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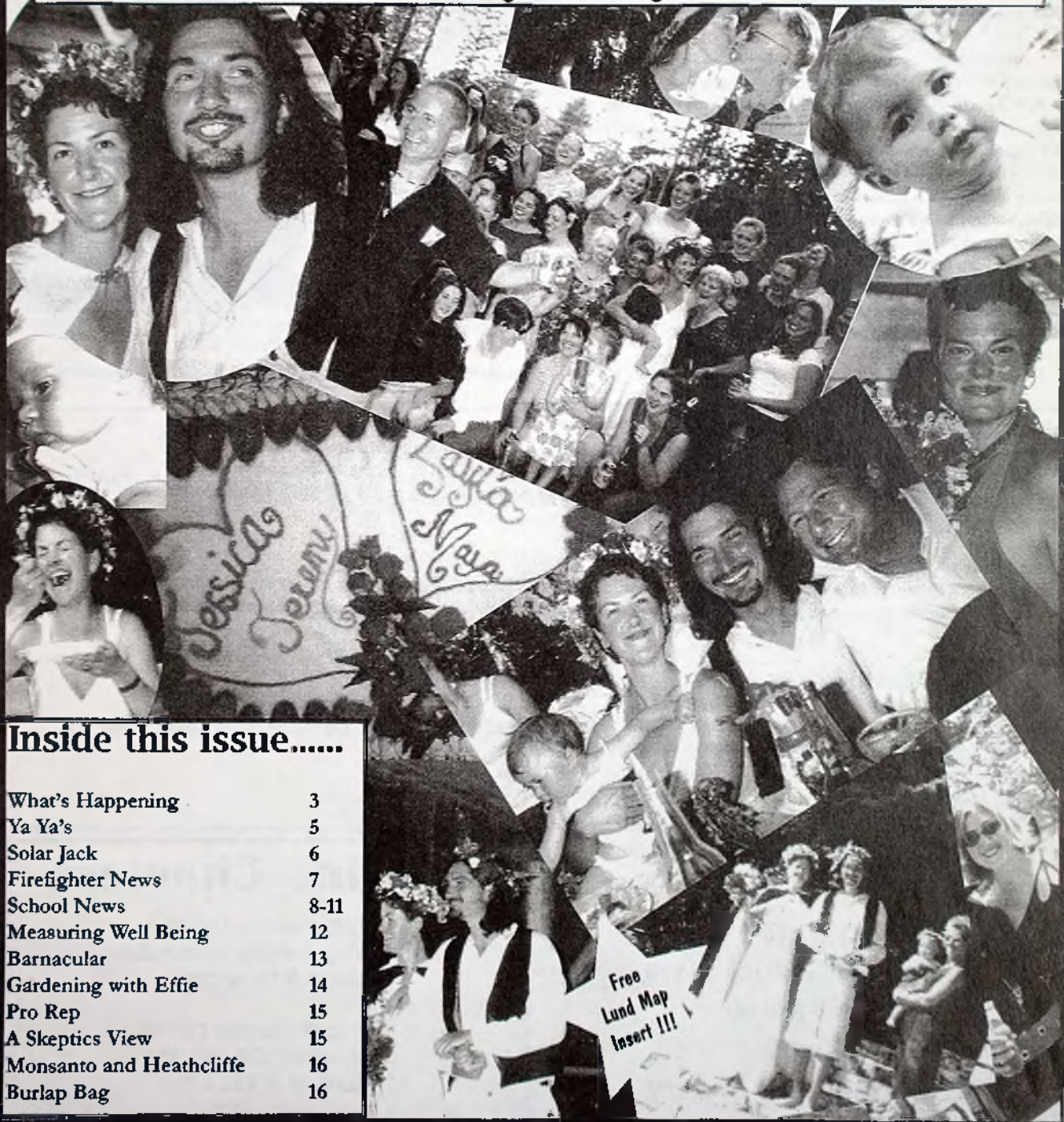
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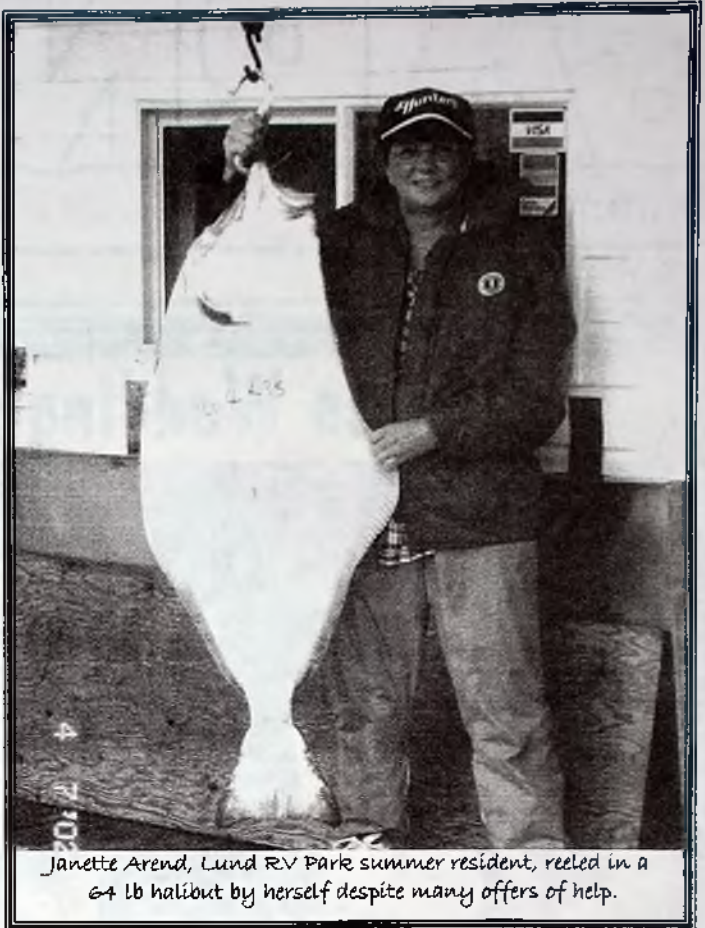


## Letter from the editors...

**Computers!** They're supposed to make our lives easier, right? Maybe for some people, but for us here at the Barnacle that certainly wasn't the case for the spring issue. Everything was going rather well up until the printing phase. Then, after some last minute revisions, the computers decided they didn't want to print out certain fonts. This, of course, threw everything off. Courier, the most boring font in the world, got substituted all over the place. Text was moved around and sometimes got cut off. All in all, our efforts were rewarded with a paper that was certainly not intended to look the way it did. To top it all off, the photocopier was also not cooperating and many copies had big streaks through them. Fortunately, Jeff has come to our rescue and offered to take over the layout/desktop publishing end of things. Jeff seems to have more of an affinity with computers than we do, so I'm sure his equipment will behave. We've also decided to get with the times and go with 'laser' photocopying at PRCN.

In this issue, political change is in the air. The Proportional Representation campaign is underway and in case you haven't heard about it, Mike will bring you up to speed. Very few people have heard about the Well-Being Act, but this is something that could start changing the current corporate greed mentality status quo.

The school has survived another year, thanks to the Herculean efforts of the education committee, staff and all the other dedicated volunteers we have in Lund. Read on to find out what changes are in store for next year. And finally, if anyone feels the need to 'vent' as we just did about the computers, our next issue will provide that opportunity. Call Rianne @ 483-9605 or Suzan @ 483-9532 or email [riannematz@yahoo.ca](mailto:riannematz@yahoo.ca) to submit an article or find out more.



Janette Arend, Lund RV Park summer resident, reeled in a 64 lb halibut by herself despite many offers of help.

### The Lund Barnacle

The Lund Barnacle is published seasonally by the Lund Community Society. Submissions are welcome in the form of articles, news items, letters to the editor, fillers, graphics and photographs. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and length. Submit to the Barnacle in the Lund School building or contact Rianne Matz at 604 483-9605. Deadlines for submissions will be posted locally.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LUND

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At the Gazebo and around Lund...

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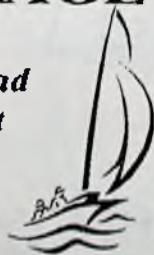
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## Society News...

work to be done in the upcoming year - an update of news, so to speak. Instead, I would like to write a thank you to the numerous volunteers who have contributed their time, efforts, ideas, views, and energy in the past several months. It has been nice to see the efforts of volunteers return such wonderful results!

Volunteers coordinating education programs have contributed numerous hours and personal finances to see the second year of the school operation through to its conclusion. Administrative tasks have been faithfully handled by several more volunteers. Efforts to keep the properties maintained and improved have been handled by still more volunteers. Yet another contingent has ensured that social and fundraising events continue.

The past several months have been filled with worry, discussion and hope. The roller coaster ride seems to have paid off. Lund Community Society is currently negotiating with School District 47 to fund the education programs, thanks to a new funding formula available to them. The Society is moving towards the long waited sub-division of the Gazebo property. A longer term lease has been signed with the Regional District for the continued use of the Lund School building. A new sign will appear in front of the school before fall, with a large community events section - readable from the road!

Many people point to staff and say they make these things happen. Though the thought and intention is appreciated and warming to the soul, it is only partly true. In actuality, staff at Lund Community Society are coordinating bodies only. It is the volunteers who make the Society run - they make the events happen, ensure the school has what it needs, correct that drippy faucet (again!), fix damaged roofs, plant the flowers, fundraise, *fundraise*, FUNDRAISE... Well, you see I'm sure.

There is work to be done still and volunteer efforts will continue to be a huge piece of getting this work accomplished, but before we go there and begin another round of activity once summer is past... thank you, volunteers. Your work is appreciated and it is noticed. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Chris Bate



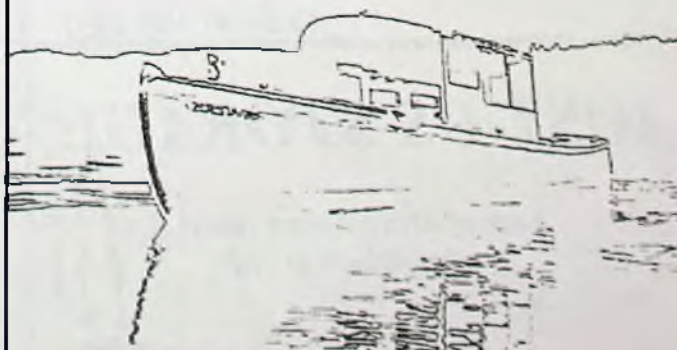
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# End of the Stone Soup Ya Ya Road ?

**W**hen Camille called it quits, a sudden stillness descended upon Lund, and fear gripped the hearts of many of its inhabitants. Would a mighty multi-national corporation sink its talons into our community, erect huge arches and pollute the minds and bodies of our children with its zillionth greasy hamburger ever sold??? Would a der-elect buiding mar the scenic entrance to our picturesque village? With the stomachs and souls of our beloved community in jeopardy, Myriam and I (Mike) boldly decided to take over the former Solar Cafe and Lund Market.

**B**asically we want to create a place where almost everybody in Lund (there will always be exceptions...) will feel comfortable to come and hang-out, connect with other people, have a tasty bite to eat and feel at home. There's a community bulletin board, so if you have any public notices, feel free to stop in and post your messages. If you operate any tourist oriented service, let us know so that we can promote your business to all the unsuspecting tourists who will drop in. If you have any books you want to trade or just get rid of, bring them in to our reading/internet room. If any of you talented artists, artisans or craftspeople wish to display and sell your works, bring over some samples.

**W**e plan on opening several evenings a week as a gathering place for local fishermen, intellectuals, riff-raff, rednecks, musicians, would-be musicians, primadonnas, matadors and all the rest of you good folk in Lund. So besides musical jams and performances, game evenings (talk to Sybil about that one...), seafood feasts, and poetry readings (?), let us know what turns you on, and we'll to organize an evening in your spirit.

**W**e want to make this community oriented cafe succeed, since not everybody is into the bar scene. So drop on in, try out our new menu, and let us know if you have any great ideas for food, events, catching salmon or seeking nirvana. Our new phone number is 604-483-9020.

Miriam Morgenstern and Mike Goldstein are the new proprietors of **YaYa's**



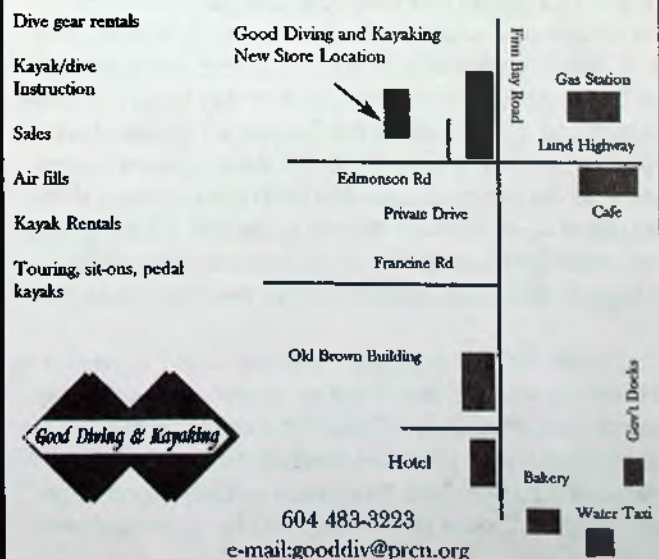
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# Solar Jack is just out back....

Many people may not realize that within our community we have one of the world's leading advocates and experts on solar cooking technology. Jack Anderson, a long time resident of Lund has been designing and promoting solar ovens for 16 years now. Jack's passion has taken him all over the globe, introducing the technology and implementing solar cooker projects. To date he has visited India, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, and soon he will be going to Ghana. Jack has travelled 6 times to Haiti, and it is there he has done his most significant work. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, and one that has felt the profound effects of massive deforestation as a result of manufacturing charcoal. Solar ovens offer this devastated nation a clean, renewable, appropriate, and free energy source.

Jack's career in solar cooking began when he first visited Haiti in 1986, as a member of Communities in Partnership, a local non-profit organization. He has forged on since that time, devoting countless hours to improving cooker designs, implementing and facilitating training opportunities and developing a worldwide network of individuals and organizations whom are working for a common cause. Jack spent much of this spring in Haiti, developing contacts with educators, community leaders, suppliers of materials for cooker manufacture, and entrepreneurial-minded cooks and vendors. At this point people in Haiti have heard of solar cooking, but have not had the opportunity to witness it in day to day use. By establishing a network of marketplace vendors, Jack hopes to increase the visibility of the ovens and allow people to become comfortable with the product. With the cost of solar cookers as low as \$4 US, which is less than some families spend on charcoal in one week, savings, health and environmental benefits are significant.

In Jack's mind one of the most gratifying spin-offs is meeting and getting to know some of the amazing and dedicated individuals who are working with solar cooking as a practical method of social and environmental change. Jack has made lasting friendships with people all over the world, and he communicates

with them using the phone, e-mail and the post.

Some of you may run across Jack at various events where he sets up a solar cooking demonstration and sells food to raise funds for his work. Yes, solar cooking is quite practical in this climate. (In fact Jack has a friend who regularly uses his solar oven in Saskatchewan in the middle of winter). Jack models his set-up as an example of how women from developing nations could begin their own small business to

make a decent living and to showcase solar ovens as practical and profitable in the marketplaces of the countries that would benefit from them most. Jack is always eager to talk to people about this highly appropriate technology, and encourages people to participate in this movement that could mean so much to so many. As they say, many hands make light the load, and if you have time, energy, ideas, or a philanthropic inclination, Jack offers you this commendable opportunity.



Jack with two colleagues in Haiti, stand in front of a "Villager" commercial solar oven, one of four currently in use in Haiti. These ovens reach over 400°F

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Steve and Suzan cooking with the sun



# Community Updates

Volunteer Firefighter News  
By Astrid Gordon

**O**n June 22<sup>nd</sup> the Northside Volunteer Fire Department held a very successful silent auction at the Craig Road Firehall. A wide variety of items were donated by local businesses, community members and volunteer firefighters to make for an interesting and fun day for those who came out to support the event. Gift certificates for hotels and restaurants, services such as house-cleaning and weeding and items as large as a dump truck load of logs for firewood or as small as computer discs were all up for bid. Some volunteer firefighters really got into the spirit and made beautiful 'one of a kind' objects such as a welded garden trellis, wooden benches, mirrors, cabinets and a special quilt with Dalmatians on it.

**A**s the countdown for the bidding drew to a close things really heated up in the firehall and the competition for some items became very intense. I lost out on a coveted Pollen & Co. sweater with the Northside logo embroidered on it because I couldn't keep track of all the stuff I was bidding on. The dump truck loads of logs were a popular item and bidding was fierce right down to the last second.

**H**otdogs and hamburgers, those 'little donuts' and a no host bar were available to refresh and refuel anyone getting worn out from the excitement and 'Smiley the Clown' was there to entertain the kids with balloons and face-painting.



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**N**orthside Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the following businesses and people for the generous donations to our first annual silent auction fundraiser:

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# Lund School news

## Lund Discovery School

(a.k.a. the primary program)

By Alisha vanBelle

The Lund primary program, or "Discovery School" as we are calling it now, went through another series of shifts this year. First, we had decided that kindergarten through grade 7 was far too large a stretch for any teacher to make. To serve the children better we limited this year's class to kindergarten through grade 4. Next we hired a teacher with over 25 years experience.



Though our numbers were small this year David Watts, the primary instructor, both solidified our vision of an alternative school and helped us see our principles in action. Sometimes it was hard to see what he was doing for and with the kids but then came the magical moments in which you discover your son knows what a shallot-sa is, or the formula for sulphuric acid, or that the fourth stack on the Titanic was a dummy stack. From observing the children it was apparent that these kids were learning joyfully, playfully and with meaning and relevance to themselves.

Each child grew socially, spiritually and intellectually. The growing pains that we had as a group have helped us to see what we would like in the future and the future looks good. Due to a shift in provincial government policies on education, School District #47 is back on board as a partner and supports this program. This frees us of the endless burden of fundraising for wages and supports us to offer more to our students. We



Mai enjoys a quiet time

anticipate having an alternative program to offer four days a week and hope to offer a day or two in support of home-schoolers in that age range. We are again looking for a teacher to help us move into the next phase of this program. We look forward to the help of the School District so we can offer high quality, flexible and innovative education in Lund where our kids belong.



Amael in the fireman's role



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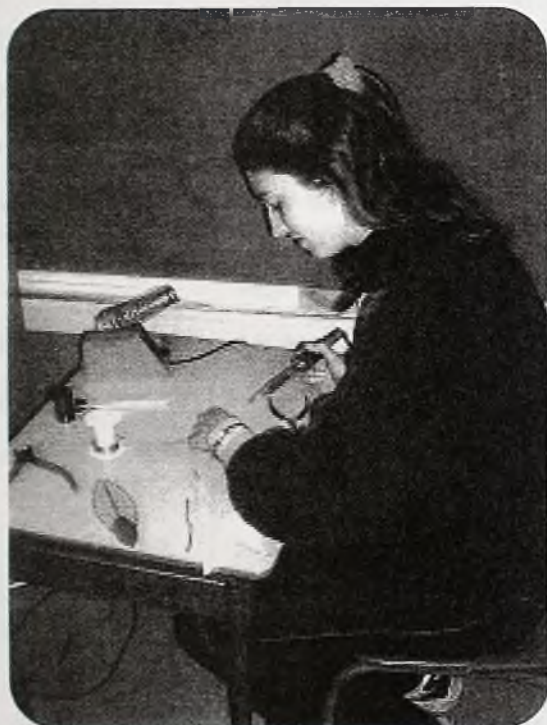
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## *Notes from the Senior Class year 2001/2002*

*By Barry Randle*

**H**ere in the senior program at the Lund School we have successfully completed our second year of operation. The student body has swelled to 15 full and part time students and all are succeeding in their efforts. As you may know we are in partnership with North Island Distance Education School over in Comox. In this partnership NIDES provide the curriculum and accreditation for our students and we work to enhance the program, make it more accessible, more fun and help the students achieve their goals. This program has proven to be hugely successful with many of the students achieving honour roll status for their academic performance.



Brittany works on her stained glass project.

That aside we have also had a lot of fun this year. We have had an active sports program playing countless games of baseball, basketball, soccer and a very interesting variation of touch football. We have also continued to run our archery program under the expert tutelage of Daniel Friesen. Every Thursday afternoon, rain or shine, we would gather to shoot at his range on Malaspina road for 2 hours. All who participated in the program have improved greatly in their skill with the bow, and also have had the opportunity to learn something of the art of bow and arrow making. We have also had a weekly art program with local artist Rianne Matz providing



the expert help. The students have produced many beautiful works of art and many also had the opportunity to participate in a month long stained glass program where Anne taught the students how to work in that very difficult medium. Other extra programs included sewing with Alisha, air riflery with Fernie, massage therapy with Dana and swimming with Suzan all of which were very popular. A dozen of us also got to go Snowboarding to Mount Washington for a day, and nobody got hurt although there were many bruised bums. Many of the students also gained some valuable work experience by helping out serving at the monthly school dinners. We also had three students complete the great walk from Tahsis to Gold River, an amazing accomplishment by any standard. All in all a very fun-filled and successful year, we are all looking forward to doing it again next year.



The senior class on the slopes of Mt. Washington



# Lund School Programs

## The Great Walk

By: Suzan Roos

On June 1st three very determined teens - Shannon Bomford, Katie Trace, Boaz Saffer and myself set out on the Great Walk, a grueling 63.5 km trek from Gold River to Tashis on Vancouver Island. Little did we know what we were getting ourselves into. Imagine walking from Lund to Saltery Bay and add another 10 km onto that. Could we do it?

In order to get the 1000 walkers organized, everyone had to be at the starting line at 3am before actually starting the walk at 4am. This meant getting up at 2 am - in the middle of the night. Aargh! Nonetheless we were all in good spirits despite being sleep and breakfast deprived. The scenery was absolutely gorgeous. This part of Vancouver Island is very mountainous and we were close to the snow line. Fortunately the organizers had built fires at the beginning checkpoints because it was very chilly until the sun hit the road. The first 25 km were walked without too much pain although I was a bit concerned about Shannon, as she had complained about leg cramps very early on. By the time we hit the halfway point we could definitely feel the effects of footstep after footstep of our feet pounding the gravel road. It was a bit depressing realizing that we would have to walk this distance again.

The second half was powered by pure willpower alone. We became entirely focused on making it from checkpoint to checkpoint. We discovered muscles that we never even knew we had. Our leg muscles felt as tight as drums. So much for the enjoying the breathtaking scenery. The walk had turned into three categories now - downhill, flat and the dreaded uphill. But step-by-step we plodded on bitching and complaining all the while.

Finally after 14 hours and 13 minutes of walking Bo made a final show of strength by sprinting across the finish line. I hobbled in shortly thereafter. But where were Katie & Shannon? We waited & waited & waited. The official time had lapsed to mark the end of the walk and they still weren't done. Did they collapse? Finally we heard that indeed there were still two girls slowly making their way to the end. What a relief! So after 17 hours and 13 minutes of walking, Katie & Shannon had the distinction of being the last ones in, thereby winning themselves the 'Hard Earned Trophy'.

After expenses a total of approximately \$500 was raised for the school for new sports equipment and art supplies. Many thanks to everyone who pledged.



Boaz, Shannon, Katie and Suzan - before the blisters.

### Questions to the kids:

*How was the walk for you?*

Bo: Long, hard, painful, lacking food.

Katie: It was really long but it paid off at the end when we got our medals and trophies.

Shannon: Tough but knowing that I can make it is very rewarding. As I was passing the finish line I felt famous. Our pictures were taken and when we hobbled into the Tahsis gym everyone turned around to cheer and congratulate us. I was so happy and proud that I did it and glad that it was over. Now I looked forward to dinner, a shower, a good sleep and the ride home.

*Was it worth it and would you do it again?*

Bo: No, the pain was excruciating.

Katie: I think I proved to myself that I could do it so probably not for a long time.

Shannon: Yes, just for the experience but I wouldn't want to do it again.

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## Luna Playschool

The second Luna Play School year has come to an end . Time for reflections and evaluations . It is so nice to be two years old : there becomes in the preschool a continuation that doesn't exist in

the first year. Out of last year's children all but one went into kindergarten or was already in kindergarten ; this year that same child is the only one moving to kindergarten age . We have the first graduate of the two year degree in the Bachelor of Play ! To top it off this inspiring student walks to school (with his dad) and has had perfect impeccable (never late) attendance . I have never had a preschooler not miss a day for even one year before. Quinn Wyatt Randle , congratulations.

The younger students are each as individually and uniquely inspiring for me : Elias, Wesley, Lucinda, Maayan and Maegan . I am so glad that I may have the honour to care for them next year.

Last fall we received another grant; over Christmas vacation a new floor was laid down in the preschool ; it is a great improvement . The physical preschool works for the children and the educator kind of like a nicely oiled

machine, kind of like a nice little home for children's play (as their work).

There are lots of people to thank . The parents of my students for bringing and trusting me with their children; Judy and Chris for all the paper work and support; Suzan and Dianna for your green growing work of love; Cindy (my former practicum student ) for substituting for me; Pat for the trailer full of manure ; Fernie for weed eating, and Barry for trying to; Dave for certificates, Pierre and Barry for drilling...; thanks to everyone in Lund who has even smiled about there being a preschool in Lund.

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# Measuring Well Being

By: Suzan Rose

This spring I received an unexpected gem in the mail. This gem was an information package on measuring well being, and was from a politician – a Liberal one at that! Who would have thought that anything this good could come from such a source?

So what is this measuring well-being business all about anyhow? Basically, it's a private member's bill, the *Canada Well-Being Measurement Act*, that's being proposed to the House of Commons that would change our current system of measuring by the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to a new set of indicators – a Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI).

With our current system, the GDP, all monetary transactions are recorded and counted as either a rise (considered good) or a fall (considered bad) over last year's measurement. It doesn't matter whether this money has been spent on things such as cleaning up toxic messes, building more prisons or lawyer's fees. Any money spent, regardless of what it's for is considered a good thing. This is obviously a ridiculous method to assess how we're doing as a society and yet this is the standard by which virtually all countries worldwide do so. As a result health care, environmental protection and anything else that can't be measured in monetary terms tends to get cut. We are currently witnessing this trend on all levels of government now.

Instead, what's being proposed is the Genuine Progress Indicator. The GPI would add for constructive expenditures and subtract for destructive ones. Factors which are assessed would be: crime and family breakdown, household and volunteers work, income distribution, resource depletion, pollution, long term environmental damage, changes in leisure time, defensive expenditures, life span of consumer durables, public infrastructure and dependence on foreign assets. According to the GPI, our quality of life has been going downhill since 1970. Just what many of us have suspected all along.

So who will do the measuring and what good will it do anyhow? Under this act, a committee would be formed in the HOC. They

would receive input from the public through submissions, public hearings and advice from individuals and organizations in Canada & abroad that have expertise in this area. The results would then be published by Statistics Canada once a year in every major newspaper.

These results would then *hopefully* influence government policies on everything from fair taxations on polluters & non-polluters, product stewardship (placing responsibility on manufacturers to take back a product once the consumer is finished with it, thus encouraging durability rather than obsolescence), biodiversity protection, work sharing and a guaranteed annual income just to name a few. It's not too often we hear of this kind of progressive thinking in parliament. I encourage everyone to support this Act. For more information contact:



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## Speaking in the Barnacular

by Ted Durnin

**D**id you ever drive down the Lund Highway, on a bright sunny day, in the rain? And before you say that's not possible, try driving down that road every day for a few years, because it is. I was there, I saw it. I know where the end of the rainbow is.

It's a nice drive. I know people who drive it extra slow, so they can see all there is to see. They seem to do that on days when I'm in a hurry. However, after dark, there always seems to be a large van or pickup that's in a big hurry right behind me. Me with my low clearance, and them with their extra headlights and their brights on, leaving half a car-length between us at twenty K over the limit, in the drizzle, it just makes me feel alive.

Not that I'm complaining. I mean, honestly, on the Ville-Marie or the Gardiner Expressway, they're going faster and they're closer together, and they probably have guns. No, I can handle mere dangerous bad manners on the road. Today, I'm writing to complain about something else.

**Y**ou ever notice how I'm always complaining about something in these articles? Where else but in the mass media can you get paid for bitching and complaining? Really, try it in a factory, or in a service job, and see what it gets you. Try complaining in the world of politics, or sports, or on an oyster lease. Well, I suppose you could complain on a lease, as long as you keep showing up. But in the media, it's OK. Not that I get paid.

So what I'm on about today is this: those little yellow lines down the middle of the road are there for a reason. If you know what they mean, then OK, you don't have to read further, where I explain it. If you don't know what they mean, then don't drive on my road.

Honestly, how many times have I swerved out of the way of some wingnut who can't tell their right from their left? 'Cause for those of you who don't know, yer supposed to stay on the right side of that line. That's so large metal vehicles won't hit each other at highway speeds. Simple as that.

**S**o hold up yer hands, and tell me which one is the right one. I'll give you a hint: it's the one they try to force you to write with in school. Now, when you're on the road, even if you feel yer senses are impaired, like if there is both sun and rain and who knows what else all at the same time, just keep that hand on your mind, and stay on that side **ALL THE TIME!!!**

See? I'm shouting. I'm that mad. Like when the woman I love has her mirror taken off by a passing vehicle, and then the guy says he'll pay for it and doesn't, and he's probably out there right now on the left side of some road somewhere, I get mad. Normally, I pretend to be mad in these things, but this time I'm really mad. Really! Mad! At you! Unless of course you're innocent.

**A**nd if you're just straightening a few corners at high speed to make time, and you figure nobody will get hurt, and those lines on the road aren't there for you, then you're probably also the kind of person who parks in the middle of the lot because you'll only be a minute. And maybe you're also the kind of person who stops at the top of an escalator to take a quick look around, and you figure you should go to the front of the line because you're in a hurry, and you ought to get the biggest piece. And it's OK to be late, and people won't mind if you take things now and then, and you can cheat on your paperwork, and lying is OK, and rules are for others. See, for me, all these people end up in the same category, and that category is People Who Cut Corners. Like the corners on the road. If you're one of those, stay off the road, or change.

## Pesticide News

by Rianne Matz

**T**he Environmental Appeal Board has dismissed my appeal against the use of Vision and Release by Weyerhaeuser and has found that Weyerhaeuser has done nothing wrong in its use of those two pesticides. No surprise there.

The Sunshine Coast Forest District has no concerns about permit applications and Coast Garibaldi Health only asked if First Nations' comments were expected. Weyerhaeuser contacted representatives of the Sliammon First Nation, Klahoose First Nation and Sechelt Indian band and no site specific impacts on traditional aboriginal uses were identified by these groups. The Sechelt Indian Band expressed opposition to any pesticide use. However it was later determined that the area covered by the Permit 240-071-01/03 (the head of Powell Lake) is outside of the Sechelt Band's traditional territory (Now belonging to Sliammon). In a response from the Powell River Regional District no objection was noted.

The letters and petitions sent to the Deputy Administrator really appeared to have no bearing because they were not site specific. Apparently opposition to the use of these chemicals has to be on a site by site basis and when 20 or 30 new ones are taken out in a year it is a little hard for the general public to keep up with. One would assume that this is a consideration in the use of chemicals even when alternatives are available. Only my opinion of course.

**O**f interest to local hikers and residents of the Okeover area it is noted that the trail surface and 3.0 meters on either side of the surface shall be a pesticide free zone and during periods (plural) of pesticide use for a period of 1 week following use, an alternate trail location shall be provided so that persons may avoid the general pesticide use area. Gee thanks!!! Has anyone seen this new trail yet? Please keep us informed.

Under Discussion and Analysis in the dismissal report because Vision and Release are registered under the Pest Control Products Act and are a Federal matter, the board had no jurisdiction to consider the merits of their registration. Because of this the panel found my concerns are irrelevant under appeal or outside the board's jurisdiction. Why did I even bother?

One of my concerns was whether the Pesticide Control Act had been breached by Weyerhaeuser because they were applying pesticides inside the 30 day appeal period. Apparently there are no conditions that require Weyerhaeuser to wait during the appeal period, so that seven days after the notice to spray has gone out they may spray. Why would anyone want to appeal anything if it's a done deal? Public comment is just not worth the paper it's written on.

Since Weyerhaeuser is only spraying 0.001 per cent of the area managed by the company annually it submits that vegetation shifts are minimal. They would like us to consider that this is only a small amount of what Weyerhaeuser manages so it's OK?

**T**he Panel found that the use of pesticides in accordance with the Permits will not have an adverse effect on human health nor will it cause an adverse effect on the environment since I did not submit site specific information. In my initial letter to the appeal board I stated I was not submitting site specific information and my feeling now is that in that case they should not have let the appeal continue. I'm a little jaded but willing to voice my dissent in future. I am one more voice in the struggle to keep multi-nationals from dictating that poison belongs in mine or my children's future.



# Gardening with Effie

by Effie Keays

When I took early retirement some 25 years ago my plan was to move up here from Vancouver, and to garden, primarily with herbs. Soon after I went on a field trip to western Europe where we were visiting a variety of gardens. On the way to a herb garden within one of the large English gardens, we passed a large bed of various coloured heathers in full bloom. I learned later they were the Scotch heather, or *Calluna vulgaris*, of which there is only one species but hundreds of named varieties. Later I learned about the *Erica* species of which there are many that share in common the needle like leaves, but in multiple sizes, growth patterns and both foliage and flower colours. While the *Callunas* start to bloom in late July or August the *Ericas* generally begin in November or any time in early spring, with a few summer bloomers. With the high selection of some of each of these, plus some *Daboecia*, a third variety with a leaf usually dark green, fuzzy white on the back; the true heather gardener on the Pacific Northwest can have healthy flowers blooming every month of the year.

It was 25 years ago when I began growing heathers and I knew essentially nothing of the range and marvellous variety of these plants which for the most part are ideally suited to the Pacific a moderate climate, particularly on the adequate sun partic-facing bluffs and ture in addition to (*Calluna*, *Erica* and are a large range of tion to the low *carnea*, which I and there are quite a heather plants in the which are less com- which I still do not know myself (e.g. *Bruchenthalia* etc. 3-4). The heather colours range from white through shades of pink, red, rose and magenta. One heather native to mountainous areas has yellow flowers: I have not seen it and I am not sure of where it may be available commercially. I have found the range in the three groups I know are more than enough for me to keep track of.

One British nursery listed over 1200 different varieties 5 or 6 years ago and there are new ones being found or developed every year. I know I had over 200 named species at one point. I lost some due to inadvertent neglect or drought. All the nearly 200 I grow now thrive with minimal

care in the naturally acidic soil and mix of the sand and leaf mold which is common in much of our coastal area. Usually the rainfall is enough to provide needed moisture, though they do need regular watering the first year and in extended drought periods.

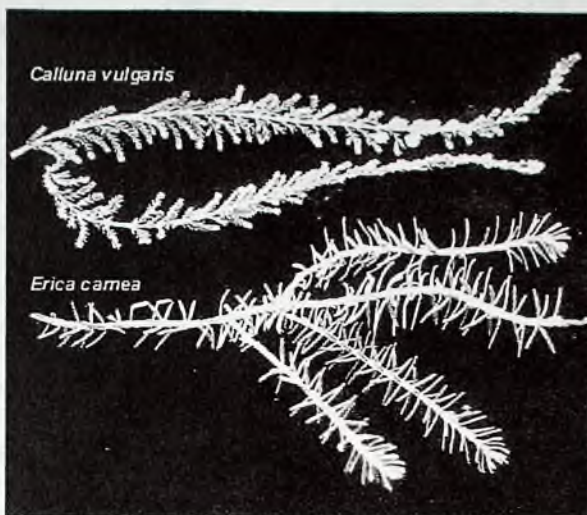
Minimal pruning suffices for most of the *Erica*'s, though some, particularly the taller brie heathers (e.g. *Erica terminalis*, *Erica umbellata*) can become leggy over 3 to 5

years of neglect. Usually trimming off the higher and wider spaced flower clusters is enough to encourage new growth and keep the plants from looking ragged and untidy.

The *Calluna* is different. The flowers start in late July or August, sometimes later in the fall into to November, and usually hold some florets through the winter months. When the florets brown and fall, they leave a totally bare stem (no new growth of leaves or flowers on the part

which had the bloom.) They need to be pruned by March or earlier, before the new growth, which starts in a cluster at the tip of the bare stem, gets too far below into the established foliage or flower shoots. After a few years of pruning neglect the bare shoots may be up to 8 to 10 inches long, often with increasingly skimpy foliage and blooming shoots at the end of the ever longer bare stems. Sometimes the growth may be sufficiently bushy to balance the bare stems, or the soil can be built up around the plant but this is not an optimum way to maintain an attractive, balanced hearther garden. I learned the hard way, and I have eventually discarded a number of my earliest plants.

Global warming is reported to be a threat to heathers particularly on the Cape of Africa where the Cape Floral Kingdom is reported to have 627 different species of the *Erica* family. Researchers familiar with the area know that plants have disappeared from some of their original areas when those parts become warmer. (Heather News Vol. 23 #1 #89 written winter 2000 Newsletter of NA Heather Society published in Shelton, Wa. USA).



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## Proportional Representation

by Mike Robinson

current system, the Liberals garnered 58% of the popular vote, yet with our present 'first past the post' system, they were entitled to 97% of the seats. Not my idea of democracy. 42% of the people in our province have no representation under this system. Now while this system may work in a country or province with 2 parties, the last election shows that it isn't working here. I believe that we as citizens suffer without an effective opposition, and without adequate representation of women and minorities. Proportional Representation (Pro Rep), as practiced in about 70 modern democracies around the world, has been proven to solve this issue, and provide balanced, accountable governance where parties work together to provide intelligent government, rather than the fractious, polarized government we are forced to endure. Pro Rep also leads to a situation where voter turnouts increase because people believe their vote will count, and their voice will be heard.

Until August 11 you will have an opportunity to sign a petition that requests, and if enough people sign, obliges the provincial government to discuss this initiative in the legislature. If we support Pro-Rep, it is conceivable that British Columbians could see this much superior political system in place within a couple of elections. I urge you to educate yourself about the Pro Rep initiative, and to sign the petition when you have the opportunity. You may be approached by a canvasser, (phone me at 604-483-2020), or see a table in the mall, and some businesses will have the petition for you to sign. This is a logical step to strengthening and improving our democracy.

Finally, I am told, that while in opposition, the Liberals supported investigating and discussing the idea of Proportional Representation. I wonder what their policy will be now that they have the province in a headlock.

There exists the possibility that never again will this province be ruled by a cadre of stupid white businessmen who can't see beyond the bottom line of their balance books. But we the citizens have to make ourselves heard. Turn off your television or computer; crawl out of the pub; get bloody angry and shout it from the rooftops. It's your democracy, make it work for you. Make it work for everyone.

## A skeptics view on Economic Development as practised in Powell River

by Mike Robinson

**H**ave you noticed that the more economic development studies conducted, the less employment we have here in Lund and Powell River?

I would be very interested to know exactly how much money has been funnelled into the hands of development officers and highly paid consultants, many living elsewhere. What do we have to show for this money? How many pen pushers does it take to figure out that we have 'four pillars' to work with? Resources, tourism, culture, and the waterfront. Really?

I am not directing these observations at anyone in particular. These shenanigans are taking place in most communities in the country. (Look at the recent scandal in federal politics with Groupe Action being paid vast sums to reformat old information). My point is that you can't take huge amounts of taxpayer's money, dole it out to 'experts' (many of whom don't live here); receive a report, and expect the jobless rate to decline. None of the funds get channelled into the direct creation of actual jobs for the population that requires them. Currently in the Powell River region we have about 570 'employable' people on BC Benefits (welfare), and less than 20 posted jobs. Clearly it is unrealistic to expect them all to find work, or create small businesses. In my view, we are depriving BCB clients of much needed resources, and handing over the tax dollars to consultants who in return provide us with reports full of suggestions.

I believe the governments, federal, provincial, and municipal, could make much more effective use of taxpayer's dollars by providing start-up capital for not-for-profit, or employee-owned companies who will employ the less skilled workers.

Picture a workshop or factory manufacturing and assembling

**A**s many of you may know, the Proportional Representation initiative is well under way. Pro Rep is a fair and equitable democratic system. Proportional Representation simply means that if your political party earns 20% of the popular vote, your party will be entitled to 20% of the seats in the legislature. You may have heard that under our



value-added wood products. Imagine jobs specifically created to involve skilled and unskilled workers, with training and productivity the result. I picture a wage range of ten to twenty dollars an hour. Start up capital would be required, with the expectation that the business would quickly become self-sufficient. The point is that at least we would have tangible assets and real work experience and wages to show for our tax dollars, not just a sheaf of glossy papers loaded with statistics.

Who are we trying to cater to with our economic development initiatives? Clearly the population that requires incentives are the unskilled workers and those on income assistance. The measure of a society is how well it cares for its least fortunate. If we focus on this, everyone's quality of life will improve. If there are no hungry children: if everyone has self-respect and self-esteem; if we all have the resources to eat properly and stay healthy, then we all benefit, don't we. By ignoring social problems like this, we curtail our own freedom. Gated communities and car alarms have nothing to do with security. They are all about insecurity. Once we raise the quality of life for those most in need, we will discover that we all have more freedom, healthier communities, especially for our seniors and children and a sense of satisfaction on having dealt with the problem rather than ignoring it or blaming the less fortunate for their situation.

This country, this earthly paradise, with vast resources, cutting edge technology, and an educated and well meaning population has unlimited potential. However, without a vision of a just and egalitarian society, and the will to create it, we find ourselves led around by the self-serving interests of an elite class that seems to have a very different vision. Ignore them. Make up your own mind. Do what is right. Love thy neighbour. You are your brother and sister's keeper. Take care of them. The reward will live with you forever.





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*From the Bottom of the Burlap Bag*

by Sandra Olson



Dear Joe-

Have I got a treat for you! Hay. It's such an honour! (I had to look that all up in the dictshunary, so thats enuf of that.). Heres the skoop! You, as my frend, are bein invited to joyn this really grate klub here in the city called the "NO-I-QUE-KLUB"! Its exclusive! Whats it all about you say? Well sez I, I heard it once calld the oppositt of that smart man mensa klub - whatever thats supposed to mean. In are klub, which I figgured would apeel to you, we all hang around together, knockin' are own noses outta joynt so to speak; sayin stupid things; makin fun of arsselves, and putting are own selves down instedda the other gie. I new you'd be inerested in joynin, so I inclosed yore inishiation names. What you get to do, is rite a pashionate love letter to these three persons. (We pull the names, for new members to rite two, out of a hat.). An then, yore in! We pulled, and you got Edward G. Robinson; Arnld Schwartzneggar; Pee Wee Herman. To Bad. It would have been a great pull for a girl. Sort of. Anyhow, hurry! Dont wate - if this catches on you mite get trampedin the rush!

See you soon, member.

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