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May our Rod Dyck Rest in Peace

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Perched in the Demontigny Lair, overlooking Bamfield, **Hedy Demontigny** eagerly describes her life as a potter.

Hedy was introduced to pottery in 1977 in a North Island College course in the Bamfield Church basement. **Elsbeth Watson** taught the eleven Bamfield participants.

After Hedy's first pottery sale she bought a wheel and hasn't looked back since.

(Hedy organized the Bamfield Christmas Craft Fair for 30 years.) She continues to attend pottery workshops, mostly at the Island Potters Supply, Parksville. She, **Ted**

Austin and others explored raku pottery on the beach between the church and the manse (both are no more). Hedy describes her pottery as "functional, kitchen with some flare." She has conducted workshops for the school kids and while she doesn't want to teach pottery, she does welcome visits to her pottery shed. About the future of potting in Bamfield... "I don't think there is much interest." About her life in Bamfield... "I'm basically a private person... I might have been bored in Bamfield if I didn't have my crafts." *L. Druehl*, see Bamfielder.ca for collage of Hedy's pottery



Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám

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And, strange to tell, among
the Earthen Lot
Some could articulate, while
others not :
And suddenly one more
impatient cried—
"Who is the Potter, pray,
and who the Pot ? "

She throws pots! Katharine Jennings—Coordinated turquoise striped shirt, eye glasses, earrings and ring—brushed off Jennings homestead loam, and instructed me in her style of pottering. "Slip decoration with some flux melts on first firing... I tried raku but didn't like smelling like a campfire." With a B. Fine Arts (U. Victoria), she started work in a flower shop. A chance night class hooked her on pottery. Three-week workshops, two in Colorado and one in one Maine, combined with teaching pottery at Glenlyon-Norfolk private school gave her the skills to launch her career in her own pottery shed. Next followed a series of themes: Brady's Beach, Iris, salmon & fishes, and dragonflies. Often she

tailored her style to a client. "I did cornflowers for **Nina Janitis**." With the exception of some custom work ("...square plates for **Clayton Freer**.") she peddles her pots at an annual Jennings garden party, where friends and neighbours wander about, an **Ebba Jennings** cinnamon twist in hand, admiring the wares, surrounded by rainbow hues of Rhododendron and seductive scent of azalea (next Garden Party, 24 August). When asked about mentoring, Katharine replied, "I'd help launch someone." About our village, "Bamfield has changed a lot but I still like it. It will always be my anchor." About teapots: "I know how to make teapots that don't drip." About fate, "You don't know where the path will take you; one night school class! In any case, I'll just keep pottering along." *L. Druehl*, photos *M. Phillips*, see bamfielder.ca for collage of Katharine's pottery.



CCGS M. Charles (a mid-shore patrol vessel, "Hero Class") named for Seaman **Martin Charles**, S.C., M.B., of Bamfield, and Heredi-

tary Chief of the Nitinat Band. Martin Charles, now deceased, devoted his life and career to saving lives. He earned the [Medal of Bravery](#) for his instrumental role in a search and rescue incident that began with a sunken fishing vessel and ended with the crash of the helicopter assisting in the rescue efforts. CCG Photos provided by *Clifford Charles*. bamfielder.ca for video of video of ship's blessing



Shoulder to Shoulder! My ex-coworkers from Port Alberni drove out to support me in picket duty. From left to right...**Lori Souther, Diana Dawson, Carol Wright, Tricia McAuley, Me (Kristin Russell)** and Bamfield's **Pat Lindsay** in the front. Amazingly talented teachers and fantastic women! *Kristin Russell*

At Kiixin Beach/ Execution Rock. Steven Smith taught our students the area's history, then a snack and exploring in the tidal pools. The sun was shining and we had a fabulous day! I AM SO EXCITED TO BE HERE NEXT YEAR!

Kristin Russell



Our largest swallows, Purple Martins, perform aerial acrobatics to snap up flying insects. Over one million North Americans put up housing for them, one being our **Mark Laws**. He has built three shelters for the six visiting Martins, hoping they may nest here and return annually. This is the first time they have been spotted in Bamfield, good luck Mark. *Marc Phillips*



Catherine's July Events

- 4- Community Car Wash
- 5-13 Music By The Sea
- 8 & 10- MBTS Kids Concert
- 9- MBTS Community Concert
- 12- Intertidal Golf, Salmon BBQ, Dance in memory of **Syd Baker**.
- 15- Summer Camps Begin
- 15- Outdoor Movie in BCS Field. 9pm.
- 18- Last day to submit photos to the "My Community" Photo Contest
- 23- Yoga at Pachena Beach, WCT side. 5:15pm. (weather dependent).
- Every Wednesday- Yoga, 5:15pm. and 20 minute Zen meditation. In the Studio above HFN Café
- 30- Tlu-piich Games. *C. Thompson* BCSA

50 people attended the last community lunch of the School year! Thank you **HFN Market** for nutritious lunches and an opportunity for community members to gathering monthly. This year BCSA nominated **Fiona Hawkes** (Staff Award) for outstanding work with the BCSA, archives, and piano lessons for 3-4 graders; **Heather Cooper** (Community Award) for countless hours to archives and mentoring the office while I was away; **Charlie Clappis** (Community Individual Award) for BCSA board and the Active Living Society activities and championing of Toastmasters to the Association of Community Schools in BC for those who have made outstanding contributions to education. *C. Thompson*

The Bamfield Community Museum and Archives presents: **Bamfield During the War Years**, running from July 1st in Bamfield Centennial Park until September 15th. The Bamfield Historical Society has **matted archival prints** and the book, **Bamfield Houses** for sale at various locations in town. Profits support the initiatives of the society. Visit www.bamfieldhistory.com for a treat. *Heather Cooper*



Sprucing up! **Andrea Butler, Mark Kelly and Orla Osborne** have refurbished the Brady's Beach sign. The old bench is rotten, but a replacement is part of the plan. *Judith Phillips*

Memorial Tree - How do I get a commemorative leaf? Contact **Nancy Hendry** (hendrynancy@yahoo.ca). Applications forms also at the Bamfield School. The cost for an engraved leaf is \$25.00. Leaves are placed on the Memorial Tree on Remembrance Day. **Memorial Tree Committee** is looking for new members. Duties are minimal but we do have some projects we would like to undertake. Contact Nancy. *N. Hendry*

A brief Community Affair. 19 Bamfielders spent 25 minutes considering: **Janice Pierce** noted the first stage of cement work at the Fire Hall was completed for \$19,950 (\$5000 from Community Affairs Grants-in-aid) and that BVFD Auxiliary will be requesting another \$5000. **Kristin Russell** announced that she would be teaching here for the next year. There was no Regional Director's report. The next meeting will be in September. *L. Druehl*



Firehall concrete apron, courtesy of a \$5000 Community Affairs Grant-in-aid and other funds. We receive up to \$10,000 per year for grants from our property taxes. *L. Druehl*,

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You could express your opinion in The New Bamfielder, it beats talking to yourself!



Don't forget the plug! The **Barbara Alice** reclines in Port Desire. photo **Ken Bodaly**

Japanese Invader Established. Japanese Knotweed attacks our roads and trails (see photos below). This imported weed out competes local plants (bye, bye, roadside wild roses & blackberries), nothing eats it, and it can break cement foundations and roads. Herbicides seem to be the only way it can be controlled (seawater has been used in Haida Gwaii). This one won't go away. *L. Druehl*



Bamfield Trail



Bamfield Road



Future Horticulturalists. Bamfield school kids sow the seeds for a summer feast in Centennial Park's community garden. **Nicole Gerbrandt** for more information.

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*