

# THE HUB'BUB

NEWS FROM COWICHAN STATION: HUB OF THE UNIVERSE



GET READY FOR AN ACTION-FILLED SUMMER AT THE HUB, STARRING, IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE....

**Let There Be Light Open Air Gallery and Art Auction.** On now until July 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. See sidebar at right.

**New Gym Roof!** The asbestos has already been safely removed from the old soffits, and the new "hipped" metal roof is expected to be done by July. No more tarps --yippee!

**Playground Restoration: "Let's Get Swinging!"** A special Canada Day community work party will be held Sunday July 1 to brighten and restore the playground and basketball nets. Free cake for all! Please come and help. There will be kids activities so you can work! Details on page 2.



**"Stilts" Demo.** The stilted building at the back of the HUB is not part of the original 1913 building, and due to costs to make it safe, it is being dismantled. Salvaged materials are being donated to the Shawnigan area O.U.R. EcoVillage.

**Summer Celebration!** Join us Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> for some old time fun. Come one, come all! Plant sale, games, strawberry tea served by our local Girl Guides, and much more. Watch for posters at your mailbox!



**No more Plywood!** Following the Art Sale, the broken window panes will be repaired and the plywood will finally come off the schoolhouse windows. An excellent set of security cameras have already been installed in preparation. Yay for sunlight!

**Clean, Green, Heat!** Finally, thanks to a lot of volunteer research and effort, and a generous and historic grant from the CVRD, we will be replacing the old, inefficient oil furnaces with a clean, renewable, heat-pump system later this summer (hopefully geothermal). See page 2 for details!

### **Programs, Events and Rentals**

The HUB has already become home to a variety of regular community meetings, recreational activities, musical events, and more. The Annex is attracting some promising potential leasers to help finance the HUB while bringing new services to Cowichan Station. It's great to see all the activity! See page xxx for details, or contact us if you want to rent a space for a party, workshop, meetings, etc.

## **"LET THERE BE LIGHT"**

**Warm and Fuzzy Art Sale.**

**Ends July 7<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

**Make a Bid!**

While the HUB is truly hopping on the inside, it still looks pretty "unloved" with those windows all boarded up.

### **Cowichan artists to the rescue!**

Community artists, including professionals, hobbyists, and children, have created original works of "outdoor art" (a.k.a. murals) and gifted them to CSAA to help raise funds for window repairs. The art is on display, mounted over top of those window boards, until July 7th.

**Make a Bid!** Either come to the HUB to see the outdoor gallery and put a bid in the drop-box, or view the works and artist bios on our website, and bid by email. Imagine one in your garden, on a patio, or as a gift for a friend's yard.

**How much do they cost?** This is a "blind bid" auction, meaning you simply bid what it is worth to you, and the top bidder wins. Some pieces by established artists have reserve (minimum) bid prices but most are 'open'. Remember, it's a fundraiser and bid what you can.

**Warm and Fuzzy Guarantee!** All pieces are durable and weather-proofed and come with a "Warm and Fuzzy Guarantee" that you'll like your murals even more when you see the plywood come down off those heritage windows and you know that you helped make that happen.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE HUB

<b>Now - July 7</b>	<b>Let There Be Light Community Art Show and Sale.</b> (See page 1 sidebar).
<b>Sun. July 1</b>	<b>`Let's Get Swinging!'</b> It's time to paint and repair the playground. All welcome - especially parents! Kids will be entertained while you work. RSVP to Jill for details. 748-4713 or thompson.jill@yahoo.ca
<b>Sat. July 7</b>	<b>Annual Cowichan Station Summer Celebration and Strawberry Tea.</b> 10am – 3pm. Live music and theatre, plant sale, book sale, log sawing and more. Watch for posters.
<b>Sat. Sept 15</b>	<b>Fashion Show/ Exhibition.</b> By local fashion designer, Brenda Laine, & The Eclectic Avenue Vintage Boutique.
<b>Anytime</b>	<b>Volunteer!</b> This is going to be a busy summer, and many hands might light work. If you have some time to give – we have a job for you! From painting to gardening to construction to child care, we need you! Get in touch via the info on back page.

## FAREWELL OCTOPUS. HELLO

### GEOHERMAL. THANK YOU CVRD!

After many decades of keeping children warm, the old "Octopus" oil furnace is being replaced with a clean, efficient, heating system. And not a minute too soon! The old beast proved to be very costly last winter, operating at less than 20% efficiency and burning through the community's hard-earned funds like wildfire while occupants continued to shiver! CSAA is ecstatic to be the first local non-profit organization to receive a portion of the CVRD's "gas tax" funding.



The Octopus. Originally a wood boiler, later converted to oil. Photo by Gord Iversen.

The directors voted to allocate \$125,000 to replace the HUB's heating system with a super-efficient heat pump that uses electric pumps and fans to capture heat from the environment (ground or air) and transfer it indoors. If the engineering works out, it will be a geo-thermal loop that extracts heat from the ground beneath our playing fields (but we can still use the fields for sports). This system will set the HUB up for many years of sustainable, affordable heat. Thank you CVRD!



**History Test!** Cowichan Station's first community meeting place was called the South Cowichan Community Hall. Where was it? (HINT: see the history page at [cowichanstation.org](http://cowichanstation.org))

## THE ANNEX: Filling up Fast!

The "Annex" building on the east side of the HUB is for lease. It is a very reasonably priced, clean modern building with "institutional" zoning. Some space is still available.

Contact Alison Nicholson for details or a tour.

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## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### Summer Fun at the HUB - Drama Day Camp

Session 1: Creative Drama (5-8 yrs)

July 9-13 / 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Session 2: Shakespeare for Kids (8-14yrs)

July 16-20 / 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

**Info/Registration:** Contact the instructor at 250-305-0279 or [cwestmatt@gmail.com](mailto:cwestmatt@gmail.com).

### Summer Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, etc.

Thanks to our volunteers, the fields are mowed and ready for action. The playing fields are available for rentals, and hopefully free weekly drop-in sports, open to all (e.g. Sunday Soccer). Volunteer sports coordinators needed.

### SUMMER SIESTAS...

**Capoeira** will return in September. For more info, email the instructor at [caju@hotmail.com](mailto:caju@hotmail.com).

**Monthly Jam Night** will return in the fall. Thank you to Kent Ball for all his work organizing and hosting so far! Contact [hillbillymoose@hotmail.com](mailto:hillbillymoose@hotmail.com) or 250-748-7433.

**Monthly Work Parties** will be organized as needed during the busy summer holidays. Join the e-news list to be notified, or call us.

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A sneak peek at the "Let There Be Light" Art Auction. (See page 1). Clockwise from top left: **Rainy Day Dreaming** (Jen Manuel), East Wall of HUB, **St. Andrew's Anglican Church** (Jen Tinsley), **Reef Kelp Playtime** (Leanne Hodges); Cohen Ayers with concept for **Big Snail**; HUB (Jacob Hokansen); **Steelheading on the Babine** (Glenn Farenholtz), **Untitled** (Melanie Circle).

## ALMOST HALF-WAY!!

CSAA is very excited to announce that \$430,000 has been secured towards our \$1 million HUB renovation fund! This is enough to pay for the 2 new roofs, a clean, efficient heating system, and the new sound system. A great start! Still to come... pottery studio, new kitchen and coffee counter, more bathrooms, paint job, and more! Thank you to our awesome funders and supporters!

- **Department of Canadian Heritage**, Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program
- **Cowichan Valley Regional District**, Community Works Fund
- **VanCity and The Real Estate Foundation of BC**, Green Building Grant
- **Community donors** (over \$20,000!)
- **Supporting businesses** (generous pro-bono services and discounts)
- **Volunteers** (over \$43,000 worth of volunteer labour has been donated to this project so far!)



**BREAKING NEWS!** Thank you to the **TELUS Community Action Team** for their donation to support youth recreation at the HUB. Yay!



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