

# Southern Cortes Community Association

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

## HALL PROGRAMMING:

**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.

Our weekly **Friday Market** takes place every Friday afternoon from 12 to 3 PM in the Main Hall. Indulge in a variety of goods at the market, including baked delights, gems, crystals, artisan soaps, locally-harvested mushrooms, natural beauty products, sharpening services, handmade crafts, collectible knives, mammoth, jade and amber pendants, handmade cards, jewelry, and fresh pasta. Join us in supporting our local vendors at this beloved weekly event.

The **2024 Mansons Hall Holiday Fair** is Sunday, December 1st. The event will feature a thoughtfully curated selection of items. A tapestry of delights: food, melodies, artisanal wonders, bounteous gifts, baking magic, and holiday treasures await! 11am to 3 pm, Main Hall, Mansons Hall.

## 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 and Olivia McKnight as leads, and Claudia Raaen, Ruth Barrett-Morgan and Rue MacDonald.

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).

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

The volunteer group **Moondance Productions** hosts live music and performing arts events at Mansons Hall. To get involved or for more info, email [cortesmoondance@gmail.com](mailto:cortesmoondance@gmail.com) or contact the hall.

We proudly support the **Better at Home** free lunch program two Thursdays a month at noon in the hall. Check Tideline for dates.

## Upcoming Events at Mansons Hall:

<i>Sun Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 11am – 3pm</i>	Holiday Fair
<i>Fri Dec 6<sup>th</sup></i>	Firemen's Ball
<i>Fri Dec 13<sup>th</sup></i>	PAC Fundraiser
<i>Sat Dec 14<sup>th</sup></i>	Seniors Christmas Dinner
<i>Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup></i>	Solstice Dance Temple
<i>Wed Dec 31<sup>st</sup></i>	New Year's Eve Dance

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

We have a new lamppost in the parking lot! Thank you everyone for your extra care during our weeks of an unlit lot as we solved our lighting and electrical pole puzzle.

The SCCA intends to enter into agreement with the Cortes Island Pickleball Society (CIPS) to collaborate in constructing Athletic Courts south of the skate park. The courts will be bookable for the SCCA membership and usable by the public for activities and sports such as pickleball, tennis, badminton, basketball, floor hockey, lacrosse and more.

**PERSONNEL:**

<b>Cora Moret</b>	<i>Executive Director</i>	cora@mansonshall.org
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Directors: **Rebecca Thacker, Susanna Bonner, Michael Taylor, Jeremy Parnell** and **Ruth Barrett-Morgan**.

The SCCA is preparing its 2025-2030 Strategic Plan, outlining the intentions and endeavours of the organisation in alignment with its mandate and constitution. We hope to release this document at our January General Meeting when we present our financials to the membership prior to annual budget reporting to the SRD. Stay tuned for those dates.

**WHAT'S GOING ON:**

Playschool	Mon & Tues Wed, Thurs & Fri	9am-3pm 9am-5pm
Parents & Tots	Tuesday	1030-1230pm Main Hall
Movement & Mobility w Kelly	Tuesday	11am – 12pm OM Studio
Tai Chi with Judith	Wednesday	10 – 11am OM Studio
Carpet Bowling	Wed & Sun	130pm-330
Sew Much More	Tuesday	2pm-5pm OM Studio
Vinyasa Yoga with Kelly	Thursday Sunday	530 – 615pm 11am – 1215 OM Studio
Friday Market	Friday	12pm-3pm Main Hall



*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. To find out how you can contribute, or to become an SCCA member, please find contact info at the bottom of the page.*

*Thank you!*