

The Denman Firestarter

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THE ISLAND

Farm to Jar Club starts preserving Denman produce

The community initiative’s first session turned zucchini into relish and made several flavours of sauerkraut for meal programs.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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A new community food-preservation initiative on Denman Island has held its first session, processing zucchini into relish and making different flavours of sauerkraut. Participants took home a small jar, while the rest was set aside for Farm to Family meal programs, according to the project notice by Erika Bland.¹

The notice describes the Farm to Jar Club as a collective effort focused on seasonal food preservation, practical skills-sharing and food security. It says the project is intended to connect growers, foragers, cooks and other community members, with activities including canning, fermenting, drying and freezing.¹

The next session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Hall kitchen. The notice says participants plan to process apples and blackberries into applesauce and pie filling.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman housing review draws questions before September hearing

At the August 24 Local Trust Committee meeting, residents raised concerns about proposed Official Community Plan and land-use bylaw changes.

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Residents raised questions about proposed changes to Denman Island’s Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw at the Local Trust Committee’s August 24 meeting. One speaker asked that second reading be delayed until after the public hearing, citing concerns about awareness of the proposals and the removal of the density bank.¹

A planner told the meeting that members of the public could submit comments and concerns until the public hearing closed, and that changes could still be made after second reading.¹

The minutes record another speaker saying the housing project needed to be completed and urging public support for changes intended to support affordable housing. The public hearing is scheduled for September 15, according to the July 11 meeting minutes.²

THE ISLAND

Denman Studio Tour organizers report strong sales and visitor interest

A report on the 2026 tour says one artist sold out within four hours on its first day and visitors returned to some studios.

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The Denman Island Art Studio Tour committee reported strong sales and visitor interest during the 2026 tour, saying one artist sold out within four hours on the first day.¹

The report says visitors spoke with artists about their creative processes, materials and inspiration, and that families and children were interested in seeing artists at work. It also says some visitors returned to studios and others continued

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2026-08-27: Light rain; 23°C / 14°C; wind ESE 14 kn; daylight 06:27–20:17; moon Waxing Gibbous, 98% lit; low water 12:13 AM (3.3 m), high water 5:06 AM (4.2 m), low water 12:04 PM (1.2 m), high water 7:08 PM (4.6 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2026-08-27>

	Thu 27	Fri 28	Sat 29	Sun 30	Mon 31	Tue 01	Wed 02
Sky	Light rain	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Heavy rain
High	23°C	23°C	21°C	18°C	24°C	24°C	17°C
Low	14°C	11°C	9°C	12°C	12°C	11°C	14°C
Wind	ESE 14 kn	SE 8 kn	N 7 kn	ENE 5 kn	NE 5 kn	SE 15 kn	SE 14 kn
Daylight	06:27–20:17	06:29–20:15	06:30–20:13	06:32–20:11	06:33–20:09	06:35–20:07	06:36–20:05
Moon	Waxing Gibbous	Full Moon	Full Moon	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous

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

DENMAN FIRE RESCUE

Emergencies: **911**. Denman Island Fire Rescue is a volunteer department. This space is theirs in every edition, free, and is not for sale.

Burning restrictions change through the season. Check before you light anything — including this newspaper.

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.

Farm to Jar Club starts preserving Denman produce

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, August 27, 2026 — “Our first Farm to Jar session was a huge success. We processed around 10 kilos of zucchini into zucchini relish, and made different flavours of sauerkraut.”

Denman housing review draws questions before September hearing

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee regular meeting minutes, August 24, 2026 — “The Planner clarified that members of the public may submit comments and concerns until the close of the Public Hearing and that changes may still be made following second reading.”
- 2. Denman Island Local Trust Committee special meeting minutes, July 11, 2026 — “The public hearing is scheduled on September 15.”

Denman Studio Tour organizers report strong sales and visitor interest

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, August 27, 2026 — “One artist sold out within four hours on the first day!”

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