

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Reconciliation and de-Colonization are not empty phrases

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A grand evening. The perennial Bamfield Community Hall Harvest Dinner & Auction in the Firehall (Thanks, BVFD) may be a historic last. A statement by Hall Chair **JP Hastey**, read by **Rose Janelle**, proclaimed next year, hopefully, in the New Hall (after 19 years!)! Two elements dominated:

Auction \$\$

2012 \$5257

2013 \$2617

2014 \$4642

2015 \$6209

2016 \$6998

2017 \$10,676

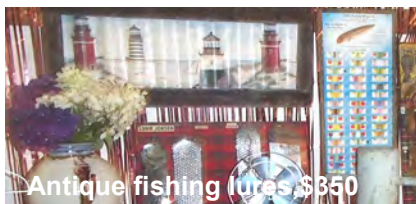
2018 \$13,295

2019 \$11,330

2023 \$18,000

2024 \$16945

the impact of the **Jennings/Ostrom** clan and local wood carving. From the **Ebba Jennings** perpetual cinnamon twists to the historic **Len Jennings'** Ostrom fishing lure collection, polished off by **Suzanne** and **Katharine Jennings** uber contributions, from shucking corn to adding auction to running raffle table. Dapper **John Hughes** worked his butt off extracting bids (\$16945 raised). The wood works: **Mark Stokes'** Yew wood mantle (\$450), **Brian McKay's** Fish gaff (\$450), **Scott Martin's** Duck decoy (\$200), 14 sawhorses from new hall (\$350). Top bid: \$1300 for First Nation woven bottle. The raffle table brought in \$465, with **Talita** guessing the number of marbles. Chef Brian cooked up burgers, crew served corn, salad, dessert (88 meals sold).



Sewer, anyone? An ACRD Firehall meeting (17-westside, 23-eastside, 6-no address) considered a sewage system for Bamfield. Headed by **Jenny Brunn**, the discussion ranged through: Do we need one (is the inlet polluted), communication with residents (announcements not distributed from P.O. due to no addresses), to costs (considerable), finally, to voting eligibility. Vote on 16 November. This is a big one, 9.0 on Bamfield Richter Scale.

Ask your doctor if intestinal surgery is right for you. Many Canadians have benefitted from this procedure. TNB



Cougars reigned at a zoom meeting, attended by about 20 folks. Chaired by **Jamie**, guided by **Mandy**, and advised by **Daniel Elchstad**, Conservation Officer. The issue, how to respond to the presence of cougars, of the feline persuasion, in Bamfield (6 reports). The problem is, apparently, the availability of prey for the big cats: deer, cats, small dogs, racoons, rats, and it was suggested small children. **Clifford Charles** dismissed the myth that in his day, as a child, he had been escorted though cougar country to school (it is hard to imagine Clifford as a child). **Paul Demontigne** suggested destruction of old-growth forest has deprived cougar of their natural prey. **Keith Wyton** suggested we will become the alternate prey. Officer Daniel stated, no vigilantism, but if there is vigilantism, contact his office, pronto. Further, he emphasized Bamfield is not a **Wildlife-free Zone**. Adding, the best weapon to deter cat attack, a pop can with pebbles inside, shaken, and if that doesn't work, throw the can at the cat. *L. Druehl*. Photo: cat on foreshore of marine station 100 acre old-growth forest, by **Paul & Steve Demontigny**

Submissions are welcome. They may be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. All submissions must have the author's name. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

Farewell, Chuck Evans



A perfect day. A gathering of friends on the Evans' foreshore lawn, an honour guard of Bamfield Coast Guard, a toast by **Clifford Charles**, and a sharing of memories. A fine send off for **Chuck** who left us all too soon.

Night sky explored by **John Jack** on CBC radio. Black Sky Preserve Status is sought with Royal Astrological Society. Increased tourism, emphasizing relationship of the sky and ocean, gathering together and telling stories, and, possibly, a **3-Stars in the Sky Festival** may result. John admitted weather may be an issue. Turnoff the outside lights, give the birds a break, To Darkness! *L.D.*



Free time, from Community Hall action, potter **Katharine Jennings** (photo) and crafts person **Suzanne Jennings**, conduct their 31-plus Bamfield Pottery Sale.

September Community Affairs minutes, a bang up session, lasting 1 hr. 43 min., attended by 27 Zoomers, and recorded by **Jan Teversham** are available at www.bamfielder.ca 'Minutes' along with the past 12 years of minutes.

WCVI Experience. Hiking through the mud flats and then up and over the peak of the last hill, we arrived at the beautiful Keeha beach right here in Bamfield! Greeted with thundering waves and soft sand, we set up our camp that we would call home for the next 3 nights! This experience was amazing, I learned how to play crib (and got pretty good after a few games), had time to explore the rocky edges of the beach, and even spotted a grey whale up close! This trip was a great way to take time off from my busy city life back in Vancouver, and enjoy my company as well as my aunt **Eva's**. Leaving Keeha, I have many new amazing memories and look forward to my next visit! -*Talia Djouboulian*



New Hall notes. -We have received a \$6500 donation of penetrating oil from **Heritage Natural Finishes** which is in the process of being applied by **Troy Brown** (photo) and **Metuse**. Framing and roof assembly will begin before the end of September. **Josie Osborne M.P.** stopped in to see the construction and was thoroughly impressed with the building design and feel. She will help us look for further support needed to round out completion of the project. *J.P. Hastey, Hall Chair.* And...

Framing is the next activity which will take a few months to complete. A waterproof membrane will be installed over the roof framing as soon as a section is completed. This will be adequate protection for the winter months. If a weather window presents itself once framing is complete, roofing can be installed. If not, then it may need to wait till spring for the finished product. *Torrance Gilmour, Hall Project Overseer*

Grappler Peeping Tom, wildfire fighter, salal picker, tourist looking for car?

