

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

**A HOLIDAY GIFT FOR THE FOLKS OF ANACLA & BAMFIELD: FREE PASSAGE ON THE MV FRANCES BARKLEY FOR DECEMBER! THANK YOU!!!**

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**A Real Holiday Feel** was shared by about 140 folks at the House of Huu-ay-aht, December 18. The fest started with drumming and dancing, a benediction to the Creator, and



running, screaming kids. 50 feet of trestle tables moaned under the weight of an unimaginable array of foods, including a complete turkey/ham dinner, tuna cakes, smoked salmon and white bread, and desserts galore. angel food cake was served at table side. The **Meadows** distributed Black Lake bay leaves. **Santa** arrived, by way of the roof, with a mountain of gifts (rumour is 6 Santa helpers

shopped Port Alberni dry). Thank you, folks of Anacla and **SP** who always seems to be hustling potlucks behind the scenes. *L. Druehl*, photos Santa & Eileen Scott and The Diners by Stella Peters.



**50 years and growing stronger.** SFU, UA, UC, UBC and UV, formed a consortium, briefly known as **Joint Universities Marine Biological Organization**. Quickly, JUMBO was replaced with WUMBO (**Western Universities Marine Biological Organization**). WCUMB created the **Bamfield Marine Station**, now named **Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre**. The focus of BMSC's 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration on conducting a BioBlitz and producing a series of stories tracking its evolution. The BioBlitz, a study of local biodiversity, has been headed up by **Alex Niese**. Some highlights: 27,000-plus observations involving 2100-plus species, covering fungi, seaweeds, birds (the pileated woodpecker's song is presented, in lieu of a photo), worms, and just about everything else. The historic stories, written by a Free Lance Journalist and edited by **Heather Alexander**, that follow the development of the station illustrate the involvement of Bamfielders in the promoting and supporting the station and its activities, and the stages that have led it its becoming the major marine station in Canada. You can explore the stories and species lists here: <https://bamfieldmsc.com/alumni>. While I find these 50<sup>th</sup> projects admirable, I can't help but wonder, *Where is the Cake?* *L. Druehl*

**The Perfect Storm!** The Christmas period found Bamfield with frequent power-outages, and complete loss of internet and landline telephone (there may have been patch access to cellular service). In case of fire, stroke, broken limb, no 911 or calling helpful neighbour. Is this something the **Bamfield Community Emergency Program** should consider? *L. Druehl*

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](mailto:ldruehl@island.net). *The New Bamfielder* is a free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl



**Celebrating Kids at School.** Over 100 folks enjoyed a lot of kids (up to 45) as they marched across the stage in cadence to a story read by **Robin Schmitt** and danced following the miming of **Laura Schmitt**. A brave piano solo of Christmas songs, a stoic presence of **Santa** at the back door, tea and cookies, and a silent auction of kids art (hopefully all paintings were auctioned off!) that raised \$1000 for the school completed the the program. I enjoyed the show, chatting with other west coasters, and missed singing old favourites like the *12 Nights of Bamfield Christmas* and *Jingle Bells*. *L. Druehl*

**The 2022 Bamfield Arts Council Christmas Craft Fair** with 24 vendors, was anchored by perennials, to name a few: **Phil Lavoie's** combo with **Malcolm Richards** or **Amelia Vos** or **Sarah Osborne** since 2012 and the calendar lady **Stella Peters**, since 2009. Unique crafts person **Siohban Gray** (fish leather), For me, most unique was **Sky Butler's** Bamfield Chicken stock (\$8 including a \$2 refundable deposit). Always nice to see kids cookies, art and trinkets. Missing was **Hedy Demontigny's** pottery (first miss in over 30 years). The **Wreckage** provided lunch, Poke with Tuna \$17, but ran out at noon). A fine occasion, thank you **Julie Bradley** for organizing. *L. Druehl*



**Big shoes to fill!** **J.P. Hastey** takes over the reins of Bamfield Builders Supply (est. 1985) from **Bob (Builder Bob) Baden**, 30 December 2022. Bob has served Bamfielders for 37 years, providing standard builders materials, advice, and an eclectic assortment of accessories, from reading glasses to drinking water to bird seed. This is not Bob's first enterprise in Bamfield. It's safe to say, it will not be his last. Thank you Bob. TNB thanks you too. *L. Druehl & R. Hopkins*

**A fine Legacy.** For 26 of the past 50 years, our marine station has offered a Fall Program: 13 weeks for 24 students of intense lab, lecture and field marine biology where students explore their specific interests and perhaps more importantly, bond with 23 others of similar orientation. These 624 students exposed to this unique marine experience are now integrated into Canada as leaders, scientists, entrepreneurs, teachers, and folks with an informed perspective of our marine world. *L. Druehl*



Photos. Left. **Dane Denton** suggesting his Bamfield Coffee to **Eileen Scott**. Right. **Phil Lavoie** and **Malcolm Richards** busking at craft fair.

**The New Bamfielder**, Bamfield's monthly since 1 June 2011. Staffed by **Louis Druehl**, Editor, **Heather Washburn** Associate Editor & Web Master, **Rae Hopkins**, Line Editor, **Marc Phillips** Photojournalist/ Paparazzo, and **Jerry Baird**, Occasional Weatherman. The first issue, in black and white, carried the ad: "Wanted old stewing hens, dead and de-feathered. Eileen," that was later broadcast on **CBC Radio** (no mention of TNB since). TNB is released on [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) (up to 9000 visits/month) that also provides **Bamfield Community Affairs** minutes since 2012, a series of Anacla/Bamfield videos produced by seniors/elders, and access to two web cams focused on west Bamfield (courtesy of the **Bamfield Historical Society**). Hard copy (80-120 copies/month) kindly made available by **Bamfield Builders, Bamfield Mercantile and Marine, Bamfield Post Office & The Market**. Back issue hard copy is available in the **Bamfield Library** and digital copy from the **Bamfield Historical Society**. We welcome/plead for your news/views. All expenses associated with producing TNB are absorbed internally. Your donations help support activities not usually available for our youths: most recently, swimming in Port Alberni. *L. Druehl*



**Sheryl Marks & Vicky Lee** present their findings from a kelp restoration study. Other students presented on snail feeding issues, worm vocalization, marine fungi, crab-crab interactions, diatom growth, sponge 'breathing', salmon hatchery efficiency,, and other.