



# The Creek

'Serving False Creek, Fairview Slopes and Granville Island'



## More Spring Sports for All Sorts and they are all Annuals

### Second Annual Croquet Tournament



On the pitch  
outside Isadora's  
**Saturday  
Sunday**  
**May 2 & 3**  
**10 a.m.**  
**to**  
**4 p.m.**

Blue (born-to-shop) Thaddeus will probably buy a new outfit for this year's Croquet Tournament if she and Oksana Mazur (It.) enter again.

John McBride and Ginger James will doubtless do a fine officiating job, including coaching the amateurs.



As you watch the Pendelakons steam by, don't be fooled into thinking croquet is

for the faint-hearted. It's sedate, cut-throat competition.



### Annual Easter Egg Hunt



No wonder the slower little ones find little to fill their baskets when these overgrown nippers whizz around the park on their skateboards.

Hope the Easter Bunny cries "FOUL" this year.

**in Sutcliffe Park  
Starts at Isadora's**

### Fourth Annual Pendelakon

The only FREE 10 km. run in Vancouver.

**Saturday**

**May 2 2.00 p.m.**

**LEG-IN-BOOT SQ.**

You'll know they're OFF when you hear the blast-off by



**THE GREAT WEST  
CANNON COMPANY**

Starting time is carefully chosen to ensure finishing time coincides with Tea-Time at Stamps.

The Pendelakon Society invites any properly unserious (i.e. non-marathoners) runners to join them.

The wearing of a shirt is mandatory—any colour of your choice as long as it's red. This year's commemorative shirt is purchaseable at Stamps.

The absence of rules in the Society permits any innovative idea to flourish. Thus if people arrive to WALK the course, instantly there will be a WALKING SECTION.



**July First**

**10th Annual Celebration**



With Spring upon us—can July 1st be far behind?

All those interested in helping to produce a memorable 10th Annual Celebration are invited

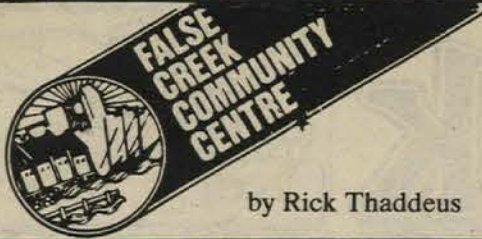
**TO GATHER IN THE LOUNGE  
at the  
False Creek Community Centre  
TUESDAY APRIL 21 7.30 p.m.**

Whatever you'd like to contribute—be it organisational skills, ideas, time, energy (or even money!)-we'd like to hear from you.

If you can't attend but still wish to become involved, please leave a message with the front desk at the Community Centre (688-9478).

Remember, without your participation,  
there can be no celebration.





by Rick Thaddeus

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There's always a mood of change in this area. The Creek has grown up around us. Some old time residents are moving out to purchase houses; new residents take their places or move into new buildings like the recently completed **CHARLESTON TERRACE CO-OP** at 6th & Oak.

The Community Centre is growing too, with the needs of the population. With \$500,000 approved in the plebiscite and Grace McCarthy and Doug Mowat supporting our bid for \$4,000,000 in Lottery Funds, the Building 81 expansion seems to be on track.

The next step is to find out what **YOU** require from our new facilities—gym space, weight room, a Seniors' lounge, a Teen centre, have all been

mooted. The development is bound to impact on the existing facility and the Adventure Playground.

So some residents will find our Board Members on their doorsteps, questionnaires in hand. Please be nice to them. Public meetings will follow. Let us know your views before we draw up plans. It does more good than criticising afterwards.

**SOME OTHER CHANGES**



Nancy Reynolds' idea of a

break is to take on the Co-ordinator position at Strathcona Community Centre for five months, leaving popular and enthusiastic **Brad Woods** to assume her tasks for the summer. We wish them well.

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Spotted Craig MacDonald walking along the seawall bearing a dozen roses. So congratulations to Craig, Shelley and young Corbin on the arrival of 7 lb. 1 oz. bouncing, brown-haired baby girl Nichele (with an N, that's right).

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Our upwardly mobile part persian grey cat left us about two months ago. We are curious as to where she has established herself. If you suspect you are her new owner, tell her she can call us collect at 738-6637.



**Coming Up**

- April 19: **EASTER EGG HUNT** 11 a.m. Starts at ISADORA'S
- April 20: Easter Monday **ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND OPENS**
- April 21: "Holistic Health" 7.30-9.30 p.m. \$5
- April 22: "Separation, Divorce & Child Custody" FREE. Jeffrey & Fox, Barristers & Solicitors
- April 25: **FAMILY SOCK HOP** Keep your shoes on, the floor is hard. 50's and 60's tunes, Jive Contests, Costume Prizes, Fun!
- April 27: **SOFTBALL MEETING** 7.30 p.m. Wanna play ball? The hot shots from Twin Rainbows and Creekview ought to be in spring training by now. Send a rep. if you want to take them on.
- April 28: "Meditation and Creative Visualization" 7.30-9.30 p.m. \$5
- April 29: "Real Estate, Landlords & Tenants" FREE. Jeffrey & Fox Barristers & Solicitors
- April 29: "Container Gardening and Hanging Baskets" by Lois Meyerhoff 7.30-9.30 p.m. \$5  
Lois' planters around Granville Island look so gorgeous right now, she obviously knows how to do it.
- May 6: Building a Silkscreen Workshop
- May 14: Low Fat Cooking Series begins
- May 17: **WATERPARK OPENS**

**SENIORS SCENE**

by Marge LeGresley

A record attendance of 42 at our April 1st meeting, all anxious to sign up for various events which Jean presented in her newsletter.

We were happy to have **Peggy and Vi Cron** back with us again and glad to know that **Mollie** is out of hospital and getting stronger daily.

The following dates should be noted on your calendars:

**Thurs. April 23:** Double-decker bus trip to Harrison Hot Springs leaving the Centre at 10 a.m. (no charge). Bring your bathing suit if you intend to take advantage of the hot pool.

**Mon. April 27:** Trip to Fantasy Gardens in Richmond to arrive there at 11 a.m. Car pools are being arranged. Cost \$3.50.

**Fri. May 1:** Pizza and movie night starting at 6.30 p.m. \$2 each (another good idea of Jean's).

**Fri. Sat. Sun., May 1, 2 & 3:** TIME OF YOUR LIFE. Special seniors' event at Robson Square (Tickets \$4 each day less \$1 with coupon).

**Fri. May 8:** Stage show at North Van Centennial Theatre starting at 5.30 (Jean will have free tickets at our May 6th meeting).

**Mon. May 11:** Bus and ferry trip to Victoria (leaving the Centre at 7.45 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. ferry). Cost \$10.

**Wed. May 20:** Spring Banquet at Marie's Cafeteria on 7th Ave. (further details at May meeting).

On Monday April 6th our team of carpet bowlers—**Betty Carson, Rose Inglis, Hazel Raglin and Jim Grainger** represented us in the Provincial Fours Play-offs at Sunset Community Centre. They played well against some very tough opposition, winning two games out of seven. Good sports all of you.

favorites. Afternoon tea was served at the conclusion of the concert and we all agreed to take advantage of the special seniors' group rates for future concerts.

Later that day a group of 19 shared a wonderful performance by the Vancouver Symphony Society in the Hotel Vancouver's Pacific Ballroom. Narrated by CBC Radio host Otto Lowy, we were taken for a musical Tale of Three Cities with special guests Peter McCoppin as conductor and Eric Northcott, soprano—performing all-time

A reminder that the popular Variety Dance program on Thursday afternoons has been extended in the Spring Program for a further 8 sessions, subject to adequate registration—\$14 for the session or \$2 drop-in fee. Those of us who have attended regularly have enjoyed it immensely.

We shall miss Nancy Reynolds for the next three months as she will be at Strathcona—however, we will continue to work closely with Brad who is taking on her duties at the Centre

*You think being Community Centre staff is a piece of cake? When the kids were lolling about reliving the triumphs of the SKATEBOARD CON-*

*TEST last month, who started sweeping the mountains of debris—Carol Sogawa, Nancy Reynolds and Brad Woods.*



**Kaleidoscope on Teens**

by Treva Petch

March wasn't quite as busy with teen activities at the Community Centre due to Spring Break.

During Break the Third Annual Skateboard Competition was held at the Waterpark on March 19. Over a thousand spectators cheered on 95 competitors, two of them being the first girls to participate and one of them the first 3-year old, **Ross Robertson**.

In **BEGINNERS**, **Mark Perkins** came in first; **Jason Ashton** second; **Mike McAleer** third.

In **INTERMEDIATES**, **Todd Baker-McGarva** was first, **Jessie Fawcett** second and **Jay McDermat** third.

In **ADVANCED**, **Bill Morgan** was first, **Thane Brindmire** second and **Jim Thompson** third.

Special thanks to all who participated and all organisers.

The Teen Club has changed its day from Monday to Tuesday. The time is till 6.00-8.00 p.m.

Club events coming up this term:

- APR. 21 **POT LUCK DINNER** (you must sign up for both)
- APR. 28 **ICE SKATING** at Kits Rink
- MAY 19 **VIDEO "THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW"**
- MAY 26 **B-B-Q BYOM**



**Pet Day in the Adventure Playground**

Brad Woods reports: "It was a well attended learning opportunity for children to share information about caring for their pets."

They saw several interesting pets, including cats, gerbils,

birds and lizards.

**Werner Hader** and his German Shepherd "**Toro**", from "**Obedience Plus**" Dog Centre, gave an exciting demonstration. Toro performed some obedience skills and tricks.

**Robert Stratton** demonstrated a hair and nail cut on "**Free-way**", a friendly cockatoo.

The children enjoyed leading **Toro** around the playground and rewarding him with biscuits.

**THANKS TO PARTICIPANTS**

- Graham & Josh Morgan** with their lizard "**Anole**" ("Michael J. Lizard")
- Haisla Collins** with turtles "**Leonardo**" and "**Michaelangelo**"
- Ashley Anthony** with his dog "**Chu-Gen**"

- Jay Rudolph** with her dove "**Goober**"
- Kelly Gayford** with her cat "**Whiskers**"
- Ashley O'Mara** with her cat "**Emmy**"
- Hawna Olson** with her cat "**Whiskers**"
- Karen Brown** with her gerbil "**Pepper**"
- Melissa & Erin** with their ant "**Charlie**"



# From The Editor's Desk



This time last year it was just two weeks to the start of the greatest summer many of us ever experienced.

The Creek's media types had been hard at work for months devouring splendid meals and imbibing a lot at corporate announcement events, press briefings and pavilion openings.

How sad to slosh through the rain, too full from a huge lunch at Saudi Arabia to have room for the delicacies of the exquisite smorgasbord at Norway and, in company with an interesting journalist, have to settle for countless glasses of champagne and the chocolates a pretty hostess brought frequently (the journalist was very handsome!).

It was wonderful fun and there's a touch of nostalgia around the Creek Office this month.

But the treats and invitations didn't end. Today's mail brought the most elegant invitation ever to grace this cluttered desk - to Cocktails and a Fashion Show of the latest Spring and Summer collections from Italy to be unveiled at LEONE in the Sinclair Centre

That's what comes of meeting Diane Barkley, one of the great band of EXPO Media Relations staff. This classy lady opened her own public relations and marketing company, The Barkley Group, and appears to be aiming for only the best; another client is the Mandarin Hotel.

There are books written about how to get free advertising for your business/product. Saftcan International have evidently read them.

On opening the door to usher out a lost bumblebee, the eye beheld a press release and carton of



reposing on the doorstep.

The Advertising Manager in me said "If they want False Creek folk to know they can buy their low-caloried gourmet mineral water (in five flavours) at Granville Island's Healthy Gourmet, they can buy some ad. space to tell them." But the Editor, glowing with generosity from Diane's lovely invitation, over-ruled the Ad. Mgr. "It has a nice, refreshing taste; give 'em a freebie and nail them for a' big ad. to tell everyone about the virtues of the special light beer they've introduced around here."

(When you do all the jobs on your publication you have fascinating conversations with yourself.)

It was nice to receive a phone call from C.P. Air's Peter Golding's office, inviting me to the Hyatt Regency Big Announcement of the new name of the combined C.P. Air/Pacific Western Airlines (only coffee and muffins at 9 a.m., but intriguing to figure out who the smartly business-suited attendees were. Even the journalists, who wouldn't normally be contenders for the Ten Best Dressed list were best-suited).

Not an easy task finding a logo to suit the world. Overheard Jack Lawless, Senior Director of Public Relations, say they tested the goose, the beaver and the maple leaf. Canadians liked the goose but the Italians sniffed disapproval - it's a scavenger bird to them. In the Orient these noble creatures (whose goo simply makes our Charleson Park unsitdownable in) are a great delicacy; presumably the French would object to their pate de fois gras producer being used as a mere logo.

The result of that mighty gestation is very smart

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and the Editor looks forward to sitting behind the red wing speeding to the five continents the spiffed up planes serve. (Looks as though the emblem is right where first class is located - no more than she deserves wouldn't you say?)

## Jonathan's "CEE-AER" LUXURY CRUISES

When you want something different for a Surprise Party, call Heather Wilson at Jonathan's Restaurant, Granville Island.

Heather looks after chartering "CEE-AER", their 65 ft. luxury cruiser, available at \$200/hr. (minimum two hours).

Right now you can spoil yourself at the Sunday smorgasbord Brunch (\$12.95), then take the 1 1/2 hr. cruise around English Bay and False Creek (\$15 inc. the dessert portion of brunch). If you think of it after you've already eaten a hearty breakfast at home, just go for the cruise and dessert.

Heather will arrange just about any combination to suit your group. You can charter the boat for two hours and bring your food and drinks; if you arrive without drinks you can buy wine in the restaurant to take aboard.

There are regular after-dinner cruises at \$15/person inc. fruit & cheese platter and coffee. They've had christening parties, engagement parties, afternoon cruises for bridge groups; corporate receptions; even a memorial service in English Bay.

A Floating Board Meeting would make a change occasionally and if eight of you are out on a private charter and decide you want to stay out overnight, it can be arranged too (extra of course). Presumably you'd draw lots to decide who gets the splendidly appointed master stateroom with full bathroom.

"CEE-AER" is a most elegantly appointed boat, with showers, telephone, video and sound systems and a fully equipped galley

Evening cruise times vary with the time of year and weather. Always ask when you call to make a dinner reservation.

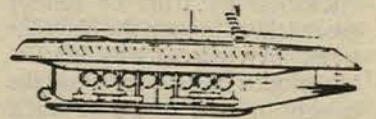
Blue Thaddeus and Oksana Mazur can attest to the pleasure of the evening cruise. Jonathan's had a 9.30 p.m. Irish Coffee Cruise on St. Patrick's Day and the gals won the two places on it that Jonathan's donated as a prize at the Community Centre's Country Dance.

Remember seeing the advertisements for CRUISING COOKING CLASSES in Feb./Mar.? It was \$35/person for supplies, instruction and a one-hour cruise afterwards. What a way to learn to cook!

They were very popular and since an article in the Sun there's a waiting list of 200. Heather says they're starting them again, every Monday night, on May 4. The 1 1/2 hr. class begins at 6.30. Call Heather at 688-8081.

And how does the Roving Editor know so much about this?

I heard about it all last week when SUB AQUATICS chartered "CEE-AER" to take The Press up the Creek (literally) to watch the launching of ATLANTIS, the prettiest 50' submarine you ever saw. I always thought submarines looked menacing, but when they're sparkling white and built for the tourist trade they're attractive.



## COMFORT FOR THE COWARDLY

Or just sensible people who don't want to scuba dive or snorkel but enjoy watching the treasures of the deep in a seat.

These dinky subs are built right up the street at 191 West 6th Ave. and launched off the Canon dock.

Sub Aquatic have had two 28-passenger vessels plying 150 ft. beneath the waves off the shores of the Caribbean Cayman Island and Barbados - 50,000 passengers on 2500 dives, exploring reefs, sealife and even a shipwreck or two.

The 48-passenger vessel launched last Friday is destined for St. Thomas, in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

There's bound to be some Creek people headed for the West Indies. If you want to know where you book for a day (\$45 U.S.) or night (\$55 U.S.) dive, call Julie Ross at Sub Aquatics (875-1367) before you go.

We did descend, but at the east end of the Creek the water is very warm and the intrepid reporter hastened home to ascertain Barbados can be reached by that spiffy new

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from Vancouver to Toronto, and thence to Barbados with the B.W.I.A. AIRLINES.

I can be packed and ready for a quick trip as soon as this issue is off to the printer.

Beryl Wilson

## Creek Carrier Treats

In December, when we of jerea unaying gratitude to the Creek's carriers, we promised you wouldn't have to wait until you got to heaven for your reward.

Our local restaurants are always generous in providing



complimentary dinners for worthy causes. Our cause could there be than faithfully delivering The Creek every month?

It's taken us so long to get this organised we're starting off with two this month; they are from:



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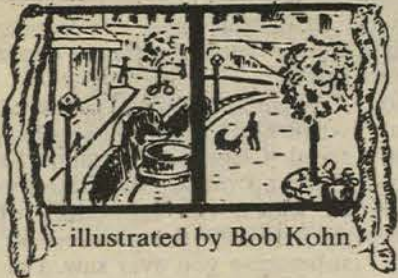
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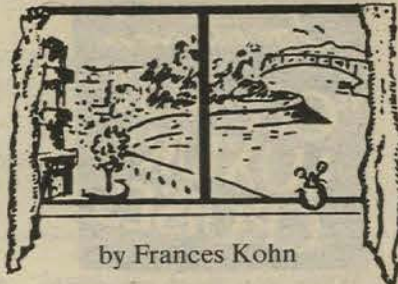
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# Window on the Square



by Frances Kohn

## Leg-in-Boot Square welcomes spring

Bronze candle-like flowers encircled by frills of tender green leaves festoon the chestnut trees. Myriads of tiny leaves, like clouds of pale green moths caught up in a tangle of black thread, halo the dogwoods. Tulips, daffodils and wallflowers send splashes of colour through balcony railings and over window box ledges.



Winter coats and jackets are shed as temperatures inch upwards. Our regular evening joggers, 30 or more strong, bob past in T-shirts and shorts. Ever more noon-hour brown baggers hurry down to the sea wall to enjoy their lunch and share a bit with the gulls. Mothers with tots, out for an airing, linger in the balmy air to exchange pleasantries with other like-minded mothers.

The ras, ras, ras, especially on weekends, is like the proverbial Board Walk in Atlantic City—crowded. Young and old, in groups, couples or singles, stroll, walk briskly, run or jog. Our fitness-conscious community uses this walk, not only for cardiovascular health, but for pleasure as well.

## You didn't think I'd forget the geese, did you?

After all, in spring they are very much a part of our lives for 3-4 months. Not appreciated by all, admittedly, because of their sometimes noisy presence and lack of house manners, they do bring a feeling of nature of which we are still a part.

From that tumultuous arrival on The Square in early February, these birds have gradually sorted themselves out. It has not been without fights between jealous ganders, quaint courting antics and quiet moments when a pair will rest calmly side by side on The Square. Since the fountain was spring cleaned recently, by the city engineers, and filled with water, a pair of geese comes frequently to cool their feet and have a drink.

Like a toy duck in a bathtub, sometimes one of the birds will pop into the fresh water for a quick bath and preening session. The last day or two the gander is standing alone. This is a sure sign that his mate is sitting on the nest, somewhere not far away.

The goose lays from 2 to 9 dull white eggs, every 1½ days after the first one. Incubation may take from 24 to 28 days. Two days before hatching, peeping sounds are heard. With a sharp little "egg tooth" the goslings crack the shell, but it can take two days before they break through. The goose hovers over them for 24 hours until they are dry and downy. The goslings can be independent right away and, amazing as it may seem, we are told that day-old goslings can dive and swim 40 feet under water.



Once the little goose family swims away, that's the last we'll see of them up on The Square... until next spring when the whole process will be re-enacted. Nowadays, it is difficult for the geese, as the building all around the creek has taken away their former nesting sites and geese do return to where they were born. In northern Europe, when this happens, sites are provided for wild fowl. Could the Parks Board or Harbour Board do something of that sort here?



## Spring is Bustin' Out All Over

And so are photographers. The amateurs quickly snap pictures of the family on the

sea wall or of the geese posing. For the professionals it is much more complicated; they bring a lot of paraphernalia along.

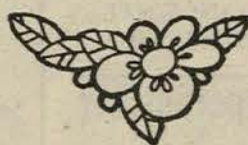
The other day even a step ladder was part of the gear. On this occasion the photographer accompanied a brightly painted double-decker bus that pulled into The Square. Oversized lettering emblazoned across its side read "Kodacolor VR-G, Film 100." Colourful graphics depicted such tourist sites as the Harbour Centre, Grouse Mountain Skyride, Vancouver Aquarium and Capilano Suspension Bridge. The photographer clambered up and down the ladder to get just the right angles on the models positioned beside the Gray Line bus.

Slinky sports cars are more commonly the focus of the photographer's lens. On two

separate occasions lately one such super vehicle was coal black; the other was snow-white.

The Fools' Day Parade was a chance for young and old to make fools of themselves. One of the cleverest performers was a lady wearing a dog's mask. She pushed a baby carriage with a large dog inside dressed up in a frilly garment. The lady told me she was a member of the Fools' Theatre and her name was Taxi Whizz. I thought, at first, she was joking about the name as she said it like "Cheese Whizz". I believe her now, having seen her name quoted elsewhere. To the strains of music the parade of fools wound along the sea wall and disappeared around Heather Point, led by the big red devil. It conjured up thoughts of the Pied Piper.

But, you don't have to be a fool to welcome the spring!



## FOUND

-everyone in the "lost" pictures last month. Ann Merchant was astounded to open up The Creek and find her daughter features in it.



Finally I decided David Deane, our school principal, would know who the other lads were. He did. They are **Martin Skala & Shawn Tryon**. As we walked through the school halls Mr. Deane said "and there they are." The boys hadn't seen their picture in The Creek but they did know who took it—the school care-

A few days after Ann's call, Mrs. Baxter phoned to say "I don't know who sent you the picture but the boy in the right is mine." (The pic. is in the Creek mailbox at the Community Centre Mrs. B.)

taker, Mel Erickson. When Petra Thaddeus wrote a small article about Mel last year and asked him for a picture, she didn't make it clear The Creek wanted one of him, so he sent along some he'd taken of the kids.

Wonderful place this, isn't it? Eventually you find out everything you need to know!

THANKS to Judy Simpson up on Fairview Slopes for recommending The Creek to MOISHE'S. I had a wonderful

two-hour visit and was fed a tasty corned beef sandwich when I went to pick up the ad.

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# The Rooftop Gardener's Notebook

by Susan Baker

Now that spring is here and everyone has come out of their winter hiding places we find ourselves greeting one another on the seawall and pathways between destinations.

What I've noticed is evidence of other people's roof gardens. I say evidence because all one can really see is the tops of shrubs—mostly conifers—over the parapets. The Slopes in particular are united by feathery conifers, about 4' and holding their own.



I wonder what other people have in their roof gardens? What works best? What plants look good all the time and remain healthy for an extended period of time with their roots restricted to a container?

If I think about the changes in my garden over seven summers, the shift is from low growers to tall growers: fruit trees grafted onto small growing root stalk; climbers and twiners to train on the still-too-

naked pergola we built in '84 and yet more Rhododendrons.

Last year I had big clay pots of mixed annuals to provide summer colour against the thousand green of everything else. I also fancied sweet peas up the tree trunks (you can plant those now and more in two weeks for a column of colour and bouquets for the house).

Azaleas have been very rewarding, either evergreen or deciduous. The latter are usually more hardy. I like the small flowers that cover the plant like snow. We have perhaps 20 different kinds and have lost only 2 or 3 over the years. They are all in pots small enough to move around and into view on the lower balcony, or arrange on the stairs for the benefit of the neighbours who look onto my stairwell.

I also have another 20 Rhodos which are not Azaleas (Az. are Rhodos), but similar in scale, 30 Rhodos that don't look like Rhodos and 10 Rhodos that do. Some bloom in

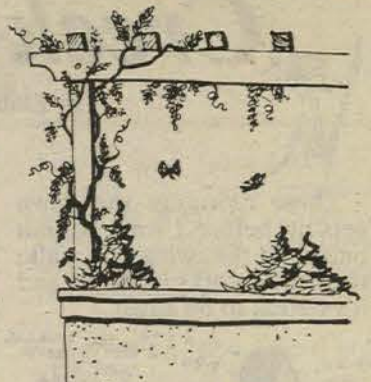
Jan./Feb., some bloom in July. Some have fragrant flowers while others have aromatic leaves that smell like fresh ground spice when rubbed between the fingers.



Many small leaved Rhodos have aromatic leaves, which includes most of the blue/purple flowered low-growing varieties. These are all stars for the roof garden. You can see the glow of the blue flowers until it's too dark to see anything else.

I put my "infant" Rhodo plants around the base of the fruit trees. Although there is mushroom manure at the root of the tree, it is remote enough not to trouble the close-to-the-surface root system of the Rhodos. The little plants also keep the family felines from "littering" in the tubs.

Rhodos and Azaleas are super roof plants if your garden is not completely exposed. If it is, you must build a trellis or pergola to filter the sunlight from 11 to 3 in summer or the plants will dry out too quickly and probably scorch as well.



The addition of constructions like trellis and pergolas to open roof gardens is such an improvement to the space for man and plant that I recommend you commence saving for yours immediately.

The best selection of Rhodos is to be found at VAN DUSEN GARDENS on May 9/10. Check out the flowers at the truss (flower) show, then pick out a plant or four in the plant sale.

For general plants of great interest—dwarf trees, conifers, Rhodos, perennials, etc., don't miss the Van Dusen Garden Sale APRIL 26.

## GARDEN SALES & SHOWS SPRING 1987

Date	Time	Event
Sun. Apr. 26	10 a.m.	Van Dusen Garden Sale, Van Dusen Gardens
Sun. May 3	2 p.m.	Alpine Garden Club Sale, Wm. Griffin Centre, 851 West Queens, North Vancouver
Sat./Sun. May 9/10	1 p.m.	Rhododendron Association Sale, Van Dusen Gardens
Sat./Sun. May 30/31	10 a.m.	Geranium Sale, Van Dusen Gardens
Sat./Sun. June 6/7	1 p.m.	Desert Plant Association Sale, Van Dusen Gardens

## EVANS LAKE OUTDOOR SCHOOL

### A Residential Field Study for three classes from False Creek Elementary School

"I am going crazy. I have had no music, no TV, no books, no hockey and worst of all no Family. My little brother is probably smashing my room."

Sean McLaren... day two

"I love this place and I am going to hate to leave this place. I'm going back to the old TV junk and stuff. I love it here."

Sean McLaren... day four



On February 9th, at 0900 hrs, 89 grade four, five and six students from False Creek Elementary School dragged seven teachers, three student teachers and six secondary student counsellors into two yellow school buses. Some felt lost in the confusion of packing the buses, some were wiping back tears of good-bye but most were full of the excitement that had been building through weeks of preparation and pre-camp study.

The school staff chose February for this outdoor experience to allow the students to experience snow and ice and to learn to enjoy B.C.'s winter environment. It was obvious the teachers had not read their almanac because, as most natives to this province will tell you, on the south coast, rain, not snow and ice, make up the largest portion of our winters. True to the almanac, rain was what we got for four out of the five days we were at Evans Lake.

Evans Lake Forestry Camp is situated north of Squamish in Paradise Valley. It was an ideal site for studying and appreciating the West Coast Rain Forest. Students were

involved in eight "investigations": Poke and Pry; a look at the forest and its inhabitants in winter; Shelter Building for emergency survival, Stream Studies, Orienteering, First Aid, Environmental Awareness and Appreciation, Forestry and Crafts. Other activities enjoyed by the students included cooperative games, canoeing, archery, team sports and Survival (a mass participation, outdoor game that teaches an understanding of the food chain).

Many duties were shared by the children. Most enjoyed being "gofers", a duty that involved setting tables and serving the



food during meal times. Other duties included sweeping and mopping of the camp buildings and tidying the camp grounds and trails. Some students also stacked and chopped wood for campfires and all had time to play ping-pong or skittles in the Recreation Hall.

A high point of the week was Evans Lake's own WET version of Logger Sports. It included such activities as the Caber toss, cross-cut sawing, stretcher carry and the most difficult, as it was pouring rain, lighting a match with an axe. You have never seen such a wet but very enthusiastic group of people.

All six of the cabin groups put on skits. We'll never forget the song by the girls of cabin four. However, the highlight of the nightly campfires was the Garbage Bag Fashion Show. The idea for this grew from a comment during a pre-camp lesson on proper outdoor equipment when I suggested that a garbage bag should be taken on any outdoor hike as it provided perfect waterproofing for a shelter, or, if worn, as a raincoat.

One of the girls, after many had remarked at the ugliness of such a garment, asked if ESPRIT made garbage bags.



With glee and giggles the fashion show idea was developed. The school provided masking tape and two hundred bags and the counsellors helped with inspiration. Costumes ranged from bathers in bikinis to cavemen to hula dancers and was considered so successful that Camp Director, Gary Charland, is going to suggest it to other parties using the camp.

Our experiences during the week were by no means unique. School children in this province are more and more being involved in the outdoor and the community environment. They were, however, special to the students of False Creek School.

Outdoor school offered all of us the opportunity to work, play and live together for an extended period of time. It was different from the typical "summer camp" experience in that we already work together as student and teacher and will continue to do so for the next few months. As well as the greater awareness and appreciation of our environment,

the self confidence that was fostered, peer insights that were encouraged and the understanding that there are many sides to the people you see every day, will be drawn upon by each student and staff member in the days to come.

"... I did the investigation with Mr. Hetherington (and) that was so fun. About an hour after I went canoeing. The only words that can explain canoeing is fun and a little bitty bit of cold."

### I WISH POEM

I wish I didn't have to leave.  
I wish I didn't have to leave.  
If I leave I'll miss it so!  
So please don't make me  
Please don't go. I loved  
it here I made more  
Friends... if I have to leave  
I'll break my pens.

Thank You  
very  
much for  
taking us to camp.

Jillian Clark, Grade 5



# Creek Seens

by Elaine Sleath



These mornings the dawn gets up before I want to, but once into the swing of a walk, the Creek works its magic and it's GReat to be alive!



Each walk brings new delights. The solitary Coot usually putting round in the reed bed in Charleson Pond this morning is cruising the edge of the bay. His wind-up-toy-like back and forward head motion reminds me that he works hard to be mobile, having no webs between his fleshy big-lobed golden toes. He paddles rhythmically along with big pushes from far-to-the-rear set legs, white bill gleaming in the sunlight, his red eye warily upon me.

An exuberant "Oh-klee-O!" from the top of a nearby tree snaps me to attention. Surely a Starling mimicking his neighbors?



But NO—there sits a blackbird, slim long body vibrant in the sun. "Oh-Klee-O!" I try to circle to see the red and gold epaulets on his wings but he flies off. His "Oh-Klee-O!" rings out again in a shimmer of spring song, thrilling like the glittering path of the rising sun across the Pond's dark surface.

The first frogs sang last night and there was the "old" moon, cradled in the slip of new moon, just showing gold against the deep teal-green of the evening sky. This morning the frogs are silent.

The five pink-frosted trees at the Island Park junction have snowed rosy petals onto the emerald-green grass. As I stop to admire whole blossoms drift down and suddenly I see three sparrow-sized birds having their breakfast salads. Something at the base of each flowerlet is

delicious! Like small snowstorms the petals fly as one, two, three quick bites sever them in turn. A hop to the top of a new branch and three more chittery, quick bites follow. Two slimmer birds alight and add to the pink shower—suddenly, one perches atop the highest branch, faces the early sun and bursts into the trilling serenade of the House Finch (Linnet), unmistakable although his red throat is just beginning to gleam into its summer blaze.



A rattling cry and splash halts me in mid-stride. A Kingfisher! Sure enough—perched on a strut, one grey band across his chest proclaiming him to be male (the female having a second cinnamon stripe). He rattles again and flies off toward the Pond, fishless, his dusky blue bark and punk-hairstyle crest showing as he dips and rises, dips and rises away.

The ginger cat still isn't speaking to me. She always used to come and chat and get an ear rub. Not anymore. One day last week she caught a seagull by the tail! I think she was as surprised as the seagull. She pounced. The gull squawked and flapped. I shouted. She cringed.



The gull escaped. She pounced again and caught the gull a second time. I ran towards her yelling "Hey—you let go!" She did and away flew her prize—flappity flap. With enormous dignity she stalked past me and sat under a bush, her back squarely turned, like my black Keya used to when she was furious. Only this cat couldn't switch her tail in fury as Keya used to do, because she has only a small, stumpy tail, and she sat firmly upon it.

We're not friends any more!

# FALSE CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The large turnout at the April 1st meeting was not due to Isadora's sending treats -scrumptious pear & ginger cake for everyone. It was a secret, shared only with your reporter a month before. The Centre staff should thank Karen Shuster for whisking pieces downstairs to them before any of us could disgrace ourselves with a second slice. They were huge, which John McBride explained "The lads in the kitchen work hard and eat a lot; when they cut the slices they cut 'em big."

## Heather Parkade Meter

Cameron Gray strives mightily with the impossible task of satisfying everyone. The Association insisted the rate be restored to pre-1986 levels, though warned the result may be a plugged lot because nearby office staff find it cheaper to pay for the morning than rent permanent spaces.

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## Parking Survey Results

Paul Pinsker from City Engineering reported an 80% response to the recent parking survey, compared with a customary 20%. Not only was the response instant many people wrote lengthy 'essays'.

The results of the survey (conducted in False Creek, Fairview Slopes and Kitsilano) showed average vehicle usage of .9 for one b.r. units; 1.4 cars for two b.r. units.

Engineering were surprised that 23 of 37 three b.r. occupants reported no cars. It may have been expected large units would be occupied by the affluent with at least two cars. An Association member said they are more likely to be occupied by single-parent families who can't afford one.

It is also evident that the required ratio for Seniors' housing is too low. Many Seniors are very active and do have cars.

Few developers will provide more parking spaces than the present Parking By-law requires. The purpose of the study is to determine whether Engineering should ask City

Council to amend the By-law to require developers to provide more. (In False Creek this could affect the requirements placed on the development of the remainder of the Polygon site, west of Cambie Bridge.)

## More News on No. 50 Bus

Cameron Gray reported Engineering intend to delay any road adjustments to accommodate the planned extension of the bus route along Commodore until a decision is made about relocation of the railway line—at least a year away.

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## GRANVILLE ISLAND VOLKS WALK

The HUGHES family from Burnaby built up to the jackpot on the April 5th VOLKS WALK.

Brent won a \$25 gift certificate from Filoli. Then girlfriend Shelley won a gift certificate for a Granville Island Brewery sweat shirt. And when the draw for all the other prizes was complete Jane Harris announced Mum (Marian) Hughes had won the TRIP FOR FOUR TO DISNEYLAND.

Ever generous ISADORA'S provided coffee, juice and muffins; the Killarney High School Band played splendidly.



Less than a hundred turned out for this First Annual Volks Walk (registration price too high at \$10) but it was a pleasant outing—and the whole course, over Burrard Bridge, along Pacific Boulevard, back over Cambie and through False Creek, takes only an hour for the easy walkers. Remember that when we announce it next year.

Anyone organising prizes for a False Creek event knows how generous Granville Island merchants are. Others who contributed:  
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Granville Island Office's Jane Harris had a good time organising the event with Brooks and Rackets & Runners, Oak St. and said it will certainly become another Annual False Creek event



## What can you do

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## What can you do?

You can take a closer look with photo-journalists, Elias and Naomi Wakan, who did just that. They have just returned from two years of living, teaching and photographing in Japan. From this day-to-day rubbing sleeves with Japanese the Wakans deliver amusing, entertaining and educational commentary to accompany the following four slide shows which were selected from their more than 6,000 slides of Japan.

**Festivals of the Year:** An exciting look at Japan's colourful heritage through the year's celebrations.

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**Green Japan:** Exploring Japan's remarkable relationship with the plant kingdom: trees, gardens, bonsai, etc.

**Bamboo, Wood and Concrete:** the materials that built Japan: houses, fences, erosion control, temples, etc.

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Warm and witty really does describe Naomi Wakan's commentary at the slide shows she and Elias present together. As Japan is on the curriculum currently, make sure your chil-

dren's school invites them to do a show.

We recommend them for any other kind of group that enjoys a travel show. (They also do a show on Peru.)



# TRAVEL SECTION

## Around the World on Bicycles

### A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

*This is the second in a series of articles by Gerry Taunton and Linda Symes of Ironwork Passage on their bicycle tour.*



In our first article we mentioned cycling in Holland and Belgium is not always as easy as it might first appear. True, the land is often flat and the Dutch in particular have a fairly comprehensive system of bicycle paths, separated from motorized traffic. Watch out, though, for the following:

- Terrain: Holland and Belgium are only flat on the west. In the east, the land can be undulating and along the border with West Germany, it can be positively hilly.
- Bicycle paths: do not exist everywhere. Those in Belgium can be dreadful, while in Holland road surfaces vary, ranging from asphalt and concrete (rarely) to interlocking bricks. Remember, the Dutch build their paths for local one-speed commuter bicycles, not for touring bikes with 25-28 cm. tires.

- Wind: the winds coming off the North Sea can be very strong. For this reason we recommend you cycle along the coast from south to north. Inland, there are forests to protect you if you choose to cycle in a southerly direction.

#### A PERFECT START

A perfect place to start is Delft, between Rotterdam and The Hague. We gave Rotterdam a miss, simply because it was so big and industrialized. Had we known, we would have bypassed The Hague as well—this is definitely not a picturesque city! Delft, on the other hand, does have interesting architecture and stately tree-lined canals. You can still watch Delft Blue pottery being made.

From Delft, head immediately to Scheveningen, then turn north for a glorious cycle along the coast through beautiful sand dune country. The towns along this route are all resort towns, and there are plenty of hotels and bed and breakfast houses available. If you are cycling in late April/May, make absolutely sure you detour inland as far as Lisse, to visit the Keukenhof gardens and surrounding tulip-growing area. The fields are ablaze with tulips at this time, but the farmers are after the bulbs and will quickly cut down the flowers in a matter of weeks.

We really liked Haarlem, with its 15th Century market place and historic buildings. There are excellent rail connections into Amsterdam, so that you can save quite a bit of money

by staying in Haarlem and taking the train into Amsterdam

There is much to see and do in Amsterdam, such as exploring the five or six major squares around which the central city is built. Our best memories are of the evening "Candlelight and Wine" riverboat cruise along the illuminated canals of old Amsterdam. You can take this cruise during the day as well, but there is something magical about the city at night.

From Haarlem, you might wish to head further north again, taking in the Cheese market held every Friday at Alkmaar (be there early) and the idyllic port of Hoorn on the IJsselmeer—the body of water formerly known as the Zuider Zee.

In eastern Holland, the cycling from Zwolle to Arnhem (remember "A Bridge Too Far"?) was also excellent, being largely through a major wooded area called the "Veluwe". The best way to reach Zwolle from Hoorn is to take the ferry from Enkhuisen to Urk, and then dash across Flevoland to Kampen, before heading south. Whatever you do, don't take the causeways from Den Oever to Harlingen or from Enkhuisen to Lelystand—unless you wish to be bored to death!

Although Holland can be quite expensive relative to countries such as Greece and Spain, the standards in accommodation and food are quite high. One major advantage of the country is the high proportion of the population with a

knowledge of English, so that you never are in any real danger of becoming hopelessly lost!

If you need to economize on food costs, we suggest two alternatives. First, eat at "Pannekoek" houses, where you can enjoy Dutch-style pancakes for both dinner and dessert. Secondly, if your tastes run to more exotic fare, seek out the Indonesian restaurants, which are to be found throughout the country. These establishments are to The Netherlands as Chinese restaurants are to Vancouver, offering a high-

quality meal for a low price. Despite our huge appetites, acquired after six months on the road, a single "rice table" was usually sufficient to meet both our needs!

So far we have talked only about cycling in Holland. This is because our experiences in Belgium were not pleasant—heavy traffic, industrial activity everywhere and worst of all, very unpleasant policemen. As we see it, there are only two reasons to go to Belgium—for the chocolate and for Brugge!



#### A TREASURE

Wherever else you might visit in Europe, make sure Brugge is your first priority. This is, quite simply, the most beautiful city we cycled through during our entire trip, being full of Flemish architecture, magnificent restaurants, canals, lace factories and shops selling

exquisite Belgium chocolate. A pity for us that we could only spend a day here—this city deserves a long, lingering look. Perhaps its greatest attribute is that Brugge is quite unlike the rest of Belgium we saw—an oasis in an otherwise drab country.

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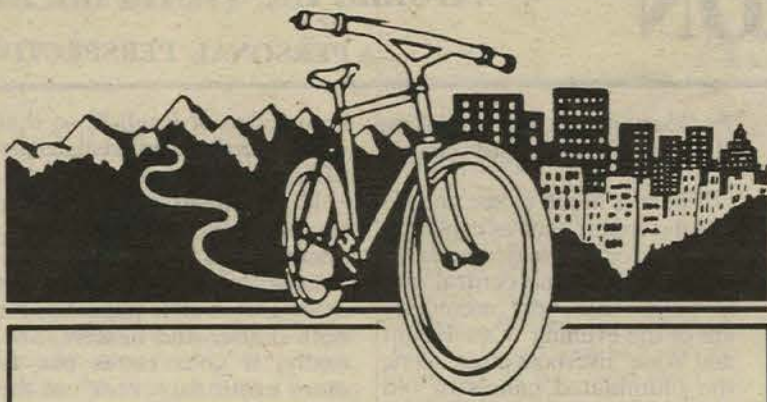
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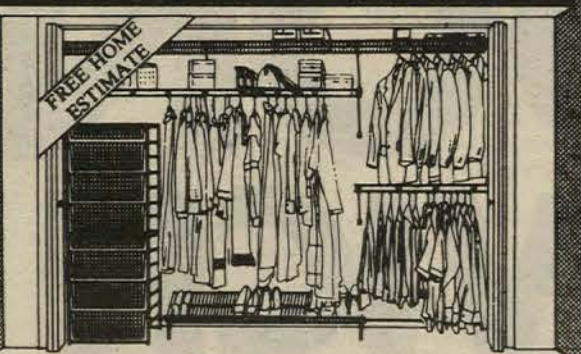
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