

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Michelle Van Boven and crew pulled off the 31st Bamfield Christmas Craft Fair. (**Hedy Demontigny** oversaw the first 30 fairs, starting in 1981!) The school gym was nicely decorated and inspiring music compelled us shoppers to visit the 13 tables, featuring jams, pressed seaweeds, local books, knit-goods woven bracelets, and bake-goods, and my favorite, a refreshment table with little crust-less sandwiches that made \$300 (\$100 for BCSA, \$100 for Arts Council, and \$100 for the project of your choice. **Michelle** says, "Thank you Bamfielders & visitors – you are an amazing group of people." And Michelle, thank you, too! L. Druehl p.s. And yes, Hedy had a table for her pottery! photos Marc Phillips



Classifieds: Wiccans and friends of Wicca discover others similarly inclined for astrological & spiritual camaraderie.

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Sun Fish Demise. Here is a picture of the *Mola Mola* (Sun Fish) that washed up in the Cape Beale lagoon, with my dog, Pepper. I did some research and their main diet is jellyfish! That's pretty cool, we are going to need more sunfish around in the future. They are also the largest bony fish in the world, the adult weighing up to 2,200 lbs and they live in tropical to temperate waters. I found a great video clip on YouTube that Neptune Canada took in October of 2010 of a school of them at 21m deep, you should check it out...Enjoy, **Karen Zacharuk**, Cape Beale Light. photo K. Zacharuk



A stellar evening! The Community Hall Society hosted members and guests with a holiday splurge of singing and snacking, at the Rix Centre. The Hall Society, in addition to the daunting task of creating a new community hall, sponsors activities for kids and family dinners, and the useful Bamfield & Anacla telephone directory (also free for members). Memberships are available from **Rose Janelle** at the post office. L. Druehl. photo collage **Marc Phillips**



AN IMPORTANT MEETING! The Bamfield Harbour Authority is hosting an information session on the operations & management of the West Fisheries Dock at 1:00pm, Sunday, January 27th at the Bamfield Community School. Everyone welcome. A membership meeting & election of directors will follow at a later meeting. Wendy Lea Lukas



Huu-ay-ah flagger, Belinda Wozniak, finds drivers courteous and Bamfield awesome.
photo L. Druehl

Hey, wannabe architects (and the real thing)! Bamfield Community Hall Society is seeking exterior design suggestions for our new community hall. There is a **\$100 prize**, donated by an anonymous local business, for the most interesting entry (the prize may be split between entries). Details and guidelines on "Hall Competition" www.bamfielder.ca. Queries to **Rose Janelle**, General Delivery, Bamfield, BC, V0R 1B0, 52buick@gmail.com. L. Druehl

Christine Sirois, our community school's youth intern, oversees the Community Access Program (web mail and such). Also, she interacts with visitors, introducing them to our archives and answering questions about our village, but, she admits, "traffic is a little light right now." And complimenting her love of crafts (particularly baking), she conducts weekly workshops with the school kids. Her interest in tourism was sparked by her grade 11 year experience in Trieste, Italy as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. Presently she is upgrading her biology in preparation for environmental studies. During the summer she operates **Figo Java**, a Bamfield coffee/snack wagon. L. Druehl



Christine Sirois, at school CAP site, smiles at photographer Catherine Thompson

LET ME OUT!

Times, they's a changin. **Ian Bratt's** Petrocan station on the corner of Redford and 10th in Port Alberni is closing. Ian has been servicing Bamfielders for close to 20 years. His is the last gas/repair station in Port (no more, "fill 'er up and fix the flat"). He will be working on cruise ships in Singapore and after that, "I'll just to wait and see." Ian's Petrocan joins **Dot's Diner** on Hiway 19, famous for meringue pies (now a community garden!); the **Husky Gas Station Diner** in Nanaimo, with its great Mt. Benson breakfast and Sunday brunch, and the **Arrowsmith Bakery** in Coombs with its "best cinnamon rolls anywhere and dense nut bread you could play basket ball with." And then there is Bamfield with its no longer **Ostrom's Machine Shop** and gas bar (no more fill 'er up or fix the flat), The **Macmillan Fish Plant** with its cast of characters and commerce, the **Bamfield Inn** (Bob hope stayed there!) and our **church** and **community hall**. L. Druehl

The first session of a digital storytelling workshop (three 6-hour days) that focused on visual affects (the second session is audio affects and wrap-up) was completed under the mentorship of **Wendy Drummond**, Royal Roads University. Fourteen folks from Anacla and Bamfield explored stories about people (e.g. the Germanis and Angie Joe), places (e.g. Mt. Blenheim and Keeshan) and institutions (e.g. Centennial Park and Bamfield School). Several short videos will be wrapped up in January and presented at the community school. L. Druehl **Twelve of the 14 digital storytelling participants take a break from their computers.** photo Christine Sirois



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. *The New Bamfielder* is a free paper but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl



Roseline's Bamfield



Roseline's Venice

January Upcoming Events

- 14th**- Preschool playgroup with Ali, 1-3pm
 - 15th-17th**- Digital Storytelling workshop
 - 15th**- After School Club begins
 - 20th**- Family Literacy Lunch and Jeopardy, 12:30pm
 - 20th-27th**- Family Literacy Week
 - 21st**- Bamfield Community Affairs, 7:30, school
 - 26th**- Robbie Burns dinner, Fire Hall, \$25
 - 27th**- Public Bamfield Harbour Authority Meeting 1 pm., School
 - 28th**- Computer class- Internet Basics, 5-6pm
- Catherine Thompson BCSA**

The Cranberry Christmas lunch on Dec. 12th, a great success! A wait list but **Bev** and **Rick Macloed** fed all 35 people. Thank you Rick and Bev for providing the students and the community with a wonderful Christmas meal. The School lunch program kids and guests will miss you both. C. Thompson, photo, too