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a couple of items dropped in the box we want to fill for the



Warm up with hot toddy

John Philippon extends his traditional invitation for chilly carollers to saunter over to Stamps Landing Pub for a hot toddy on the house.

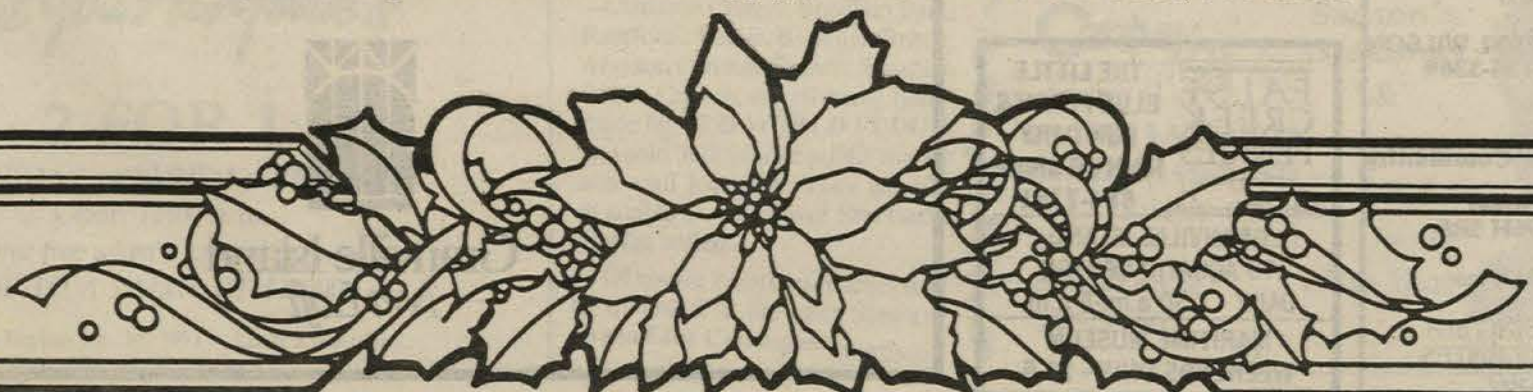


Don't be late.
The prompt arrivers have cold tootsies and are ready for The Last Chord after an hour.

With luck there'll be some spiffily lighted boats decorating the scene on our carolling night. With a few exceptions the boat people in Heather Marina are an unsparkly lot. We wish the Christmas lights display Spruce Harbour Marina folk put on would inspire more Heather mariners to brighten up.

NEW CAROL SHEETS NEEDED

The Creek's supply of carol sheets is tattered and depleted. We could do with 200-300 fresh ones. SAFEWAY had the best one - 27 carols, and we sang all of them. Anyone willing to chase down a new supply, please call The Creek Office, 734-3369.



Editor



Beryl Wilson

Needless to say The Creek Editor wishes readers a *Happy Christmas* and all of us a Peaceful New Year.

If all of you with letterboxes in your front door don't know who has been popping your (treasured?) copy of The Creek through yeah these many years, it's this noble little army.

- The Huttons in Creekview Village
- The Elders in Heather Point
- The Parkins in False Creek Co-op East
- The Healds in False Creek Co-op West
- David Osborne in Marine Mews
- Oksana Mazur and her three lovely girls, Marissa, Nina & Tania, in the Netherlands
- Landon Young in Alder Bay Co-op (who relieved Karen Shuster after many years)

THANK THEM as your weary old editor does, along with the Fairview Slopes helpers:

Pip Norris, the Halls and a new recruit, Denise Nareida.

If you too are dismayed by the latest move in the country's dismemberment—namely, cuts in CBC's television operation that reduce local and regional programming to it's-hard-to-imagine-what—take time out from Christmas card writing to blast off at politicians and CBC brass.

The sickening certainly is these cuts won't make a nickel of difference in reducing the deficit.

Maybe CBC shouldn't be competing in the pure entertainment business. My interest (apart from being a *Coronation Street* addict) is mostly in the issues-oriented programming, like **DOWN TO EARTH** and **FORUM**.

No sooner had I posted a letter to CBC Vancouver congratulating them on a recent **DOWN TO EARTH** program, and cautioned them to ensure they didn't disappear in any budget cuts, than they did.

Undoubtedly there is waste in the CBC, as in government and any large bureaucracy, but it's seldom the waste that gets trimmed.



A night like this doesn't happen in a day.

FIRST NIGHT doesn't happen overnight. A full year of impeccable planning starts in January. Over 1000 artists, 30 indoor stages and 7 outdoor venues.

The astounding thing is it's mostly done by 2-1/2 people. Two Co-Producers and a half-time office manager, **Winnie Nowell**. **Faye McMyn** is a founding Producer and this year **Brian Freestone** took over from **Gerry Altman**.

By fall they are joined by a team of technical and promotions staff, and **Cathy Jackson**, Volunteer Co-ordinator, whose job, surely, must be the biggest nightmare of all.

If Cathy is going to enjoy Christmas she needs those hundreds of volunteers in place before then. Don't set yourself up to be offended by calling a couple of days before New Year and being told you're not needed. (Tel. 681-8182).

BUTTONS (\$5 before Christmas, \$6 afterwards) are now on sale at McDonald's Restaurants, Shoppers Drug Mart, Real Canadian Superstore, Super Valu stores, all VanCity Credit Union branches, many other Credit Unions, municipal firehalls, Pacific Centre, Brentwood Mall, Landsdowne Park Shopping Centre, Vancouver Art Gallery, Chinese Cultural Centre and the Vancouver Sun.

DON'T WAIT wait until Dec. 29th to buy one and find a programme. By then most of these outlets will have sold out, there'll be no time for the First Night office to replenish supplies—and volunteers will be listening to button shoppers wail over the phone, "I've been to six places today and they're all sold out."

The Vancouver Sun will run a special 8-page supplement on Dec. 27th and the complete program will also be included in the TV Guide between Christmas and New Year.

Any regular **FIRST NIGHTER** will tell you if you want to see several performances, careful program reading and strategic planning is needed beforehand.

The button admits you free to everything EXCEPT concerts at the ORPHEUM. Two by the Vancouver Symphony with the Welsh Men's Choir and a performance by **Jon Kimura Parker** and brother **Jamie Parker**. An additional \$5.50 ticket is needed for those—available at Credit Unions and from 9:00 - 5:00 at the Orpheum Box Office.

The Brinkhaus clock ticked into action during **FIRST NIGHT's** Nov. 27th press conference inside the Art Gallery, bringing a smile of relief from Office Manager **Winnie Nowell**.



No chance of getting founding Co-Producer **Faye McMyn** to stand still long enough for a 'proper picture'.



New Co-Producer **Brian Freestone** looks as though he's just starting to realise what's he's got himself into.



Volunteer Co-ordinator **Cathy Jackson**.

FIRST NIGHT ART WALK: 30 WINDOW VIEWS

In joining the **FIRST NIGHT** family the North Shore Arts Commission is making its own unique contribution—transforming North Vancouver city streets into a "street gallery" with works by over 50 artists, architects, photographers and designers.

You don't have to dash over there on New Year's Eve to take the Art Walk. It will be on display Dec. 27th to Jan. 5th.

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Net Loft Christmas Shopping Hours:

- Shops open from 9am-6pm, 7 days a week.
- Blackberry Books is open 9am-9pm, 7 days a week.
- The Net Loft will close at 4pm on December 24 and December 31.
- The Net Loft will be closed December 25, December 26 and January 1.



Granville Island
Net Loft

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"Help save the Rainforest, have an Amazon Critter" I said, handing a scrumptious chocolate covered Brazil nut goodie to a friend.

(Occasionally the news releases that stuff The Creek mailbox every week are edible or drinkable.)

"Oooh," her eyes widening with delight at the first bite. "It won't save my hipline, but I'll sacrifice that for a good cause."

Peter Ireland (It.) and Brian Krieger believe the Amazon rainforest can pay its own way and to prove their point have created the **BLUE PLANET TRADING COMPANY** to market their "nutty vision", **RAINFOREST RICHES**.

They are not do-gooding dreamers. Between them they have racked up plenty of experience starting and running companies in a variety of industries.

Brian Krieger has worked throughout North America promoting small business development and is now a mentor to Simon Fraser University New Enterprise Program students. Peter Ireland's marketing experience on four continents includes direct sales and marketing in the food industry.

Traditional success—amassing money—isn't enough for some people. These two wanted to get back to having some fun in a business, but in one with a sense of purpose, that could have a lasting and positive impact in the world.

Entrepreneurs meet Eggheads

The search for an enterprise lead them to some Harvard anthropologists who, convinced systematic harvesting of sustainable crops from **undisturbed** rainforest would generate more income and employment over the long run than logging and cattle ranching, formed a not-for-profit group which financed the first shelling facility for the indigenous people of the Amazon (who, until then, were paid 'peanuts' for the whole-shell harvest by city wholesalers).

The next step was someone to market the produce from the workers' co-operative. **EUREKA!**

So, dear readers, if you are going to over indulge, make it worthwhile for people other than standard candy company shareholders.

The more **Rainforest Riches** you buy the faster 20 more shelling facilities will be built for the co-operative because **BLUE PLANET** will tithe 5% of gross profits towards their construction, and for human rights and not-for-profit environmental groups

When you buy these products you won't get a lot of unnecessary packaging covered in company advertising hype. What you will get is minimal packaging, made from recycled fibre, and a bit of education (if you still need any) about the rainforests.

- rainforests cover less than 6% of the earth's surface;
- are home to nearly half the earth's animal and plant species, especially medicinal plants used in over 25% of the drugs sold in Western pharmacies.
- their deforestation contributes to droughts, floods and water shortages in tropical countries;
- 100,000 sq.miles (= half the area of California) vanish annually (the Smithsonian Institute estimates), logged for timber, flooded by dam construction, burned for cattle ranches and farms.

You'll be reminded, by buying the products, you are:

- proving the marketplace can benefit rather than destroy the environment;
- helping to demonstrate the rainforests are more profitable, long term, when harvested for their nuts, fruits and medicinal plants than when cleared for short-term profit;
- helping the people of the Amazon to start their own nut-shelling co-operatives and earn incomes 3-10 times greater than normal;
- supporting other human rights and not-for-profit environmental groups who receive 5% of Blue Planet's gross profits.

Buying nuts directly from the indigenous peoples' co-operatives will allow the people to continue to exist while maintaining the rain forest in its natural state instead of destroying the irreplaceable ecological treasure for short-term gain.



Doug Cawker could well be named Hawker. He delivers a wonderful sales patter while he stirs, flattens, flips and carves his delectable concoctions.

The **RAINFOREST RICHES** — Amazon Critters, Brazilian Bark, Rainforest Fudge, Brazilian Brittle, Amazon Caramel Crunch, Brazilian Butter Crunch, are all being hand-made by **OLD WORLD FUDGE**, and sold in their nine public market and mall locations. They are also available at Vancouver **Starbucks Coffee** outlets.

Of course Rainforest Riches will be included in the next **Stewart Green Line Catalogue**. B.Wilson

Stewart's Green Line Catalogue

One of Green Line's Environmental scientists, **Scott Bird** and founding President, **Mary Lou Stewart**, proudly display the first edition



MARY LOU STEWART not only believes every person can make a difference, she does.

- Inspired by David Suzuki she:
- founded the astonishingly successfully **Rainforest Benefit**
- is President the **World Funding for Life Foundation**
- launched the **Chico Mendes** commercial in Canada for Ted Turner and Jimmy Carter

While planning the first **Rainforest Benefit** in the spring of 1989 Mary Lou Stewart discovered what a lot us knew—it wasn't easy to buy environmentally sound products.

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- a host of oils, soaps, creams, powders, shampoos, toothpaste, deodorants, for adults and babies

team assessed). To ensure they are available to people in even the remotest corners of B.C. they are sold by mail order catalogue (though urban dwellers can pick up supplies at the warehouse).

Some of the products were sourced here in Canada; others were discovered at environmental trade shows like **Earth Options**, held every year in San Francisco.

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Rick Thaddeus



Welcome to **KREEK KIDZ**. This month's inaugural column is brought to you by the reporting team of **Jessica Young, Laura Tosoni and Sally Herdin**.

Laura, Jessica and Sally interviewed students at False Creek Elementary School about the meaning of Christmas.

Kreek Kidz have the Christmas Spirit

"I like Christmas because I get to be with my family" Sarah Evans Age 9

"I like Christmas because you get to see people and get presents." Miia Erme Age 7

It's special and different from other days." Swan Lee Age 11

"I like Christmas because you get to give presents to other people and can be with your friends."

Victoria Patrick Age 9

"It's fun. I like Santa Claus because he brings people toys. I like robots. It's fun waking up Christmas day and looking at the Christmas tree and finding presents.

I like playing in the snow and making snowmen. I like snowsledding.

My favourite reindeer is Rudolph." David Bourne Age 7

Do you have a nose for kidz news? Are you wondering what young Creek people are up to? Stay tuned to this column. Better yet, join our reporting team.

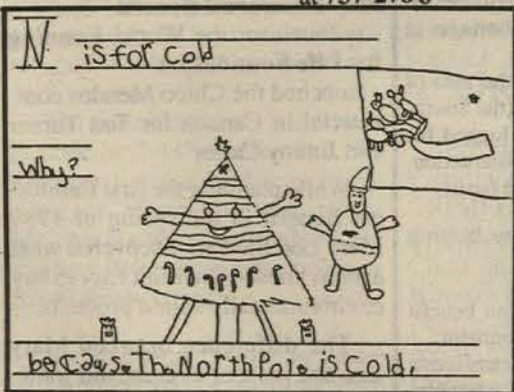
- If you:
- are between the ages of 10 & 14
 - like to write
 - are curious, and
 - responsible
- You could.....
- meet lots of people
 - get a chance to share your ideas and opinions
 - learn about journalism, editing and publishing
 - see your name in print (be famous!)

We meet Thursdays at 4 p.m. in the False Creek Community Centre fireplace lounge.

Too young to be a reporter? Have an idea for us to follow up?

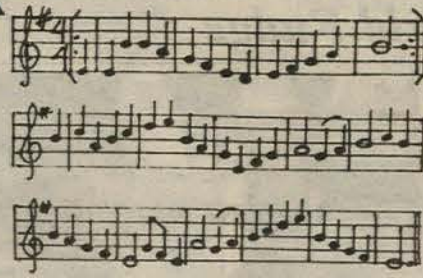
We welcome written work and artwork from all ages.

For further information, contact Wendy Avery at 737-2786



Name: BJ 874

Elaine Sleath's Creek-side Carol



God rest ye merry, Creek-side friends,
 Let nothing you dismay.
 Remember all those lovely walks
 You've had along our quay.
 The sunsets - mauve and gold and rose,
 The geese along the way -
 Spread tidings of comfort and joy -
 Comfort and joy
 Spread tidings of comfort and joy!

The friends who walked the Creek with us
 Are scattered now once more,
 And hazy Autumn's sunny warmth
 Is gone from rain-swept shore.
 But now our Winter birds are back
 And treasured as before -

Joyous tidings of comfort and joy.
 Comfort and joy
 Joyous tidings of comfort and joy!

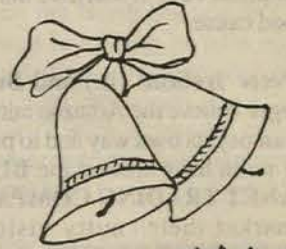


Duck tracks across the frosty grass
 Lace patterns weave alore,
 With here and there swift paw marks
 Where the grey cat tried to score.
 But warning calls of "CAT" from crows
 Defeated her once more -
 calling tidings of comfort and joy
 Comfort and joy
 Cawing tidings of comfort and joy!

Rejoice that carols still are heard
 And caring boats are lit.
 The heavens of our Creek-side homes
 Regain their Christmas spirit.
 Long may it linger past the Day
 And carry you on with it -

Sparring tidings of comfort and joy
 Comfort and joy

New Year's tidings of comfort and joy!



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Honourary Employee Award

Presented by Granville Island Trust & Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation in recognition of your exceptional and dedicated service to Granville Island and in honour of your unique contribution to Island life.



Art Auline (lt) and Ed Quinn, most of the time, looked suitably modest at becoming Granville Island's first HONOURARY EMPLOYEES. But could Ed have been responding with two crisp words on hearing they were supposed to make a speech.

GRANVILLE ISLAND'S ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETINGS

The office produces a readable review of the year's events and an equally readable financial statement (available at the Information Centre). The Chairman of the Trust and Granville Island's Manager say a few appropriate words. Sometimes people even ask a question or two.

But mostly it is a chance for islanders to meet members of the

Trust and Management in a relaxed atmosphere for an hour or so, over nibbles and a glass of good cheer.

And some years (not routinely) there are HONOURS. Bill Reid and Sea Village's Daphne Burke were made *Honorary Citizens* in previous years.

This year the honours went to two employees who are pretty universally recognised as being remarkable chaps for the "above and beyond the call of duty" way they go about doing their jobs.

Art Auline, heads the five Commissionaires who are Granville Island's roving information agents—goodwill ambassadors who also have the delicate job of traffic management. On the island since 1984 Art has never been known to lose his cool. Some feat considering the number of irate towed-car owners he must face. Even Trust Chairman Maurice Egan and ex-Manager Gary Hiscox have experienced Art's scrupulous fairness and been towed.

Art has often been "reported to the office" for great helpfulness.

His great love is fishing and gossip has it what Art really likes best about working on the island are the swarms of people it provides for him to buttonhole with his fish stories!

Ed Quinn, who has worked on the island since 1982, is reported to be a model of outstanding leadership and inspiration for his maintenance crew.

It must be true because he has already been crowned *KING OF THE ISLAND* (at the Boom Chain Ball, the final event of Granville Island's 10-day Tenth Anniversary Celebrations in 1988).

I've chatted to a lot of event organisers over the years who always say "We couldn't have done it without Ed and his guys; they've been fabulous."

Jane Howard-Baker, Manager of Public Programming, would second the motion. The annual *Symphony Under the Crane* is the most difficult of all island events to produce. No other draws such vast hordes to one small section of the island.

Without Art's team coping with traffic and Ed's crew mounting it, it would be a nightmare.



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by Frances Kohn, R.D.N.

So you've just heard on a TV program about yet another magical food supplement that will put on muscle, take off fat, or inject you with that elusive energy you're always chasing.

Before you rush out with your wallet, where can you get some reliable information about this product?

Your answer is as close as your telephone (during regular office hours). A registered dietitian will take your call at



Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dial-a-Dietitian is a free phone-in service for the public for calls just such as yours. The B.C. Ministry of Health provides the funding. Added support comes from the Vancouver Health Dept. and the B.C. Dietitians' and Nutritionists' Association.

An extensive library helps with the not-so-run-of-the-mill calls. As a colleague once said to me: "It's like an open book exam all day." On a busy day there can be 40 - 50 calls, or more, each one special and interesting.

Some of the more common questions deal with cholesterol-lowering diets, weight control, allergies, diabetes, food additives, vegetarianism, food safety, nutrition books, cancer prevention, nutritional values of foods, not to mention questions about the endless food fads and fallacies that abound.

And there are always the off beat questions, like the young man who asked what to eat to feed his pituitary (gland).

One day a lady asked, very seriously, which cereals had the most protein. After doing a fair amount of research I suggested some products.

When I asked if it was for herself, she replied:

"Well no. You see my dog has not been well lately."

To which I felt compelled to reply that it was hard enough answering questions about humans let along getting into veterinary medicine.

But it's all in a day's work and all calls are dealt with to the best of one's ability.

Dial-a-Dietitian does not normally deal with recipes, but coping with a turkey is sometimes a real Christmas-time problem. Here are some tips for the safe handling and cooking of the bird.

Cooking your first turkey?

If you are having a fresh turkey, refrigerate it quickly.

If you are using a frozen turkey leave it in its original plastic wrap and decide well ahead which of three thawing methods you will use.

Once thawed keep the turkey refrigerated and cook within 48 hours of thawing.

The most practical and quickest method is to immerse the turkey in cold water in its original wrap. Allow 2 hrs./kg. (1 hr./lb.) to defrost. Change the water often enough to keep it cold at all times to ensure food safety.

If possible thaw the bird in the refrigerator. This will take 10 hrs./kg. (5 hrs./lb.) Thus 55 hours to thaw a 12 lb. frozen turkey in the fridge.

If you thaw the turkey at room temperature, place it in a heavy brown paper bag, tightly closed, or wrap it well in a thick layer of newspaper or towels. The bird can then thaw completely while the insulating wrap allows the temperature of the outer parts to remain low enough. A large picnic cooler is ideal for this purpose. This method takes 3 hrs. per kg.

Thawing a turkey in a microwave oven is difficult because of the uneven heat distribution and is not recommended.

Careful handling of raw poultry is important to avoid contaminating other foods or utensils with organisms which may cause food-borne disease.

Wash all utensils, cutting boards and counters with hot soapy water and a small amount of chlorine bleach after use. Rinse and dry. Also wash your hands as well after handling the bird or the giblets.

Stuff the bird just before roasting and remove the stuffing as soon as the turkey is roasted.

Roast the turkey at no less than 160 deg.C (325 deg.F) for 35 to 65 mins. per kg., depending on the size of the bird. The turkey is done when a meat thermometer in the thigh or breast reaches 85 deg. C (185 F) and the leg moves easily when twisted.

Refrigerate leftover turkey and stuffing (separately) as soon as the meal is over. If leftovers will not be used within 2-3 days, make up packets for freezing.

Good luck with your Christmas turkey.



Season's Greetings

from **Bob Holden**
The Creek Handyman
732-7123

Tax Assessment Appeals

To the Editor:

May blessings aplenty shower **Wendy Cook of False Creek Realty**. She cheerfully volunteered to take on the Assessment Authority on behalf of myself and my mother. When asked this week how many appeals she has ended up handling, her answer was **200 plus**.

It occurs to me we are talking about an awful lot of copying, parking, paper and time costs for a small business person in a downturn economy.

It is my intention to make an offering to offset her expenses and others might like to be made aware of the situation so they may do likewise. I count my blessings that I am not sitting through tedious Court of Revision hearings.

Yours sincerely
Alison Robinson



WARNING

People are going into 1991 with the assumption that used residential housing will be exempt from GST. While in most cases this is true, there are exceptions.

The vendor's use of the property determines whether the sale is GST exempt, yet the purchaser is liable for the tax. **Please** make sure your real estate agent provides you with a copy of the vendor's statement confirming the GST status of the property before you sign any documents.



"I didn't know what I was getting into" said False Creek Realty's **Wendy Cook**.

Apart from the countless hours of photocopying, researching and assembling information, she had already spent two long sessions at the Tax Assessment Review Board office by the end of November and was scheduled for another on December 13th — the hearing date for the batch of False Creek property assessments she co-ordinated.

Photocopying and paper costs money — and so does time. Wendy hadn't bargained for the amount of time she's spent on this exercise on behalf of False Creek property owners.

From the out-of-town owner who assumed she would charge for the service Wendy learned there are people who earn a living from providing it. A flat fee of \$50 is customary and frequently 50% of the assessment reduction amount.

Wendy, wearier and wiser now, will no doubt announce her fee up front the next time.

Time is Money - Send Money

Meantime we trust False Creek owners who availed themselves of her (innocent) offer will follow Alison Robinson's action and send a cheque to False Creek Realty when sending their note of "Thank you for your help."

The assessment reductions should be known by the end of the year. Not only will False Creek Realty send an advising letter to everyone concerned, so will the Assessment Authority.



Festive Greetings to all our friends in False Creek!

All of us here at STAMPS wish all of you happiness and peace for the coming year.

CHEERS!

Wish You Had A Couple Of Extra Days?

Holiday wishes come true on Granville Island! Throughout the festive season, Granville Island Public Market will be open Mondays for your shopping convenience.

Granville Island Public Market Christmas Hours:

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| Dec. 17 through Dec. 23 | 9 am - 6 pm |
| Monday, Dec. 24 | 9 am - 4 pm |
| Tuesday, Dec. 25 | Closed |
| Wednesday, Dec. 26 | Closed |
| Dec. 27 through Dec. 30 | 9 am - 6 pm |
| Monday, Dec. 31 | 9 am - 4 pm |
| Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1991 | Closed |

On Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, Granville Island Public Market returns to regular hours and will be open from 9 am - 6 pm, Tuesday through Sunday.



Granville Island Public Market



Merry Christmas

from
The Board and Staff
 at the
False Creek Community Centre
 & Best Wishes
 for a
Happy and Peaceful New Year

Come in and pick up our Christmas brochure.

Watch for our Winter 1991 brochure,
 available after December 20.

REGISTRATION for winter programs
 begins **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd**
 (and continues until classes are full)

See you in '91.



Although the Centre will be closed on **CHRISTMAS DAY** and **BOXING DAY**, we have many activities taking place through the holidays for children of all ages.

Drop by the Centre office for a Christmas brochure and register soon.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EXTRAVAGANZA

Thurs. Dec.20
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Adults: \$6.50 Seniors: \$4.50
 Kids: \$4.50

You may have seen Van Dusen or Fantasy Gardens in past years. Now you will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful lights and scenery of Vancouver, including downtown and various residential displays. After the tour, we'll return to the Centre for holiday treats and refreshments.

CHRISTMAS FROLIC

(Ages 4 - 5 yrs.)
 Sat. Dec.22 Cost: \$10
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

An event for the little ones only.

Join leader Gail Borwick for activities which will include making Christmas cards, wrapping paper, decorations, plus some fun creative games.

Snack will be provided, but please bring a lunch and dress for the weather.

A DAY AT WINTERFEST

(6 - 12 yrs.)
 Thurs. Dec.27 Cost: \$10.50
 9:30 - 3:30 p.m.

It's Winterfest time at B.C. Place Stadium. Join False Creek Centre for an enjoyable day of magic, music and ice-skating.

Please bring a lunch and plenty of energy!

GO DOWNHILL (7 - 12 yrs.)

Fri. Dec.28
 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 \$27 with skis provided
 \$17 with your own skis

Join us for a great day of fun in the snow at Grouse Mountain. Space is limited, so register soon. Please bring a lunch and dress appropriately.

HOLIDAY WINTER OLYMPICS



(Ages 6 - 12 yrs.)
 Sat. Dec.29 Cost: \$2.00
 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

An afternoon of crazy "Olympic" games and wacky races. Please register in advance.



Seniors Scene

by Marge LeGresley

As I begin these notes I have just received the sad news that our dear **TOMMY JOYCE** passed away on Friday, December 7th, after a brave and lengthy illness.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his loving wife Ida and the family. Those of us who knew him will always remember Tommy for his wonderful spirit and cheerful sense of humour.

We will miss him but must be thankful that his long suffering is over.

The main topic at our Dec. 5th meeting was the outstanding success of the Seniors' Bake Sale and Tea Room, held in conjunction with the Craft Fayre on Dec. 1st. Jean expressed hearty thanks to all (too many to mention by name) who donated so generously of baked goods, and the willing team of workers who made the whole event a happy and profitable one.

Rose Inglis made special mention of her helpers with the sale of raffle tickets for the quilts, which drew so much attention. By now there will be three lucky winners.

Both the Christmas Luncheon and the Lights Bus Tour probably have happened by the time you read this issue. I can safely say that both events were enjoyed by everyone.

Betty Ibbetson's proposal that our special group of senior 'SENIORS' be honoured guests at the luncheon was supported enthusiastically and I (being one of them) am most grateful for the recognition.

The only date now to be noted is our traditional **NEW YEAR'S EVE** party on **Monday, Dec. 31st**, when many of you will welcome in the New Year with friends in the safety of the Community Centre.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. there will be light refreshments and a "No Host" bar (you buy your own drinks at reasonable prices). Pass the word around—bring friends and sign up at the Centre soon.

Ongoing activities will continue during December and into January. At our first meeting on Jan. 2nd Jean may be able to tell us how the work on the enlarged Centre is progressing.

As I shall be away from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2nd I am taking this opportunity to wish all of you a bright and happy Christmas, with good health and happiness in 1991.

Also my sincere thanks for the concern you have all expressed over Jeff's progress in Holy Family. It is a slow process, but he is showing signs of improvement and your cards and messages have done much to brighten his stay there.

The Silent Bell

by Eithne Barlow

Ting-a-ling! Ting-a-ling!



Every Christmas the sound of this bell draws our attention to the familiar tripod with the glass pot hanging from it.

It's one of the sounds of Christmas here in Vancouver, and it reminds us that the **SALVATION ARMY**, with the help of our donations in the glass pot, provides a Christmas dinner for the hungry and destitute each year.

But this year the management of Pacific Centre, and other malls, have banned the bell. The reason given is that its sound upsets the sensitive nerves of cashiers who are within earshot.

Frankly this is a little difficult to understand, for my sensitive ears have often been jarred by the sounds of popular music coming full strength from those very stores, and I have been fain to marvel that the employees can stand it—all year long, not just for a few weeks at Christmas.

This year the need for us to notice the tripod is greater than ever, with so many people out of work and homeless, who can only hope to enjoy a dinner this Christmas if we who have been blessed will share our blessings with the have-nots.

Somehow, when one sees the tripod standing so silent, it seems as though something has been lost from the *Spirit of Christmas*—as though a small light is no longer glowing.

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?



Swamp Willow Preschool

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Found

Forgot to include this in November. Found in the bushes on the Laurel landbridge, a smart brown case FULL of tapes. Probably its loss is due to somebody's mischief. Call 734-3369 and identify a few of the tapes.

TEAPOT LIDS

Does anyone have a spare teapot lid or two in that "maybe we'll need this sometime" collection? I've swept off the counter and broken two in a week. Tel. Clumsy Beryl, 734-3369

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KINSMEN MOTHERS' MARCH

January 15 - 31

The Mothers' March office has recruited yours truly to be Area Captain for the Spruce section of False Creek again this year (Charleson Park to The Castings). We hope canvassers will generously say "Yes" again when the M.M. office calls them.

Anyone willing to canvass in False Creek or Fairview Slopes could call the Kinsmen office at 736-8841. B.W.

THANKS from the FRIENDS OF 374

To the Editor:

ROUNDHOUSE 90 gates are closed and it is time to extend thanks to those who participated in making this railway heritage display available to the public.

The Creek's publication each year of our invitation to the community to view our national treasure helped bring our grand three-year total of guests up to 9,000.

Mention must be made of the False Creek Community Centre staff—Carol Sogawa and Brenda Ewert for their generous outreach assistance in supporting this unique venture.

And who could forget those two pristine shiny galvanized garbage cans so kindly donated by George & David McInnes of Granville Island Ferries?

But it is always fresh Lee's Donuts which are mentioned most by the volunteers and guests when we re-travel the past three years in our talks together.

There are many more Granville Islanders who have encouraged, consulted and even provided temporary work space for 374 during the initial 2-year restoration stage.

THANKS, from all of us.

Evelyn Atkinson,

Project Supervisor, Community Tourism Employment Program for 374.



Leg-in-Boot Square Design Group

To the Editor:

A statement by Ellen Brown on p.3 of the Nov. 1990 issue of The Creek warrants correction.

Referring to the current planning for Leg-in-Boot Sq. and its steering committee, Brown states that the residents of 658 Leg-in-Boot Sq. requested "an increase for them to 4 representatives to other groups' 2 representatives."

The fact is that the Strata Corporation of 658 nominated, as requested, two representatives.

As is common in such situations, we have two substitutes—a measure which proved the more indicated since meetings are held during hours when many people are at work.

It had always been our understanding that City Hall has ever been open to hearing from anyone. We can state, however, for the record, that the Strata Council of #658 Leg-in-Boot Sq. has not written to the Mayor regarding this matter—not yet.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Kohn
658 Leg-in-Boot Sq.



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Postscript on the Writers Festival

In late October a Northern person took a 1000 km. (each way) bus trip to (among other things) share a Granville Island breakfast table with strangers, while listening to others and Jack Webster talk about Jack Webster and his life, to date.

During the meal a lovely lady** (that's your Editor) asked the noble traveler (that's me) what his interests in the Writers Festival were.

I replied, with the grace of a spell-bound tortoise on the rocks.

The would-be and want-to-be artists who live beyond the twilight zone (the boundary is located just north of Hope) have very limited access to a good critique facility and as such often fall prey to the unqualified, destructive comments of their well meaning, non-artistic peers proximal.

Purposely exposing my principles to challenge is one way I attempt to distill out of the bias and misconception of my life, a liqueur canon par excellence.

So I did not make this pilgrimage to the Vancouver International Writers Festival to have someone check the spelling or punctuation of my work, rather to further test the credibility of my philosophy. Literary Art will not have great lasting status or benefit if the creators are not of some quality intent themselves, or so I am persuaded.

I found the people to be very approachable and they gave my values a good review; all interactions that I experienced were supportive. The complete experience was one of charity and encouragement.

I look forward to next year's Writers Festival with its character of speakers and camaraderie of audience.

Dan Mooney
Fraser Lake
Writer/Philosopher
Poorman/Poet

** (writer's phrase, not your Editor's!)

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