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BLACKBERRY FAIRE AND BLACK COAL ON DENMAN ISLAND

What do an oversized prone canary, sooty miners with shovels, and sobbing widows carrying silver platters with chunks of coal and \$1000 bills have in common? They were among a large number of participants in the annual Denman Island Blackberry Faire parade on September 5<sup>th</sup> who voiced their opposition in word and dress against the proposed Raven Coal Mine. Testimonials about the mine were filmed of young and old residents and visitors whose voices rang out with passion and concern. “A video will be available in several weeks for any who may wish to view the simple joys of island life on a late summer afternoon in what we hope will remain our beautiful corner of British Columbia,” said Neil Bockman, for Denman Opposes Coal (DOC). Contact DOC at: [DenmanOpposesCoal@gmail.com](mailto:DenmanOpposesCoal@gmail.com) for more information on proposed mine and how to voice your concerns.

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