



THE GAZETTE

GOWARD HOUSE

December 2022 – January 2023 Editor: *Marlene Abney*

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President's Message

The first signs of Christmas were apparent as I walked through the front door of Goward House this week -- the Christmas tree greeted me as I entered the living room, and many beautiful decorations throughout the main floor gave the House a warm, festive feeling. Special thanks to Carol Simson, Sylvia Brewis and Mary Brackenbury for getting our Christmas celebration underway.

The House continues to be very busy in the lead up to Christmas. The roof replacement is underway, with the hope it will be finished before the Holiday break. Parking will be at a premium during this project, so we encourage members to carpool or walk to the House for their activities.

Our Christmas Luncheon on December 8th has been so popular we have reached capacity and are sold out! Your support for this annual event is greatly appreciated. We look forward to a delicious turkey lunch.

It is not too late to contribute to the President's Appeal. Special thanks to all our members who contributed so generously this year.

On behalf of the Goward House Board of Directors and staff we would like to extend our best wishes to members for a Happy Holiday Season and a healthy, prosperous 2023. We will look forward to renewing our many activities in the New Year.

Warmest thoughts to all for peace, joy and happiness,
Allan

Now open !

Christmas POP UP Shop

Goward House members will have noticed our Lobby looks a little different! Please come and shop for a one - of - a - kind craft item or beautiful art card made by our talented members. From stocking stuffers to stuffies, ornaments and adorable gifts, you will find something to please everyone.

from now until December 23rd

Thank You for supporting

Goward House!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

We received \$97.50 from our recent Fairway's fundraising. To participate with Fairway Market, please visit our front desk and ask for a Fairway card.

To participate at Pepper's, drop by Pepper's and buy a gift card. Let the cashier know that you want the fundraising portion to go to Goward House. Thank you to all who participate!



Martha's Delectables Shortbread

We will be featuring Martha's delicious shortbread again this year: Classic or Orange Brandy.

Please visit the Front Desk to purchase. \$ 12.00

Goward House would like to extend a very warm welcome to new members:

Claire Abbott, Dallas Cooper, Sheila Critch, Walter Critch, Carol Lamont, Vicki Laughren, Laura Dawn Marks, Freda Morgan, Anna Petrie, Julie Newson & Christine Willes.

BRIDGE LESSONS with Jim Brackenbury



“Defence in the 21st Century” January 19th - March 16th, 2023



Jim Brackenbury will teach this nine-week course on Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 am, at Goward House. The course will be aimed at players familiar with bidding and play of the hand, using the most recently updated textbook from the American Contract Bridge League. Jim is an accredited ACBL bridge teacher and club director.

Register for the course at the front desk by January 12th. Fees are \$80 for Goward House members and \$100 for non-members. The required textbook can be purchased directly from the instructor. (Please let the front desk know if you require the textbook, at the time of registration.)

PRESIDENT'S FORUM



The President's Forum is a meeting opportunity for Goward House members to interact with Directors on the Board – this is a good place to ask questions.

Our President and other Board members will address current Board projects, and topics relevant to the members and House operation. Bring your questions; we will be happy to answer them!

The forums are by ZOOM and offered quarterly. Meetings will be for half an hour to 45 minutes, starting at **10am**. A link will be sent to members by email a couple of times ahead of the date. **NO REGISTRATION** is required - please just “come on by” and join us. Mark your calendar for **January 12th**.

MONEY MATTERS

Money Matters with **Pam Katunar** is returning to Goward House! The next session will be **Thursday January 26th**, from 2 – 3:30 pm. The topic for this presentation is **Market Update – Welcome to 2023!** An update and outlook for investors as well as things to be aware of in the current market environment. Please pre-register at the front desk by Tuesday January 24th.

Free for members \$5 for non-members

In Remembrance



Judy Max passed away suddenly September 4th, 2022, after a heroic battle with cancer. She was a very active member at Goward House for many years. Judy was a member of the choir and volunteered at the Front Desk and the Kitchen. Her friend Lynne Peacey expressed that her good company will be missed by all of her friends, and she will continue to live on in their hearts.

Goward House Chinese Brush Painters

Art Show and Sale

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING



SHOW and SALE

Friday December 2, 2022
to January 25, 2023
Weekdays 9:30 am. to 3:30 pm.
Goward House
2495 Arbutus Road

Opening Reception

Sunday December 4
2022

1:30 to 3:30

www.gowardhouse.com

By the artists of
The Studio of Harmonious Endeavours



Let's Pull Together for Goward Park!

By Katie Turner (Stewardship Coordinator)

Saanich has over 171 parks, and it takes a community, working together, to keep them healthy and beautiful. With more than 40 Pulling Together projects across Saanich Parks, there are many options to choose from!

Pulling Together volunteers work on rocky outcrops, wetlands, forests, and wildflower meadows. Together they remove invasive species, plant native vegetation, improve wildlife habitat, monitor progress, and educate others.

Lead Steward volunteers are the backbone of the Pulling Together volunteer program. They collaborate with Saanich Parks and coordinate the boots on the ground that put community stewardship into action. Some Lead Stewards work independently while others organize regular volunteer work parties and support enthusiastic youth, faith, corporate, and other organized groups.

Without committed Pulling Together volunteers, natural areas like Goward Park can be vulnerable to invasive species and habitat degradation. These amazing environmental stewards are helping to build a community of care whose actions protect and restore natural habitats for future generations.

The Pulling Together volunteer program involves community volunteers in hands-on ecological restoration in more than 40 Saanich Parks. We welcome people of all ages and abilities. Visit [Volunteer for Pulling Together District of Saanich](#) to learn more about what we do and how to help care for your parks.

Seeking a Lead Steward volunteer at Goward Park

- *Join a community of park stewards*
- *Learn about ecosystem restoration*
- *Plan guide and monitor restoration activities*
- *Lead work parties and welcome new volunteers*



Please contact katie.turner@saanich.ca to learn more.

Merle & Everett Peterson Retire as Lead Stewards for the Goward House Woodland

Merle & Everett Peterson have been Goward House members and Lead Stewards of the Woodland since the Goward House Society was formed over 30 years ago. Society Board members and staff met with the Petersons recently when they announced their retirement from their duties as Lead Stewards of the Woodland. They shared their vision for the future of the Woodland Stewardship and their wish that someone from Goward House would be willing to take over this important role. Their work restoring and maintaining the natural beauty of the Woodland over the years has been exceptional and much appreciated. These will be big shoes to fill but we are hopeful a member of Goward House will continue this important work.

If you are interested in taking over the Stewardship of the Goward House Woodland please contact Katie Turner, Stewardship Coordinator for Saanich Parks.

Special Guest Dr. Andrew J. Weaver

Thursday February 9th 2023

Global Warming -

Advancing climate policy in our parliamentary
democracy

"In this presentation I will outline the scale of the global warming challenge and discuss my journey into BC Politics to advance climate policy. I'll reframe the challenge as an opportunity for innovation, creativity and economic prosperity. I'll also outline some of the social and political barriers that inhibit progress towards the decarbonization of energy systems."

Not to be missed!

Coffee and
Conversations



Dr. Andrew J. Weaver is a Professor in the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences at the University of Victoria. He was also the Canada Research Chair in Climate Modelling and Analysis until he was elected as a BC Green Party MLA in the 2013 BC Provincial Election representing the riding of Oak Bay-Gordon Head. In 2015 Dr. Weaver assumed leadership of the BC Green Party, leading them to an historic election result in the 2017 provincial election with three elected MLAs holding the balance of power in an NDP minority government. He returned to UVic after two terms as an MLA.

Dr. Weaver received his B.Sc. (Mathematics and Physics) from the University of Victoria in 1983, a Master of Advanced Studies in Mathematics from Cambridge University in 1984, and a PhD in Applied Mathematics from the University of British Columbia in 1987. He has authored or coauthored over 200 peer-reviewed papers in climate, meteorology, oceanography, earth science, policy, education and anthropology journals. He was a Lead Author in the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th scientific assessments. He was the Chief Editor of the Journal of Climate from 2005-2009.

Dr. Weaver is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society, American Meteorological Society, American Geophysical Union and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Over the years he has received a number of awards including the NSERC-Steacie, Killam and Guggenheim Fellowships and the CMOS President's Prize, the Royal Society of Canada Miroslaw Romanowski Medal and the A.G. Huntsman Award for Excellence in Marine Science. In 2008 he was appointed to the Order of British Columbia and in 2014 he received an honorary D. Sc. Degree from McMaster University.

BOARD NEWS

Board member and Treasurer **André Berthiaume** is retiring from the Goward House Board. We wish to thank him for all of his time volunteering for Goward House. Bon retraite André! In his place, board member **Lee Frank** will be taking over the position of Treasurer. Lee is a long-time, dedicated board member. Thank you for stepping in Lee!

President's Appeal has had a very good response from the membership. There is still time to donate to this very important fundraiser. Tax receipts for 2022 will be issued up until December 16th. Thank you to all who have generously donated to this annual drive.



SNOW & ICE ALERTS

We want to keep all of our members safe this winter, so in case the weather outside is frightful (and not so delightful), members and volunteers are asked to call Goward House @ 250 477-4401 after 8:30 a.m. to receive information on House closures due to inclement weather. Please stay safe on the roads this winter.

PLEASE USE CAUTION ON WOODEN BRIDGES WHILE WALKING THROUGH THE WOODLANDS!



The next Book Club will be **Thursday December 15th from 1:00 - 2:30 pm.**

The December title is **The Collector's Apprentice** by **B.A. Shapiro**. A book can be signed out from the Book Club Set that has been left at the front desk.

The January title is **Innocent Cities** by **Jack Hodgins**. The January Book Club will be held Thursday January 19.

Some copies will be available at the December meeting for borrowing.

ON THE BOOKSHELF

By John Tibbles



Bill Bryson has been one of my favourite authors for a long time. He approaches quest curiosity, and in order to understand problems uses his influence to sit at the feet of acknowledged experts in the field. He is able to get the best and most current information which he then translates to us broad masses - interspersed with his own observations. "To begin with, for you to be here now, trillions of drifting atoms somehow assembled in an intricate and intriguingly obliging manner to create you." How's that for an opener? His "**A Short History of Nearly Everything**" is a masterpiece.

I have an autographed copy of "**The Wayfinders**" by Wade Davis, so I am reluctant to lend this one out. He was the "Explorer in Residence" at the National Geographical Society. He has been described as the rare combination of scientist, scholar and poet, and is a passionate defender of all life's diversity. He is also a photographer and film maker. One of his many books describes the inheritance of oral history, skills and civilizations through the ages that predate Christianity. He describes a traditional catamaran such as was used throughout history - a vessel 60 feet in length with a crew of ten including a captain and a navigator as equals. The navigator was traditionally a woman and she would take the vessel from Hawaii to as far away as New Zealand or Alaska!

For those of us who stick to murder, "**The Thursday Murder Club**" by Richard Osman is a good read and has been widely praised. It describes 4 friends of our generation who meet weekly to solve still-unsolved-crimes (which rooms in Goward House would be suitable?), until they suddenly find themselves in the middle of a real live murder, so to speak. Well worth reading!

If you are looking for a historical romance, an oldie but goodie is "**The Governors Lady**" by Thomas Raddall, a celebrated Nova Scotian novelist and historian of the 60's and 70's. Set in the years just before the American War of Independence in Halifax it follows the fortunes of a young and newly appointed governor of the Province and his fickle wife in those tumultuous times.

Lastly, if you are still looking for more, I would strongly recommend "**Longitude**" by Dava Sobel - the story of the invention of the marine chronometer, and the skullduggery and greed that accompanied this battle for recognition by the underdog.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Strength & Balance 9:00 – 10:00	Line Dancing 9:30 – 10:30	Drop in Art 8:00 – 11:30	Tai Chi 9:30 – 11:00	Yoga 9:30 – 10:30 <i>(on hiatus in January)</i>
Easy Aerobics 10:15 – 11:00 <i>(on hiatus)</i>	French Conversation Adv. 1:00 – 3:00	Chinese Brush Painters 9:30 – 1:00	Strength & Balance 12:00 – 1:00	Spanish Conversation Adv. 10:30 – noon <i>(returns January 13)</i>
Quillers 10:00 - noon	Portrait Painters 1:15 – 4:00	Duplicate Bridge 12:15 – 4:00	Book Club 1:00 – 2:00 (3 rd Thursday)	Choir 1:15 – 3:15
iPad & iPhone Club 10:00 – 11:30 1 st Monday <i>(no iPad December)</i>		Crafters 1:00 – 3:00	Social Bridge 12:30 – 4:00	
Tai Chi 11:30 – 1:00				
Social Bridge 12:30 – 4:00				
Silk Reeling 1:15 – 2:15 <i>(December 19th only)</i>				
Meditation 2:30 – 4:00				

GOWARD HOUSE SOCIETY

Board of Directors: Committees 2022-23

COMMITTEE	DIRECTORS
BUDGET	<i>Allan Davies, André Berthiaume, Lee Frank</i>
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	<i>André Berthiaume, Mary Collins, John Martens</i>
ENVIRONS	<i>Wendy Denyes, Barry Mah Ming</i>
FACILITY	<i>André Berthiaume, Allan Davies</i>
FRONT DESK & MEMBERSHIP	<i>Gail Branton, Lee Frank</i>
GROUPS, GARDEN & PARKING	<i>Allan Davies, Gail Branton</i>
KITCHEN	<i>Lee Frank, Myrna Rouse</i>
PERSONNEL	<i>Allan Davies, Gail Branton</i>
POLICY & PROCEDURES	<i>John Martens, Barry Mah Ming</i>
PROGRAM	<i>Mary Collins, Wendy Denyes</i>
PUBLICITY	<i>Barbara Turner, Wendy Denyes</i>
SPECIAL EVENTS	<i>Myrna Rouse, Wendy Denyes, Lee Frank</i>
VOLUNTEERS	<i>Lee Frank, Barbara Turner</i>
President: Allan Davies	Vice-President: Mary Collins
Secretary: Gail Flitton	Treasurer: André B.

We acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory the neighbourhood of Cadboro Bay lies, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

“Scene” Around Goward House



Our Christmas elves and decorating experts Carol Simson (L) & Sylvia Brewis (R). Thank you, ladies!



Mary Brackenbury has once again made us a beautiful wreath. Thank you, Mary. This is a great spot to take a seasonal photo with some friends!