



## Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association

2730 Elk Street, Nanaimo, BC V9S 3T9

### **Building Block of our Community** **Member Newsletter, Spring 2004**

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#### Our mission:

To identify issues affecting the Departure Bay Neighbourhood and to produce and promote neighbourhood devised solutions, to develop a sense of community awareness, and to provide a forum for neighbours to get to know one another

#### **Executive Positions - Term May 2003 to April 2004**

<b>President:</b>	Jennifer Davidson
<b>Vice-President:</b>	vacant
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Fred Pattje
<b>Secretary:</b>	Joan Wallace
<b>Past President:</b>	Dave Shillabeer (non-elected position)

#### **Non-elected committee positions**

<b>Social:</b>	Joan Shillabeer
<b>Newsletter &amp; Publicity:</b>	Reale Emond
<b>Members at large contributors:</b>	Rob Ward, Allan Davidson, Karen Hovestad & Glenda Easthom



Welcoming the Spring of 2004 in your  
**Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association** newsletter



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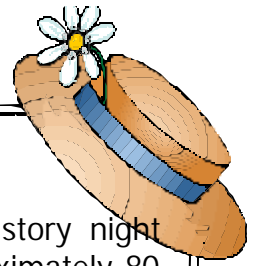
**Fond Memories:**  
Last November's "Bygone Days" History Night

**Get to know your Neighbours:**  
Cathie and Gary Seriani "Grocers Extraordinaire"

**Upcoming Event: AGM 2004**

**Friday mornings at the "Chat Club"**

## November 19th, 2003: Second Yearly DBNA History Night



The second annual Departure Bay History night was a resounding success with approximately 80 attendees. The immense pleasure of sharing "Bygone Days" memories with long time residents of Departure Bay highlighted the evening; following presentations from Chris Sholberg, City of Nanaimo Heritage Dept and from Lynne Bowen, Author, all enjoyed and Old Fashion Tea with a special Birthday cake and flowers to celebrate Laura Johnstone's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Lynne Bowen, our keynote speaker, talked about the mining days and how it affected Departure Bay and area. Of particular interest was the depiction of Dunsmuir coal mining days in Departure Bay. Following a narration of a very interesting excerpt from her book "*Robert Dunsmuir Laird of the Mines*" to a rapt audience, Lynne sold and signed some of her books and eagerly answered questions on the topic.



Also presenting was Chris Sholberg from the city of Nanaimo Heritage Department; Chris gave a brief talk about the Heritage registry processes and benefits; he encouraged anyone with a heritage property in the Departure Bay area to contact him for more information.



## A few residents shared their Departure Bay memories and experiences.

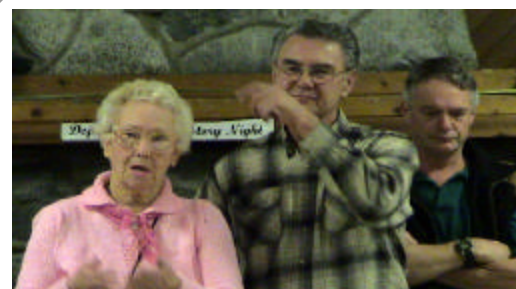
Dennis Watson, artefacts collector, brought a piece of the rail that carried the coal from Diver Lake to Long Lake area down through Sherwood Forest to be loaded onto waiting ships in Departure Bay.



Nanaimo educator, mentor and long time Departure Bay resident, Laura Johnstone, pictured with some of her bygone-days pupils, reminisced about her teaching days.



Mrs. Gladys Henderson, pictured here with son Jack and with friend Jim Harper, shared some very interesting details about the hotel, owned by the Harper family, at Departure Bay Beach next to the Kin Hut.



Long time residents Laura Johnstone and Graham Holland, winner of our membership prize, shared a few memories from the past.



Karen Hovestad, of the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association Committee, served "Old Time Baking" to the many members who attended the festivities. The organizers donned period costumes reminiscent of the era for the occasion and served an old fashioned tea with scones, strawberry jam, lemon curd and whipped cream. Some of the lovely ladies' costumes were graciously lent out by Theater One in support of the event.



We look forward to our next DBNA Heritage evening in November 2004 and we thank you all for attending, sharing and making this wonderful event such a pleasure to organize.

Thank you also to our dedicated volunteers...we couldn't have done it without you.

Joan Shillabeer, DBNA Social Committee

## Interview:

### Cathie and Gary Seriani, Neighbourhood Convenience Store

Cathie and Gary were born and raised in Nanaimo. Following their marriage in 1970, they chose Departure Bay's Debaren Apts as their first home together. Fond memories of Departure Bay both as children playing at the beach, and later as teenagers just hanging out prompted them just over a year ago to open "Seriani's Market" at seaside Departure Bay Beach.

Q: Why did you choose to have your business in Departure Bay?

A: We felt that Departure Bay had a need for a neighbourhood grocery store. When Terri's closed it left a void in the marketplace. Consumers should have a small grocery store in their area to service their needs and to provide convenience. Being able to pick up the things you need without having to drive to the large stores saves consumers a lot of time and travel. Also many customers enjoy the convenience of being able to walk to their local market, have a chance to meet their neighbours and share a cup once in a while.

Q: What is your outlook for the future of the area? What would you like to see happening?

A: Hopefully more and more people will come to the beach during the summer months. We would like Departure Bay to be Nanaimo's favourite destination as a local attraction. Over time we hope to see more small shops, such as antique stores, book stores, curios etc in the area...a small little trading area for the neighbourhood folks.

Q: In closing, what is your personal message to the neighbourhood.

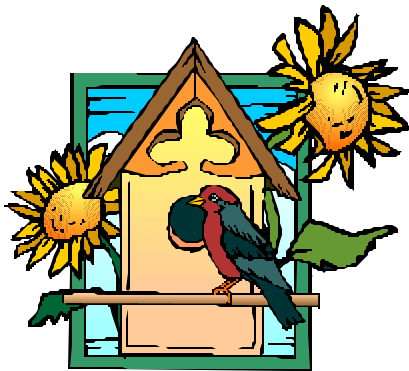
A: Cathie and I are delighted to be able to have a business in the Departure bay area. It's enjoyable because of all the fond memories we have from our youthful years. We urge all the members of the DBNA and the residents of Departure Bay to come out and support your local small businesses. This helps to keep the identity and culture of our area so unique.



*Cathie and Gary Seriani,  
proud owners of Seriani's Market,  
would like to see a little trading area for the folks*

## DBNA Chat Club at Seriani's

**Fridays, from 10 to 11 am  
until end of April!**



**Drop in for coffee and join some of the  
Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association  
Representatives for a weekly informal  
"get to know each other" chat.  
Bring your questions, suggestions, jokes,  
anecdotes, vignettes, memories, etc.**

# A Little Spring Housekeeping

## Website

Please note our website address on the front page. At this site you will find current newsletters, the results of our neighbourhood survey and other information about DBNA. Please note that we have no connection with another website that is being advertised in the area.

## Personal Information and Privacy Act (PIPA)

This act came into effect on January 1, 2004. We have been informed that this Act covers non-profit organizations. After a review of our practices, we feel confident that we are in compliance with the regulations.

- We do not collect information of an intensely personal nature
- Our mailing lists are used solely for the purpose of sending out newsletters and for the executive to contact members about association business
- Our emailed newsletters are sent via blind copy so that recipients are not able to read others' addresses
- Other newsletters are hand delivered by volunteers. Members who feel this may violate their privacy may request to have their newsletter mailed via Canada Post.
- We never share or sell our membership list.
- Once updated, old membership lists are shredded
- The information from our Neighbourhood Survey was shared in date form only. Original surveys were available only to those compiling the data.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact us.

## Memberships

Please note that all memberships are due on May 1, 2004. These may be renewed at the AGM, or you may mail your \$5 membership fee to our address on the front page, using the form below. Please let us know of any address changes (especially email). In order to vote at the AGM, you must be a paid up member in good standing.

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## Your DBNA Membership Application Form

Departure Bay is your neighbourhood, you can make a difference.

In order to vote at the DBNA AGM, you must be a member in good standing. Your support is essential!

Please fill the application and drop it off with your \$5 yearly family fee at AGM or drop off/ mail to:

**Jennifer Davidson, 2730 Elk Street, Nanaimo, BC V9S 3T9**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Nanaimo, BC Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to get more involved? Please let us know your area of expertise:

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Please note all information is kept in conformity with our privacy policy as stated above

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

**Date:** May 12, 2004

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

## **Agenda:**

1. Meet your neighbours & view posted minutes
2. Minutes of 2003 AGM
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Report on Year's Activities:
  - a. Neighbourhood Picnic
  - b. History Night
  - c. Heritage Summit
  - d. Neighbourhood Network
  - e. Departure Bay Trailway Update
  - f. Rezoning 3008 Hammond Bay Rd
5. Report from Nominations Chair & Elections
6. Current Issues/New Business/Goals for Coming Year
7. Question & Answer period

## **Social**

### **Please note**

All positions on the Executive are open. If you wish to nominate a member in good standing for an executive position, please contact our Nominations Chair, Dave Harvey at 758-7518 or [dtharvey@shaw.ca](mailto:dtharvey@shaw.ca)  
The following incumbents and committee members have allowed their names to stand for the following positions:

#### **Elected Positions:**

(These are positions that must be elected at each AGM, in order to be in compliance with the Societies Act.)

**President:** Allan Davidson

**Vice-President:** Karen Hovestad

**Treasurer:** Fred Pattje

**Secretary:** Joan Wallace

**Past President (non-elected position):** Jennifer Davidson

#### **Non-elected Committee Members:**

(These are members who have expressed an interest in becoming more involved and who attend Executive Meetings and help with the work of running the Association.)

Environment : Kelly Franklin

Newsletter & Publicity : Reale Emond

Members at large contributor: Dave Shillabeer, Rob Ward, Glenda Easthom