Oct 2025 XN issue), a discussion emerged about how each of us tries to lower our gardening footprint. We agreed that there is no perfect way to achieve this, but there are steps we can take, when we're able, that will make a difference. Thanks to all my gardening gurus who offered these tips.

- While using plastics is a choice many of us make (for sun, cold, and critter covers; pots; hoses; tool handles; buckets; etc.), we should be mindful about minimizing UV exposure that dramatically reduces the life of plastics and also produces microplastics. Consider shading items during the growing season when temporarily not in use and put items away sooner rather than later when you're done with them. Also, repair damaged items (like sewing/clipping bed covers) and repurpose broken ones (e.g., broken lattice pot trays or ripped bed covers make great shade and critter protection for baby plants).
- Reuse peat-based soil from year to year, augmented with manure, compost, and fertilizers.
- Use your stove ashes instead of lime to change soil pH, since lime is a finite and quarried product. The pH of ashes compares favourably to that of lime, but the effect of ashes in soils is shorter lived and stronger and quicker than lime. Obviously, don't use ash that contains plastics, treated wood, or other toxins. Also, according to BC Certified Organic standards, ashes from burning coloured papers are not allowed. Papers may say "soy based" or "ethically harvested" or some such, but the dyes often come from heavy metals. Coloured papers can be recycled on island.
- If you can't buy your bedding plants on island, consider researching the source and life history of store-bought bedding plants. Especially problematic are those that are only alive for one season, including those arrangements that are in peat baskets. Consider whether the plants have been raised in energy-hungry greenhouses, travelled long distances, and/or were treated with pesticides or chemical fertilizers.
- Mulch, mulch, mulch (grass clippings, raked-up leaves, chopped garden material) to keep plants moist and reduce water consumption in our increasingly hot summers. Consider the "chop and drop" method for your garden beds – composting and mulching in one step. - *Dana Lepofsky*



A few years ago, a friend and I climbed up the rugged trail to the top of Mt. Tremerton, a unique part of Lasqueti Island. Being on top of the mountain was a breathtaking experience, and a spiritual journey for us.

- *Ronaldo Norden*

## A Warm Spring Day

Out in the strait there is a shit show of wind  
Big unpredictable waves that have you sliding on  
the ferry benches

Thirty minutes of this finds you with a pressing  
need to pee  
and a desire to get out of that confining peopled  
space

out to the rolling open back, with your fellow  
beverage guzzlers,  
and the shifting creaking freight.

On the Texada side, we are in a lee  
Our garden above the lagoon, is warm and still  
Blue black buzzing buttons of small ground bees  
bump and grind around in the salmon berry,  
the flowers long faded, the petals dropped,  
the berries hard round green knobs.  
Yet still the bees bump blindly, inexhaustible  
like slow dancing teenagers in a dark gym, on prom  
night.

Passenger newbies flop about anxious and unsure.  
The rest of us, stretch out on the hard surfaced  
benches

Close our eyes and endure  
While out on the freight deck, the party shifts into a  
higher gear  
stories getting bellowed above the engines roar  
and laughingly told and retold  
and people whoop hanging on to boat sides, freight  
loaded Dollie's and each other

When the Salmon berry blooms  
there is palpable excitement in the garden air  
when the the pink flowers are potent with their  
fragrance and longing  
when the rising tide, pushes an onshore breeze up  
the lagoon  
that acts on the bees like a tingling musk  
pushing hot luscious scents from pink petaled  
bowers  
and the bumbling ground bees also find another  
gear  
the thrusting insect tongues, the scrambling six  
legged pollen scraping dance...  
of this timeless garden romance.

until without exaggeration or a lie,  
the garden just buzzes with being vibrantly alive  
as is the ferry freight deck on the way home  
all on a warm spring day.

- Dolf Schoenmakers

## For Lovin' Me

(by Gordon Lightfoot, adapted by Bill Little  
and Carolyn Masson for the October 2025  
Grub & Groove)

That's what you get for lovin' me  
That's what you get for lovin' me  
Everything you had is gone

As you can see

That's what you get for lovin' me

There is a ferry with no cars  
Tote box stack up to the stars  
When the potholes pound your truck  
It really sucks  
When there's no gas you're out of luck

The lights go out, we cannot see

There is a bucket where we pee

Sheep shit sticking to our toes

Where the fungus grows

The water freezes when it snows

That's what you get for lovin' me  
Homemade house right by the sea

Where the coffee's always warm

When the wood stove's on

And we are sheltered from the storm

There is no schedule to your day

Lots of friends come by to play

You can wear whatever you please

We are so free

We swim naked in the sea

(submitted by Carolyn Masson)



Paddy O'Rourke

Carolyn Masson and Bill Little performing at G&G





**From Tim Peterson:** As we reach the end of the calendar year, I reflect on the past and the future. By this time next year, a new slate of trustees will have been sworn in, and they will be putting their minds to the December Trust Council meeting.

Next week, Trust Council meets in Victoria, Dec. 2-4, with early budget deliberations top of mind. Just over a year into the job, our “new” CAO will bring his operational review to council for consideration of his recommendations to improve the way Islands Trust functions. The agenda, including that report (Appendix A), are available on the website, and members of the public can Zoom in to watch. You can also participate in the public comment period, starting at 4:30 on Dec. 2nd.

Locally, the LTC has decided to hold our next meeting, and likely the one after, electronically. Due to large turnout at meetings, the space at the JFC is often not sufficient to accommodate everyone who wants to come. My hope is to return to in-person meetings as soon as possible, and I am working to see how we can get reliable internet at the community hall, to that end. I attended a second non-official meeting on Nov. 23 to hear community member’s views about the draft Policy Statement, to which the LTC will likely determine a referral response at our next meeting. The online survey is open until Feb. 2, or you can pick up a paper copy at provisions or the hall.

As always, feel free to reach out to your trustees with your questions, comments, or concerns. Public input is important to our decision making, and we will do our best to find answers to your questions as quickly as possible.

**From Mikaila Lironi:** I received such positive feedback from last month’s article about Indigenous Law that I decided to continue with the same topic this month.

***Do the recent legal decisions and land back movement mean that Indigenous Canadians have more rights than non-Indigenous Canadians?***

No, but it does mean that in Canadian law, Aboriginal rights and title are separate from those of non-Indigenous Canadians. For the last 50 years, Canadian Courts have reaffirmed the Royal Proclamation, but it’s only recently that the Crown has started to put their money where the law is.

***Does this mean that if you own property that was occupied by First Nations or has artifacts on it, that it’s going to be taken from you and given to First Nations?***

Simply put, “no”. The best explanation I found was in an article (cited) by Khelsilem, a politician and First Nations leader from Squamish, BC and I have paraphrased it below:

*A family owned a car for generations, but when the family fell on hard times, the government took the vehicle without asking, and began using it as its own. Years later, the surviving descendants of the family go to court and ask the judge to confirm the car is still their rightful property, as they never relinquished ownership.*

*Unfortunately, by this time, the government has sold off some of the car’s parts: the rear tires to one person and the bumpers to another.*

*The court looks at the evidence and agrees that the car does still belong to the family, but the government, rather than hunting down the buyers of the rear tires and bumpers and saying “oops sorry, you have to give them back, they were never mine to begin with”, it partakes in reconciliation. The government may offer the family a car (land) of similar value, financial compensation, or suggest transferring the remaining parts of the car back to them. Therefore, the duty to reconcile does not fall on the land-owner, but rather the government, as they sold land that they did not own”.*

<https://khelsilem.substack.com/p/setting-the-record-straight-on-the>

***UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)? Does this mean that we are letting the UN make decisions for us?***

No. But it does mean that in 2019, the BC government passed legislation that requires governments to align provincial laws with UNDRIP. UNDRIP affirms indigenous rights to self-determination, and to free prior and informed consent for projects involving their land or resources.

***Why are we doing all this Reconciliation stuff?***

Canadian Law states that the government has a duty to consult First Nations. This duty does not mean that First Nations have veto power; it means that the government is involving the First Nations in the decision process.

Please text or email for the works cited links. 250-812-2560 [mlironi@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:mlironi@islandstrust.bc.ca)





## Waste Case Scenario



### Reduce Holiday Waste

Zero Waste Canada, a Vancouver based advocacy group, estimates that Canadians produce 25% more household waste over the December holidays; and within six months of Christmas, only 1% of everything the average person bought is still in use. The other 99% gets discarded!

([https://zerowastecanada.cdn.prismic.io/zerowastecanada/b8e24cb2-634c-4c28-8fa7-5adaab50e12d\\_Zero-Waste-Christmas.pdf](https://zerowastecanada.cdn.prismic.io/zerowastecanada/b8e24cb2-634c-4c28-8fa7-5adaab50e12d_Zero-Waste-Christmas.pdf))

With ingenuity and creativity, we can honour the holiday traditions we grew up with and make new ones. It's possible to maintain social ties through giving and receiving gifts without generating more trash.

- Gift an experience to reduce the demand for physical resources. Tickets/passes to the theatre, concerts, sporting events, online courses, cooking classes, brewery tours, pottery/yoga/dance/music lessons, art galleries, or writers festivals can create memories. If you're more of a DIY person, hand-craft a coupon book that includes dinners, movie nights, or lessons in what you do best. Or give rest to the busy people you love by gifting your time, e.g., babysitting for a weary parent.
- Consider the materials in your gifts. Avoid single use plastics and gag gifts. Buy second hand or re-gift things you've never used. Seeds, bulbs, houseplants, and books are gifts that keep on giving.
- If buying new, choose gifts made of natural materials with little to no packaging. Shopping locally is preferable to buying from less traceable sources online.
- Wrap gifts in tea towels, cloth bags, vintage maps, old calendars, mason jars, newspaper, or decorated brown paper bags. Use string or yarn instead of tape. Replace plastic ribbons and bows with pine cones, sprigs of evergreen, or pressed flowers.
- **Shiny, glossy, or laminated gift wraps made of foil, heavy ink, and glitter aren't recyclable!**
- Light the cold, dark days with strings of LED's. They last fifteen times longer and use 90% less energy than standard incandescent strings (<https://natural-resources.canada.ca/stories/spotlight-energy-efficiency/everything>). Strands of burnt-out lights can be recycled for free through the Product Care Light Recycling Program at any participating light.
- Make your own decorations or upcycle old ones. Fake trees will eventually end up in a landfill. Real trees are completely biodegradable. They smell better, look better, and when alive, turn CO<sub>2</sub> into O<sub>2</sub>. Keep your tree potted and replant it; or decorate a living tree.

My holiday wish for you is to enjoy the short, dark days with good company, nourishing food, restorative sleeps, and walks in the woods, without generating more garbage.

- JennyV



Leithen, Patrick, Michael M'Gonigle, Wendy Wickwire, Dorothea Turski, 2025



Judy and Tim Peterson, 2020



Daniella Gomez, Gretje Lohmann with Sophia, Ben Seaman with Sienna, and Martha Perales (Dani's Mom) with Coco, Dec. 2024



## Community Works Funds (CWF): Why it Matters to Lasqueti

### What is it?

Funding provided each year to all regional districts and municipalities from the Federal government.

**How much is it?** The qRD receives about \$406,000/year - a base amount plus an amount per resident in rural areas (municipalities receive CWF separately). The amount for Lasqueti is between \$30,000 and \$38,000/year (depending on how the base amount is allocated).

**What can it be spent on?** Many “*infrastructure*” projects are eligible, including fire halls, fire trucks, trails, water systems, etc.

**How has CWF been spent on Lasqueti?** Lasqueti has benefitted from over \$300,000 of CWF (more per capita than most qRD electoral areas). Projects for which CWF covered some or all expenses include: landfill closure, parking lot near Arts Centre, utility building at community hall and recycling depot renovation.

In 2025, the qRD Board allocated \$300,000 to LIVFD toward a replacement used fire engine, with any remaining funds to be used toward a replacement water tender.

**Why a new policy?** Past CWF allocations have been per-project (ad hoc). While this allowed the Board to focus on the merits/needs of each proposed project, it led to inequitable benefits among electoral areas. After multiple disagreements over the years, we agreed that something had to change.

At issue is how to balance equitable spending among electoral areas with spending on highest need. Dividing CWF strictly among electoral areas would limit capacity to fund large projects without first saving over years, while pooling the funds risks under-spending in some areas.

The qRD adopted a proposal I put forward: keep the funds in a single pool (maximum flexibility) while tracking the differences over time between actual spending and allocation targets. When considering a project for CWF, priority will favour projects in areas with historic under-spending. Periodic re-balancing of targets will avoid having to track past spending for more than a decade.

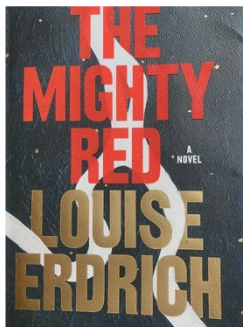
**How is the new policy good for Lasqueti?** It affirms a target allocation at the top of the range (\$38,000/year). While the \$300,000 for LIVFD means that Lasqueti will have spent beyond its target for a few years, important projects may still be funded.

Further, priority areas now include “*safety, essential services and risks to residents and visitors*” (e.g. fire trucks), and projects that “*benefit a large portion of the population in at least one electoral area*” (i.e. region-wide benefit collectively not per project).

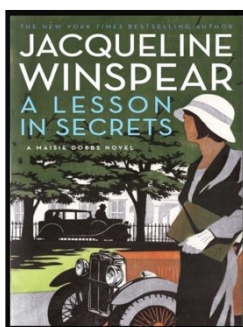
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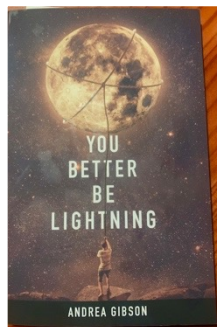
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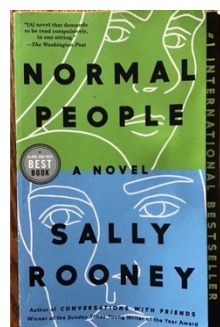
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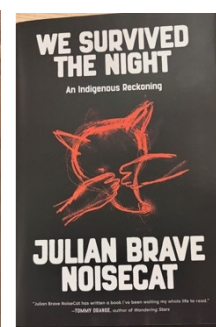
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*Warmest wishes from the Yew Collective*





## Email: The Internet's Oldest Coms Tool is a Den of Thieves



Email is nearly as old as the Internet itself and predates the web by decades. When email was invented in 1971, the Internet connected just a handful of universities and government labs. There was no need for logins, security protocols, or sender verification – near everyone with an email address knew each other! Spam didn't exist and no one imagined strangers would one day send scams to millions.

Fast-forward fifty years, and email is now the tool of choice for scammers and direct marketers, an easy way to distribute malware, and a rich seam for data-harvesting operations. In response to these threats, security and authenticity layers are regularly bolted on to the original email system in an arms-race with malicious actors. But ultimately these are just band-aids on a system that was never designed for today's Internet. Worse yet, each layer adds complexity that can cause delays, bounces, and lost emails. It's not your imagination. Email really has been getting worse.

Despite these challenges, it seems we're stuck with email for now. So here are a few tips to help protect your privacy and security on this flawed system:

### 1. **Configure your email settings to show full email addresses**

Most mobile email apps show only a "display name" in the "From:" field, making it super easy for scammers to impersonate a bank, business, or friend.

### 2. **Disable automatic image loading**

This prevents "tracking pixels" from recording when and where you opened an email. Load media only from senders you trust.

### 3. **Choose an email service that prioritizes privacy and security**

Not all email services are equal. Some providers scan or even sell your messages!

### 4. **Separate your email identities**

An "email protection" service (e.g., from Apple, DuckDuckGo, or Firefox) allows you to create "aliases" that hide your real email address. Aliases behave like a normal address, and message arrive in your normal inbox. But you can simply delete an alias if it starts attracting spam. A simple, broadly available way to create aliases is *plus-addressing* (like

jfall+cbcnews@provider.com). Either way, use a separate alias for each online account!

### 5. **Avoid sending documents by email**

Document attachments are a delight to scammers and data-harvesters alike. Use a secure file-sharing service instead, like Proton, iCloud, or Google Drive.

Email still exists after 50 years because it is universal and open – strengths that scammers have, unfortunately, exploited endlessly. With a few settings and habits, however, you can reduce your exposure to tracking, spoofing, and surveillance. Stay safe out there. – *Joseph Fall*



Roz Hildred

Body language says so much. Pete Forbes and Todd Hildred, talking machinery no doubt, 1996



Susan Ellard, her son Chris, and her mom, Alex Brown, Ogden Lake 1992.

## The Xwe'etay/Lasqueti Bumblebee Project

Have you ever wondered what species of bees are common in your garden and how many species there are? Or how the species vary through the summer? LINC is launching the "Xwe'etay/Lasqueti Bumble bee project" to answer these questions and more about the diversity of our fuzzy pollinators. This is a "citizen science" project: we invite the entire Lasqueti community to participate.

Beginning in the spring of 2026, anyone who is interested in participating will photograph the bees in their garden (and elsewhere) as the season progresses. Photos will be uploaded to iNaturalist, a global database of biodiversity observations collected by citizen scientists. When a photo is upload to iNaturalist, it gives you a suggested ID that is then verified by experts from within the iNaturalist community. Each photo will be tagged with its location and other information (although you can choose to hide the location information from the public). Using these, we will be able to track the diversity of our bees through the summer and across the island, all the while contributing to the citizen science repository of biodiversity data. This will be publicly available to researchers and others interested in bees.

There are 32 species of bumble bee (genus: *Bombus*) in BC, 13 of which occur in coastal BC (plus one introduced species). But we don't know how many of these species occur on Lasqueti. In general, the map of bee occurrence is poor through the Strait of Georgia, although there are many records of observations on the mainland and Vancouver Island. We will help fill in this map.

If you'd like to get started on learning how to identify bees, the Native Bee Society of BC has some helpful bee identification guides available as free PDFs, both on [bumble bees](http://www.bcnativebees.org/bee-id-post) ([www.bcnativebees.org/bee-id-post](http://www.bcnativebees.org/bee-id-post)) and [identifying bees to genus](http://www.bcnativebees.org/native-bee-genera-profiles) ([www.bcnativebees.org/native-bee-genera-profiles](http://www.bcnativebees.org/native-bee-genera-profiles)). If you prefer an interactive web page instead, the [Bumble Bee Watch](http://www.bumblebeewatch.org/field-guide/) ([www.bumblebeewatch.org/field-guide/](http://www.bumblebeewatch.org/field-guide/)) has a helpful tool.

Stay tuned for a webinar on Bumble Bee biology and workshops on how to use iNaturalist. Ken and Dana will be at the winter craft fair with more information. – Gavia Lertzman-Lepofsky



Male Fuzzy-Horned Bumble Bee (*Bombus mixtus*)

## A big Halloween THANK YOU to our amazing community! 🍊

Our island tradition came together once again...kids and families trick-or-treated through the woods around the Teapot House, warm and safe despite the rain. Chris and Phil kept everyone fed with hot chili dogs, making sure no one went hungry while braving the weather. And thank you to Cindy for donating apple cider each year...it's SO appreciated.

Thank you to Eric for tending the bonfire, and to Dinika and Mo for keeping everyone toasty and warm with hot drinks.

Our wonderful volunteers brought the magic with their creative (and perhaps soggy) trick-or-treat stops along the trail. Thank you to Will, Andy, Joy, John, and Giselle for donations and support, and to Katy and Laura for creating the incredible haunted house in the Teapot House basement and the witch's cabin every year.

Finally, a big thank you to Katy for helping keep this tradition organized and running smoothly. Your behind-the-scenes efforts truly help make Halloween on Lasqueti so special.

❤️ Karen & Carmen (on behalf of the FBS PAC)







As the theme for this month's paper is "intergenerational," I thought I would briefly discuss "intergenerational health equity". What is it? It is "the principle that today's choices must not diminish the opportunity for future generations to lead healthy lives".

Being human, we are "wired" to prioritize short-term threats and rewards. The future generations' wellbeing may seem very distant compared to immediate pressures. Therefore, the default options in our communities need to include sustainable systems that are easy for us. A few examples that I see in the Lasqueti community are: the availability of fresh produce from the community stands, the free store and the recycling depot. I also hear about good home cooked recipes and meals being prepared and provided to community members in need. The Arts Centre, the Community Hall, as well as the Judith Fisher Centre are all examples of intergenerational spaces, not to mention the planning and building of the new school. LINC's essence is intergenerational.

Unfortunately, there is a narrative within our broader culture that progress revolves around technological solutions and economic growth. To obtain and sustain intergenerational health equity this narrative has to change to a more "holistic" definition of a good life – one that values and measures a society's wealth through strong communities, clean air, shared green spaces, potable water and physical and mental well-being. We can all be part of changing the narrative if we choose to. For true intergenerational health equity to occur, long-term thinking is essential; and the collective has to be prioritized above the supremacy of any individual.

Bringing forward...All that is Good... for All!

♥dianne

Clinic days: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

### Definitions from Mikaila, p. 8

**The Crown:** government

**Aboriginal Law:** branch of law concerning the relationship between the Crown and Indigenous people

**Indigenous Law:** law created by Indigenous Communities that predates colonization

## Winter Solstice Dinners from Provisions

Hello islanders,

It is time to serve you our last dinner of the year! This year we are taking orders for our Solstice dinners starting on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> when we'll start preparing the meals for Thursday and Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll also be taking pre-orders for those of you who may not be here, or have other plans, but want to send a turkey dinner to someone or a group that you would like to surprise with a comfort food meal. It could be either a gift or perhaps a token of thanks for a good deed or service performed this year.

These meals are always very special for us. We are grateful to serve you again and revel in the chance to bring a delicious dinner to grace your homes. Here is a peek at our menu, offering you all a chance to celebrate the solstice and the holidays to come, from our table to yours...

### Winter Solstice Turkey Dinners

Herb Roasted Turkey or our vegetarian option is Harvest Vegetable and Mushroom Wellington

Both options come with:

Traditional Stuffing

House Made Rich Gravy

Roasted Winter Vegetables

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Cranberry Sauce

Dessert list to be announced. Inquire via telephone to find the selection prior to pick up. We can take your orders starting at 9 am on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Call us at 250 333 8558 to place your order.

Delivery will be available to most locations on the island.

Thanks again to everyone who has enjoyed these meals over the years -- whether you came for one, came to them all or simply picked one up for someone else.

It's time to feed it forward and watch the magic that follows... *"If you really want to make a friend, go to someone's house and eat with them, the people who give you their food, give you their heart"* - Cesar Chavez

Wishing you all a Happy Solstice and holidays ahead, much love <3 and light from False Bay Provisions

# Community Sourdough Holiday Offerings

Greetings! I can't believe it's December! First, I want to extend my immense gratitude to all our supportive customers! This year has been amazing for our little business, and our success is due to you!

We will be at the PAC craft fair offering gift certificates to our stand with 10% of all sales going to PAC. Certificates will start at \$20 and go up to \$100.

In addition to gift certificates to use at our stand, or on an order, we will be taking pre-orders for holiday treat boxes, with 10% of the sales going to PAC.

Holiday treat boxes will go out every Friday in December following the craft fair and they will feature some pretty exciting seasonally-inspired treats like candy cane moon pies, forest herb shortbread, white chocolate ginger snaps, and chocolate pistachio bark depending on the weekend. Boxes will cost \$30.

If you already know you won't be at the craft fair and still want to purchase a gift certificate or holiday treat box, email or call me before December 6th and we will still give 10% to PAC.

We won't be selling bread or treats at the craft fair.

If you've been meaning to order croissant, cake, or a catered meal for your holiday party or just for yourself, please order at least 2 weeks in advance! To order call me at +1(250) 607-1619 or email me at [violet.a.rosehart@live.com](mailto:violet.a.rosehart@live.com) - *Violet and Gabe*



The "Paternards": (clockwise from top Left): Michael, Beth, Judy, Larry, Robin, Tim, and Liz, 1975.



Sue Ashcroft

Rob and Hollis Linschoten, 1982



Kathy Schultz

14 Xander Van der Meer and Morgan Runnings, 2024



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## Centurion, Oct. 2020

Weird.

The blue pamphlet that I'd been given at the harbour office the previous afternoon had shown 9:45 as the first trip of the day from French Creek. As I clumped down the ramp to the ferry dock, the Centurion was shifting into forward gear and curling to port, north toward the harbour exit and the Georgia Straight. I looked at my phone, 9:32.

But then the ship paused, uncurled, and turned to starboard, back toward the dock.

Was it the cane? I was leaning on one, having just broken my femur ten days earlier in a mountain bike crash in Fernie. I'd gone back there to load up my tools and return to Saltspring Island for a new-home build on the Trincomali Channel. A young contractor needed a foreman on a project for a British architect and his Vancouver power-suit partner. I was finally making the move. It was going to be great.

Or not. No, not so fast.

At some point post-surgery, after Dr Hansen had torqued a 1/2" bolt through my greater trochanter, I lay in the hospital bed, thinking of Lasqueti, where I had visited Brian the previous summer. So, I called him up.

"Hey, is there any land for sale under the radar?"

"Ya, there is, actually. A nice acre, sunny. It's a real gardener's paradise. I'll send you some pics."

And so, after getting the photos, and a phone number, and after the call to Pass Creek, and the drive over to see the friends I hadn't met yet, and the decision the following morning at the junction of Hwy 3 to either turn right and go to the Coast or turn left and go back to Fernie and probably miss out on the property, there I was, on the dock. And the ship had sailed.

But then, it came back. I stepped aboard and found my spot on the afterdeck. A woman looked at me straight, and with a short flick of her eyebrows said, "this doesn't happen."

I guess it was an old schedule. And for the rest of the day, and the following, a whole lot of things that don't usually happen happened. So it goes sometimes. Thirteen minutes early and two minutes late. - *Gord Ohm*

*Editors' note:* How fun it would be to have a monthly ferry story (or really any Lasqueti story)

## French Creek Waiting Room!

We are gearing up to raise money for a much needed covered waiting area in French Creek.

The plan has jumped through all the official hoops and the questions of maintenance and liability have been addressed by the French Creek Board. Now we need to fundraise!

To our good fortune, Ted McFeely has generously offered to match dollar for dollar up to half of the total cost of the building!

The foundation of the shelter is being donated by the French Creek Harbour.

Full cost: \$34,000; Ted McFeely is matching up to \$17,000. So, we need to raise \$17,000!

Our goal is to raise around \$32.00 per person.

If you would like to make a donation, please send to [lasquetilcatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:lasquetilcatreasurer@gmail.com) and specify "for the French Creek waiting room." Any donation over \$25 is eligible to receive a charitable donation receipt.

- Peter Lironi, French Creek Harbour Lasqueti Representative for the LCA



Jenny Vester

Camille Jones, and Charlotte Howard, Sue Wheeler, and Colin Kent, 2022



Laurence Fisher

Kathy Fisher and Kaya Fraser, 2022



## Meet the Neighbours



### Chris, Sue & Rufus Rowe, Maple Bay

Lasqueti can chew up newcomers or ease their entry. Neighbours like Danny and Gail Austin tip the scales towards “welcome.”

Loving the outdoors helps. Chris and Sue are ultra runners. They’ve paddle boarded over from the Sunshine Coast, and they are planning a paddle board trip to Alaska. They met rock climbing. Rufus, now finished high school, is taking his skis to Japan.

Sue’s travel itch had brought her from Singapore. After a Business Admin. degree, she became a registered massage therapist and had her own business for 21 years. “I overworked and my body took a toll.” She pivoted to teaching elementary school music, as they planned their escape from the mainland.

Chris also travelled after high school, and then cut trees for 20 years. He also pivoted, to address repetitive strain. “I entered a pain program to learn mindful meditation, and thought, this is a rewarding profession.” He worked as a Registered Psychologist with people whose work tipped them into pain, anxiety or depression, or addiction. On Lasqueti, their tree work helped build Rufus’ travel kitty. He’ll do one-day psychological assessments in Parksville. Likewise, Sue has started online work reviewing and training A.I.

Port Moody changed from “the boonies” to a busy stop on the SkyTrain. Chris knew of Lasqueti, so they visited. In 2018, they bought land and started coming over. Danny and Gail were instrumental, from salmon fishing to frozen pipes (“You don’t call a plumber. You fix it yourself. I’ll be right over.”)

Rufus: “I like it. It’s a lot quieter than the city and people are a lot more friendly. It’s slower. Now I’ve joined Ultimate I’m getting to know people.”

Chris: “I love that I can look out the window and see the ocean and the changing seasons, go mushroom picking, play pickle ball down at the school. I love the trip back and forth on the boat; you never know what you’re going to see. I like the chores that go along with off-grid living. Being connected to our power and our water and our compost, we’re more a part of the things that sustain us.”

Sue: “All that, and I like the quiet. I’m not a loner but this affords me that space.” Also, “the population is so diverse. It’s so interesting to learn from the stories. And all those people have really made time for us, to come over, to help. This has been so welcoming.” - *Suzanne Heron*



### Lasqueti Women's Choir Winter Concert

You are warmly invited to our Winter Concert on **SUNDAY, 14th December** at 1-30pm at the **SCHOOL**. Join us for a delightful selection of seasonal music and songs.

Admission by donation. - *Celia King*

### The False Bay School Winter Craft Fair!

Join us as we kick off the holiday season with a hall full of local vendors, handmade treasures, raffles, and festive community spirit. The Lasqueti Women’s Choir will be singing a few seasonal songs, the high school students will be hosting a bake sale fundraiser, and we’ll be serving a cozy soup lunch along with coffee and tea.

Come enjoy the first event of the holiday season—we can’t wait to see you there!





## Wind Phone #2

We just finished installing the second wind phone here on Lasqueti. You can find it at the Arts Centre, tucked up behind the woodshed and up the hill from the outhouse. The first phone is located at the cemetery.

Wind phones are a way for people to emotionally connect with deceased friends, family, pets. They originated in Japan after the tsunami and are now found all over the world.

Thanks to the Arts Council for giving us installation permission . Thanks also to Doane for making the phone's protective box.

- *With love from Annie and Terry*



## Tsk Tsk Thanks

Even after 17 years of producing the backwoods burlesque/dirty variety show known as the *Tsk Tsk Revue*, I am completely awed and humbled by the talent and help which makes it all happen. If I spotlighted all the people with their fingers in this years' pie, 50 people would be named here, including performers, decorators, the sound man, door, kitchen and bar folks, a photographer, videographers, make-up artists, drivers, a chocolate maker, chocolate sellers, a poster designer, a DJ and set up and clean-up crew. Though the *Tsk Tsk* is my baby, there is no way I could ever raise it up alone. So, thank you, thank you, thank you, to everyone who loaned their hands and energy so it can unfold. Super special shout out to my husband and co-creator Mark Bottomley!

And to everyone who gave money at the door to be entertained by such a wacky, creative, sexy, and fun bunch, thank you! Without you watching, we are just playing with ourselves.

When my niece and her friends arrived from Alberta they called out "Happy Tsk Tsk!" and I realized we've established a new holiday together --one I consider worth celebrating since we are all in these marvellous, complicated bodies and pleasure is one of our birthrights.

With love and gratitude and dreams of more, - *xo JennyV\**



Dana Lepofsky

Barry Churchill, Rachel Churchill,  
and Serafina Duggan, 2025

## Lasqueti Food Bank

Hello, Community! We are writing to let you know the Lasqueti Island Food Bank (LFB) is ready once again to stock up our shelves, for winter is upon us. The LFB is in its 11th year of delivering healthy nutritious staples to those in need. We are grateful to the JFC for allowing us to operate out of their space.

The LFB is a nonprofit volunteer organization; we are not part of, or affiliated, with any other groups or societies on island. The LFB receives a grant from QRD yearly – the grant is thanks to Andrew Fall. Thank you, Andrew, for advocating for the needs of our island community to the QRD Board.

The Food Bank makes deliveries several times a year and whenever a need arises, we are happy and ready to help. If you know of anyone who needs our help, contact us. We also appreciate donations of any excess staple foods for the Food Bank shelves. These staples help the pantry last a bit longer in these darker days and months.

We so appreciate the generosity of everyone who has donated in the past. To donate or for more information, contact Marilyn Darwin via email ([marilynd4@icloud.com](mailto:marilynd4@icloud.com)) or phone (250-333-8852) or contact the LCA ([asquetilcatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:asquetilcatreasurer@gmail.com)). Thank you for helping us help others in our community in time of need. - Blessings 🙏 Marilyn Darwin, Carly Mcdowell, Suzie Razansof, and Carson Tak

## Greetings and thanks from Gold Dragon Gallery - Art Supply Scholarships

Hello artists and art lovers,

We want to give thanks in a special way to those who have supported our new gallery on the island as well as our virtual one which you can currently find on Facebook at Gold Dragon Gallery Art/Music/Multimedia.

This past year we have held several shows, sponsored new and established artists, and held regular drawing and painting workshops for the community. The drawing and painting workshops are finished for 2025 but will continue in January.

The most recent art showings come from Ronaldo Norden's studio. This month we'll be curating a show of Tony Seaman's paintings for display and sale. The music and multimedia side of the gallery have started on documenting music events. It plans on branching out into short film and video creation next year.

This December we are offering two art supply scholarships for growing artists who currently live on Lasqueti Island. The only criteria is that they are 19 years old or younger and live here. Applicants, or parents, grandparents etc. may simply write their name and contact info on a piece of paper and place it in the Artist Jar at Provisions (at the front entrance next to the stove) starting December 1st.

The winning tickets are due to be drawn at random on the Winter Solstice, December 21st, and those chosen will receive art packages the following day. These will include a painting set, pastels, and sketch book to inspire them to continue making art.

Keep creating and letting your imagination roam. There's art inside every <3 ! Have a Happy New Year and holidays - Gold Dragon Gallery



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## Church of the Good Shepherd Deconsecration

To all who came to the service at Church of the Good Shepherd and conversation that followed, thank you!

The Venerable Elizabeth Northcott officiated a lovely and short service of prayer and thanksgiving. We had some lovely treats from Provisions, and a special thank you to Gwen who arranged for the refreshments and to have the church cleaned and all set up for the service.

The deconsecration of a church building is an occasion with many mixed emotions - thanksgiving and joy at the memories of goodness, beauty, and truth that occurred there over the years. Mourning and grief about the change in status of something that has been dear and important. Nervousness about what might come next, and who will decide. Hope for the new possibilities that could emerge.

We heard stories of weddings, and songs, services, and gatherings. We gave thanks and discussed hopes. While there were differences of opinions expressed, there was a strong common commitment to the community, and the role that the site and building could play in the future. This common care is such a gift and provides a strong foundation to build from.

While the future of the site will not be a democratic decision, it will be a decision of Diocesan Council, we want to ensure that what happens is supported and beneficial for the community. The deconsecration removes some of the limitations from our Anglican tradition, and provides an opening to explore new possibilities.

Nothing will change immediately, the parking and post office will continue as normal, and we will continue to work through the discernment process about what comes next.

Thank you all for warmly welcoming us to the island last week and I look forward to being able to visit again as we look toward the future of the church site entering a new chapter for the Island.

Advent Blessings, *Brendon Neilson*

Executive Director, Diocese of Islands and Inlets

### Community Calendar

Dec 6: Winter Craft Fair. 12 – 3pm at the Hall.

Dec 14: Lasqueti Women's Choir Winter Concert.  
1 – 3pm, at the School.

Jan 3 (Saturday): Bird Count.

Jan 4: Sunday, Potluck Terry & Doane's, 11 am.

Feb 4: Bees in Your Backyard. Via Zoom. 7-9 pm.



## Our Week in Review

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>A Life TimeZ Nursery</b>	by appointment @ 819-698-3829						
<b>Black Sheep Gas</b>		2 - 6			2 - 6	2 - 6	
<b>Feed Store</b>		11 - 3			11 - 3		
<b>Ferry – from FB</b>	1, 4	8, 11, 4			8, 11, 4	8, 11, 4	8, 11, 4
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<b>Free Store</b>		10 - 2			1 - 5		
<b>Life Drawing</b>			7 - 9				
<b>Nurse</b>					11 – 3**		
<b>Parsimony &amp; Providence</b>		1 - 5			1 - 5		
<b>Post Office</b>		10 - 4		10 - 4		10 - 4	
<b>Propane filled</b>						1 - 3	
<b>Provisions</b>	11 - 4	9 - 5	10 - 5	10 - 5	9 - 5	9 - 5	9 - 5
<b>Recycling</b>		10 - 2			1 - 5		
<b>Pub – Coffees</b>	9 - 1:30pm				7 - 10:30	7 - 10:30	7 - 10:30
<b>Restaurant/Pub</b>	3—close	5— 9pm	3 – close	3 – close	3 – close	3 – close	3 – close
<b>Ultimate Frisbee</b>	3:30			3:30			

\*Nurses clinic: Thurs, December 4, 11,18

## Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Update

The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) has decided, in consultation with staff, to reschedule the remaining LTC meetings as electronic meetings for the balance of the fiscal year, ending March 31, 2026.

This decision is primarily a result of concerns about the suitability of the meeting space normally used for LTC meetings. The Lasqueti Island LTC is fortunate to have strong public attendance at its meetings, but recent meetings have shown that the current venue does not have sufficient capacity to allow for a safe meeting environment for all participants. Larger venues on the island have limited internet connectivity and cannot support the necessary electronic attendance by staff and members of the public at in-person meetings. The Lasqueti LTC will continue to explore options with staff to return to in-person meetings in a safe and responsible way in the future.

The next Lasqueti LTC meeting is on December 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Scan the QR Code to learn more  
or visit [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/location/lasqueti/](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/location/lasqueti/)



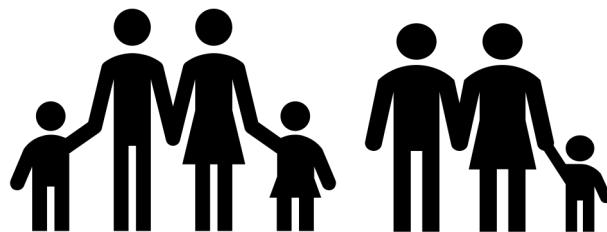
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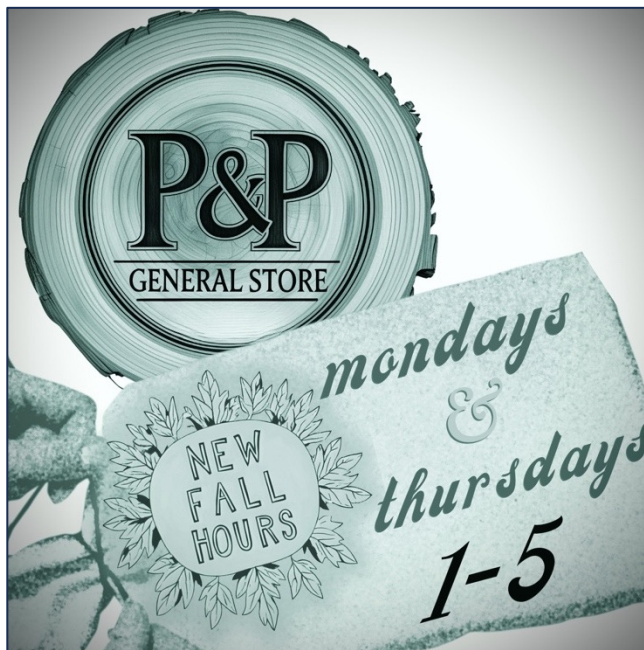
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