

THE HUB'BUB NEWS

COWICHAN STATION: HUB OF THE UNIVERSE



Gym/Theatre: New Roof! Are you ready to see those tarps come down? The leaking gym roof will be replaced this spring, thanks to the generous support from Canadian Heritage and matched by local contributions and volunteerism. Huge thanks to everyone who has contributed so far. Keep those donations coming!

Recently the gym has hosted events by the Cowichan Green Community, Sunrise Waldorf, and Island Oak, and the Bertin Family Benefit Concert is primed for this coming weekend. The HUB is also now home to regular community, music and fitness activities – see page 2 for details. Everyone is in good spirits, enjoying the warm feel of the place, even while we work hard to make it better.

Historic Schoolhouse: Picture Windows... The old school is still officially closed while we work to bring it up to the current BC Building Code. In the meantime, watch for the valley's artists to transform those ugly window boards into works of art to help raise the money for new windows! [Artists: Contact us if you want to paint a board for the cause!]



2nd and 3rd generation
Cowichan Station kids.

Landscaping: Rock on! Have you noticed the new rock garden by the HUB driveway? Thank you to Lorraine Horn and her hard-working volunteer crew, and to **Dinter's Nursery** for plants, **Evans Redi-Mix** (cobble and boulders), **Stone Pacific** (large rocks) and **John Larsson Trucking** (free delivery)! Nice job everyone!

80,000 GREAT REASONS TO GIVE \$20 IN 2012

Did you know that if each adult resident of Cowichan Station gave \$20 this year, we'd raise **\$80,000?**

Here's the math: 2000 residents x \$20 = \$40,000. Throughout 2012, Canadian Heritage will match all donations. \$40,000 x 2 = \$80,000

That's a lot of money! In fact, it's almost enough to restore the schoolhouse roof to its historic peaked design. Or to install badly needed energy efficiency upgrades.

The entire HUB reno plan calls for **\$1 million over 5 years**, but \$40,000 from local residents will send a STRONG signal to funders that the local community wants this, and that's what is needed to bring in the extra funds to finish the job.

So, we're calling on every Cowichan Station resident... please make a charitable donation of \$20 or more to the HUB in 2012.

Donate via CSAA, either in person at events, by mail (address on back) or online at www.canadahelps.org.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Capoeira

A Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance and music.

More info: HUB foyer or email the instructor at caju@hotmail.com.

Mondays	Wednesdays
5:30-6:30 pm kids	7:00 - 8:30 pm
6:30-8:00 pm	beginners
advanced	

Jam Night

Join local musician Kent Ball at the HUB.

More info: HUB foyer or contact Kent at hillbillymoose@hotmail.com or 250-748-7433.

1st Thursday of every month. By donation.
7:00-10:00 pm. All welcome – RSVP to Kent

Work Parties

All hands on deck to meet your neighbours and get your fingernails dirty. Something different every month – mark your calendars!

More info: Join the e-news list to receive monthly updates (see right).

4th Sunday of every month

1:00-3:00 pm. All welcome. Treats provided!

Basketball

If you are interested please email Daniel at lienadgreen@gmail.com



Volunteers dug test plots last month to assess whether the HUB can be heated with clean, renewable, geothermal energy. CSAA has made a proposal to the CVRD to fund the replacement of the "octopus" oil heater using "gas tax" funding.

Join the Cowichan Station e-news list. Brief updates and event notices two to four times per month. To join, send your email address to info@cowichanstation.org.

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All photos by Gard Iversen except centre shot.

Dozens of dedicated volunteers have worked to restore the Annex after extensive damage was caused by copper thieves last summer. Thanks to all of you, it's ready!

THE ANNEX:

Great Space Seeks Lovely Tennant!

This clean, bright, 1980 building offers three separate rooms, each individually accessed by a generous hallway. A tiled common entry way includes two large washrooms, single staff washroom, janitorial room, and storage area. A universal washroom is available in the largest space. As well as a large covered outdoor area, the space has access to playgrounds, playing fields, gym/theatre space, and mature forest. Available for lease in its entirety, or split into three, the rent is a steal, and all your money will go into supporting the HUB community centre. Please help spread the word to help us find a suitable tenant. Contact Alison Nicholson for details or a tour. [250-701-0143](tel:250-701-0143) / info@cowichanstation.org.



Innkeeper: The room is \$15 a night. It's \$5 if you make your own bed.
Guest: I'll make my own bed.
Innkeeper: Good. I'll get you some nails and wood.

THANK YOU..

to the following local businesses for donating their professional services to help our community. Please show your thanks by giving them your business!

Power the people! For many donated hours of electrical work to iron out the HUB's wiring wrinkles:

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A Century Ago...



The original schoolhouse will turn **100 years old** in 2013. As well as restoring the roofline to its historic design (see left and

below), we're trying to round up Cowichan Station school alumni for a **big birthday bash!** If you attended the school, or know people who did, please get in touch. Contact Madelaine MacLeod at mamac@telus.net or via the CSAA (see below).

A Few Years from Now...



NEW! HUB DROP-IN HOURS

Volunteers will be on hand at the HUB every Tuesday and Thursday morning with a pot of coffee on (by donation). Drop in to see the progress, find out how you can help, use the WIFI, drop off a donation, or just say hello. Hope to see you soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 8** **Easter Egg Hunt.** 2:00 pm. Crafts, entertainment, face paint, etc.
- April 24** **CSAA Annual General Meeting.** 7:00 pm. Come for treats, conversation, HUB updates and a Community Planning presentation by CVRD staff.
- May 19** **Concert** Juno Award Winner and CMA Hall of Famer **Gary Fjellgaard & Friends.** Tickets: \$20. Partial proceeds to HUB. Watch for posters.
- June (all)** **30 Murals for 30 Windows** (See page 1 under "Historic Schoolhouse")
- June TBD** **Rubber Ducky Races on the Koksilah** (We're looking for a volunteer to coordinate this event!)
- July 1** **Canada Day** A bit of work; a bit of play. Stay tuned.
- July 7** **Summer Celebration and Strawberry Tea.**
- Sept 15** **Fashion Show** by local fashion designer, Brenda Laine & friends.



The CSAA is entirely volunteer run. To reach us with questions, ideas, donations, volunteer queries or anything else, please call or write:

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