

# IT STARTS WITH YOU!



**Kim Barnard,**  
*Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub*

*“Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping” - Mr. Fred Rogers, sharing his mother’s wisdom*

It feels so good to be able to DO something. In spite of a pandemic and Stay Home orders - and perhaps, because of them - we are more aware than ever of the state of our lives and our surroundings. What a gift it has been to enjoy our natural spaces! Yet,

where people have been, litter inevitably follows. This Earth Week, #TLCShawnigan2021, many hands and caring hearts are what it took to “Clean Where We Are” successfully - together - apart!

**We were not alone.**

From Shawnigan to Chemainus, all over the Cowichan Valley Regional District, a number of community leaders came together under the umbrella of the Cowichan Valley Clean Up Effort Facebook

Group, to compare notes and discuss our options for having maximum impact on the problem of abandoned garbage in our environment.

We assembled our teams of partners, and who would be where, over the course of three days, Thursday April 22nd to Saturday April 24th.

Ben Riel, Casey Cook and Shayne Gavin from Shawnigan’s own Relax Collective, together with Ali Davie of Volunteer Cowichan, Holly Ellison

of Youth 20/20 Can Cowichan and Katia Bannister of the Cowichan Valley Earth Guardians assembled at a number of locations along Renfrew Rd and throughout our community on April 24th.

This rain-soaked crew fearlessly tackled some overgrown and challenging spots, gladly practicing ecological restoration like it was an extreme sport! They also picked up bags of roadside trash collected by Litter Watch volunteers in support of the Shawnigan

Rotary EcoClub’s new adopt-a-neighbourhood program. An outstanding 837lbs from our area was hauled to Bing’s Creek Depot under the #CleanCowichan2021 Tipping Exemption community clean up event permit!

Our Litter Heroes Honours continue with Shawnigan Lake School, who this year went totally “Above and Beyond” their campus to cover an amazing amount of ground over the course of Thursday’s Earth Day. Perhaps you saw them ranging eco-purposefully in their bright House shirts? They too did some extreme debris maneuvering! We are so thankful that Fisher Rd Recycling / DL Bins came to the rescue with a bin drop for the junk that had been clogging up and destroying the beauty of the area along Thain Rd. It was truly astounding what the work of 550 students and staff found and removed! The 1240kg of litter for sorting, waste diversion and disposal was generously covered by Spencer Atkinson and team at the Fisher Rd depot with our heartfelt thanks!

There are also the numerous residents and entire families who deserve our gratitude for taking on Litter-Picking as a lifestyle, and not only is it a great form of exercise and bonding, but motivation to put a little extra purpose in our stride! Let the selfless actions of the many outweigh the carelessness and callousness of a few. Your photos and stories continue to inspire others to be better and do better.

Shawnigan, you are truly blessed to have such helpers in your midst!

## Little Things We Can Do

**Kim Barnard**  
*Shawnigan Lake*

Why do we care?  
First you learn to see it  
The ignorant litter creeping into  
Our picture of enjoying the outdoors  
How does it get there?  
Careless tossers  
Multiply mindless consumption and waste  
Garbage in garbage out  
Harming life of all kinds  
There is an antidote to anger

Direct your energy to collecting  
Slow your gaze to see  
Little things we can do  
Pick a spot  
Everything that doesn’t belong  
Things of our making, broken and finished  
Prepare to gather them  
To be handled with care  
Picture the landscape without debris  
Unhurt by our waste  
Belonging once more  
to the living things

to the soil dwellers and foragers  
to the little ones and bare toes  
Wildlife less tempted  
To feed on our throwaways  
Water untainted, natural and free  
All growing life nurtured once again  
Able to thrive  
Without our junk


*Dedicated with Gratitude to our Litter Heroes and Sponsors of  
#TLCShawnigan2021 #CleanCowichan2021*





# Shawnigan Weather April 2021

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network ~ Reported by Grant Treloar

	April Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Average High	13.5	16.2	15.1	16.3	15.2	16.5	15.5	15.5	14.0
Average Low	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.8	4.9	3.6	3.5
Extreme High	30.0	25.9	21.3	25.8	21.6	26.3	21.7	23.5	20.0
Extreme Low	-5.6	-1.4	-0.9	-1.9	-1.3	-0.6	0.4	-1.5	-1.0
Precipitation	71.9	47.1	33.6	43.1	34.4	25.9	30.4	42.2	37.8
Days w precip	16	7	9	8	10	7	10	9	12
Year Precip	541.1	513.9	616.5	471.6	588.2	370.6	496.7	454.6	631.3
Precip since Oct 1	1075.8	1183.6	971.4	1110.8	910.5	895.1	772.4	1082.2	956.3
Rank since 1914: 13 <sup>th</sup> warmest, 33 <sup>rd</sup> driest									
	Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 18	Apr 25					
Lake Temperature	7°	7°	12°	14°					
Lake Level Change	+9cm	+6cm	0	0					
Surface Elevation	116.40m	116.46	116.46	116.46					

For the second year in a row, April was much drier and warmer than normal. Warmest day was the 17th, while the coldest was on the 11th. So far 2021, although drier than last year, is close to average precipitation levels. The lake level and temperature, are similar to past years.

## Interact Club: Let's Fish!

**Peter Salmon,**  
*President, Interact Club - St. John's Academy*

As the weather continues to improve, there are many opportunities for fun, outdoor activities. If you are looking for something to do during the May Long Weekend, the SJASL Interact Club is hosting a community fishing derby! In addition to having fun, there will be opportunities for prizes - 9 prizes will be available, split into three age categories. Prizes will be awarded for longest, prettiest, and closest to mystery length. Everyone has a chance to win. Signup closes on May 9, and the actual event will be held from May 21-24. This event will serve as a fundraiser for future Interact projects. To learn more and sign up, you can visit our website at [bit.ly/sjainteract](https://bit.ly/sjainteract)

Meanwhile, the Interact Fruit Picking project is still open: if you have fruit trees that are left unpicked each summer you can sign up to have your fruit picked for free! All picked fruit will be processed and put towards worthy causes. Once again, our website contains all of the information.

We are looking forward to these events, and hugely appreciate support from the community! To stay up to date, follow us on Instagram (@sjainteract) and Facebook (@Sja interact).

## Shawnigan Lake Museum

**Lori Treloar,**  
*Executive Director*

The Museum is looking for motivated candidates to fill two Museum Assistant Positions for the Summer of 2021 These positions are possible through a Canada Summer Jobs grant.

### 2 eight-week positions

- ★ \$15.50-16.00 per hour (depending on qualifications/experience)
- ★ For a more detailed job description, email [shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca](mailto:shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca)

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- ★ Age guideline: 15- 30
- ★ July - Aug (start date last week of July or first week of August)
- ★ Must be available for the full 8-week commitment
- ★ 30 hrs/week - includes all weekends

### References:

- ★ Please provide phone contact or email for three references (work related or school) from the past two years.

**Please submit your resume by email. Potential applicants will be contacted for interviews.**

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## South Cowichan Library

**Monica Finn**  
*South Cowichan Library*

The South Cowichan Library is now open:

- ★ Tuesday through Saturday!
- ★ Tue: 10am - 8pm
- ★ Wed to Sat: 10am - 5pm

Masks are required when visiting the library. If you can't or prefer not to enter the library, we're happy to arrange a time to hand your requested items to you right at the front door.

All of the library is open again for browsing. You can also use a public computer, print, or scan. We're getting more Express Reads than ever too so you may get lucky

and skip the queue!

We have virtual storytimes, author readings, gardening workshops, eSports, and more. Check out <https://virl.bc.ca/calendar/> to see programs happening online.

All returned items are **quarantined overnight** before returning to circulation. Overdue fines are waived at check-in.

If you know someone unable to come into the library due to illness or injury, please let them know about our monthly volunteer Home Delivery service. Get books and audiobooks right at your door!

*If you have questions, please call us at 250-743-5436 or email [southcowichan@virl.bc.ca](mailto:southcowichan@virl.bc.ca).*



# EARTH WEEK: Cleaning up the town

**Christina Chant,**  
*Shawnigan Lake School*

Earth Day, one of the world’s largest ecological volunteer events, coincides this year with National Volunteer Week in Canada, a combination that has inspired the Shawnigan community to step forward with a week-long series of exciting environmental initiatives both on campus and in the local community.

The theme of this year’s National Volunteer Week is “The Value of One, The Power of Many,” which highlights the importance of individual actions as well as collective strength. Accordingly, Shawnigan’s series of events leading up to Earth Day focused on discussion, awareness and both individual and community action regarding environmental and service initiatives.

Monday saw students compete in an inter-House recycling challenge, a timed event that involved sorting litter into the correct bins. Tuesday’s Off-Grid Day encouraged Houses to take on different initiatives to reduce their carbon footprint that day, including going 24 hours without phones, showers and flushing toilets, switching off lights and opting for a vegetarian diet. Teachers also went analogue, taking classes outdoors and forgoing technology for the day. Wednesday’s student-led Shawnigan Sustainability Forum allowed those with a



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passion for the environment to discuss and prioritise our needs, as a school, in becoming more sustainable. The week then culminated with our campus and community clean-up on Earth Day itself.

Math teacher and event organizer Mark Swannell shares how harnessing the combination of Earth Day and National Volunteer Week has resulted in meaningful action around the School and in the local community: “Students and staff alike have worked together to clean up key areas, not only on campus but also in Shawnigan village and the surrounding area. Our team of Eco-Ninjas worked hard to locate the litter hotspots to make our Earth Day volunteer work the most effective.

We are all fortunate here in Shawnigan Lake to enjoy some truly beautiful natural surroundings – getting out and about and cleaning up litter from local sidewalks, green spaces and waterways (and sorting returnables) is one way

that Shawnigan students and staff members can actively show our appreciation for our wonderful local community.” Headmaster Larry Lamont is thrilled that every member of the Shawnigan Lake School

community is stepping forward: “More than ever, as we have lived through the pandemic, this past year has reminded us of the importance of nature and the beauty of where we live. Our local community members have been hugely supportive as we have navigated the pandemic and adapted to the restrictions as a boarding school. Earth Day provides us with an opportunity to give back: beyond our campus, our boarding house cohorts and staff – with clear safety protocols in place – will be clearing up the areas around Thain Road, Mason’s Beach Park and surrounds, Old Mill Park and Shawnigan Village.”

Shawnigan Lake School is adhering to all COVID-19 guidelines released by the BC Ministries of Health and Education, including those regarding learning cohorts, physical distancing and mask-wearing when appropriate.



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# A Virtual Canada Day with the Shawnigan Lake Community Association



Remember how much fun we had at the Shawnigan Lake Community Association's first virtual Canada Day in 2020? We are going to do it again! This year's Canada Day will be a virtual celebration filled with contests, games, and a chance to show your creativity. Our very clever and talented crew is already at work planning what will be on the agenda for the day. From scavenger hunts to puzzles and colouring contests, we have only just begun to plan for the fun we can and will be bringing to our virtual world on Canada Day. We do regret we cannot have our signature cake that we love to serve, but maybe you can make your own and show us a picture!

Our events are family-friendly and, as always, there is no charge to participate in the event. There is no end to the shenanigans we can get up to at the SLCA and if you saw the Bunny Bros at the Easter event, just wait for Canada Day! No spoilers yet but keep checking the website, shawniganlakecommunityassociation.ca. The SLCA is excited to bring the community an opportunity

to get outside, explore our local areas, and maybe learn something new about Shawnigan Lake.

The SLCA is a community organization that is dedicated to creating events in Shawnigan Lake. We believe it is important to get together and celebrate our community and the people that make it so amazing. Our world has changed abruptly but that does not mean we cannot still have fun and connect as a community during these times, albeit virtually. Hopefully, it will not be too long before in-person events can happen once again, but until then we want you to get your playful on and join us on our virtual Canada Day, July 1st, 2021. Shawnigan Lake Community Association does events for Canada Day, Halloween, Christmas, and Easter.

In June, we will have information for the event up on our website, shawniganlakecommunityassociation.ca. We hope to see you virtually there and thank you for your support in keeping Shawnigan Lake a community we all love to call home.

## Book Review

**Marcy Green**  
*Shawnigan Focus*

### Hamnet and Judith

by Maggie O'Farrell  
Published by Alfred A. Knopf Canada  
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Opening this book was like entering a long-vanished world. Set in Shakespeare's time, it is a fictional account of his life woven around the few facts we have about the world's most famous writer.

Of course, we know of his plays and that he had three children and a wife, Anne Hathaway, all of whom he left in Stratford-on-Avon while he lived the life of a famous actor

and playwright in London.

His son's name was Hamnet, a variation of the name Hamlet, and it is this precious child's death that was thought to inspire the tragedy, "*Hamlet*."

As we get acquainted with the main characters, we are also drawn into all the smells and sounds of bucolic, rural England. It is, indeed, a believable, rich landscape full of ordinary people working hard to provide food and a living during times that are unimaginable to us.

But there is one thing that is familiar. The Plague enters in and, with it, a sweep of death and destruction taking some,

but not all, seeming to hand-pick the weakest and most vulnerable.

The main character that emerges is Agnes (Anne), the wife of the Latin Scholar, as Shakespeare is called in this story. She is considered somewhat eccentric, a woman who gathers herbs and has a reputation as a healer. She is both respected and a little feared. She is a watchful and excellent mother.

There is also a jealous mother-in-law, a giant of a supportive brother and a bully of a father-in-law, all adding colour and drama to this novel. The oldest child, Susanna, takes on the role of protective sister to her younger siblings.

Hamnet is a twin, and very close to his sister Judith. When Judith gets the plague,

and survives, he somehow manages to catch it from her and dies himself, the beautiful, much-loved child of the family.

The last third of this book is focused on the terrible grief of the mother, Agnes, and that of the rest of the family, all trying desperately to make sense of losing this golden boy. Time passes, and the pain lingers.

Some resolution comes when Agnes, distraught at their growing separation and emotional distance, finally travels to London to see her husband.

The last scene, where she watches the production of "*Hamlet*" and tries to understand its meaning, is electric. The full realization of her husband's love for his son, and


his terrible grief in losing him, floods her being.

And so, along with Agnes and with all the audiences and readers throughout the centuries, we pause to pay tribute to the genius who wrote this most well-known tragedy. Shakespeare, too, knew the meaning of great loss.

Maggie O'Farrell had me spellbound for the whole narrative. This is one of those books where, when you finish, you have to shake your head and wonder where you are, before you step back into the everyday world. Simply brilliant.


Recommended for those who understand about love and grief, and who enjoy imagined stories based on fragments of history.

**Rating: 5/5 stars**



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# E.J. Hughes – At Home in Shawnigan

**Robert Amos**  
*Artist & Author*

After serving as a War Artist during the Second World War E. J. Hughes and his wife Fern moved to Victoria, but they found the city too noisy. A real estate agent took them to see a property on the east side of Shawnigan Lake, a house and two cottages plus fifty feet of waterfront. Shawnigan Lake Road, which at the time was the Island Highway, ran through the property separating it from the waterfront.

Fern, who suffered from muscular dystrophy, found the walk up to the house arduous and left it to Ed to look the place over. Ever impractical, he didn't notice that the only running water was from a faucet outside by the back door. Keeping the big old house heated would become a challenge, and the heavily treed property required maintenance. But it was scenic, private, affordable – and quiet. On May 27, 1951 they bought it for \$3,500, though it would take them a long time to pay for it.

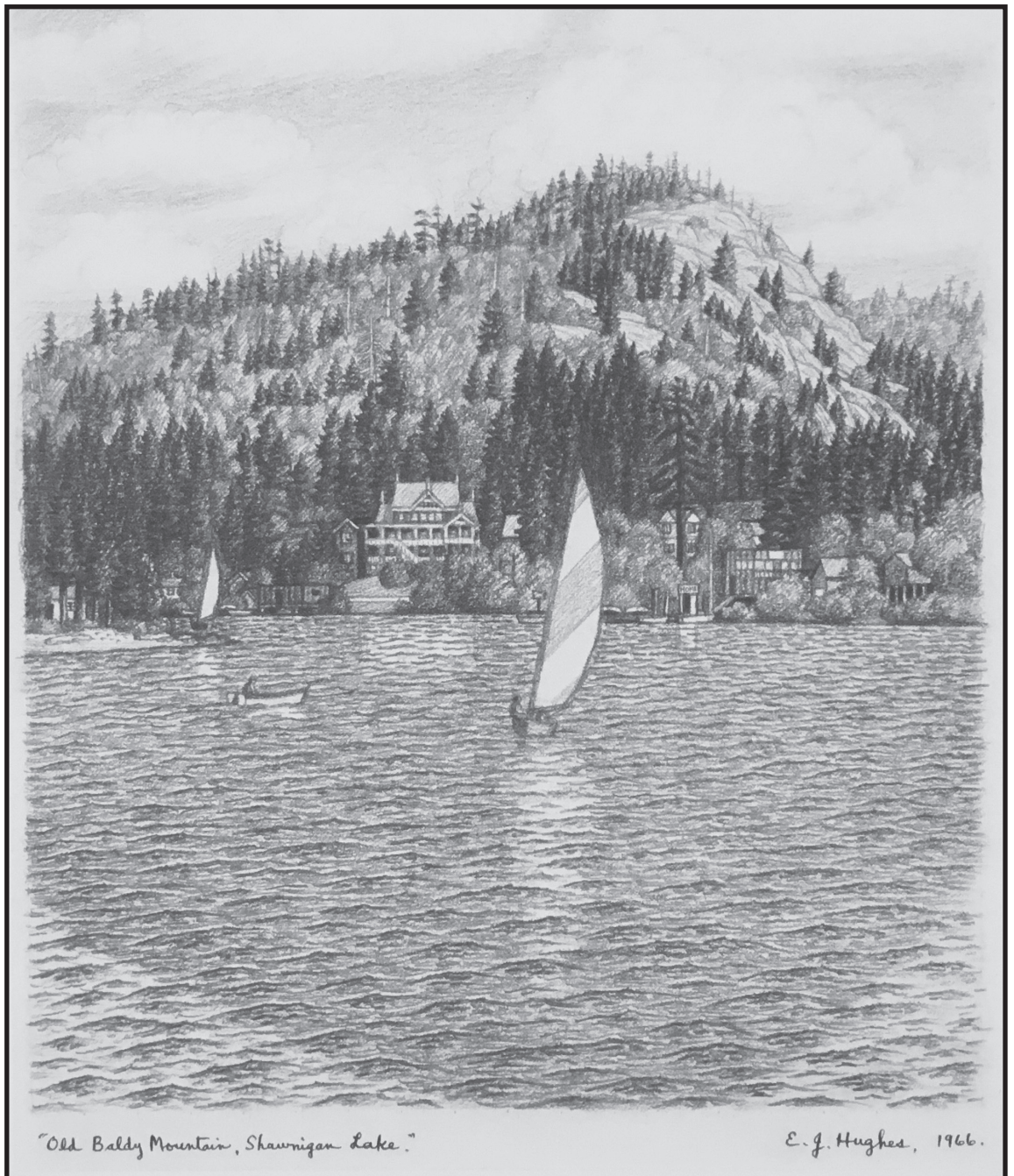
Hughes' friend Pat Salmon later recalled, "Shawnigan Lake at the time was in the middle of nowhere, so to speak. Hughes didn't have a

car. To walk to the village carrying a fifty-inch canvas and then get a bus into Duncan was an onerous hike." Later they bought a little boat which Fern loved driving. Hughes described his pleasure leaning back, his head resting in his clasped hands, eyes closed and feeling the warm Shawnigan breeze blowing across his face. As he said to himself, "this is the life!"

They lived at Shawnigan until 1972. During those years Hughes worked on his paintings six days a week and on Sunday he and Fern walked to The Galley for ice cream. "It was near poverty at times," Salmon concluded, "but it was a simple life, and a very happy life."

Robert Amos has published three books on E. J. Hughes. His recent volume, *The E. J. Hughes Book of Boats* (TouchWood Editions, 2020) was recently nominated for the BC Book Award. He would be pleased to hear your stories of Hughes and Shawnigan Lake.

E. J. Hughes, *Old Baldy Mountain, Shawnigan Lake* (1966). Pencil, gift of the artist to the Shawnigan Lake Museum. Hughes' home was located along this waterfront.



## Essential travel

**Glenn White**  
*Opinion*

Finally, the NDP has clarified what "essential" travel is. Prior to this, we had visitors to the island from everywhere. I am sure that some felt their vacation needs were essential and, with no guidelines or enforcement, people just showed up. Any organization needs to have clear guidelines and rules under which they will operate.

We are now in an even tighter lock down, even though our numbers on the island are low, and it is

important to maintain this status. We know, clearly, what essential travel is and that it will be hard on local businesses which makes it even more imperative that we shop local. If we want to have a take-out meal, use our local restaurants or visit the patios where it is allowed. The jobs and people who work in those jobs are our neighbours and friends and part of our community. We need to continue to support them.

We are fortunate in Shawnigan, and surrounding areas, that we still have

our wonderful network of trails for cycling, walking and horseback riding.

A walk in the woods is refreshing and invigorating. We still have our parks for the kids and families to spend time, so we have a lot to be thankful for.

Despite the lock down and restrictions, we still need to do as Dr Bonnie says - be kind to each other, be thankful for what we have and get our shots when it is our turn to ensure that we keep COVID in check and eventually get past it to some sense of normalcy.

*It's not the honors and the prizes and the fancy outsides of life which ultimately nourish our souls. It's the knowing that we can be trusted, that we never have to fear the truth, that the bedrock of our very being is good stuff. ~ Fred Rogers*

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Due to the Dr. Henry announcement extending the PHO, including restrictions on indoor dining and activities, the Legion will remain closed. We hope that restrictions will be lifted after the May long week-end's announcement. If we are able to resume some normalcy, we will be looking at reopening Fridays and Saturdays. Please check our website or Facebook for up-dated information.

WE ARE PROUD ...  
Congratulations to Abigail

Dyer, a grade 12 student at Shawnigan Lake School!! She wrote a poem "When the Clouds Cry" for the Provincial Command, Canadian Legion 2020-2021 Youth Remembrance Contest and her submission came first in the province.

Unfortunately, the Wounded Warrior Run has been cancelled again this year. We opted to host a silent on-line auction to support them. We would like to thank everyone who participated. With the money raised, and with Legion contributions, we raised a total of \$2737.00 this year.

The Legion is still collecting bottles, cans, liquor and wine bottles, wine boxes and juice containers in its no contact, no sorting required,



bottle drive. Please leave them by the service entrance during the daytime. The Blue recycling bin is available for evening drop-offs. The actual bottle drives will be held every Saturday from 10:00 – 2:00 pm until further notice. This continues to help pay for

incoming bills.  
We are continuing to collect items and monetary donations for Broken Promises Rescue. We are collecting dog/cat food, litter, pet toys, kennels, crates, puppy pads etc. All Items can be dropped off at our front door bench location.

Chris Behnsen – Cougar hunter

Lori Treloar,  
Shawnigan Lake Museum

Christopher George Behnsen, famed sportsman and cougar hunter, lived most of his life at Shawnigan Lake on property that his family bought around 1912. A cigar maker by trade, he took over the management of the family cigar factory, Big-B, in Victoria when his father entered politics in 1903. He then operated a successful trucking business. However, Chris, who craved the outdoor life, gave up his business and became a professional hunter. He became friends with hundreds of hunters and fishermen and his knowledge of the interior of Southern Vancouver Island was rivaled by none. Chris became an expert who was

called upon when authorities needed a marauding cougar treed and killed. In his lifetime he killed more than 150 cougars. The bounty on these animals could be as high as \$30 which was quite a sum in those days.

In the summer, Chris rented boats to fishermen and kept cabins for rent. He gave advice on lures and sweet spots to fish and was considered the authority on the subject. He was also the person lake residents called if repairs were needed on their rowboat so that their boat was in fine form for the following spring.

Chris was the ultimate outdoorsman. He knew the country intimately, could wield an axe or a gun with great skill and it was believed that he could survive

under any conditions. Although he was a small, wiry man he could outlast most men, of any age, in the bush – as long as his hounds had the scent he kept going. Neighbours of the Bensen's grew accustomed to the mournful baying of the Chris's cougar hounds and it became as natural in the area as the music of the birds.

Ironically, Chris became a naturalist in his later years and gave up hunting entirely. He was often seen feeding deer, raccoon and mink. He would even comb the fur of squirrels. He was very fond of the animals and would not let anyone harm them. Chris, who was considered part legend while he was alive, died at his home, in 1964, at the age of 83

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- ★ Friday, Apr 2 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Friday, Apr 2 – Assistance off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, Apr 5 – Structure Fire on Briarwood Dr
- ★ Thursday, Apr 8- 1st Responder off Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Saturday, Apr 10 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Apr 11 – Structure Fire on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Apr 11 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Apr 13 – Burning Complaint on Stevenson Rd
- ★ Friday, Apr 16 – Structure Fire on Carlton Dr
- ★ Friday, Apr 16 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Apr 17 – Burning Complaint on Butler Ave
- ★ Saturday, Apr 17 – Burning Complaint on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, Apr 19 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Monday, Apr 19 – Assistance off Northgate Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Apr 20 - 1st Responder off Colman Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Apr 20 – Burning Complaint on Worthington Rd
- ★ Friday, Apr 23 - 1st Responder off Terrace Rd
- ★ Saturday, Apr 24 – Burning Complaint on Courtney Way
- ★ Saturday, Apr 24 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- ★ Sunday, Apr 25 - 1st Responder off Carlton Dr
- ★ Wednesday, Apr 28 – Assistance off Gregory Rd
- ★ Thursday, Apr 29 - 1st Responder off Northgate Rd
- ★ Thursday, Apr 29 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd



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- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission (APC)** Meetings TBA
- ★ **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**  
Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month.
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Commission**  
Meetings TBA. Held at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
- ★ **Shawnigan Improvement District**  
2nd Monday of each month 7 pm at #1 Fire Hall
- ★ **Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA)**  
For info: check [www.thesra.ca](http://www.thesra.ca)
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**  
Contact: [bburr@shaw.ca](mailto:bburr@shaw.ca)
- ★ **Shawnigan Basin Society**  
Unit 4-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: [info@shawniganbasinsociety.org](mailto:info@shawniganbasinsociety.org)
- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**  
Contact: [blog.ysag.ca](http://blog.ysag.ca) - email: [ysagssl@gmail.com](mailto:ysagssl@gmail.com)
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum**  
Reopening will be determined after the updates from the Province.  
Contact: [shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca](mailto:shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca) [www.shawniganlakemuseum.com](http://www.shawniganlakemuseum.com)
- ★ **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**  
Contact: 250-929-7222 - [www.southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca](http://www.southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca)
- ★ **Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134**  
Saturday Meat Draw 3:00-5:00pm. Contact: [Gloria\\_gsolley@shaw.ca](mailto:Gloria_gsolley@shaw.ca)
- ★ **South Cowichan Healthcare Aux.** every second Tuesday from 1 -2pm. at Mill Bay Community League Hall. [southcowichanhealthcareaux@gmail.com](mailto:southcowichanhealthcareaux@gmail.com)
- ★ **Shawnigan Quilters** - Wed. 9-2 at Lion's Hall (former Sylvania School)
- ★ **Note:** Covid restrictions may affect regular meetings. Check before you go...

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Greg Galpin was our winner for  
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The Value of One, The Power of Many, reflects inspiring acts of kindness by young individuals in the community and the magic that happens when we work together towards a common purpose. Youth Volunteers bring change and deserve more than ever to be recognized for their dedication to their community.

On National Volunteer Week, Cassira and Sadie, dedicated youth volunteers were awarded recognition certificates for their hard work fundraising in the community. From Bottle Drives, T - Shirt sales, to sitting in the sun and spreading the word on the work the Shawnigan Basin Society does - these two are happy to help! Their dedication as volunteers is an inspiration to others.

Volunteers are special. We extend our appreciation to all our volunteers and everything you do! With deepest gratitude for your commitment to serve, thank you on behalf of the Shawnigan Basin Society and the people we serve, our community.

With more projects and initiatives under way the Shawnigan Basin Society is seeking community members interested in promoting land stewardship - Landowners creating backyard wildlife habitats throughout Cobble Hill, Mill Bay and Shawnigan Lake. The Habitat Acquisition Trust set a great example through their Good Neighbors program. Here is a link to a YouTube video for more details on their program [https://youtu.be/XriS7KziR\\_o](https://youtu.be/XriS7KziR_o) . Assisting Landowners land use needs while also protecting some of Canada's most endangered ecosystems. Imagine our community in which all natural ecosystems are preserved and where we could be in 15 years.

If you are interested in learning more about the Shawnigan Basin Society, would like to make a contribution or have ideas of how to launch stewardship initiatives in your neighborhood email [info@shawniganbasinsociety.org](mailto:info@shawniganbasinsociety.org) or call 250 929 4076

\*Grand Firs Seedlings are available for minimum donation – Continue to celebrate Earth Day throughout the planting season!

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