

# Southern Cortes Community Association

*Mansons Hall since 1922, created for and by the Cortes Island community. Housing the Café, Playschool, Food Bank, Skate Park, Post Office, Pottery Guild, Friends of Cortes Island, Cortes Community Radio, the Cortes Island Women's Resource Centre, and the Thrift Store.*

## HALL PROGRAMMING:

- ❖ **Café Opportunity!** We are keen to rent out the café space – are you interested in making that happen? One or more days per week - a morning, an evening - we are open to ideas! The SCCA endeavours to host community spaces where people can meet and eat and be warm! Please don't hesitate to reach out to discuss possibilities!
- ❖ We are planning our **2025 Summer Youth Programs!** If you or someone you know would be available and interested in facilitating a youth workshop this summer, please contact us to find out more!
- ❖ **Parents & Tots** is offered on Tuesdays 1030am-1pm in the Main Hall with *Serene Watson*. Parents/caregivers with young children and babies are welcomed into a social space of play and interaction.
- ❖ **Sew Much More!** Sewing resources and tutoring offered (no charge) by *Marnie Andrews* on Thursdays from 2-4pm in the OM Studio. All welcome, bring an adult if you're under 10. Come by and learn how to repair or create!
- ❖ Our weekly **Friday Market** has started up again! Every Friday afternoon from 12 to 3 PM in the Main Hall. Swing by and offer your support to local makers; especially to the vendors that are sharing their goods in the middle of winter! Warm baked delights, woolen wares, watches, art, handmade crafts, jewelry, body work and more! See you there!
- ❖ **Tai Chi** is offered by *Judyth Weaver* on Wednesdays at 10am in the OM Studio, and is sponsored by the SCCA. Donations gratefully

accepted on behalf of the SCCA and the Support our Seniors Society.

- ❖ The **Thrift Store** is open during the Friday Market 12-3 pm with plenty of gently used clothing items for the entire family to choose from. We accept donations of gently used clothing (no shoes or household sundry, please).

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

- The SCCA will host a **Hidden Treasures** evening market on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm, with home-made meals from the café kitchen. Regular vendors, as well as anyone wishing to off-load their goods from home, are welcome to contact us to book your spot.
- The volunteer group **Moondance Productions** hosts live music and performing arts events at Mansons Hall. Our next show is the *Unfaithful Servants* at the hall, Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>! Do you know some talented folk who'd perform? Do you like to create stage décor? Have any cool ideas? We'd love to hear them and have you join our crew!

## Upcoming Events at Mansons Hall:

<i>Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am</i>	Somatic Awareness for Women
<i>Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 2-330pm</i>	DCC Monthly Meeting
<i>Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm</i>	Dance Temple
<i>Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 4pm</i>	Hidden Treasures evening
<i>Mar 27<sup>th</sup> 530-730pm</i>	DCC AGM with guest
<i>Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 2-330pm</i>	DCC w guest presentation
<i>April 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm</i>	Eco Warriors Film
<i>May 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm</i>	Unfaithful Servants Show

- We proudly support the **Better at Home free lunch program** two Thursdays a month at noon in the hall. Check Tideline for dates!
- **Dance Temple** is the Cortes home for ecstatic dance, DJ'd and facilitated by local music & dance enthusiasts. A co-creative space for all bodies to move through what moves us! 7:00-8:30pm at Mansons Hall, every second Saturday \$15-\$25 at the door, accompanied children free! Sober, Consent-based, Conversation-free. Dance as medicine for body, heart and spirit.
- **Yoga** is offered multiple times throughout the week in the OM Studio by Kelly (Vinyasa Flow), Rainer (Surya Namaskara), and Fenella (Hatha). Check Tideline for dates and times.
- **The Cortes Island DeathCare Collective (DCC)** hosts a community meeting every third Wednesday of the month from 2:00-3:30pm in the Pioneer Room. For more information, please contact [help@islanddeathcare.ca](mailto:help@islanddeathcare.ca) All are welcome!

Equity Grant which has enabled our Playschool to offer care 5 days per week this year! For inquiries or to enroll, please contact the playschool Manager of Care by email at [cora@mansonshall.org](mailto:cora@mansonshall.org).

**PROJECTS:**

The SCCA is partnering with the Cortes Island Pickleball Society to build multi-use athletic courts, south of the skate park. We have broken ground and are underway clearing the area for what will be an inclusive and diverse community facility. Contact us for more info, or to find out how to help or donate.

The Cortes Island Community Foundation has begun building the outdoor pavilion on the Village Commons. The SCCA is excited to continue our collaboration with our community-focused neighbours.

**PLAYSCHOOL:**

The Cortes Island Playschool offers care for children ages 30 months to school age in a welcoming and inclusive space of play and creativity. Our facilitators are **Catriona Vega, Olivia McKnight,** and **Taylor Christmas** as leads, and **Claudia Raaen, Ruth Barrett, Rue MacDonald, Florence Allen** and **Autumn Barrett-Morgan**.

We are grateful for the support of the *Cortes Island Community Foundation* in obtaining the Gender



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Board of Directors: **Rebecca Thacker, Susanna Bonner, Michael Taylor, Jeremy Parnell** and **Ruth Barrett**.

*We rely greatly on the invaluable energy and time donated by our volunteers and members. We thank you warmly for your continued support of Mansons Hall and its community programs ♡*