

THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

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Denman writers festival cancelled for 2020

Organizers cancel the annual Readers and Writers Festival and are exploring online alternatives.

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Organizers have cancelled the 2020 Denman Island Readers and Writers Festival, citing public-health warnings and uncertainty about when restrictions might be lifted.¹ They wrote that they were disappointed after spending volunteer hours arranging authors, billets, meals, volunteers and fundraising

for the event.¹ The notice also says DD Fuchs is stepping down after eight years of volunteer service.¹ The organizers are considering a virtual mini-festival with short video presentations and an online Writing Week workshop, but said it was too early to be certain those options could be offered.¹

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Denman farmers market plans May 16 opening with new safety rules

The market committee says the season will begin with food-only sales and measures for distancing and sanitation.

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Denman’s Farmers Market is scheduled to open Saturday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with 12 to 14 vendors, according to a notice from the Farmers Market Committee.¹

The committee says only farmed food and food products can be sold this year under the rules it cites, and that baked goods must be boxed or bagged.¹

New vendor and safety protocols are being developed for parking, line-ups, distancing, sanitizing and vendor spacing. The notice says volunteers will guide customers and asks visitors not to bring children or dogs.¹

The committee says the market’s Nutrition Coupon Program will run again under the auspices of DICES.¹

The minutes record these as public comments, not findings about the project.¹

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Denman birdathon invites islanders to take part or sponsor a birder

The annual fundraiser promotes participation and a per-capita trophy for the winning island conservancy.

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Denman residents are invited to take part in the Birdathon or sponsor a participant, with a trophy offered to the conservancy on the island that raises the most money per capita.¹

The notice says Denman sponsorship forms are available at the FreePost at Abraxas and through the Denman Conservancy website.¹

The fundraiser is presented as supporting conservation, and the article encourages readers to care for the environment on their own islands and in places birds migrate to.¹

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Letters dispute Denman Green water and consultation

Two public comments recorded in January raised different concerns about the proposed housing project.

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Public comments recorded in January’s Denman Local Trust Committee minutes raised opposing concerns about Denman Green, the Denman Housing Association proposal.¹

One comment opposed the project because it had no well and would rely on trucked water alongside rain catchment, and called for consideration of climate change and the proposed daily water allocation.¹

Another comment opposed the project’s location and said the application had unanswered questions, including potential fire-risk considerations. The minutes also record a concern that the community had not had adequate consultation and should not have to wait until late in the process to receive information and provide input.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

Forecast on record for this week. Later weather is not in this box.

Thu 2020-04-23: Partly cloudy; 18°C / 6°C; wind E 7 kn; daylight 06:13–20:24; moon New Moon, 0% lit; low water 12:41 AM (2.6 m), high water 6:23 AM (4.4 m), low water 1:10 PM (1.3 m), high water 7:55 PM (4.3 m).



	Thu 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 26	Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29
Sky	Partly cloudy	Overcast	Light rain	Light rain	Rain	Overcast	Light drizzle
High	18°C	15°C	15°C	14°C	16°C	13°C	14°C
Low	6°C	6°C	8°C	6°C	7°C	4°C	5°C
Wind	E 7 kn	ESE 8 kn	SW 16 kn	SE 13 kn	SSW 10 kn	ESE 12 kn	E 15 kn
Daylight	06:13–20:24	06:11–20:25	06:09–20:27	06:07–20:28	06:05–20:30	06:04–20:31	06:02–20:33
Moon	New Moon	New Moon	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent

Open-Meteo historical forecast. Tides: Canadian Hydrographic Service.

DENMAN FIRE RESCUE

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Sources

Every claim in this edition is cited. Full documents, and the checks each source passed, are at denmanisland.co/news — or ask us and we will post you a copy.

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- 1. The Islands Grapevine, April 23, 2020 — “have decided to cancel the 2020 edition of the Readers and Writers Festival.”

Denman farmers market plans May 16 opening with new safety rules

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, April 23, 2020 — “The Farmers Market will open 9:30am-12:30pm on Saturday, May 16th (the long weekend).”

Letters dispute Denman Green water and consultation

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee, January 21, 2020 minutes — “The community has not had adequate consultation and should not have to wait until the end of a lengthy process to receive information and provide input.”

Denman birdathon invites islanders to take part or sponsor a birder

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, April 23, 2020 — “There are two ways to help your island win this prestigious trophy: take part in the Birdathon, or sponsor someone else.”

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