

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Thespians, Hams, Mary Walsh and Jim Carey Wannabes, Gordon Lightfooters, & Preacher-Dans, your Thoughts for New Hall Staging!?

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Thank you Bamfield/Huu-ay-aht Community Forest for producing your Newsletter and advancing the forest for the benefit of all. We see Jobs and Happy Trails.

A Tale of Two Projects. In 1999 the Bamfield/Huu-ay-aht Community Forest and the Bamfield/Huu-ay-aht/Bamfield Marine Station Abalone projects were initiated. The community Forest is well established and meeting its objectives. The abalone project was to rear abalone for outplanting in areas over harvested/poached. Its operation was to be financed, after an initial \$1.5 million from the governments, from the sale of abalone. The sale of legal abs would discourage poachers, in addition to restock the fisheries. Thousands of abs had been transplanted to Barkley Sd. and thousands more were ready to outplant when the government shut down the project. Lost were 4 good jobs, a smooth-operating abalone hatchery & a means to combating wild stock destruction by poaching. The poaching continues, unabated. Presently, the facility is occupied by Nova Harvest. *L. Druehl*

27 Bamfielders ZOOMed through the October Community Affairs meeting in 76 minutes. **Edward Johnson** noted the HFN is consulting with Parks Canada and other FN re 2021 West Coast Trail season, This survey could be available to Bamfielders. He also commented on the need for covered Bamfield recreational space for families. **Sean Rodgers** reported on a funding opportunity to assess local housing needs by VIU, should a need be demonstrated; a potential construction site could be on marine station land. **Donna Dunn** said the Flying Doctor will visit Bamfield soon, ending a 6-month absence. **Julie Bradley:** 7 primary and 7 intermediate students are enjoying an onsite COVID education. **Amelia Vos:** All BVFDers being trained as First Responders. **Jamie Willock** said Affairs will get its own ZOOM account and will establish a Face Book page with a link to online document storage. *Abstracted from unofficial minutes by Jan Teversham.*

Black Lake Special. Meet **Jan** and **Nelson Meadows:** two brave environmentalists who have chosen to live an off-grid lifestyle. Their homestead lies 13 kilometers outside of Bamfield nestled in the trees next to Black Lake. It is a beautiful place: teeming with life and brimming with that good oxygen. What they have is a slice of magic, but underneath it all lies years of hard work. "We purchased the property on April fool's day, and my it's been quite the trick!" says Jan, poking fun at the challenges of off grid life. From building their current two story house out of earth mortar, to installing a water wheel and solar panels, Jan and Nelson have never been short of things to do or fix. Living off grid is hard work, but their tenacity and faith- against all odds- has enabled them to keep the dream alive. As a result, their property has been a warm and inspiring sanctuary for many young woofers (organic farming volunteers), who have gone to learn about sustainable living, organic gardening, alternative healing, and mindfulness. This past summer, they had a woofers named **Sarah Moore** from Ontario who spent her summer tending to their turnips, beets (and Moore)! Jan and Nelson are currently 79 years strong and figuring out the next stage of their property, involving inviting other environmentally-minded people to come, share in, enjoy, and carry on the dream. *Rebecca Wainnes*



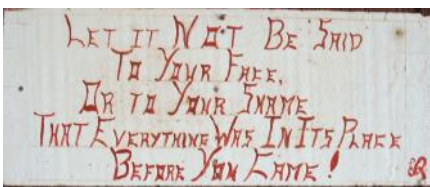
Heads up Christmas Shoppers. The Bamfield Community Hall is pursuing a raffle to raise funds to equip its new Hall stage with lighting and sound equipment. There will be 3 draws: **McKay Bay Lodge** weekend charter package (\$3000), **Christopher Frye** and players, a home concert (\$1800) and assorted First Nations' art collectables assembled by **Suz and Kath Jennings** (\$2000+). A great way to COVID shop...and support your Hall. Details soon.

Bamfield Housing Need Report. Over the next few months, the ACRD and Vancouver Island University will be working with the Bamfield community to develop a Housing Needs Report to help identify gaps in the housing supply. Using UBCM grant funding to complete the assessment, information will be gathered from various data sources and the community about local demographics, economics, housing stock, and other factors. Please keep an eye out for an upcoming Bamfield housing needs survey, for a chance to have your say in the development of this important report. Thanks! *Amy Anaka*, Planner, ACRD.

Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. Classifieds should not exceed 15 words (no commercial ads). All submissions must have the author's name and telephone number. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is a free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. *Louis Druehl*

REID HOLLOW/BRADY BEACH CUSTODIANS

Reid-Hollow, the gateway to Brady's Beach, started as a hotdog stand, where as a little girl, **Mary Rock** whose family lived nearby stole a candy-bar with her neighbour, a **Brady** boy. She spent the rest of her life swimming in Brady's (photo, below) and feeling guilty. The most recent residents,



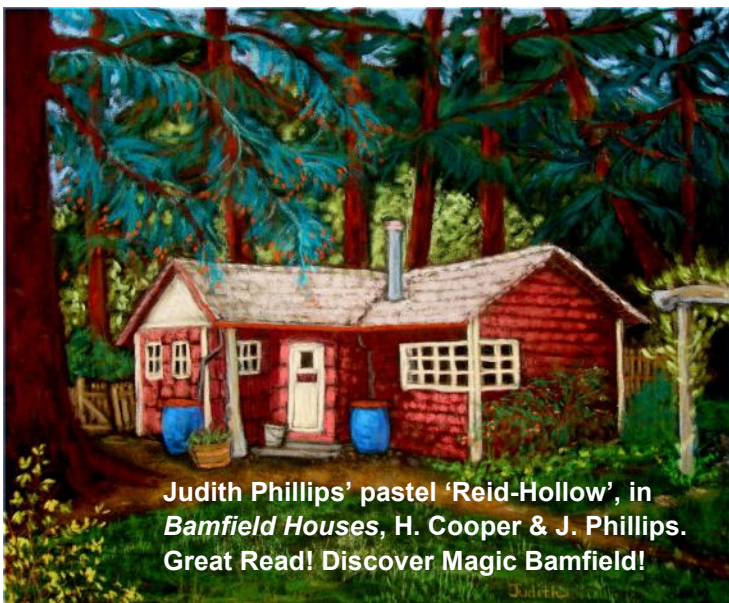
Margarete and **Edmond Reid**, erected a cautionary sign (see above), becoming the first outspoken custodians of Brady's Beach...a tradition followed by **Jerry Baird**. A community park designation of some foreshore fronting the beach, with, considering westside obsession with vehicles, parking would compliment the Bamfield Park's outhouse and assure perpetual community access. *L. Druehl*

Mary Rock (1 May 1928-Sept. 28 2020). Mary spent her childhood living in the Rock family cottage on Brady's Beach with her father **Cyril**, mother **Agnes** and sisters: **Phyllis**, **Sylvia** and **Stella** and brother **Edgar**. She attended



Bamfield School, St. Ann's Academy and later the University of Toronto where she received a degree in Theology. Mary returned to Bamfield in the sixties to live with her father in his later years. She was very much a part of the

Bamfield community, worked as a telephone operator and enjoyed being leader of the Girl Guides. For the past two decades, she has been living in Port Alberni. Throughout her life, Mary often returned to visit Bamfield and was never happier than when she was swimming at Brady's Beach. She will be remembered for the love and care of family and friends and kindness to animals. An avid reader, she had an inquiring, vibrant nature and an exceptional knowledge of world and local history. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. *Daphne McMillan*



Judith Phillips' pastel 'Reid-Hollow', in Bamfield Houses, H. Cooper & J. Phillips. Great Read! Discover Magic Bamfield!

Happy to report 8 derelict boats were removed from the Grappler area/inlet. Work was completed by TimberRose Ventures in 2 days. **Rita Johnson**, HFN. During the summer of 2020 the Natural Resource team worked with TimberRose Tug and Barge to remove the derelict and abandon vessels from Grappler Inlet in Huu-ay-aht marine territory. Grappler Inlet is the outflow location for Sugsaw Creek, the system that the Huu-ay-aht Sugsaw Creek Hatchery enhances Chum. The environmental health of this estuary is important to returning adult salmon and migrating juvenile salmon, and the abandon vessels were causing environmental degradation to the area (*Bamfield Corkboard*).



Bamfield COVID Schooling. I would like to welcome new primary teacher **Laura Schmitt** who joined us right out of teacher college in Alberta. She is young, energetic and jumped right in, teaching students in grades K-3 this year. She looks forward to meeting new faces and integrate into our wonderful community. The past few months have been challenging for teachers and families alike trying to navigate some sort of normalcy during this pandemic. We are happy to share that Bamfield Community School has it's doors open (but only to students and staff) with the majority of students returning to full time instruction. We adhere to health and safety protocol and feel very fortunate to have such a safe, small "bubble" at our school. What better place to be? We have 14 students in grades K-9 this year with a couple families choosing to homeschool. Students seem excited to be back at school and are adjusting to classroom routine and expectations (some having been home since March). We continue to shift and adjust and things progress and are exploring ideas to share some of our school events with the community in upcoming weeks. Stay tuned! *Ms. Kristin Russell*

Remembrance Day, 11 November, in Bamfield. In the past Bamfielders have met in the Community Hall, more recently in **Eileen Scott's** home, and, soon, in the new **Community Hall**. **Curt Smecker** describes the formation and duties of a Bamfield Home Guard during WW II. "No. 14 Company of the PCMR was also put in place to help protect the area. It was under the command of Captain G. Wellburn (Sept 9, 1942 - Feb 1, 1943) and Sid Fry (the Bamfield Customs Agent) subsequently. They were issued helmets, respirators, armbands, first aid kits and possibly .303 Lee Enfield Rifles or 30-30 lever action rifles. (for Curt's full report, Bamfielder.ca)."

Whoops, ACRD, Bamfield water bills charged for overage that did not occur. This sent TNB editor skirring through brush and mud looking for a water leak. False alarm. Thanks for the heads up, **Jenny Brunn**. *Ed*

BC election results stifled. Bamfield election overseers, **Phil Lavoie** and **Rebecca Waines**, were not allowed to divulge our voting results, not even how many voted. *Ed*