



# Bulletin

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## Renting Equipment

See the list below for details of the GPA's current list of rental equipment. To arrange rental and pick up, please call the number listed beside the item.

**Available from Doug Wright (335-2282)**

- Juice Press, \$0.40 per litre
- Chicken Plucker, \$1.00 per bird
- Rototiller, \$10 hour or \$25 per day
- Seeder, Small Thresher: call Doug for details.

**Available from Veronica Timmons (335-1828)**

- Food Dehydrator, \$5 per day
- Sheep Shears, \$10 per sheep
- Greenhouse Pipe Bender, \$3 per day

**Available from Kate Janeway (335-1551)**

- Fruit Pickers, \$3 per day
- Apple Picking Bags, \$3 per day

## Farmers Market

New program sponsored by the GPA for this season. This project is ideal for farmers and producers who:

- wish to expand their market and increase their ability to sell produce
- might not be able to commit to attending every market
- might not have enough product to fill a whole booth throughout the season

The GPA is sending one person every week to sell and market products on behalf of farmers on Denman. The GPA sponsorship of the program keeps the costs low for farmers while helping them sell more produce.

The facilitator, Kate, will be attending the Sunday market at Campbell River starting in late June. Please e-mail her at [katie.christine@hotmail.com](mailto:katie.christine@hotmail.com) for more information.

## 2016 Food Directory

The GPA Volunteers and staff have been working to update the Local Food and Farming Guides. This year the Directory is an online guide and can be found at the our website, the DI visitors Services website, and on the side of the cooler at the General Store.

**For more details check out:**

[www.islandagriculture.wordpress.com](http://www.islandagriculture.wordpress.com)

## Meals Cooperative

Farm to Family, a meals cooperative project is in the research stages on Denman Island.

We want to cook and share big batches of healthy, seasonal foods using as much island produce as possible, once or twice a month, providing food to members at the cost of production.

We would like to launch a trial run beginning in the early fall, so if you need a little extra help in your kitchen, or you'd like to help out in ours, please contact Erika Bland at 250-702-7773 [erikaaction@gmail.com](mailto:erikaaction@gmail.com) to find out more and enroll.

## 2016 GPA Board

The GPA hosted it's annual general meeting in November 2015 and would like to welcome new board members

Erika Bland, Gary Piercy, Dylan Gale and Naomi Elliot to the board.

We also wish to thank island resident Jeremy Hallett of Rhubarb Ranch for his help and contribution to the GPA over the years.



One of the GPA members: the Produce Shack at Westisle Farms last summer.

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*Hornby Denman Grower's and Producer's Alliance*

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## General Store News

The Growers & Producers purchased the cooler at the General Store to help showcase and sell local products.

The GPA works closely with Daryl and the General Store to help provide reliable, quality produce to this community. This helps us all deal with issues such as pricing, consistent labelling, and restocking.

The GPA is working to have a "current market pricing" list this year for the first time. It is based on farmers market prices from around Vancouver Island and Victoria. This price list can help you make informed decisions when pricing your produce for the store.

If you wish to supply the store we request that you become a GPA member and contact Veronica Timmons ([vtimmons@telus.net](mailto:vtimmons@telus.net)) to find out what's involved.

## Agriculture Scholarship Applications due May 19

The Denman Growers & Producers Alliance's has a scholarship fund open to Denman Islanders who wish to take an agriculturally-related course or workshop. Applicants should email Veronica Timmons at [vtimmons@telus.net](mailto:vtimmons@telus.net) for the Application Form. The next round of applications are due May 19th.

### Application Criteria

Applicants must be a local farmer, grower, or food producer and produce an agricultural product grown on island. The nature of the request should meet the GPA's constitutional goals and purposes.

The scholarship can be up to 50% of the applicant's educational fee for a maximum \$300. Educational activities (courses, workshops, training sessions, webinars) can be on or off the island but must be related to improving the applicant's small scale, land-based business. The recipient should agree to lead, a knowledge-sharing session, or workshop, on the relevant topic in return for the scholarship.

### Criteria for success

When reviewing applicants the Board asks if the scholarship will help to:

- develop local processing facilities and systems for adding value to agricultural products?
- increase opportunities for youth, families, seniors and future generations to engage in agricultural activities?
- develop year-round marketing for island agricultural products?



*The produce cooler at the General Store run jointly by the store and the GPA*

## Spring Workshops

### Vegetables for Winter on May 26th

Emily and Dylan share their experience with growing winter sustenance without a greenhouse. Learn simple, hands-on vegetable gardening that will bring you sunlight stored in roots and leaves throughout the dark season. The classes will include a mix of classroom and hands on experience. We will cover timing, varieties and cultivation of roots and brassicas that can feed you through the winter.

Thursday, May 26th, from 5:00-8:00pm at the Community School. Cost \$15. Call 335-2058 to register.

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