



Whonnock Community Association

WHONNOCK NEWS

Fall 2023

WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD

The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners spent a busy summer washing and dyeing fleece, spinning, and getting ready for Country Fest. This year, we shared an indoor space with the sheep shearer and the Lower Mainland Sheep Producers Association. This included an auction of locally grown fleeces. We had a vibrantly coloured display of carding, spinning and weaving which was very popular with the public. Many children, young and old, left with a bracelet of brightly coloured hand-spun wool.

We also had several “fun days” at one member’s farm where we once again carded and dyed wool, spun yarn and introduced some of our newer members to the art of basket making. We also had fun feeding carrots to her llamas.

The summer months went by too quickly, and we are now getting prepared for our 42nd annual Exhibit and Sale. Once again, we will host this at the Whonnock Lake Centre and would be pleased to welcome all of our friends in Whonnock – and beyond! It will take place on Sunday, November 26 from 10 AM to 4 PM. We would also like to thank the Whonnock Community Association for their continued support and help with this event. We really appreciate you.

We are a vibrant and growing group of fibre artists, and welcome anyone with the same “addiction”. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm at St. John the Divine Church at the corner of Laity and River Road. If you wish further information, phone Marie at 604-462-9059 or visit our website at <wwsg.ca> or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

Marie Slessor

Handweaving, Handspinning & Handknitting

Whonnock Weavers & Spinners Guild

42nd Juried Exhibit & Sale
Sunday, November 26, 2023
10 am to 4 pm

Whonnock Lake Centre
at Whonnock Lake Park, Maple Ridge

Basketry, Felting & Guest Artists

 www.wwsg.ca  





BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Brad Jennings - President
Mary Blackstock - Treasurer
Helmi Braches - Secretary
Noreen Woods - Director at Large
Heather Anderson - Director at Large

MEETINGS: THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
7:30 PM AT WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE

THE WCA BURSARY

Congratulations to JADA ORIEUX, the 2023 WCA bursary recipient. Jada will be working towards a bachelor of education at the University of the Fraser Valley. Good luck, Jada, on your education journey and on reaching your personal goals.

The Whonnock Community Association offers this \$1,000 bursary to grade-12 students going on to post-secondary education and who live or have lived in the Whonnock area.

For more information go to whonnock.ca, click Whonnock Community Association and select “bursaries.”

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 the terms of reference go to whonnock.ca, click Whonnock Community Association and select “bursaries.”

Recipients of Byrnes Bursaries in 2023 were:

ANDREW BLACK, NOA CARRIERE, CASTEN FAWCETT, KIRSTEN FUNK, MATTIA HOUGH, ANNIKA MEEKEL, MAX MEEKEL, CALLIE PHELPS, CAYTLYN SCHUETZ, JARED SCHUETZ, TYLER SCHUETZ, BRAEDEN ZED.

Congratulations to all !

VACANCIES

For many years I have produced *Whonnock News* but at ninety-three, tomorrow is certainly not promised. Time therefore to find a successor to take over design, layout, production and mailing of the newsletter.

Time for me also to step down as web master overlooking the content of whonnock.ca.

Please contact me if you have any questions about these volunteer assignments.

Fred Braches — 604=462-8942

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.

ONE BOOK WHONNOCK

Not quite a book club, but an opportunity for neighbours to meet and get to know each other over a book.

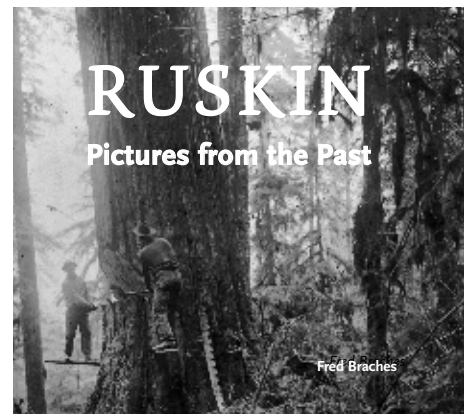
We choose a title once or twice a year and come together to talk about it informally.

We do not have a fixed membership – everyone interested may sign up for a particular book.

Interested? Call Helmi at 604-462-8942.

RUSKIN: A NEW BOOK

Work on this new book is progressing well. It is scheduled to be for sale in time for Christmas shopping.



WHONNOCK NOTES

Really interested in our history? Go to whonnock.ca and click on the link WHONNOCK NOTES.

The latest issue (No. 24), *The Whonnock Band of Kwantlen First Nation*, is about the Whonnock Reserve and those who lived there. Ask at the post office for a printed copy — \$5.00 cash.

WHONNOCK GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST



The fifth annual Whonnock Giant Pumpkin Contest will be held Sunday October 15 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Whonnock Lake.

This fun and free family friendly event is once again being organized by Joanne Halliday and Pascale Shaw.

This is set to be a great event also thanks to generous contributions from the Whonnock Community

Association, Hank's Trucking, Sanscorp, the crane lift from Tom's Concrete Pumping, Jada Cake, and Rainbow Eggs Farms for growing and giving away all the pumpkin seedlings.

The winning pumpkin weighed in at 1411 pounds last year, the heaviest yet. We can't wait to see what this year's winning pumpkin will weigh in at.

WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY

Join us for our Annual Winter Market featuring free admission, food bank donation, raffle baskets, two food trucks including Rolled West Coast and over 50 curated vendors from across the lower mainland. Our market has become known for quality, variety, and being the perfect one stop shop to get a start on your Christmas shopping!

If you forget your food bank donation don't stress, we will take cash donations as well!

Stop in from 10:00 to 3:00 on November 12 at Whonnock Elementary to get a kick start on your Christmas shopping.



DATES TO REMEMBER

WCA Meetings

Third Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm at Whonnock Lake Centre. (Except June, July, August and December).

Ruskin Hall Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm at Ruskin Hall.

Whonnock Giant Pumpkin Contest

October 15 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Whonnock Lake Park.

Ruskin Hall - Community Potluck

October 15 at 5:00 pm.

WCA - Remembrance Day Service

Saturday, November 11, 2018, starts at 10:45 sharp at Whonnock Lake Centre.

Anglican Church: Bell-Ringing at sunset (gather at 4:15 pm).

Winter Market - Whonnock Elementary

Sunday, November 12 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

WCA - Volunteer Appreciation Tea

(by invitation) Sunday, November 19.

Whonnock Weavers Exhibit and Sale

November 26 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Whonnock Lake Centre

Ruskin Hall - Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.



CAMP WHONNOCK

Camp Whonnock is fully open.

The camp is booked most weekends through spring and summer. We are still looking for volunteers so we can continue to keep the camp open.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact PAUL DOYLE at pauldoyle@shaw.ca

Ph# 604 607 4894

FIRST WHONNOCK SCOUTS

1st Whonnock Scouts has successfully re-opened our Beaver Colony (ages 5-7).

Other sections can be opened if we have adults willing and able to volunteer.

If interested in joining us, either youth or adult, please email <1stwhonnockscoutgroup@gmail.com> or check out Scouts Canada online at scouts.ca.



RIDGE CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

RCKC had another busy and successful season!

Our Junior and Senior high performance athletes had a very successful competitive season, both locally and nationally. In May, RCKC hosted our Season Opening Regatta at Whonnock, bringing together over 100 paddlers from around the province, to kick off our competitive season.

Later in the Spring Brian Malfesi went to national team trials and qualified to go to the World Championships in Germany in August, where he placed fifth in the K2 1000m.

Eight of our athletes qualified for the Canadian National Championships, which took place in August at Lake Banook in Dartmouth Nova Scotia. Brian, Ethan Hennig, Bryant Kelleway, Landon Drain, Tyler Billing, Adia Irvine-Roberts, Hayden McCulloch and Tyler Geisler. Most of these athletes made A Finals placing them in the top nine in the country!

Our competitive season ended in early September where we co-hosted the Fort - Ridge Fall Classic Regatta with the Fort Canoe Kayak Club at Whonnock Lake. This was the largest regatta this year in BC, hosting over 200 athletes from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon and Washington State.

RCKC also offers many recreational programs for our community. This year, we were able to run a full slate of one-day school camps for about 1400 students from Maple Ridge, Mission, Pitt Meadows and Coquitlam. We also were able to offer our normal week-long summer programs in conjunction with the Maple Ridge Recreation Department and hosted camps for both Scouts and Girl Guides.

In addition to our paddling and training efforts, RCKC athletes have been pleased to help the Maple Ridge Rotary, serving as clean-up crew for the Wine Festival and "Duck Herders" at the finish line of the Rotary Duck race this year.

The Junior Development, High Performance and Masters programs are all being offered for the Fall and Winter season. Registration is now open! Please contact our head coach headcoach@rkc.ca for information or how to register.

Mike Malfesi, Commodore

COME PADDLE WITH US!!



PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE PROGRAMS IN WHONNOCK

Details, dates, costs and times of the following programs held at Whonnock venues are published in the *Maple Ridge PRC Guide*, fall program guide.

SPORTS, GAMES, FITNESS & FUN FOR YOUTH

Age: 8 -16Y

Looking for ways to be active, improve your skills and have fun? Join our Coaches in this fun learn-to-move fitness training program for youth of all abilities. You will experience a variety of active games and movement skills to develop coordination, balance, strength, flexibility and endurance.

Instructor: RCKC

Location: Whonnock Elementary

PILATES BY THE LAKE

Age: 16Y and up

A play on traditional Pilates, this class will work the entire body from head to toe. Strengthen, lengthen, and tone your way to a stronger core, increased balance, flexibility and better posture. Grab your mat and join us!

Instructor: Curtis Health

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre





As we write this update, fall is in the air. It is welcome, considering the many months without any significant precipitation.

There are deep concerns over dropping water levels and drought that have effected the coniferous trees, particularly the Cedars in our rural areas.

We are in conversation with the City as they are making plans regarding the concerns of fires in our dry and dying forests. For TAPS, the residents on shallow wells would have felt the impacts the most.

Hauling water became a daily occurrence for some. Water conservation has become paramount and discussions are underway regarding the best way to support residents as our climate changes.

Our well measuring data still shows that the deep wells are consistent with no major impacts on water levels. December measurements reflecting recharge will show if there have been any significant changes.

THE THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

The Thornhill Community Hall is one of a small number of independent Halls in BC run entirely by volunteers.

It thrives because of the work and care from a core group of volunteers. Fran & Al Norman and Don Morrey have dedicated more than 25 years to our Hall. That alone is rare.

They, with a core group of other volunteers, maintain the physical structure, support and enable local schools, community groups and many individual people to rent and enjoy the Hall.

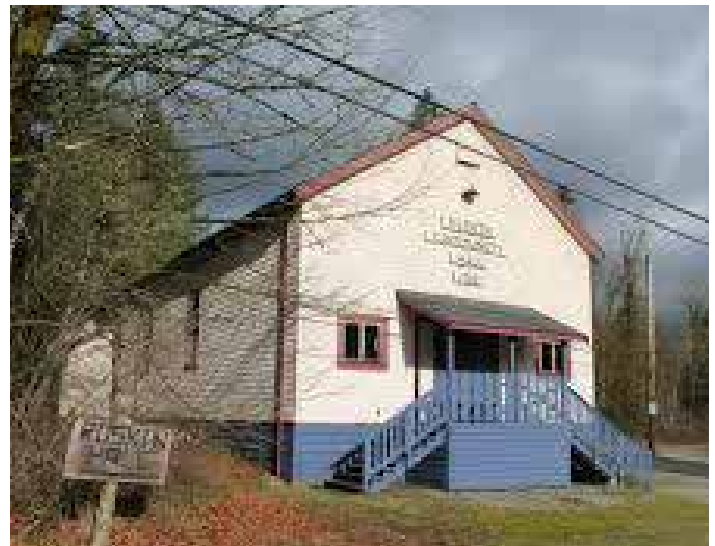
These are the reasons for its success. Many residents and groups return to celebrate family events annually. We are fully booked to the end of the year.

Parks, Recreation and Culture have updated the feel of the park with better signs, safer trails and new fencing. We have a good working relationship with them.

Our Hall is located at 26007-98th Avenue in Thornhill. It is nestled among the beautiful forest of mature trees.

For bookings call Fran Norman at 604-462-7869.

Further details online at thornhillhall.ca.



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 on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30. Everyone is welcome.

The hall is available for rental at hourly or nightly rates for small events, classes, or meetings. Capacity is 100 persons for banquet events or 125 persons for auditorium events. For rental information contact our Booking Agent at 604-462-9739, 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.

A community potluck is being held on October 15th at 5:00, and our annual Breakfast with Santa is back and is on December 9th from 9:00 – 11:00.

Check out our website for more upcoming events like our 100th Birthday Celebration in October, 2024. www.ruskinhall.com.



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WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

10810 272 Street in Whonnock
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 Church telephone: 604-462-7741
 Email: WildwoodFellowshipChurch@outlook.com

People matter to God and they matter to us!

If you're looking for a place to belong where you can learn about and live out a relevant faith, then we invite you to experience the community of Wildwood Fellowship Church.

We are meeting at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings for worship.

Please join with us on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm for Christmas Carols, as we celebrate the reason for the season. Hot drinks will be available after the Service.

COBBS Bread and buns... If you are in need or know someone who is, Cobbs bread is available free at the church on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.



Sunflower Cafe is extending its season! The addition of walls and a proper heating system will now allow guests to comfortably enjoy their dining experience for the months of October, November, February and March.

sunflowercafe.ca
 778-522 4472
 sunflowercafebc@gmail.com



HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

27123 River Road in Whonnock
 Visit our website <holyspiritanglican.ca>
 Church - phone: 604-462-7933
 Email: holyspiritanglican.whonnock@gmail.com

Here is the news from the Anglican Church:

Sunday School is collecting refundable bottles and cans for a Christmas benevolent project - Drop off any Sunday morning on the hall porch, or call to arrange a drop-off.

Saturday Music and Arts Sessions until December - voice & piano coaching, crafts, poetry and journaling. See website for more details www.holyspiritanglican.ca. Adults and children. Free. You must register at 604-462-7933.

The Bishop is Visiting! The Right Reverend John Stephen, 10th Bishop of New Westminster, will conduct worship and confirmations on Sunday October 22 at 3:00 pm, followed by refreshments.

Remembrance Day Bell-Ringing at sunset (gather at 4:15 pm) on Saturday, November 11 - come and hear stories on war and reflect on our yearning for peace.

Christmas Fundraising Dinner - Friday December 8 - a Jamaican and Canadian Christmas dinner - jerk turkey and regular turkey, roast beef and many trimmings! Lots of fun draws and prizes. \$40. Call us to buy tickets.

Christmas Eve services - Sunday December 24 - services at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. Stay tuned for news of a Blue Christmas service.

Check us out on our website www.holyspiritanglican.ca, Facebook or phone 604-462-7341 for more information.

You are welcome to join us any Sunday - worship at 9:00 am followed by coffee time (except for the fourth Sunday of the month which is 3:00 pm).



HEADSTONE PRESERVATION PROJECT

As part of an annual program that the Maple Ridge Museum runs every summer, volunteers helped clean up headstones at Whonnock Cemetery. More than 100 Whonnock Cemetery grave-sites now look as good as new thanks to the hard work of the Maple Ridge Museum and its volunteers.

Explore our website > whonnock.ca



Photos Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadow News

whonnockian.blogspot.com

Become a Member!



Easter Egg Hunt

Membership form

Name(s):

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Choose membership type

- Individual Family
 Corporate

Individual = one vote

Family = two votes per household

Corporate = one vote for societies or corporations.

Membership

Everyone living in Whonnock is considered to be a member of the Whonnock Community Association.

By being registered as a member for more than two months you get voting rights at our meetings.

Between September and May we meet every third Thursday of the month at 7:30 at Whonnock Lake Centre.

Membership is free. Just complete the membership form and submit it for registration.

For membership information call Helmi at 604 462 8942. Or e-mail to <webmaster@whonnock.ca>.



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