



WHONNOCK NEWS

Fall 2021

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy Fall to all my fellow Whonnockians. I, like most of you, am missing my pre-covid lifestyle. I miss participating in group activities and simple gatherings with friends and family without all the rules and regulations. Our local groups have had to wait much longer than anyone could have predicted, and it appears our waiting will continue.

The Whonnock Community Association has been meeting on zoom when we can, and luckily can continue to publish this newsletter, keep up with current issues and concerns as well as helping our local youth and young adults with our bursaries.

We look forward to the time when we can have our volunteer appreciation dinner, our annual easter egg hunt, our Remembrance Day ceremony and host our monthly general meetings.

If you have an item of interest or concern, please feel free to contact one of the members and we can get it on the next agenda. As we move into the fall and winter months, the Whonnock Community Association would like to encourage everyone to get vaccinated to allow everyone health, happiness and a return to brighter days.

Brad Jennings

BECOME A MEMBER!

Membership in the Whonnock Community Association is free.

Registration forms are at the post office and can also be downloaded from our website whonnock.ca. Click Whonnock Community Association and select "membership."

If that does not work for you contact secretary Helmi Braches at 604-462-8942 and let her have your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address (if applicable). Or send an e-mail to webmaster@whonnock.ca



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BYRNES BURSARY

The Byrnes Bursary program grants amounts of up to \$2,000 per four-month period to students from east Maple Ridge enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other post-secondary establishment with a proven record of good performance in post-secondary education.

For more about the bursary program and the terms of reference of the Byrnes Bursary go to whonnock.ca, click Whonnock Community Association and select "bursaries".

This year Byrnes Bursaries were granted to: Noa Carriere, Casten Fawcett, Emily Johansen, Kieran Kelly, Annika Meekel, Bree Phelps, Callie Phelps, Caitlyn Schuetz and Jacob Schuil.

WCA PUMP HOUSE SIGN

Call 604-462-8942 if you'd like to see an event posted on the sign. Leave a message if you get the answering machine and your call will be returned pronto.



PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE PROGRAMS AT WHONNOCK

Details, dates, costs and times of the following programs held at Whonnock venues are published in the *Maple Ridge PRC Guide*, spring 2021

RCKC - SPORTS, GAMES, FITNESS AND FUN FOR YOUTH -- 8Y-16Y
Looking for ways to be active, have fun and learn how to play sports better?

Join the Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club Coaches in this fun learn-to-move fitness training program for youth. You will experience a variety of active games and movement skills to develop coordination, balance strength, flexibility and endurance. Open to all abilities.

PILATES BY THE LAKE -- 16Y AND UP

Strengthen, lengthen and build your way to a stronger core, increased balance, flexibility and posture! A play on traditional Pilates, this class will challenge you from head to toe.

YOLATES -- 16Y AND UP

Often thought of as "East meets West", Yolates is a fusion of Yoga + Pilates - combining the yoga focus of enhanced mind and body awareness, strength, stamina, flexibility and balance, with Pilates techniques to improve posture and create a strong and stable foundation for movement. An excellent way to improve core strength and functional movement patterns.

HATHA YOGA -- 16Y AND UP

This alignment-oriented class emphasizes posture and breath. It uses poses and stretches in combination with the breath that will develop and increase flexibility and relaxation. An excellent way to calm the mind and connect with your body.

WHONNOCK TOPS LOCAL #4522

TOPS is a nonprofit organization that helps members to improve their health and well-being. We meet at the Wildwood Fellowship Church Wednesday at 6:30 pm.* Come and visit with us - we have fun and successful weight loss. Phone Carolyn , 604-462-1213, or Lori Button, 604-463-7355, for more info.

For information on other chapters in Maple Ridge phone Thelma at 604-467-5601.

* Temporarily on hold.



GIANT PUMPKIN

The 3rd annual Whonnock Giant Pumpkin contest weigh off event will be held on October 17th at Whonnock Lake.

Thanks to a generous donations from Bill and Nicole Jorgenson of Ridge Low-Bed Services and a variety of local business there will be: a photo booth by Shannon Paull Photography, free cupcakes by Cakes by Jada, and the opportunity to win a prize by guessing how much the pumpkins weigh, before they are weighed.

Watch as the wooden trophy prizes, created by Driftwood Bay Gallery and Crafty Farmgirl, are handed out for the heaviest pumpkin, second place and the heaviest in the "outsiders" category for a pumpkin outside of the area.

There will also be prizes for the crowd favorite pumpkin and a free draw for anyone to enter.

This is sure to be a fun event for the family. Whonnock Lake lower lake parking lot October 17th, 1-3 pm.

Free event.



WHONNOCK WALKERS

Join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at Whonnock Lake Centre parking lot for a friendly one-hour walk. Call Britta at 604 462-9863 for more information.



Tokyo: With his paddling partner from Quebec, Brian Malfesi placed 14th in the World in the K2 1000-m race, missing the A Final by less than half a second.

RIDGE CANOE KAYAK CLUB

RCKC and our surrounding community were super excited to watch our first club member compete at the Olympics! Brian Malfesi, the first paddler from BC to paddle for Canada at the Olympics in 33 years, represented us with style. With his paddling partner from Quebec, Brian placed 14th in the World in the K2 1000-m race, missing the A Final by less than half a second. The pair followed that up with a 12th place finish at the World Championships in Denmark, mid-September. We are so proud of our Senior National Team athlete! Several RCKC members qualified for the National Championships held in Ottawa at the end of August. Congratulations to



Sam Rosenthal, Darren Granale, Bryant Kelleway, Cassidy McPherson and Alexander Dmitriev. All represented Ridge very well! Our long time club member, Cassidy McPherson had an outstanding competitive season. At the National Championships, she earned a silver medal by placing second in the Junior Women's K1 500m. She followed that by winning the K1 1000m by 6 seconds - bringing home the Gold! This stellar performance qualified her to be part of the Canadian Junior National Team for the Junior World Championships in Portugal in September. Cassidy paddled extremely well, making two A Finals! RCKC couldn't be more pleased to have such amazingly talented athlete in the club!

We are also very proud of our RCKC Head Coach, Tessa Nagai! Tessa not only received a National Recognition Coaching Award this year, but was also chosen to travel with the

Junior National Team to coach at Junior Worlds in Portugal! The Whonnock community is lucky to have such high caliber coaching available right at our doorstep.

Paddling through another pandemic year has presented many challenges for our club, but our coaching staff has worked extra hard to keep our members safe by following all public health protocols. Even with the pandemic, our club continues to grow, running many successful short-term summer programs along with the regular summer and winter recreational and competitive programs for our members.

We are anxiously awaiting the construction of the long promised new on-water boat storage bay and renovated exercise area in our clubhouse. The funding has been secured and the contracts signed. We are just waiting for final approvals on the environmental impact so construction can begin.

For more information about our programs, check out our web site, RCKC.CA

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RUSKIN COMMUNITY HALL

28395 96th Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC, V2W 1L3
 Phone or text 604-462-9739. Email <general - ruskinhall@yahoo.ca>
 Facebook: Ruskin Community Hall; Website - www.ruskinhall.com

The Ruskin Hall is located at the corner of 284th Street and 96 Avenue. Hall meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The hall is available for rental at hourly or nightly rates for small events, classes, or meetings. For rental information contact our Booking Agent by phone at 604-462-9739 or bookings@ruskinhall.com, or www.ruskinhall.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are every Monday evening from 7:30 to 8:30. For information contact Dave at 604-462-7616.

Check out our website <ruskinhall.com> for upcoming events.

WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD



We continue to be a strong and vibrant group of people practising the skills of spinning fibre, weaving fibre, and making any number of things from various fibres of our surroundings and around the world. We had spent the months since spring meeting

twice monthly via zoom and sharing news about what we were each working on and exchanging information about questions we had and helpful tips that make a guild a guild.

We had changed our meeting location last year to Saint John the Divine Anglican Church Hall and have started meeting in person there again this September. We miss the Lake Center but have found that this central location works best for many of our members especially during the darker days of winter.

Unless things become worse on the pandemic front, our guild is looking forward to holding our annual Exhibit & Sale again this year! This will be our Ruby or 40th Anniversary and all members are quite excited to be able to display our 'makings'! The event will take place on Saturday, November 27th at Saint John the Divine and will run from 10am - 5pm. We found that the Covid rules for WLC meant we had to relocate to make it work with the current Government restrictions. We hope to be back at WLC next year. A reminder to all who enjoy this event, proof of vaccination will be required and the wearing of masks will be mandatory. We'll all be used to the new reality by then I'm sure.

We Guilders hope you stay safe and healthy in the months ahead. Enjoy the Autumn colours and that festive march to Christmas.

If you have an itch to learn more about fibre and ways to work with it we always welcome new members. You are welcome to call our ambassador Marie at 604-462-9059.

Our website is at <wwsg.ca> and we can also be found on Facebook and Instagram: <whonnockweaversandspinners>





The long dry summer has come to an end and autumn temperatures as well as intermittent rain have brought a welcome relief to all including those of us who are dependent on well water.

Record temperatures and drought were stressful for all of us. The kiosk at Jackson saw a lot of activity as homeowners as well as commercial water delivery companies filled their tanks with much needed water for domestic and farm use. We are grateful to the City of Maple Ridge for providing this support especially during these times.

Shallow wells generally respond to changes in weather patterns more quickly than deep wells. We have often seen deep wells respond to the changes months later as it takes time for water to percolate hundreds of feet below the surface. As well as in times of drought our records may reflect deep well levels drop much later in the season.

Our September measurements showed consistent levels as in past years. That was good news.

Residents who rely on the Grant Hill Aquifer should be aware of a Staff report that is coming back to Council in October, regarding Council's plan to put a Light Industrial Park on the City-owned lands on our only forested catchment area which is our watershed. This would likely be just above 102nd between 248th and 256th. They want to start the Area Plan process in advance of the protocols that were agreed upon in the OCP.

TAPS is very concerned about any urban level of development impacting our water resource. Removing large swaths of mature forest, paving over that area so we lose percolation and natural filtration, creating more runoff, blasting the bedrock, increased vulnerability to contaminants in our water and managing steep slopes are just a few of the necessary steps to create Urban development.

The science has and will prove significant impacts to all well users. The City has not addressed how the homeowners will be compensated nor how they intend to pay for this very costly development.

Continual vigilance is important.

TAPS has continued its program throughout the COVID days and is grateful that we have such a unique and valuable water resource that we can appreciate and protect.

We wish you a season of good health.

Betty & Klaus von Hardenberg



THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

The Thornhill Community Hall is slowly beginning to be rented, but it has been a very difficult time to sustain and manage the hall. The Provincial regulations have changed as the virus evolves, but we have appreciated all those families who have been able to celebrate quietly with close friends and family.

The Community Association is in discussion with the City regarding the shared use of the Park with the Frisbee Golf members. We hope to be able to resolve some of the safety issues as well as making the Park more multiple-user friendly.

It is Parks plan to install a new, smaller and unique playground area and the Community Association is in discussion with them with regard to a suitable playground that reflects the rural setting.

If you would like to book the Hall call Fran Norman at 604-462-7869. You may also refer to our website at www.thornhillhall.ca.



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JUNICHI TANAKA, born in Japan, established a ceramics studio at Whonnock in 1998.

His work has been widely accepted all over Canada.

Ceramics is not his only passion. He has climbed major mountains and he is a poet.

His Web site is <ceramicsjunichi.com>



HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

27123 River Road in Whonnock

Visit our website <holyspiritanglican.ca>

Church - phone: 604-462-7933

Email: holyspiritanglican@gmail.com

We are now back to welcoming worshippers to in-person worship Sundays at a new time – 9:30 am. Masks please.

The Reverend Miranda Sutherland has taken on part-time ministry at St Oswald's Church, Port Kells so she heads there after our service.

Reverend Sutherland was officially inducted as priest at Holy Spirit on August 15; we think it is the first time an induction service has ever been held in the church in its almost 100 years!

Lots of clergy at Reverend Miranda Sutherland's induction service



– GROW YOUR TALENTS IN MUSIC AND POETRY:

Starting October 2021 – Contact the church for you and your children to become part of this great opportunity to play handbells, chimes and percussion instruments. Learn to write your own poems and public recital.

– THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN FUN:

Saturday, October 9 at 10 am. Bring the children for a fun time rolling pumpkins and games on the church grounds.

– REMEMBRANCE DAY BELL-RINGING FOR PEACE:

Once again, we will ring the church bells at sunset (4:33 pm) on November 11 (this year 103 times). Last year, a small group of neighbourhood representatives rang the bell 102 times to mark the end of World War 1. The exact plan for this year is being developed to keep everyone safe. Watch for flyers in the neighbourhood with details.

– COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE:

Friday, December 24. 7 pm. Join us.

– CHRISTMAS SOCK TREE:

This is a time to share gifts. The neighbourhood is invited to hang socks and other warm winter wear outside the church again this year. These are given to agencies who can distribute them. More details will come about other Christmas events.





– CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS:

November 13 and 14 will be a weekend of happy centennial celebrations for the Anglican Church in Whonnock. The beautiful heritage church was dedicated one hundred years ago on November 13, 1921.

There will be a jazz concert on Saturday afternoon the 13th and a special worship service on Sunday morning the 14th.

We welcome everyone to take part in these celebrations. We especially want former members to attend. There will be special guests at both events.

The Saturday afternoon concert is a re-telling of the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son with music, liturgical dance and narration.

We ask people wishing to attend to let us know so that we can plan for Covid safety. Contact Jean Davidson 604-462-7341 or jeandavidson@shaw.ca for details and to book a seat.

Thanks to hard-working volunteers of our garden club; our gardens have received a facelift for the centennial events.

– ‘215’ GATHERINGS:



On June 21, National Aboriginal Peoples' Day, we held a gathering at the church to mourn 215 children whose graves were identified at the former residential school in Kamloops.

You may have noticed that the church bell rang 215 times that evening! Since then, on the 21st of each month, a group has been gathering at the church at 2:15 pm to learn about First Nations' issues and share insights into how we can get ourselves to a point where our knowledge allows us to proceed to some kind of serious effort at reconciliation.

To date, we have discussed the film, 'The Doctrine of Discovery' and the '94 Calls to Action' of the Truth and Reconciliation report.

We have wrestled with the difference between an apology and a confession from the churches involved, and there are onward plans to discuss lack of clean water in First Nations' communities, the recommendations of the Missing and Murdered Women inquiry, and host a speaker involved in a prison ministry to First Nations' people.

You would be welcome to join us. Call the church 604-462-7933 for more information.



WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

People matter to God and they matter to us!

In our world dominated by continued chaos and uncertainty, Jesus remains the unchanging source of truth and peace. We believe the God who designed and created the universe is not silent, and has a design and purpose for each one of us. We believe He hears and answers our prayers, reaching down and touching our lives with His love, forgiveness and grace. Through His Word, the Bible, God gives us His blueprint for life, giving us direction and confidence and peace as we seek Him and follow His ways.

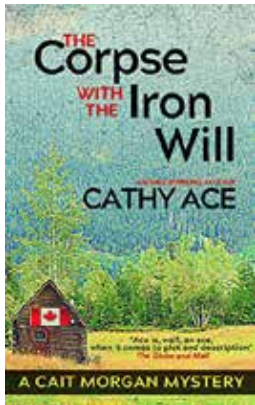
We are meeting at 10:30 AM Sundays for regular Services following the BC gov't covid guidelines. You are welcome to join us. Feel free to visit our website, www.wildwoodfellowship.com

Cobs bread and buns - If you are in need or know someone who is, Cobs bread is available free at the church on Wednesday mornings from 10 AM to 12 Noon. If you are not able to get to the church on Wednesday mornings and would like some bread, or if you are struggling and need help with groceries, please call Pastor Arnold 604-287-6963 or John 778-895-1254.

St Paul's

Whonnock's English Church 1891 - 1921

This book about the precursor of the present church is for sale at Black Bond Books in Haney. For pickup in Whonnock send an email to braches@whonnock.ca



ONE BOOK WHONNOCK

Not quite a book club, but an opportunity for neighbours to come together and get to know each other over a book. We choose a title once or twice a year and come together to talk about it informally.

We do not have a fixed membership - everyone who is interested may sign up for a particular book. For more information, or if you are interested to sign up for the current book, call Helmi at 604-462-8942.

The current book is *The Corpse with the Iron Will*, a mystery by local author Cathy Ace, who has already promised that she will come to our gathering, which will be sometime in early 2022.



CRAFTY FARMGIRL

Crafty Farmgirl Shannon Dureau's "Super fun personalized gifts" now includes t-shirts, crewnecks and hoodies showing the Whonnock logo.

Sizes from toddler to adult 4XL can be ordered through Facebook, text, or e-mail.

Facebook: [CraftyFarmgirlWhonnock/](https://www.facebook.com/CraftyFarmgirlWhonnock/)

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Shannon uses the Whonnock logo with consent of the Whonnock Community Association.

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We work together as Chef & Gardener to offer certified organic fruits and vegetables as well as well-pastured free-range humanely treated animals.

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