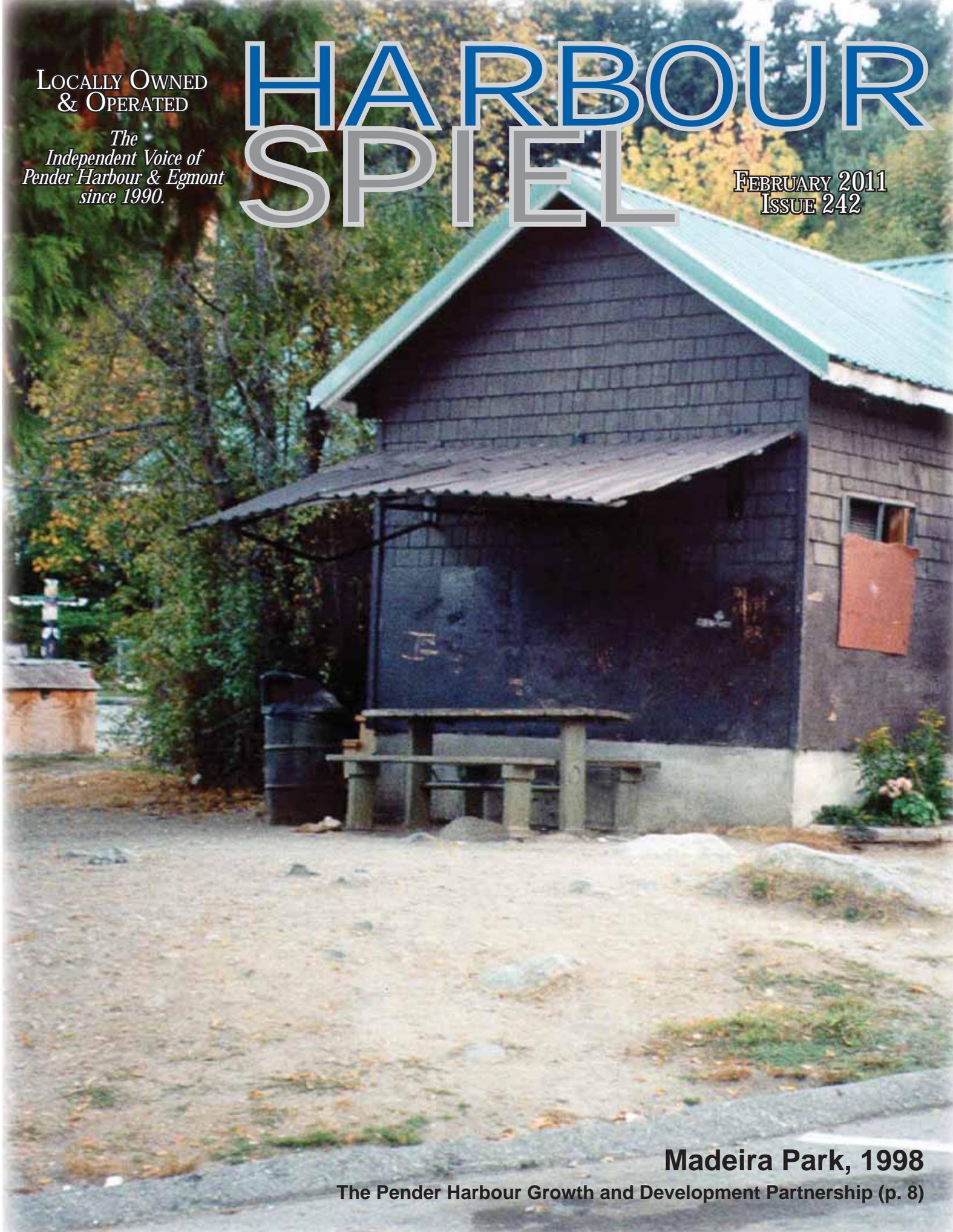


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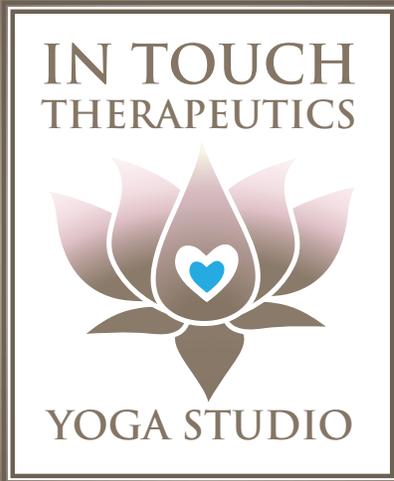
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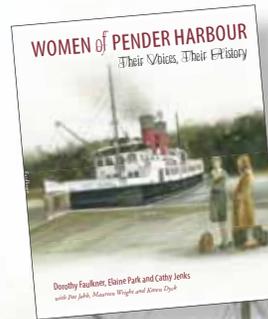


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Thanking ‘Ron’

By Brian Lee



In a community held together by volunteers, there’s one who really stands out.

It’s partly due to the fact that he’s also

the biggest but I can’t think of anyone who might match his efforts.

He’d be embarrassed to be identified so I’ll just call him “Ron Fraser.”

I’ve received more than a few e-mails suggesting I devote an editorial crediting the man for his work.

The truth is I really didn’t need the prompting because his contributions are overwhelmingly obvious.

Or are they?

It can be easy to forget the town that was Madeira Park 12 years ago. (See story, p. 8.)

By all accounts, the place was looking pretty bleak.

Cigarette butts and gravel were deemed acceptable ground cover, complementing a variety of blackened burn barrels and decrepit trash bins.

The random assortment of plants grew for free and didn’t need water.

In short, Madeira Park’s landscape was old Pender Harbour — it worked fine, required no maintenance and didn’t try to be too fancy.

There may be something about our psychology that clouds the vision of long-time locals.

Maybe it’s an inherited fear about the fragile balance that exists between improving and destroying whatever it is that makes this place unique.

Whatever it might be, it’s no secret we seem to happily accept — and protect — the status quo.

It wasn’t until “Ron,” who had been coming to the area his whole life before finally moving here a couple de-

acades or so ago, suggested we spruce up the place a bit.

It was revolutionary and he received a bit of flak for it.

But people who know Ron might call him stubborn or bull-headed — even arrogant.

Whatever label you choose, he pushed ahead with his singular vision and inspired many others to help along the way.

No doubt he stepped on a few toes with his favoured method of starting work before asking permission but it’s how things got done.

And it’s hard to discredit someone that not only stands behind his plans, but does much of the physical work and when there’s a funding shortfall, chips in with his own.

The work has renewed a sense of pride in community members inspiring at least one (Joan Disney) to write a poem in Ron’s honour:

There is someone in our community, a kind and unassuming man.

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You can always find him out there, on any given day,

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There’s more but you get the idea — people deeply appreciate his contributions.

Vandalism is way down, businesses have benefited from more visitors and the people who live here get a boost every time they drive through it.

But I’m sure if asked, Ron would just say that if you really want to thank him, chip in with some labour or some cash... because he’s not done yet.



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For more information visit: www.myspace.com/companybband.



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Three brave women take the plunge at this year's Polar Bear swim on New Year's Day at Millennium Park. Note the frosty launch ramp and the ice formed on the water in the background. l-r: Katy Marchand, Diane Paterson and Emma Dore.



THANK YOU

To everyone for your kind words and
cards of condolences on the passing of
our beloved Janice.

~ Anne, Rob, Brent and Tayler

Hospital Bay wharf upgrade nearing completion

As the construction of a new ramp and turnaround at the Hospital Bay public wharf nears completion not everyone is happy about it.

Work started about a year ago on the upgrade with an aim to improve the safety and accessibility of the wharf.

Robin Richardson, manager of client services for Small Craft Harbours/Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, says the project involved two aspects.

The first was to improve the accessibility for cargo loading and emergency vehicles with an improved turnaround at the top of the ramp.

The second part of the project involved improving the slope of the ramp to the wharf by lengthening it from 40 to 60 feet.

One fisherman who uses the dock regularly for loading and unloading cargo says the new ramp will be worse than the old one.

Prawn fisherman Josh Young points out that the new ramp may be less steep but he'll be forced to travel over and around obstacles to get to it, creating a daily nuisance for him during prawn season.

Another complaint is that those responsible for the project ignored suggestions for a solution.

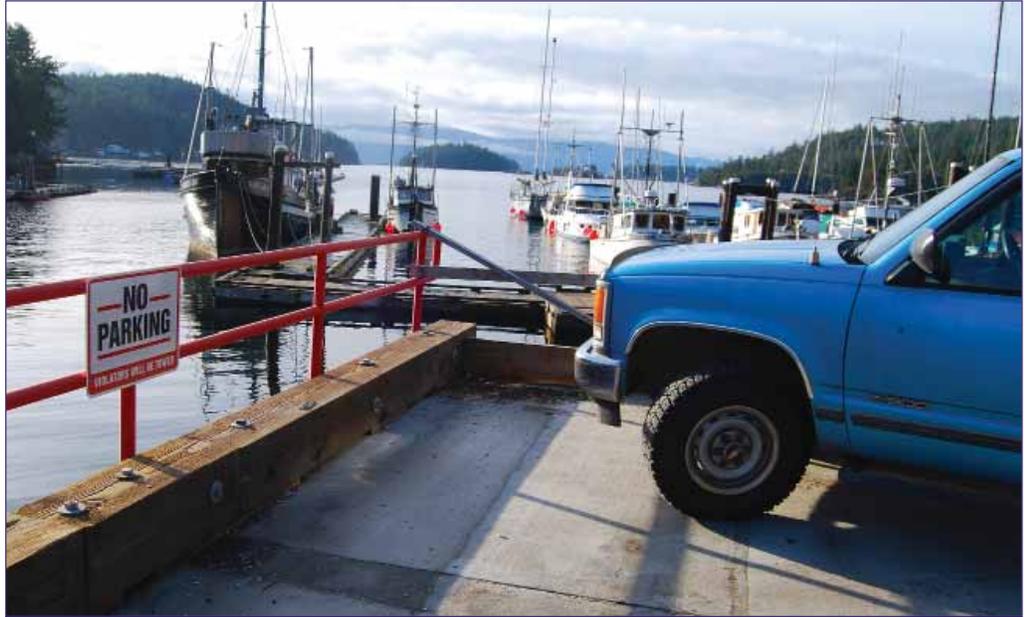
Richardson disagrees.

"I understand there may have been some wrinkles but it's my understanding at this time that there has been some discussions with the local prawn fishermen," says Richardson.

"At the end of the day we're trying to provide safer and easier unloading for the prawn guys."

Richardson adds the project was constrained by DFO's environmental concerns which hampered some of the original plans.

The Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour isn't managing the February 2011



Some Garden Bay fishermen say a lack of consultation for the construction of a new ramp and turnaround area at the Hospital Bay public wharf has resulted in an impractical design for unloading. Despite that, at least one fisherman isn't complaining about his fancy new parking spot.

project but its chair, Frank Mauro, says they've had recent discussions with Small Craft Harbours and thinks there's been some progress made on addressing the fishermen's concerns.

"I had a long meeting with Josh on Sunday and we kind of worked out a couple of things that we needed to correct and I think all his concerns are going to be addressed," says Mauro.

"So it will actually be better for unloading over the long run, I believe."

The project was funded through an incentive funding initiative managed by Small Craft Harbours.

Richardson says they still have one contract remaining to go out for tender (for the installation of the ramp) and can't reveal final budget figures yet but said the cost for the upgrade would likely be about \$200,000.

He expects all work will be completed by the beginning of prawn season this May.

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Potential parkland reserve eyed for Sakinaw Lake road access

An informal inquiry by the Integrated Land Management Bureau has prompted the SCRD to reassess plans for a block of land bridging Ruby and Sakinaw Lakes.

In Nov. 2010, a land officer from the ILMB contacted SCRD planning staff about their intentions for lot DL 4700.

Lot DL 4700 is a large piece of Crown land reserved on behalf of the SCRD with a “use and enjoyment of the public designation.”

The ILMB’s inquiry was sparked by a request for road access through the lot by a property owner on the northwest shore of Sakinaw Lake.

A road through DL 4700 could provide potential road access to over 80 Sakinaw Lake parcels that are currently accessed by water only.

The 1998 Egmont Pender Harbour official community plan identifies the UREP parcel as a “future regional public use area.”

More recently, the SCRD Parks master plan (completed in December 2004) supported that position adding,



SCRD image

Lot DL 4700, bridging Sakinaw and Ruby Lakes has been identified as a site for future parkland but also stands in the way of at least one Sakinaw Lake property owner who wishes to secure road access.

“The regional district should investigate measures to secure the long-term use [of UREPs] for the recreational benefit of Sunshine Coast residents.”

According to a staff report presented to the SCRD planning and development committee on Jan. 13, “the regional district has historically viewed DL 4700 as a public asset to be used for public park purposes. The concept of a road through the area has not been recommended or supported.”

According to the report, providing road access might alleviate use pressures at the Sakinaw Lake boat launch but planning staff are concerned it may increase overall activity in and around the lake.

It also notes that Sakinaw Lake is a drinking water source with 87 current domestic water licences.

The report recommended the SCRD board not support the construction of a residential road through the parcel.

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Arsonist fires up the New Year at PHSS

The first day back at Pender Harbour Secondary School in 2011 was an eventful one.

At 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 4, the Sunshine Coast RCMP received a call from the Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department asking for assistance at the high school.

The PHVFD extinguished a fire inside the men’s washroom and were able to keep the damage localized to the washroom only.

During the incident, the school was evacuated with only a minor disruption to classes and there were no injuries.

RCMP believe the fire was deliberately set and are still actively pursuing the person or persons responsible.

They request anyone with knowledge of this incident to contact the local detachment at (604) 885-2266 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Jon Paine photo

While others were wrapping gifts and sipping egg nog on Christmas Eve, volunteers were installing the last of the herring spawning nets around the Harbour. Here Paul Cuppen, Ian Grant and Leonard Lee drop the last one in place at the Garden Bay Pub before heading in for a well-deserved hot toddy.

A photograph of a West Coast Air seaplane flying over a body of water. The plane is white with green accents and a bird logo on the tail. The background shows a forested shoreline and a blue sky.

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Charting Madeira Park's growth and development

By Brian Lee

When it comes to our daily landscape, we seem to have a tendency to forget what was before.

A case in point is Madeira Park.

Don Fraser says it was almost 12 years ago that he was having a coffee at the Mercantile (now the Copper Sky Cafe) when he caught wind of a plan to replace the siding on the Pender Harbour Community Hall with vinyl.

It was the last straw in what he perceived as a chronic lack of interest in improving the appearance of Madeira Park.

"I just couldn't take it anymore because that's where I had coffee every morning," he says.

Fraser was a landscaper and longtime visitor to Pender Harbour before finally moving here.

He thought the town was failing in living up to its potential as an attractive place to live — or visit.

"So I went over to Hunsche's (Pender Harbour Realty) office — and



Don Fraser photo

Madeira Park Bargain Barn, 1998

I didn't know him — and said I'd like to get a group together, raise some money and fix downtown Madeira Park. I told him, I think at the time, it would probably take a hundred grand to fix this place," recalls Fraser.

"He was onboard and then

Sandy at the Mercantile helped call a meeting of friendlies."

The group met on a Sunday to go for a main street walking tour while Fraser offered his vision of what could be done to improve the Madeira Park core.

"We stopped at the Thrift store — it was horrid. The whole place was a mess. We weren't ready to attack the community hall yet but it needed a paint job and it looked tough," says Fraser.

"Then we went to the school grounds and it was just a disgrace. I think the first job we did, Jimmy (Cameron) and I took 19 loads of blackberry bush off the field and found 16 softballs along the fence between the field and the community hall."

They carried on past the school and stopped at the firehall which was badly in need of paint.

"It didn't even have a sign saying it was a firehall — it didn't say anything on it."



Don Fraser photo

Pender Harbour Community Hall, 1998

When they got to the Madeira Park post office, the group considered the garbage-strewn marshland that lay behind it.

For some, it might have been the first time they looked beyond the brush where they parked their cars to pick up their mail.

Just past the post office where the road ended, the asphalt had long ago dissolved into gravel potholes and offered an uninspiring view of the marshland's inventory of debris.

Here they turned around and started back on the other side of the road.

At the time, the Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour had already started renovating the grounds around the government wharf that would later become Seafarers' Millennium Park.

But past the asphalt island where the buses turned around at the school, a deep ditch ran alongside the road from Madeira Marina to the Mercantile.

It prevented any thoughts of roadside parking and customers of



Don Fraser photo

This area over the septic field for the Pender Harbour Community Hall was landscaped once before being torn apart to install a new septic system. Work should be complete this spring on a landscaped pathway.

Miss Sunny's Hair Boutique who wished to take the shortcut path through the blackberries and Scotch broom were forced to cross the ditch on a plank.

"There were two plants in Ma-

deira Park," says Fraser.

"Both of them were put there by the garden club. The high school students built that bulletin board (on the Bargain Barn) and there was a plant put on each side. Those two plants

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Mary Cain photo

Don Fraser helping out with the resurrection of the Pender Harbour Community Hall, 1999.

Madeira Park's growth and development (cont.)

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were the only two plants in Madeira Park at the time.”

That short walking tour took place in May 1999 and from it sprouted the Pender Harbour Growth and Development Partnership.

The group had a clear goal: “To make the Pender Harbour area the finest of places to live, work and enjoy for residents and visitors alike.”

The vision caught on and pulled people into a community project that may have been unprecedented in Pender Harbour’s history.

Many organizations like the Pender Harbour Lions Club or the Serendipity Preschool chipped in with help or fundraising and private donations started flowing in immediately.

Later that year the PHGDP published a newsletter updating the community on its progress.

The newsletter listed as its volunteer members: Fraser, Jim Cameron, Larry and Linda Curtiss, Jay Deyman, Howie Hicken, Rob Metcalfe, Reg Morton, Martin Nichols, Darren Reid,



Pender Harbour Community Hall and school field border, 2006.

Mary Cain photo

Jan Smalley and Carolyn Spence.

So many other hands pitched in during that year and the ones to follow that it would be impossible to list them.

Businesses supported the projects by donating cash while taking responsibility for improving their own properties.

With the help of Community Futures and the Pender Harbour and Egmont Chamber of Commerce, the PHGDP raised \$24,000 to maintain an operating budget that would sustain them through the next year while ambitious grant applications were in the works.

Even with the financial assistance the PHGDP received during the coming years it wouldn’t have come close to funding such an ambitious project were it not for the fact that much of the labour and materials were donated by local businesses and community members.

That same newsletter published a photo of the Bargain Barn’s facelift.

Its original dirt floor had already been replaced with concrete and the exterior transformed from that of a ramshackle shed to what it is now.

The photo shows the pathway and landscaping surrounding the building was well underway.

The projects pulled in a variety of local organizations like the Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department and the Pender Harbour Wildlife Society which took on the marshland



Mary Cain photo

Where once gravel reigned, pathways and gardens have sprouted in areas like this one beside the Bargain Barn.

restoration project.

Now taken for granted as the destination for any stroll through Madeira Park, 60 years as a dump site had disguised its potential as a spot for education and contemplation.

Larry Curtiss played a big role in pushing the marshland project ahead and says, despite its finished appearance, it's still a work in progress that should be completed this year.

"We need to do some more clean-up and complete some work on the entrances," says Curtiss.

"But all we need are a few guys for a couple hours after work for a month and it'll be done."

John and Marlene Rees and the Pender Harbour Garden Club took it upon themselves to beautify the area between the Madeira Park Elementary School and the government wharf.

They built the rock work and planted flowers at the turnabout near the entrance to the school and the former forestry complex at Pender Harbour School of Music.

Soon, rock stairways and lush gardens welcomed visitors by land or sea.

More rock walls and amphitheatre style seating were constructed near the school field replacing remnants of old picnic tables and blackberry bushes that bordered the school field.

A new ball diamond replaced the



Mary Cain photo

John and Marlene Rees landscaped much of the grounds around Seafarer's Millennium Park including this stairway and garden in the former forestry complex.

dilapidated backstop. It too was completed with volunteer labour.

"That was the first time we really got co-operation from the school board and the regional district to repair that field but it was all volunteers who did it," says Fraser.

Pender Harbour has a history of community projects where locals have pulled together to complete a project.

The Pender Harbour Community Hall is a perfect example.

In 1946, land and materials were donated and community members built what has long been the symbolic anchor of downtown Madeira Park.

The Pender Harbour Community Hall has been fixed up many times during its history with a major renovation occurring in the 1960s when the current kitchen and bar were added. But it was badly in need of a new foundation and general restoration.

"There's no question about it," Fraser says.

"It would have fallen into the ground. Every time we did something it just led to something else."

It turned out to be a massive project and after the building's foundation and frame were made sound,

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the exterior was completely transformed with rock work and siding.

Much of the work for these projects involved encouraging authorities like the Ministry of Transportation to pave areas like the dirt lot around the community hall or the turnaround past the post office.

Somehow they were able to do it.

Businesses like Madeira Marina jumped on board by landscaping their piece of frontage along Madeira Park Road and installing a boom boat as a centrepiece.

A little later came a project to tackle the Madeira Park entrance.

It saw a combined effort to acquire and install an old double-ender fishboat, renamed the *Harbour Spirit*, as the symbolic welcome sign to visitors entering Madeira Park by road.

At the time, some superstitious types said it was inexcusable to have the boat's bow ominously pointing in the direction of the rock work and away from the water.

Nobody seems to care now.

Much of the work listed here has been finished for a few years now making it all the more impressive how much was done during those first few years between 1999 and 2005.

Aside from the marshland project, all that's left to be completed now is the landscaped pathway near the Visitor Information Centre.

Fraser had already landscaped it once before tearing it up again.

"The big stumbling block there was the community needed a place to s**t," Fraser says.

"The community club had to raise a hundred grand to tear up and reinstall a new septic system. So we're just getting there now."

It's the last step in realizing his ambitious vision from that Sunday

stroll some 13 years before.

But it doesn't mean he's finished.

Along the way he's picked up more plans and, for a few years now, Don Fraser's been quietly drumming up support for a project that will see a pedestrian pathway constructed to circumnavigate Lily Lake (see Harbour Spiel, June 2009).

The Lily Lake Pedestrian Pathway project hopes to expand on the vision of the Madeira Park beautification project to build a safe pathway for pedestrians.

That too will be a formidable undertaking but like the Madeira Park project, Fraser sees it breaking down into components and already has support from various groups interested in helping out.

"When it comes to the groups who might want get involved, the possibilities are endless," says Fraser.

"It's got enormous potential for the bird watchers and conservationists who could set up an interpretive centre at Tyner's Park.

"Government agencies wanting to promote healthy living would get on board. School kids would have a safe path to walk to school.

"But most importantly it would offer a way for visitors and locals to get out for a walk with worrying about getting hit by a car."

One might expect that after a recent stroke and 12 years of work on the Madeira Park project, Fraser would be looking to take a step back, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

"You know, we've never had a town council or a planner that is going to take this on," he says.

"So if we want it done, we just have to do it ourselves."

And you get the feeling we will.



Egmont and Pender Harbour Transit Survey

A survey form is being sent to all residents of Egmont and Pender Harbour concerning the bus to and from Sechelt.

Please complete the survey as the information will help the Transit Advisory Committee design the service to better meet your needs.

Winchester fires off shot at 'Journeys Through Pender'

The following letter was sent to the The Local and copied to the Harbour Spiel. As a matter of general policy, the Harbour Spiel will not print letters that have already appeared in other papers — but this letter hasn't. ~ Ed.

Dear Editor,

We have a saying in Pender Harbour:

"If you don't hear any gossip by 10 a.m., make something up."

It's nice to see The Local's Kimberley Foster jumping into the game with her Jan. 13 "Journeys Through Pender," but she should have warned readers that at least part of her little column is pure fiction.

Kim claims that Java Docks is now closed on Sundays and has shortened hours the rest of the week.

For the record, this is true for Copper Sky (arguably the competition, just down the street), but not Java Docks, which continues to operate at regular hours, seven days a week.

The mind boggles at what might have motivated Kim to write this.

We can only hope she's ignorant of the fact that this kind of misinformation not only hurts the targeted business (customers go elsewhere when they're told your business is closed) but all other businesses and thus the whole community.

It's fortunate that Kim is not a seasonal employee of Copper Sky, or one might suspect ulterior motives. Oh, wait... she is.

Bottom line, she paints an unfairly dismal picture of Pender Har-

bour, which in fact offers a number of excellent dining options, every day of the week and evenings too, as well as shopping, arts and recreational offerings.

Contrary to what you read in "Journeys Through Pender," most of us haven't locked our business doors to frolic on sunny, sandy beaches in Mexico, and the rest of us aren't snuggled in front of crackling fires while servants heed our beck and call.

I hope readers in Sechelt and Gibsons will take what they read about Pender Harbour in The Local with a grain of salt, and come up to Pender for a visit.

Myrtle Winchester
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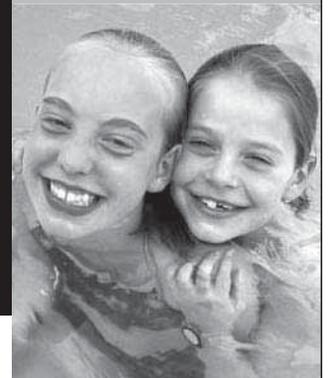
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Graham forced to take an unwanted Christmas holiday



By Eric Graham
SCRD Director,
Area A

For those who haven't heard, I have been on medical leave since before Christmas.

My alternate director, Barrie Wilbee, has taken my place on the SCRD board in my absence.

On the night of Dec. 21 I woke

up on the floor of my darkened house.

Sometime during the daylight hours I must have collapsed with no warning.

I woke up hours later, sweating profusely, having a hard time breathing and not able to get up.

I didn't know why but I knew I was in trouble.

It was after 11 p.m. when I was able to crawl to the kitchen and reach the cord to my cell phone charger, pull

it off the counter and phone my neighbor across the street for help and I also phoned 911 for an ambulance.

I understand from the doctor that I experienced what is known as a silent heart attack — no chest pains etc.

In most cases, if one does not get medical attention within four hours the body starts to shut down.

While passed out on the floor my lungs filled with fluid and my kidneys started shutting down.



Sunshine Coast Regional District

AREA A - ADVISORY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Advisory Planning Commission is on Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Pender Harbour High School, Room 107.

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Infrastructure Services Committee
February 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Planning and Development Services Committee
February 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board
February 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Round 2 Budget Review
February 10 at 9:00 a.m.
February 11 and 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Community Services Committee
February 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board
February 24 at 7:30 p.m.

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February 28 at 9:00 a.m.

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They were able to stabilize me at St. Mary's and as soon as a bed became available they transferred me by helicopter to St. Paul's, known for its world class cardiac unit.

Christmas Day was just another regular day at St. Paul's and I received the full treatment while scheduled for surgery.

It was found out that I had a 70-per-cent restriction in my left anterior artery which became blocked and caused the heart attack.

The blockage was opened and a stent was inserted.

After a few days of recovery in intensive care I was moved to the ward for a few more days.

By the day after New Year's, I was released to my sister's care.

After being released from hospital it was my brother in-law's job to tell me that my dog Daisy Mae passed away on Christmas night.

So, that was my Christmas of 2010.

I am now at home in recovery mode.

Barrie Wilbee is doing an outstanding job down at Wilson Creek in my absence.

I have been told by my doctor (who took my driver's licence away for at least six weeks) that there should be no regional district business for me until at least Feb. 15.

At that time they will reassess my medical progress.

I must say, from my recent experience, I am glad that I live in B.C.

The medical attention from the B.C. Ambulance crews, the doctors and staff at St. Mary's and St. Paul's was top-notch and it's because of it that I'm still around.

Also my family came through when I needed them and so did my friends, neighbours and the other SCR D directors and staff.

The visits I received (not just at St. Mary's but St. Paul's), the phone calls and the cards are too numerous to mention and all I can say is a sincere thank you to all.

Because I live in a small community away from a lot of services, my sister and brother were concerned about how I would do on my own.

While they were settling me in back home, the volunteers were setting up a Life Line and Linda Curtiss and her group of volunteers delivered the first of my Healthy Meals — with no salt, of course.

Throughout that first day back, a constant parade of well-wishers visited me and now my family knows what a great a community we all live in.

Sometimes we take it for granted and don't realize how lucky we are.

I am glad to be back and on the

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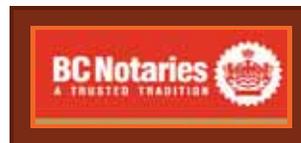
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Robi Fay Petraschuk

JUNE 24, 1936 – NOV. 15, 2010



Robina Fay Petraschuk passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Nov. 15, 2010.

Born in Darlington, Durham County, England, she emigrated to Vancouver when she was 14, leaving a life of dancing, ballet and diving competitions.

She thrived in Vancouver and in her new life in Canada.

When she was in her early 20s she worked in finance, fell in love and married William (Bill) Petraschuk.

The young couple started their married life in Deep Cove and soon had three young boys.

On a holiday visit to Pender Harbour they fell in love with a property where Robi's mother, Beni, was staying as a guest with her friends George and Ivy Southwell.

Now known as Malaspina Ranch, it was purchased in 1962 and

there the young family grew.

A daughter was born while they operated a horse-riding business, shingle mill and farm.

Always a supporter of the arts, Robi was busy with the dances, variety shows, May Day and caring for her family.

There were more good times than bad and Robi always kept a positive loving spirit.

Around 1978, Robi and a dedicated group of volunteers spearheaded the Pender Harbour Aquatic Centre.

Robi taught hundreds of kids and adults the joy of swimming and fitness.

During this time, she also fostered many teenagers as most of her family had nearly grown up and began lives of their own.

Bill passed away in 1987 and Robi carried on.

She was an amazing mother, grandmother, friend and loved everyone dearly.

She was always looking after people.

She ran the Malaspina Ranch Bed and Breakfast where good stories were told over a large breakfast and chuckled about all day.

She was there when you needed her and inspired people with a positive attitude and her zest for life.

She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.

She was a strong and determined lady and one of the pioneers featured in the *Women of Pender Harbour* book.

A celebration of Robi's life was held at the Pender Harbour Legion on Dec. 5.

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Helen Edwardson

MAY 25, 1923 – DEC. 18, 2010



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She travelled the B.C. Coast extensively as well as other parts.

Survived by sons Norman (Dietta) and Rae (Lorna), daughters Dorell (Hugh) and April (Chad), 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, sister Florence Kane, brother Bob Duncan, stepfather Karl Jensen and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her loving husband of 67 years, Albert and and her son Bob Edwardson.

There will be no service by request. The family will hold a private celebration of life.

Nancy Marion Lee

MAY 27, 1935 – JAN. 17, 2011



Nancy Lee was the daughter of the late Olas and Helen Lee of Pender Harbour and passed away on Jan. 17 in Nanaimo General Hospital.

Nancy was the youngest child of Olas and Helen and predeceased by her parents, her brother Robert O. Lee, sisters Norma, Patricia, and Leona, foster parents Robert L. and Eileen Griffith of Egmont, and her daughters Cathy and Cindy.

Nancy is survived by her sons, Stanley, Robert and Patrick Brown, their wives, her foster sisters and brothers, grandchildren and other family members.

Nancy will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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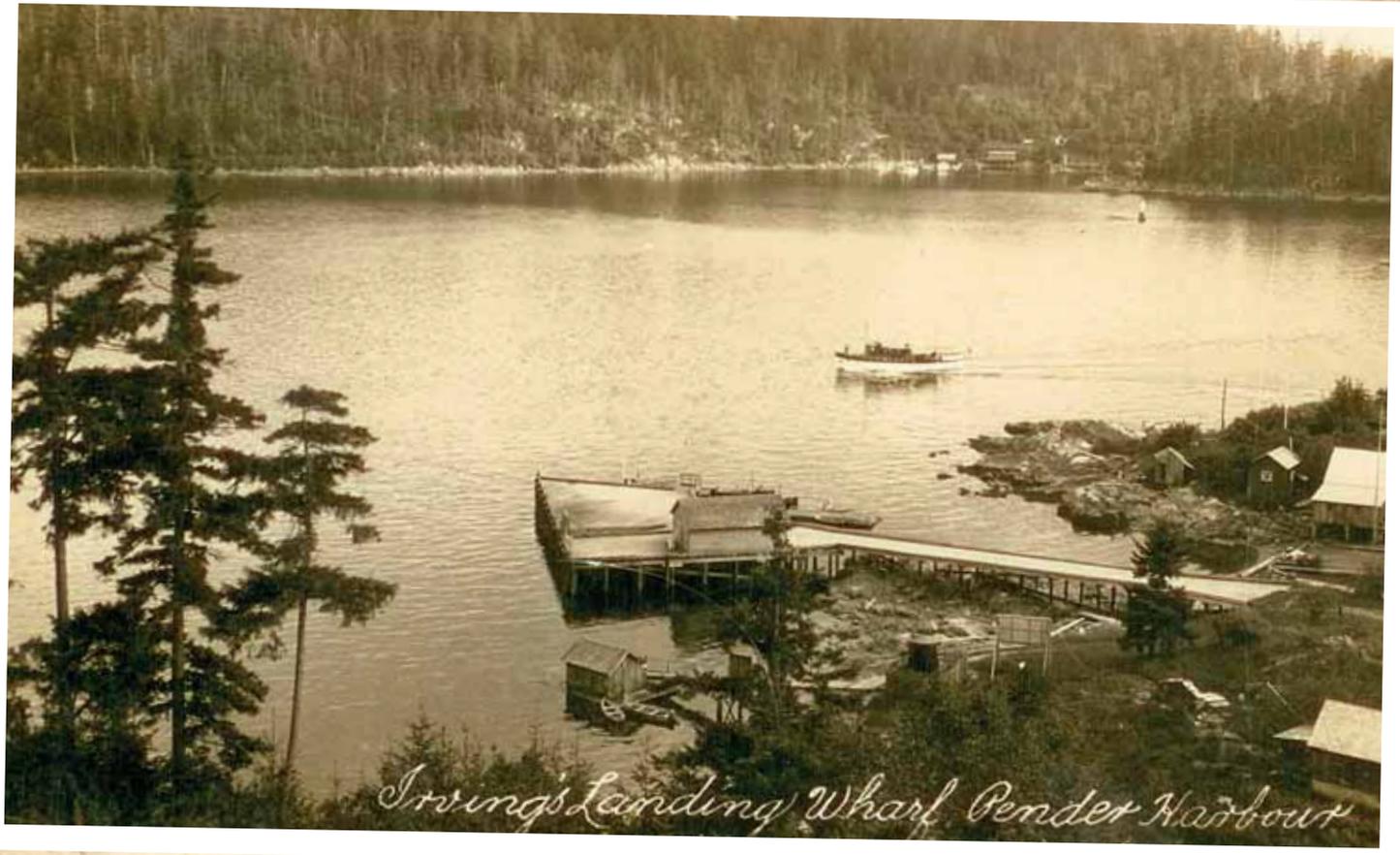
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Lee family postcard collection

Irving's Landing had already been the centre of commerce in Pender Harbour for 70 years before the photo for this postcard was taken sometime in the 1950s. Note the inscription "Irving's Landing" proving that even back then, folks spelled the name as it's often pronounced.

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J.M.J.'s 'The Solberg Sisters' (Harbour Spiel, May 2003)



By J.M.J.

Originally published in the
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(Continued from Jan. 2011)

The boat trip to Minnie Solberg's was a tough one.

I crossed Jervis Inlet in a storm, ran into fog, hit a log, got lost, and generally made a fool of myself.

It had been many years since I'd been to the Solberg dock and there were some changes to the shoreline from logging that threw me off.

I was surprised to see smoke coming from up on shore and binoculars showed what I had not seen before — an old house up on the hill.

It had to be Minnie. There were no other houses in the foggy, rain-speckled bay.

The same dock was there, in the same disrepair, so I tethered to a spike and started up the conglomeration of logs and planks to shore.

There was about a foot of snow and it was slippery.

There were three old boats, cartopper-sized, tied to the dock.

Two were full of water, the third covered with an old tarp.

That one had an outboard engine under a green garbage bag, three sweaters and an old overcoat. I found out it hadn't run since midsummer, "but there's a fella coming to fix it."

I climbed the hill and found three buildings. One was a derelict house, the roof collapsed.

The second was a derelict house with most of the roof still on and smoke coming from the chimney. The third was a shed of sorts that had been turned into a barn for chickens and rabbits in small pens.

A little creek flowed by the corner of the main house and a dipper pan hung from a bush. I used it to have a drink of the creek water and thought about how sweet water tasted without chlorine when a voice said, "I didn't expect you so early."

In the doorway stood Minnie. She was medium height, long silver-and-black hair and twinkling eyes in a ruddy face.

In truth, given a red suit and hat she could have been Santa Claus. I learned later that she was about 71 or 72 years old.

Her callused hands were thick with muscle and tendon, the nails also thick and cracked from years of hard work.

The slope of her shoulders, heavy with muscle, said much about her way of life.

Her huge thighs bulged beneath her wool pants and she wore two or three shirts, a couple of sweaters and a logger's jacket.

I knelt for a second dipper of water and she grinned,

"Sure am glad you brought me some groceries. I didn't get a deer this year — they were up too high for me. I'm out of meat except for a goat carcass I found frozen in the snow, a cougar had got it. The meat was still good and that's what I'm eating."

She looked down at my boat and, still grinning from ear to ear, said, "Steep hill, eh?"

"Yeh, sure is, Minnie," I agreed.

"How are we going to get the stuff up? There must be 500 pounds of it."

"I have an all-terrain vehicle," she said, adding,

"If I can get it going."

I looked down the hill towards the dock and said, "No road."

She laughed

"Road's round back," she said.

"You take the boat to the point, use the forestry dock and I'll bring the truck 'round — but first have some coffee."

She disappeared into the house and I followed. The heat and the wood smoke smell told me there was a stove to my right (it was so dark I couldn't see a thing).

Minnie used a flashlight to locate the coffee pot and poured two steaming cups of black liquid.

She opened a little door to a cooler hanging out of the wall onto the porch and retrieved a can of Pacific milk.

There was a jar of lumpy sugar on the table and she spooned enough of it into her coffee to sweeten 10 cups.

I did the same. You could have floated a horseshoe in that coffee. It was almost as thick as tar, and tasted about the same. No... tar tastes better.

Then a collie-type dog jumped up on me. It was clean, friendly, and

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As my eyes adjusted to the lack of light, I saw that the place was incredibly cluttered with old tin cans, wrappers, newspapers, boxes, magazines and furniture. It was a mess.

Our coffee finished, I reminded Minnie of the reason for my visit and mentioned the fog and my worries for the return trip.

Using the flashlight again, she found her gloves and we stepped outside into the blinding snow.

Without a word she led me to a large canvas-covered object and unlashed the tarp to reveal a surprisingly new ATV with huge, cleated tires and a sensible seat in which she carefully placed herself.

She moved slowly and deliberately, almost robotically, giving the impression of being musclebound.

It gave a sense of her great independence, of her self-reliance.

If you're alone, without help, you can't rush things. One false stroke with an axe and you can bleed to death. A slip with a knife can cause untold hardship as it heals, and there's always a risk of infection.



Bergliot Solberg

A turned ankle, a broken hip... It wasn't age that slowed Minnie, it was caution.

After a little trouble Minnie got the ATV going and said, "There's a trailer, I'll get it, you move your boat."

I started off down the hill, pleased with my good luck. Hauling all that stuff up the hill would have been hard work.

I took my boat around the point and found a good solid forestry dock with a steel gangway and started to unload the freight onto the gangway; it meant Min-

nie had only about 10 feet to carry it to place it in her trailer.

Minnie had the stuff in the trailer almost as fast as I could unload it from my boat.

She handled the cases of canned

goods as if they weighed 20 pounds, not 50, and in no time the trailer was loaded, with the alfalfa on top.

Now I could surprise Minnie with a little Christmas gift.

We keep chickens at our cabin at Pender and I had loaded one of my best hens into a box and onto the boat.

Bergliot had told me that a wildcat had killed one of Minnie's hens and she was surprised and very pleased with the gift. The chicken took the place of honour on top of the load on the trailer, strapped down with a bungee cord.

She thanked me, simply and sincerely, and I left.

Next day Bergie phoned to chat, ending our conversation with,

"Minnie likes you. Will you go back up with some more stuff and maybe bring her some goats I have?"

I did go back up, not once but several times, once with my son who put his hand to many things, fixing them quickly and well.

Each time the boat was loaded with things Minnie needed. Once we took Bergie, but the truth is that they didn't get along at all — both were too independent.

Minnie and Bergie were "mountain men," skilled at what they did, unusual in their manner and dress, and very rare in any country.

I was lucky to get to know them.

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Trying to gain perspective by examining other real estate markets



By Alan Stewart

I'm always staggered by the differences in real estate values within the Real Estate Board of Greater

Vancouver.

I can certainly understand a wide range of values throughout the country due to various climatic conditions, population sizes and natural resources but the swings of value between the outlying areas of Metro Vancouver and the city itself are unbelievable.

Recently my partner Dave and I headed off for a four-hour lunch meeting with a group of 18 top-notch Realtors working throughout the Lower Mainland, Squamish, Whistler, Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast.

It's been a year or so since our last meeting but we always come away refreshed with new ideas and a better understanding of what's happening outside of our local market.

By far the most enlightening bit of information we picked up at this meeting was the enormous impact mainland Chinese buyers are having on very specific areas of Richmond and Vancouver, particularly Kerrisdale and Vancouver's West Side.

Certain areas of South Surrey and Delta are also being impacted.

But Burnaby, New Westminster, the North Shore, Squamish/Whistler and the Sunshine Coast... not so much.

Anne Piche, a Realtor with Sutton Group – Seafair Realty, described a Richmond home which languished on the market for months in 2010.

The home finally sold in September after a number of price reductions for \$760,000.



Then, without warning, prices on the street began to escalate with demand being driven by Chinese buyers who thought the prices “too good to be true.”

Now in January, only four months after her challenging sale, the house across the street was listed at

\$1,150,000 with multiple offers coming in over the asking price.

That's nearly a 50-per-cent rise in four months.

Marty Pospischil, a West Side Realtor working with Dexter Associates Realty describes similar bidding wars in Kerrisdale where a 50-foot

lot will attract interest so long as it's priced under \$1.5 million and a rare 66-foot lot can fetch in the range of \$2 million.

As an example, Marty recently sold a 1937 "character bungalow" on a 50-foot by 130-foot lot with "unobstructed mountain views" for \$1,875,000.

It had carpet, older oak trim, plywood kitchen cabinets and a converted attic space which has been sheathed with press board. In other words, a fixer-upper at best.

According to the tax roll, the property sold to its previous owner in 1984 for \$174,500 and the City of Vancouver notes that the house had "significantly improved" in 1950.

If the quality of homes isn't what's driving these markets, what is?

According to the Realtors involved, the criteria for these buyers are "the finest schools and universities for their children, easy access to the airport and amenities, and a neighbourhood populated with other mainland Chinese immigrants and owners."

While Madeira Park Elementary and Pender Harbour Secondary School are of course second to none, the Sunshine Coast likely won't be attracting mainland Chinese buyers soon based on the other criteria.

Areas considered prime recre-

ational and retirement areas are, like Pender Harbour, still waiting for their markets to get back on their feet.

While early indicators for 2011 would suggest that we're in for a more robust market than 2008 and 2009 and a more stabilized market than 2010, sellers and Realtors alike can't help but be envious of those homeowners and Realtors who are realizing huge profits as a result of this phenomenon.

My big question is, where is the seller going?

Where will they reinvest that \$1,875,000 nest egg?

If they want to stay in Vancouver, they will have to reinvest much of it into their next home purchase.

But, if they were to move to the Sunshine Coast they could buy a beautiful high-end home, take a trip around the world, pay for their kids' college education and wedding while still investing what's left in an RRSP to supplement their retirement plans.

Seems too good to be true.

While the Sunshine Coast may be in for a longer recovery than the rest of the Greater Vancouver market, we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel.

Sellers are coming to the realization that the downturn has had an effect on their real estate values and are making necessary corrections.

Many home and land owners are submitting to the new market condi-



Image courtesy of Marty Pospischil

One might think the heated market that sparked a bidding war to push up the selling price for this modest 1937 bungalow to \$1.875 million would extend to the Sunshine Coast.

tions and asking prices are starting to fall in line with market expectations.

Others are hanging on to expectations set in 2007 and 2008 which are, particularly in the bare land market, distant memories.

I was once told by a retired Pender Harbour Realtor that our local market is the first hit and the last to recover in an economic downturn, but at the end of the day we are able to live the life that most people can only dream of.

And for that, I'm truly thankful.

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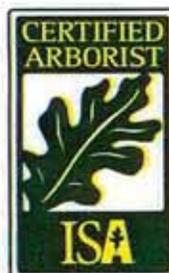
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Considerations for using an electronic fence to rein in your dog



By John Wade

Hello John,

I have a sensitive dog that is possibly fear aggressive.

Unfortunately, he escapes from our yard to chase children on bikes and terrifies them.

We are vigilant about watching him but all it takes is a quick escape when someone is at the door and he's out.

We are considering an electronic fence to prevent him from leaving our yard but I'm concerned it would make his fear aggression worse?

Also, he is extremely sensitive to pain/discomfort.

Is there a gentle electronic fence that might work for him?

A suitable physical fence is not possible at this point.

Thanks so much,
Mary

Hi Mary,

I don't know what you mean about a "gentle" electronic fence.

I don't know of any that gently whispers a request in the dog's ear for



its attention.

It's more of a demand, otherwise the dog would blow them off as read-

ily as he's blowing you off now when it comes to staying on property.

They do have various level settings available so that the right match can be found to warn a dog away from the boundary.

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At higher levels I feel what I perceive as a tingle identical to the stimulation I've felt from the TENS machine used for nerve stimulation at my chiropractor.

Similarly, the intensity changes from my feeling indifferent, to aware, to attentive, to you don't have to tell me twice.

It really seems to vary from person to person and dog to dog.

The bottom line is you have to take the time to find the level that does the job without doing harm.

It shouldn't be too hard.

As the dog is taught to understand that the stimulation is a consequence for getting too close to the fence, they are also learning that an audio warning will go off before hand.

I don't get as worked up about the use of electronics in dog training and containment as some because I've found that, like most tools, they're only as good as the knowledge or ignorance that go into operating them.

In the case of electronic fences, I get concerned when they're used as a shortcut — which I think is what you may have in mind.

Your problem isn't that you have a dog you want to keep in his yard for his own safety.

It's that you want to keep him in a yard for others' safety because he is aggressive.

The fence might be a solution to how I'd approach this issue but while the fence might solve your problem, it won't necessarily solve your dog's problem if he still has issues with kids or kids on bikes.

I'd rather you dealt with the agitation he feels in those scenarios.

Before I'd use a fence of any

kind with your dog I'd look at training.

First the basics — come, heel and stay.

Then proceed to the basics around low-level distractions before moving on to training his behaviour to ignore things he likes to chase.

Fencing in any form would only be backup.

Regards,
John Wade

e-mail John at: johnwade@johnwade.ca or visit his website at www.johnwade.ca

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FEBRUARY WEATHER

TEMPERATURES, MERRY ISLAND

Our average February daily high temperature is 7.5 C; average low is 3.4 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 5.5 C. The highest February temperature recorded is 14.3 C (Feb. 27, 1986); the lowest is -10.1 C (Feb. 13, 1990).

PRECIPITATION, MERRY ISLAND

February should have about 85.7 hours of bright sunshine (the most since October), 16 days with measurable rainfall and one day with measurable snowfall. February should have a total rainfall of 97.9 mm and a total snowfall of 6.7 cm. The highest February daily rainfall recorded is 49 mm (Feb. 11, 1983); the highest February daily snowfall recorded is 22.9 cm (Feb. 15, 1983).

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"Wait a moment," Socrates replied, "Before you tell me I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test."

"Triple filter?" asked the acquaintance.

"That's right," Socrates continued, "Before you talk to me about Diogenes let's take a moment to filter what you're going to say. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "Actually I just heard about it."

"All right," said Socrates, "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about Diogenes something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "You want to tell me something about Diogenes that may be bad, even though you're not certain it's true?"

The man shrugged, a little embarrassed. Socrates continued, "You may still pass the test though, because there is a third filter, the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about Diogenes going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "If what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good nor even Useful, why tell it to me or anyone at all?"

The man was bewildered and ashamed. This is but one example of why Socrates was considered a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

It also explains why Socrates never found out that Diogenes was shagging his wife.

FEBRUARY ASTROLOGY

AQUARIUS: JAN. 21 - FEB. 18

Relaxation, enjoyment, and pleasure are emphasized for you now. This is not a time to push yourself or be involved in activities that require intense energy. Co-operative, harmonious relationships are more important to you at this time. You feel like socializing and being friendly. Just not as friendly as you were at the company Christmas party.

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Docks, boats, and salt water — if you are interested in learning how our harbour works and about the function and duties of a harbour master, come to a talk given by our local harbour master, Ian McNee. Ian will outline the duties and responsibilities of his job. He is very interested in all aspects of harbour and marine health and to that end he has attended several conservation conferences. He is also actively involved in reintroducing herring to Pender Harbour. His talk will take place 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 15 at the Pender Harbour High School. There is no charge, everyone is welcome, and refreshments will be served.

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society will hold their annual general meeting following the presentation.

P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

On Feb. 8. the Pender Harbour Women's Connection will host members from the Pender Harbour Paddling Society who will give a presentation called "Dragontini Dragons: Insights into Paddling." Do wear something red to this gathering, as we will hold our 11th anniversary celebration following the presentation.

The Feb. 22 gathering is called "New Frontiers in Dentistry" featuring Dr. Lisa Virkela and Dr. Robert Hynd who will bring us up to date with current advancements including teeth whitening and Botox.

Both gatherings will be at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and gatherings are from 10 a.m. until noon. As always members, non-members and drop-ins are welcome.

EGMONT MONDAY NIGHT RECREATION

Monday night is family recreation night at the Egmont Community Hall. Starting at 6 p.m. are activities for children of all ages. Hosted by Russ and Dani, this is an evening of enjoyment every Monday night this winter. Table tennis, foosball, basketball, cards, puzzles, and board games will be available. Pizza and pop will also be available.

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Scrambling to avoid winter hazards on the golf course



By Jan Watson

Here we are again in another year. My goodness, where does the time go?

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One day the golf course is green and the next it is white with frost.

We just get rid of that and it's white again.

There is no doubt Kleindale is just that much further north than Madeira Park or Garden Bay.

Actually if we really think about it and look around we are so lucky to be here in Pender Harbour.

We might complain but our weather compared to most places is just great.

Once again "Breakfast with Santa" was a big success.

The little ones were happy to sit on his knee and say what they wanted for Christmas but a few big people took a turn on his knee too.

The kitchen staff put on a wonderful buffet breakfast.

SCRAMBLES

We did get lucky on Dec. 27 with a dry, mild day and were able to hold our annual Christmas Scramble.

Five teams participated and we were delighted to have visitors from Saskatchewan.

The scores were all very close but the winners were Merv Oleksyn, Heather Cranston and Shelley Stunell with 34.

Breathing down their necks in second place with 35 were Garry Noble, Carl Rietze and Jan Watson.

Unfortunately the New Years Day Scramble had to be cancelled due

to extreme cold and frozen ground.

WINTER HAZARDS

Don't forget to phone ahead as there could frost delays.

Also please respect the course when tee off mats and temporary greens are in effect. Winter rates are in effect.

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Type 1 diabetes and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

By Nancy Mackay, RN CDE

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is the largest charitable funder and advocate for Type 1 diabetes research.

Recently I participated in a fun fundraiser and accumulated many facts along the way:

- Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease that occurs when the pancreas stops producing insulin.
- Over 300,000 Canadian adults and children live with Type 1 diabetes.
- Most people develop Type 1 diabetes before the age of 30 but it can also occur in older adults.
- Diabetes (all kinds) and its complications cost the Canadian economy more than \$17.4 billion a year.
- Canada has the sixth highest incidence rate of Type 1 diabetes in children 14 years or younger in the world.

- Living with Type 1 diabetes requires approximately 1,460 needles per year and 2,190 finger pokes a year to treat blood sugar levels.

- Currently, the only treatment for Type 1 diabetes is replacement insulin.

- Type 1 diabetes strikes children and adults suddenly but lasts a lifetime

- Type 1 diabetes is not caused by eating too much sugar or the wrong kinds of food.

- Type 1 diabetes is not caused by being overweight

- Type 1 diabetes is not the same as Type 2 diabetes

- Type 1 diabetes does not mean you cannot eat sugar

- Worldwide, 70,000 children develop diabetes annually (almost 200 children a day)



- Warning signs and symptoms include: extreme thirst, frequent urination, drowsiness or lethargy, increased appetite, sudden weight loss for no reason, sudden vision changes, sugar in urine, fruity odour on breath, heavy or laboured breathing, stupor or unconsciousness.

The JDRF was founded in 1974 by parents of children with Type 1 diabetes with a mission to find a cure for diabetes and associated complications through the support of research.

JDRF Canada is one of six affiliates around the world that include Australia, Denmark, India, Israel, and the United Kingdom

I have been involved with an annual fundraising dinner/dance/auction named “Rockin’ for Research” each November in Vancouver.

It was hosted by the rock band

Loveboy whose lead guitarist and original member Paul Dean has a personal stake in diabetes research.

Dean’s son was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at a very young age and since then the band has enthusiastically promoted awareness about the disease with great success.

Rockin’ for Research raised over \$1 million.

The level of commitment of parents, friends and relatives to support research to find a cure is remarkable and very encouraging for those of us personally involved with people living with this difficult disease.

For more information on Type 1 or other types of diabetes please contact the Pender Harbour Health Centre and set up an appointment with diabetes educators Nancy Mackay or Dianne Paulus.

Wei Hsu: The first non-native Pender Harbourite (Part VII)



Vague recollections have persisted for many years that the first non-native person to live in Pender Harbour was Chinese.

Before Charlie Irvine landed here and lent his name to what become Irvines Landing, a family named Hsu arrived in 1873 and settled in a rocky bay tucked in behind the western entrance of Pender Harbour.

The historic events depicted here are loosely based on the author's own imagination and should not be interpreted as fact — unless it suits the reader to do so.

By Anne Crocker

Part VII: (Continued from Jan. 2011)

Gold is extremely resistant to weathering and when freed from enclosing rocks, is carried downstream as metallic particles consisting of “dust,” flakes, grains or nuggets.

Gold particles in stream deposits are often concentrated on or near bedrock, because they move downward during high-water periods when the entire bed load of sand, gravel, and boulders is agitated.

Fine gold particles collect in depressions where the stream current slackens.

Concentrations like these are called “pay streaks” and this is what Wei Hsu discovered in that pocket of Anderson Creek.

Hsu’s gold may have slowly collected for hundreds or even thousands of years and though he was able to scratch out a small amount above and below the spot where Qwuní and Smqáma found him that day, he never came close to equalling the discovery.

And he had help in scouring the creek bed for further deposits.

Despite Hsu swearing his friends to secrecy, somehow a Shishalh woman living at Séxwámin heard about his success.

She relayed the story to a few white men who had been prospecting timber in the area for a mill in Burrard Inlet.

The possibility of a rich gold strike nearby changed their focus and for the rest of that sea-

son, the three men retraced Hsu’s panning efforts throughout Anderson Creek.

They found nothing except a wealth of timber hidden behind the shoreline.

Hsu had other reasons to be wary of the loggers.

He knew the white man’s system better than most and understood what they were up to.

They’d been snooping around near his home and let slip that the beach near Hsu and Lucy’s cabin would be perfect to dump logs.

Hsu feared they intended to return next Spring with timber leases in hand and log the slopes nearby.

At about this same time, movements were afoot in Victoria to disenfranchise the Chinese in British Columbia.

If it went through, Hsu knew he wouldn’t be able to vote or enter certain professions, none of which he cared about.

But since he’d landed in Pender Harbour the previous fall, he’d been considering options for pre-empting some land of his own and he decided he’d better act soon.

He set about staking what he measured to be 160-acres extending along the water from what is now Lee’s Bay past Hotel Lake.

The loggers’ threat and a healthy poke full of gold prompted Wei Hsu to make a late-summer trip to Victoria.

Because he was Chinese, Hsu understood it might be difficult for him to take advantage of policies for land pre-emption.



Wei Hsu, 1861.



Image courtesy of Hsu family archives

Lucy painted this image of her father Wei Hsu returning to Pender Harbour from his visit to Victoria in the summer of 1874.

Started in 1859, the land pre-emption process allowed settlers to acquire provincial Crown land by claiming it for settlement and agricultural purposes.

It was a policy promoted by the government to encourage settlement and land improvements in the new province.

Applicants first staked a block of vacant, non-reserved, unsurveyed Crown land before submitting a written application.

A Certificate of Pre-emption was then issued in triplicate (copies to the pre-emptor, the local office, and the department in Victoria).

After improvements were shown, residency qualification and land surveying, a Certificate of Improvement was issued and the land purchased at a discount rate or at no further charge.

Hsu decided to make the trip from Pender Harbour to Victoria in his 16-foot rowboat.

The gaff sail rig he installed for the journey turned out to be useless in the glassy calm he suffered for five straight days.

After rowing for over 170 kilometres, Hsu's blistered hands hauled his boat up on a muddy beach in James Bay.

After setting up his tent nearby, Hsu enlisted

the help of a lawyer to ensure his application was airtight and to present a white face at the titles office.

While he waited for overwhelmed clerks to complete the initial paperwork, Hsu reacquainted himself with an old pastime.

In the 13 years since he'd last visited Victoria, it had become the primary entry point for the legal import of raw opium into Canada.

It was in no small part due to a thriving Chinese community and Chinese grocers shelved the drug alongside other staples like rice and turnips.

Hsu hadn't smoked opium nor spoken freely in Chinese since leaving New Westminster the year before and easily fell into a daily routine of socializing with new friends and relaxing under the spell of the powerful narcotic.

By the time he received his paperwork a few short weeks later, it was with a mixture of relief and sadness that he had to leave.

Hsu returned to Pender Harbour the way he came, but this time with light winds in his sail, paperwork professing him as owner of 160 acres and a healthy supply of opium.

(Continued next month)

BC Bestsellers:

(For the week of Jan. 16)

1. *The Sentimentalists* by Johanna Skibsrud
2. *Quinoa 365* by Patricia Green & Carolyn Hemming
3. *Vij's at Home* by Meeru Dhalwala & Vikram Vij
4. *Adventures in Solitude* by Grant Lawrence
5. *Everything Works* by Mike McCardell
6. *And to Think I Got in Free!* by Jim Taylor
7. *The Zero-Mile Diet* by Carolyn Herriot
8. *Bateman: New Works* by Robert Bateman
9. *Voices of British Columbia* by Robert Budd
10. *A Walk with the Rainy Sisters* by Stephen Hume

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BOOKS

The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Family's Century



Keith Shaw photo

By Theresa Kishkan

January is a month for reading, unless you're lucky enough to escape the days of damp and darkness to tropical islands or southern beaches. Tucked into a big chair drawn up to the woodstove, a stack of books on the little table, one hardly notices the rain falling relentlessly.

I spent a happy few days reading *The Hare With Amber Eyes: A Family's Century of Art and Loss* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2010) by the British ceramicist Edmund De Waal. He's previously written about the early studio potter Bernard Leach as well as other books on ceramics. His own studio work is beautifully elegant and understated, form balanced with function, and these qualities are also evident in this book.

In 1870, one of De Waal's ancestors, Charles Ephrussi, a member of the Paris branch of a great European banking dynasty, purchased a collection of 264 Japanese netsuke. These were exquisite small objects of ivory and wood, created as toggles or buttons to fasten pockets to the sashes of traditional kimonos. Charles' collection included medlar fruit carved of chestnut, many tiny rats ("Perhaps because they give the maker the chance to wrap those sinuous tails round each other..."), dragons, a cooper finishing a barrel with an adze, tumbling acrobats, wolves, a beggar, pails of water, and of course a hare with amber eyes. None of them is larger than a matchbox.

De Waal inherited the collection after the death of his great-uncle, Ignace Ephrussi, who had been the

fourth member of the family to own the netsuke.

"There is no easy story in legacy," he writes. "What is remembered and what is forgotten? There can be a chain of forgetting, the rubbing away of previous ownership as much as the slow accretion of stories. What is being passed on to me with all these small Japanese objects?"

The Hare with Amber Eyes is the account of his search for those stories, a search that takes him to Paris, Vienna, the Czech Republic, Odessa and Japan. In the process, he finds the grand palace that his family owned on the Ringstrasse in Vienna. This palace was the site of the story's saddest chapter: the family fortune was lost and its property confiscated when Germany annexed Austria in 1938. The Ephrussis were Jews, victims of the regime's systemic anti-semitism.

How the netsuke collection survived the plundering and occupation of the family home is a powerful tale. Anna, a loyal family maid, kept on by the Gestapo to clear the art and valuable belongings to the Ephrussi family, took the little objects, several at a time, in her apron pocket and hid them under her mattress.

At the end of the war, De Waal's grandmother Elisabeth who'd left Vienna after receiving a doctorate in law in 1924, married a Dutchman, and eventually settled in Tunbridge Wells in England, returned to determine what was left of her childhood home. No family members lived in Vienna. Some had escaped to America. Several had been deported, perishing in labour camps, and Elisabeth's mother Emmy took too many heart pills at the country home in Czechoslovakia, preferring to die rather than to suffer further indignities.



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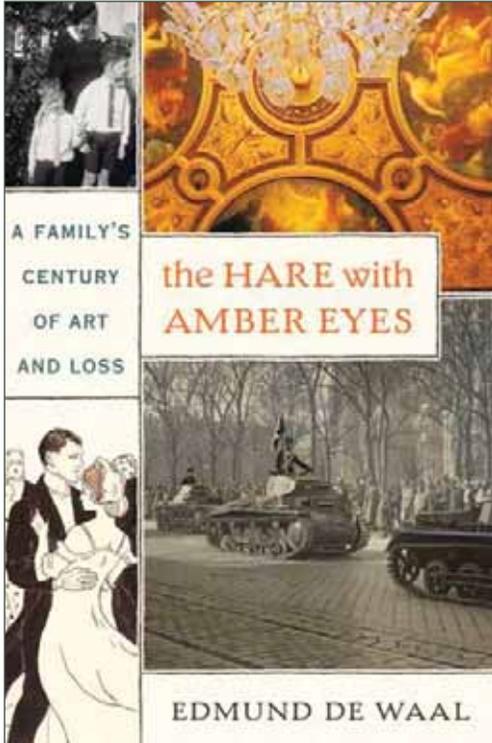
Elisabeth entered the former Palais Ephrussi, now the American Headquarters/Legal Council Property Control Sub-Section. The once-grand courtyard was filled with motorcycles and jeeps, the elegant statuary in pieces after the bombing of nearby buildings, but to her surprise Anna still lived in a room in the building and the two women met again. “Now you are back,” Anna said, “I have something to return to you.”

The Hare with Amber Eyes is filled with fascinating detail. At times it reads like a thriller, De Waal’s detective work leading him from clues in family letters to archives in Vienna, Paris and Odessa which help him to fill out the shape of the story he’d known in its briefest of forms. Always he is mindful that such stories are ultimately about hiddenness. A family’s history, its legacies of art and aesthetic values, is often passed from generation to generation in ways we learn to under-

stand over time and not always as our ancestors might have intended.

Charles Ephrussi continues to intrigue devotees of cultural history: he was a model of sorts for Swann in Proust’s *Remembrance of Things Past*

and he appears in a painting by Renoir. Photographs of Emmy and her children haunt her great-grandson, juxtaposed against images of German tanks that overran their beloved city. And perhaps most interesting is how Edmund De Waal’s own father, a retired Anglican clergyman, keeps finding packets of letters and forgotten pamphlets in



his small flat.

“I ask, somewhat desperately, if there is any more material... He telephones me to say he has found another volume of Thomas Mann. This journey is going to be more complicated than I thought... I put a netsuke in my pocket and set out.”

Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana. (Groucho Marx)



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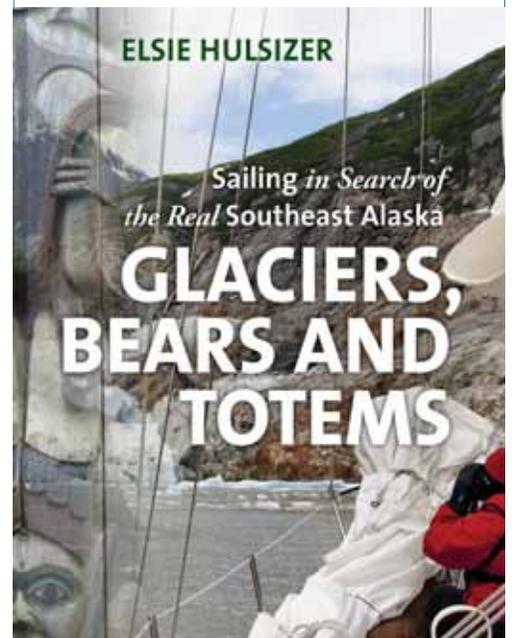
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Word wars over *uck Finn



By Shane McCune

Nigger. Faggot.

Two six-letter, two-syllable words with double G's inside and raging controversy outside.

Of course one is a much badder bad word than the other. Which is why a U.S. publisher is releasing this month a combined edition of Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn*, from which editor Alan Gribben has removed every instance of the word "nigger."

That's no minor tweak. In *Huck Finn* alone the word appears more than 200 times, in part because one of the major characters, the runaway slave Jim, is black. (Although he is described as "Nigger Jim" only once.)

In its place Gribben has inserted "slave." In *Tom Sawyer* he changed Injun Joe to Indian Joe and "half-breed" to "half-blood."

Gribben is a Twain scholar, and sincerely believes he is on a rescue mission. Alarmed at the number of schools removing Huck from classrooms, he figured a slightly sanitized edition would enable teachers to introduce students to one of the great works of American literature without having to flinch every time the wounding word crops up — and without protests from angry black students and parents.

Predictably, defenders of Twain and free speech have heaped abuse on this idea. The most frequent criticisms are:

- The book is a venomously satirical attack on racism, and Jim is the noblest character in it.
- "Nigger" is a crude label for Jim's identity. "Slave" describes what someone else made him. Besides, much of the plot hinges (spoiler alert) on the fact that Jim's dead owner bequeathed him his freedom, so all the running away turns out to be unnecessary.
- Twain was the first major U.S. author to have his characters narrate their stories in their own uneducated

voices, reflecting the language and attitudes of the 1880s.

• It's Twain's work, and who the hell is Alan Gribben to mess with it?

Almost as predictably, the overwhelming condemnation produced a backlash from Gribben defenders. One of these was B.C. satirist and playwright Mark Leiren-Young, who has himself weathered accusations of political incorrectness.

In the online journal *The Tyee* he accused media critics of hypocrisy because while they defend Twain's use of "nigger" they can't bring themselves to spell it out, falling back on "the N-word."

He said he made that very change in one of his own plays so that it wouldn't detract from the play's wider message. He figures Gribben is being pragmatic, not prissy.

He might have a point, except for the changes to "Injun Joe" and "half-breed." If "nigger" is off the chart, race-wise, those two scarcely register. That truly is political correctness.



Leiren-Young argues that most kids will figure out what the original words were, and a good teacher will discuss the novel's context and the racism of Twain's time. So why not discuss all that and leave the book be? Seems to me Leiren-Young is teaching kids it's OK to rewrite the past to suit the present.

He has every right to censor his own work, but how would he feel if someone else started

monkeying with it? I'm guessing Twain was at least as careful a writer as Leiren-Young, so it seems unlikely that he would use "nigger" 212 times by accident.

You don't like it? Don't read it. Write your own book. But don't mess with *Huck Finn*.

Now to "faggot." Last month one — yes one — radio listener in St. John's, NL, complained to the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council after hearing the Dire Straits song "Money for Nothing," which includes the following lyrics:

*The little faggot with the earring and the makeup
Yeah, buddy, that's his own hair
That little faggot's got his own jet airplane
That little faggot, he's a millionaire.*

The CBSC (an agency created by private broadcasters and not to be confused with the CRTC), agreed that the song was offensive and said member stations shouldn't play it.

That song was released in 1985. How can Newfoundland be both half an hour ahead and 25 years behind?

The CBSC said the use of "faggot" may have been marginally acceptable at the time, but is no longer. Nonsense. Faggot has always been a derogatory term for gays.

Once again, context is everything. The lines in the song are coming from a resentful redneck looking at an MTV video. It's an anti-anti-gay sentiment.

Anyway, it's an old song on an old medium. You want to go after naughty words and demeaning sentiments? Forget FM radio and go after the video networks, online stations and clubs where gangsta rap rakes in billions.

I have deliberately used frank and raw language in this column, but I'm not about to reprint those lyrics. If you're curious, just Google Lil Wayne's "Lollipop" or 50 Cent's "In Da Club," both massive hits.

For fans of Cole Porter, the romantic come-on of these gents could be roughly translated as: "Good evening, ladies. Would you care to get acquainted with my ostentatious motorcar, my automatic firearm and/or my penis?"

(Porter was censored, too. "Love for Sale," his 1930 show tune about a prostitute, was banned from the airwaves but still rose to No. 5.)

In short, the St. John's complaint was frivolous, and the CRTC implicitly said so when it ordered the CBSC to reconsider its ban. I suspect that Mr. or Ms. Grundy in St. John's knew that, too, and just wanted to have a gay old time.

Sorry, that was lame. But it strikes me as ironic that the same words-are-powerful crowd fought for years to get "gay" accepted as the mainstream noun and adjective for homosexual, and are now upset because young people casually use it as a synonym for "lame," as in: "You're reading a book? That's so gay."

Most of them aren't in the least homophobic. It's just an unfortunate current slang term.

Still, it's a good thing Twain didn't call his hero Faggot Jim.

Pop censorship

Outrage over popular music has been around since "jeepers" was salty language, especially in the endless cat-and-mouse between songsmiths and censors over sexually suggestive lyrics.

But drug references also predate rock by decades. The second verse of Cole Porter's 1934 hit "I Get a Kick Out of You" originally began: "I get no kick from cocaine." That played on Broadway, but in a 1936 movie version it was changed to "Some like the perfume in Spain."

Porter probably saw that "oh no you don't" coming. Others are harder to figure:

There was no problem with the lyrics to Link Wray's 1959 hit "Rumble;" it was a guitar instrumental. But some U.S. radio stations thought the title was an invitation to gang violence.

Neil Young's "Cortez The Killer" found little airplay in Spain, where the conquistador is still considered a national hero.

MTV would not air the video for "The Ledge" by The Replacements, believing it promoted suicide.

Sometimes the BBC bans controversial songs during the day but allows them on air after dark (which seems an odd concept on radio). Such was the case with Ian Dury's "Spasticus Autisticus" in 1981. Disabled by polio, Dury wrote it as a put-down of that year's designation as the International Year of Disabled People, which he found patronizing.

My favourite BBC ix-nay was the rejection of The Kinks' 1970 hit "Lola," about a man who falls in love with a transvestite. But that wasn't the problem. What the Beeb couldn't tolerate was a reference to "cherry cola," which sounded too much like advertising for Coca-Cola.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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FEBRUARY

- Sun. Feb. 6.....P. H. Legion Sunday Brunch - P. H. Legion, 11 a.m. (Mini Meat Draw, 1 p.m.)
- Sun. Feb. 6.....P. H. School of Music course "The Business of Music Explained" begins
- Mon. Feb. 7.....In Touch Therapeutics Yoga Studio begins classes
- Thurs. Feb. 10.....MPES PAC Meeting - MPES Library, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. Feb 13.....P. H. Legion Sunday Brunch - P. H. Legion, 11 a.m. (Mini Meat Draw, 1 p.m.)
- Mon. Feb. 14.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, Noon
- Mon. Feb. 14.....MPES Valentines Day Dance - MPES
- Mon. Feb. 14.....Valentine's Day Swim - P. H. Aquatic Centre, 5 p.m.
- Fri. Feb. 18.....Professional development day at local schools
- Sun. Feb 20.....P. H. Legion Sunday Brunch - P. H. Legion, 11 a.m. (Mini Meat Draw, 1 p.m.)
- Sun. Feb. 20.....P. H. Music Society presents the Company B Jazz Band - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
- Wed. Feb. 23.....MPES Pink Shirt Anti-bullying Day - Show your support by wearing pink!
- Wed. Feb. 23.....P. H. Living Heritage Society AGM - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
- Sat. Feb. 26.....Author Rosella Leslie signs copies of her new book *Drift Child* - Bluewaters Books, 1-3 p.m.
- Sun. Feb 27.....P. H. Legion Sunday Brunch - P. H. Legion, 11 a.m. (Mini Meat Draw, 1 p.m.)
- Mon. Feb. 28.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, Noon

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- 10:20 a.m.
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- 4:30 p.m.
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- 9:20 a.m.
- 11:20 a.m.
- 1:20 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m.
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- 8:25 a.m.
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