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Editorial

Hard to believe, with the rain pouring so hard today, that only a week ago May Day was blessed with such fine sunny spring weather. It is well worth reiterating a huge thanks to everyone who contributed to May Day, in whatever way, from the community at large. There really isn't any other day quite like it!

Our election coverage last issue seemed to be met with great interest, a testament to Tanya's hard work and skill in presenting such a complex topic. The "All Candidates Meeting" was held last Wednesday at the Community Centre and was well attended. The timing of this issue made a full report somewhat redundant with election day being delivery day. With such subjects as May Day to report on, the election would certainly have taken a far back seat anyway!


This issue has allowed us a little time, (as producing the 'Islander' becomes easier with practice), to give it a little make-over. Nothing drastic but we hope some small touches to make the appearance sharper and more readable. This issue will also be the first to roll off Craig and Vicki McGowan's new press This will improve quality, speed of printing etc.. and eliminate our roll as an ear for frustrated printers forever! A moment of silence from across the islands for the retiring press that served so well...



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Island Forum

Dear Editor,

Maybe some of your readers are able to write why they vote for this or that party... personally, I am undecided! Speaking with many people, I realize that the deficit they speak so much about does not come from all the spending on social programmes and military expenses but from deferred taxes, postponed for 21 years if you are (and only if you are) a millionaire. A grand total of 44% of the budget deficit comes from these unpaid taxes. Because these taxes are not collected, the government has to borrow 50% of the money to pay interest on the interest of the deficit.

This leaves only 6% for all the social programmes and military expenses. All the parties know that. We are in difficulty because 44% of the taxes are deferred for 21 years and the interest to replace this money with a loan costs us 50% of the budget! Canada and the US are the only two countries where control of our money, the interest on it, the printing of it and the distribution of it are in private hands.

It is not the Minister of Finance in our government who controls our money, the Federal reserve, but the Governor of the B of Canada who is really controlling Canada! For example, if we need a new school, the School Board has to see the Provincial or Federal Government to receive the money to build it. If they loan us some they have to ask the Bank of Canada because the government has no money of it's own; and we pay interest on it. Interest on our money given through taxes (why do we have to pay interest on money borrowed from a Provincial or Federal Government? Its our money!)

If the party elected would give only 5 years to pay the taxes and not 21 years, this change in the deferred payment will triple the money for all school programmes. The government always told us the poor, the elderly, the handicapped etc... cause the deficit, but they know that is not true. Switzerland, Holland, Germany, Belgium, France, Denmark and Sweden all spend more on their social programmes than Canada and the USA.

Let's ask our future representative to oblige the government to stop the 21 years deferred taxes to 5 years, or do what they do to us when we can't pay our taxes, take over and sell, as they take over our homes and sell them!

The Reform Party spoke at the last election about the pension of the politicians who if not re-elected do not

have to wait to be 65 years old to receive it. Why? And also their pension is much bigger than the few hundred dollars we receive each month, there are many whose pension starts at \$35,000 a year!!!

What money can be saved if we oblige the retired politicians to wait until they are 65 years old and to collect a pension like ours? Millions of dollars every year. Again as the last time, the Reform Party want to (again?) "reform" the pension for our representatives. I do think it will be like 3 and 1/2 years ago and nothing will change with the pensions. It seems many enter politics to receive the pension. It is time that proved to us that this is not true and that they are sincere in their desire to help govern Canada. It's a job and like us they should wait until they are 65.

Sincerely
Roger Michel

Quadra Recreation Society

May Day was a great success, thanks to the weather and the dozens of incredible volunteers who make this community worth living in! I received feedback from visitors who were impressed by how well Islanders work together to pull off such events. I thank the May Day Committee: Sara Enns, Katie Gregg and Jeannie Miller for good naturedly putting up with my prodding as well as Robyn Mawhinney for courageously organizing and managing the May Day Dance. Verna and Tom Macklin worked like Trojans on the concession with Sharon Brereton's crew of setter-uppers and taker-downers. Thanks to Jack Mar, Robin Beaton, Murray Garland, Ruth Mackenzie and Marion Yole for getting the kids' races organized and managed. Space precludes mentioning absolutely everyone involved, although several were named in the last "Islander".

Skipping to the businesses.... April Point Lodge, Quadra Foods, Wry Bakery, Heriot Bay Store, Heriot Bay Inn, Taku Resort, Drew Harbour Bistro, The Landing and the Pre-School made fabulous box lunches which were auctioned off resulting in \$950 for next year's May Day!

On other fronts, I want to mention other community successes. Appreciations go to the Fields Committee organizer, John Gregg for orchestrating new back stops and fences on Blenkin Fields, paid for by Slo-pitch and Quadra Recreation Minor Fastball. These developments have vastly improved safety on the fields.

The tennis players are very pleased with the new surface on the tennis courts. Thanks Recreation Society Director, Paul

Ryan for taking the initiative on getting this happening.

Trail system additions are taking place now, thanks to the North Island Fisheries Initiative workers. Special appreciations go to Leanne White who firstly forged a path through the bureaucracy so trail blazers could connect the "old Hall trail" in Blenkin Park to the Haskin's Farm trail. It runs along the west side of the Back Road. The Noel Lax trail vision expands!

Kids and parents check out the Summer Recreation Program currently being created by summer coordinator, Marcia Lott who would love to get your feedback. Come in and meet Marcia during the summer. She will be managing the Q.C.C. in June and July while I am on vacation...which is why I have a big grin on my face....

Sandra Spearing
Coordinator

P.S. Who's go the yellow volleyball left at the Spit on May Day? Please return to the Community Centre. Thanks !

An Open Letter to Mr. John Duncan, MP

May 12, 1997

Dear Mr. Duncan:

I am enclosing a copy of an August 20, 1994, letter I sent you, requesting your assistance in helping to establish a national park in the Discovery Islands. Parks Canada planners were very interested in Quadra Group 404, an area of several thousand hectares on Quadra, Read, Maurelle and Cortes Islands. With your support, a new national park for the Campbell River area was a real possibility.

You never replied to my letter. However, as the attached fax sheet indicates, the day after your office received my letter, it was faxed directly to TimberWest, a logging company with interests opposing the establishment of this park. It is my understanding that they then lobbied against it, and you worked actively against

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a national park presence in the Discovery Islands.

I have three issues to raise with you at this time: first is the ethics of your conduct in sending my correspondence directly to a third party of opposing interests; second is the environmental implications to the Georgia Basin of losing protection of a large, representative sample of its endangered ecology; and third is the economic consequence to the Greater Campbell River area.

The first matter is between the two of us - I as a constituent of your riding and you as my elected Member of Parliament. What you did with my letter I consider to be a breach of trust, and I believe you will understand why I made no further attempts to correspond with you or to confide to you any other concerns I had regarding matters affecting this riding. Your action effectively left me without representation to my federal government.

The second matter concerns the biological viability of the Georgia Basin, an ecosystem that has been declared endangered by provincial, federal, and international studies. A Parks Canada planner writes, "This region is of national significance because it harbours most of the rare and endangered species in Canada." An article in *Nature Canada* by Kevin McNamee, "Running Out of Time," describes the Quadra Group as, "one of the few sizeable tracts of Crown land left relatively intact in this region." The Discovery Islands would have been an ideal site for a national park, and I believe your active opposition to the park was counter to the interests of the Georgia Basin ecosystem.

As for the Greater Campbell River area, I explained in my letter to you the need to diversify its economy, an economy that is narrowly based and is now endangered by dwindling forest resources and salmon stocks. Campbell River is just beginning to see itself as an eco-tourist centre located between the stunning mountains and glaciers of Strathcona Park and the enchanted waterways and forests of the Discovery Islands. The regional economic effects of a Parks Canada presence in the Quadra Group-the only national park on the east coast of Vancouver Island-would have been enormous. That such a park does not exist is partly-perhaps largely-your responsibility.

Presumably, Mr. Duncan, you were more concerned about TimberWest's logging interests on Quadra Island than you were about ethical considerations, environmental values, or economic benefit to the wider community which you represent.

It's election time, an opportunity for your constituents to measure their confidence in their Member of Parliament. I have my opinion. I hope many others have a similar one.

Yours sincerely,
Ray Grigg

Dan Miller's Reply

May 28, 1997

Mr. Ken Johnson
P.O. Box 459
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of March 25, 1997 regarding B.C. Ferries' fare increases. A number of people have written me on this issue, all of whom will be receiving a similar reply.

I can appreciate your point of view. Rising transportation costs are a concern to anyone who is dependent upon such services, and Quadra Islanders certainly rely on the services of B.C. Ferries. I can assure you that the economic impact of fare increases on regular customers is very carefully considered before being introduced. The most recent increase is consistent with the Corporation's mandate to improve its financial performance, however B.C. Ferries is a business, and must generate sufficient revenue to pay its way.

Regular adjustments of the Corporation's tariff are absolutely essential to meet its asset renewal and reinvestment goals. The additional revenue will enable it to provide improvements throughout the complex, wide-ranging system which plays such an important role in the provincial economy. As I noted, B.C. Ferries must strive to become a self-sustaining business that does not rely upon public subsidies. You have made it clear that you disagree with the "user pay" concept, but it is necessary for the users of the system to pay for the service provided if the Corporation is to meet its financial goals.

Over the last few years, the operating subsidy provided to B.C. Ferries has been steadily reduced, and the Corporation has been required to pay for its own assets. Prior to 1990, capital assets were funded through a combination of government grants and subsidies, and excess revenue generated by B.C. Ferries. It is now solely responsible for funding all capital programs, including debt-servicing costs, which last year reached \$42 million.

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smaller routes, where it has been incurring significant losses for years. Of its twenty-four routes, only three generate sufficient revenue to offset operating costs; the remainder operate at a loss. In 1996, for instance, B.C. Ferries lost over \$9 million in the Mid and North Island service region, which includes a loss of over \$1 million on the Campbell River - Quadra Island route alone.

The Corporation will continue to look for creative solutions to its financial challenges, and ongoing public consultation will play an important role in this process. Stakeholder Advisory Committees have been very active in several of the regions B.C. Ferries serves, working closely with the Corporation in reviewing a wide range of important issues, including fares.

I anticipate that such a committee will be established for the Campbell River - Quadra Island route sometime next fall, and I hope you will consider becoming involved in this process. It provides an excellent forum for customers and other members of the public to put their concerns and suggestions directly to Corporate representatives, as well as taking an active role in planning for the future. Public consultation will be an important aspect of determining future

pricing decisions, and B.C. Ferries will continue to ask its customers for their advice and direction on this crucial issue.

I believe that B.C. Ferries' customers receive good value for their money. When compared to other ferry companies, the Corporation's fares are generally lower, and more reasonable, considering the overall quality of the service.

Thank you again for writing and providing me with an opportunity to address your concerns.

Yours Truly
Dan Miller, Minister

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May Day Roundup

Mayday Concession a Success

Mayday is over and what a wonderful time was had by all. Of course the weather cooperated wonderfully and many sunburns were in evidence. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves.

The concession stand did a roaring business and would like to thank all those who patronized us. Steven Swanson supplied the framework for the stand and he and Monty Cherrier constructed it. Peter Pulford and Linden Munn supplied pick-up trucks to transport supplies from the community centre to the spit. Gabe Gregg added his muscle to this venture as did Peter's friend Rikki. Cam Hollingsworth, Nathan Cherrier and Graham Swanson helped in setting up the facility. Pete, Linden and Anne Gregg supplied trucks for the return trip and muscle was added by Dan Brown and Andy Matheson.

Many thanks go to the ladies who bravely manned the booth all day and sold food to the starving crowd. The cakes from the contest were an extra treat and we hope all those who managed to purchase a piece thoroughly enjoyed them.

All proceeds from this venture will be divided evenly between the skateboarders and CCAP and we are now several hundred dollars closer to our goals (boy are those tunnels long! But we can see the light now).

Watch for our skateboarder T-shirts on sale at the Farmer's Market on Saturdays.

We still have plenty in Medium, Large and Extra Large. If you want to purchase one they are \$20.00 and contain our self designed Logo and the Quadra Recreation Logo on the sleeve.

Our bottle drive will be held on **June 7th**. So, please collect all those refundables and donate them to us when we come to call.

As an extra note, several of our skateboarders are graduating from high school this year and we wish them all the best of luck in their future lives. This is a huge step to be taking and now all those years of homework and slogging and nagging and tests and CAPP and early morning school bus and ferry rides will pay off with a piece of paper that is an entrance to a new phase of your life. Good Luck to all of you. Sharon & Lois (Bram is whale watching in Patagonia).

The 20th Annual Mayday Fun Race

Hello all you non sailors, boy did you miss a race and a sail!! The race started at 1:07 P.M. May 24 pretty much on time and as a result caught a few sailors off guard. Six keel boats and seven (?) dinghies participated in two separate races, the first time in several years that two different races were run. Hats off to the starting and finishing committee of Bob Lasby and Dirk Van Der Minne who parbroiled in the sun so us racers could have our day. Also a big

thank you to John Rutherford for his able assistance in setting the marks.

In the background but equally appreciated were Tom and Julie of the Heriot Bay Inn who put on an excellent and inexpensive Bar-B-Q for the racers, crews and fans, approximately 30 attended the festivities and award ceremony. Special mention to Steve of the HBI for his excellent photography skills and rapid production of the prints even though my boat always looks like it is out of trim (bigger tips in the future).

As usual there were a few glitches most of which could be avoided with a (dare I say it) skippers meeting before hand. A few caustic comments were over heard, something about secret marks but there were absolutely NO PROTESTS at all, something to do with the rules??

Also of note - chivalry is alive and thriving on Quadra, apparently Paul Horner circled the finish line so that both Fergus and Stacy Stewart could finish before him , what a guy (that's his story and he's stick'n to it). Rumour has it that Paul was having so much fun he wanted to go around twice. Unfortunately, no one else did.

My thanks to the one person who called to register, Bless you Sid who and where ever you are.

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May Day Roundup



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Island Calendar

In Detail...

The Quadra Island Garden Tour

Delightful gardens, fantastic views, a stunning natural environment: To these much-praised aspects of Quadra Island's annual Garden Tour, add a new dimension for 1997! In order to add new variety and interest to the event, several artists have agreed to open their studios to the public for the weekend of **June 21st and 22nd**.

In addition to perennial garden favourites, be prepared to visit the studio of a world-class, award winning creator of dolls. The delicate precision of her handmade porcelain creations must be seen to be properly appreciated. Also a winner of many awards is the carver of wooden decoys, whose charming home setting is enhanced by the presence of some delightful farm animals. Other newcomers to the Tour include an organic vegetable garden, whose hard-working owner is also a much admired landscape artist; a fresh, young garden by the sea, and a pottery studio surrounded by a lovely old orchard. An old favourite is set in a classic estate garden, and displays paintings, sculptures and clay work of the resident artists.

All of this and more awaits your visit, so be sure to mark your calendar for June 21st and 22nd. The \$12 ticket price provides you with a ticket/map including garden and studio descriptions; this year your ticket will be stamped at selected gardens - one visit per ticket per garden. **Gardens will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Proceeds from the Garden Tour will go to the Quadra Island Community Centre Additions Project.

The tour can be done in one day or in two, so if you have the time, why not try one of the beautiful resorts or B&B's right here on Quadra, or on neighbouring Cortes Island or in Campbell River? Tickets will be sold from May 1st: In Campbell River, at Page 11 Books on Shoppers' Row, Trappings in Merecroft Village, the Campbell River Garden Centre and Farquharson's in Willow Point; in Courtenay, at The Garden Gate and Laughing Oyster Books; On Quadra Island at Joanne's Country Charm (now located in the Village Square next to the gas station) and Quadra Crafts. In addition, tickets will be available, on the days of the Tour, at the Tourist Information Booth, as you come off the Campbell River Ferry.

If you are coming for just a day, bring a picnic or enjoy one of the fine local eating spots advertised on your ticket/map. Transportation will be available through Forest Bus Tours in Parksville, (250) 248-

At a glance...

June 3, Tues. Arts Fest Meeting	Community Centre	7:00 pm
June 4, Wed. AGM	Museum at CR	7:00 pm
June 7, 8-Sat&Sun Mitlenatch Island Tours	Register-Museum at CR	
June 11, Wed. Fibromyalgia	CR Sportsplex	7:00 pm
June 15, Sun. Caving Tour	Lv. from CR Museum	noon
June 21, 22 Quadra Garden & Studio Tour	Quadra Island	10 am - 4 pm
June 28, Sat. Open House Carol Yole Farwell	Silent Ground Q.I. Preschool	3:00 pm 4:00pm
June 29, Sun. Family Bike-A-Thon	Community Centre Start	2 - 4 pm
July 7- 11 West Coast Hoop Fest	Cape Mudge Gym	9 am - 3 pm
July 7-Aug.15 Summer Recreation	see upcoming program	
Sept. 26, 27 Keeping Quadra Healthy	Community Centre	
Weekly		
Farmers' Market - Sat	Credit Union	10-1:00 p.m.
Meditation-Sundays	Community Hall	10 am - 12 noon
Folk Song Group-Wednesdays	Lovin' Oven II	5:30 - 8 p.m.
Hatha Yoga- Saturdays	Community Centre	9:00 a.m. start
10:45a.m.start		
Aerobics-Mon,Wed,Fri	Community Centre	6:20 a.m
Tai-Chi-Tuesdays	Community Centre	7:30 p.m.
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Third annual Quadra Island Family Bike-A-Thon will be held on **Sunday, June 29th, 1997 from 2 to 4pm**, beginning and ending at the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to join in this fun, family, outdoor event. Riders of all ages are encouraged to enjoy one of several bike routes around the island. Choose from a 5 km, 10 km, and 15 km route, or a special circuit for mountain bike riders! Come and enjoy the great scenery and companionship of other riders. **This is not a race**, but a pleasant outdoor adventure. PLEASE NOTE: there is no preregistration; please register on site: \$5 for individual riders, \$15 for families of 3 or more. All proceeds this year will be donated to the Blenkin Park Tennis Association. Come early (between 1 and 2 pm) for a complimentary bicycle safety check! For further information, please call Karen Holmes (2781), or Pauline Falk (3682).

Fibromyalgia

Dr. M. Sheriff, rheumatologist, will talk about fibromyalgia and give us an update on new treatments for arthritis. Bring your questions to the **Sportsplex in Campbell River, on June 11 at 7:00 pm. Free Call 285-3859 for info.**

Summer Recreation Plans

Summer is just around the corner and along with it comes the opportunity to participate in the Quadra Island Recreation Society's Summer Recreation Program. This year, as in years past, the focus is on fun and learning through participation. The programs being offered are an interesting combination of sporting activities, creative expression, scientific exploration and just plain fun. Most of these programs are designed so they are either one day workshops or Monday to Friday ventures to avoid time conflicts with family vacations.

At this early point many programs are still tentative and, of course, all depend on sufficient registration before any are confirmed, but the following programs are being developed through the help of talented instructors. Sporting activities this year include a return of Shevaun Bird as she promotes Softball; an intense two day Soccer Clinic for 9 - 12 year olds;

an introductory course in the approach to Wrestling with Kerry Philips as well as informal drop-in Badminton twice weekly. Creative endeavours planned are a Puppeteering Theatre and Workshop; Cooking classes for children up to 12 years, plus a return of the popular programs Art Exploration and Pottery at Nanci Cook's studio. Also offered for the first time is a chance to learn the art of Flower Sticks and Juggling instructed by Melissa and Ramona Aston. Children's scientific interest will be piqued by the two day Mad Scientist Workshop. This event is sure to be popular as the leaders introduce the children to a world of optical illusions, rocket building, slime and rocks that glow in the dark. This workshop is put on by Mad Science professionals and will be an amazing hands-on experience.

The summer recreation program begins on July 7 and runs until August 15. A complete list of the programs being offered by the Quadra Island Recreation society will be delivered to your mail box as a supplement to the Islander on June 16. Registration for programs will be accepted until July 4. **For further information contact Marcia Lott, Summer Recreation Coordinator at 285-3243, Monday to Friday 10 am - 4 pm.**

Annual General Meeting

The Museum at Campbell River is having an Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m.** Meet with fellow Museum Society members and enjoy a preview of the newest exhibits in the Major Exhibits Gallery. Information **287-3103.**

Q.I. Recreation Society

Is sponsoring a wholistic event called "**Keeping Quadra Healthy**". **September 26th** will feature a major keynote speaker and a presentation of Quadra culture. We are planning an array of exhibits, mini-demonstrations and networking tables on physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health on **September 27th.** We are inviting all interested participants to call Diane at **285-3859**

Kids CAN-BIKE

With the cycling season starting in earnest parents may want to have their children professionally trained in safe bicycle skills, by a nationally certified C-Bike instructor. **The kids CAN-BIKE course** involves discussion about the rules of the road, the bicycle's place in traffic, safe equipment, practice of bike handling skills, and on-road training is to

develop good road position and lawful bike operation, good planning skills and good decision making skills. The course is for children 9 to 13 years of age.

Course dates are **May 31, June 7, 14, 21. Classes - 9:30 a.m. - noon. \$45 per pupil. Call Jerzy Dymny at 285-2447** for more information. Adult course, beginner and advanced, are available to groups of six or more.

Mitlenatch Island Tours

The Museum at Campbell River offers Mitlenatch Island tours during the summer. The first tours of the season are scheduled for **Saturday, June 7th and Sunday, June 8th.** Participants will board the sailing yacht T'ai Li at Heriot Bay for a day-long cruise to the "Galapagos of Georgia Strait" accompanied by expert naturalist Dennis Mense. En route to Mitlenatch, Mense discusses early coastal exploration, local bird life and marine mammals.

Mitlenatch Island has an unusually warm climate, which encourages dry-loving plant growth such as prickly pear cactus, giant mullein, and woolly sunflower. Marine life is abundant, due to high oxygen and nutrient levels in the surrounding ocean. In summer, there are probably 15,000 seabirds utilizing the island thriving due to a lack of natural predators and provincial nature park status. In the past, Native people collected gull eggs and waterfowl, and gathered the starchy root of the Camus flower. Stone weirs were used to trap fish as the tides receded. More recently, the Manson family of Cortes Island raised sheep and cattle on the island.

Dennis Mense has led educational expeditions south to Antarctica, South America, and north to the Canadian Arctic and Greenland by way of the Northwest Passage. He graduated in Marine Biology from the University of Hawaii.

Since spaces on tours are limited, advance registration is required. Register at the Museum Shop, 470 Island Highway., 10 am - 5pm Monday to Friday, noon to 5pm Saturday and Sunday. For info. call **287-3103**

Come Create For Art's Sake

The Arts Fest is a chance for local artists to show their art, performers to perform, and islanders to enjoy the creative imaginings of fellow islanders. In the past we have had dancers, storytellers, jugglers, musicians, paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, and more!

Now is the time to brainstorm, imagine, envision, organize and plan the Arts Festival for this summer! We are open

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to new ideas and suggestions so come share what the Arts Fest means to you. There is a meeting **June 3 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Community Centre and everyone is welcome. There are many ways to get involved so come share some creative input. For more information call Ramona or Melissa Aston at **285-3542** or call Laura Appleton-Jones at **285-2533**.

Flood Relief

Quadra Credit Union is accepting donations to flood relief efforts in Manitoba. If you wish to contribute to this effort, please make your cheque payable to **Canadian Red Cross Society "Manitoba Relief Fund"** and we will forward it for you. For information call the Credit Union at **285-3327**.

Eric Krannitz New Book

A celebration of Eric's new book, "Let the Chips Fall", Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge, **June 15, 10 am**. Breakfast buffet, author reading. **RSVP before June 7** to Rolf & Heather **285-3570** or Gudrun & Eric **285-2127**.

West Coast Hoop Fest

The Cape Mudge Recreation is pleased to have back for the third year "West Coast Hoop Fest", **June 7th to 11th, 9 am to 3 pm**. A basketball camp for Grades 4 and up. Camp Director, Peter McLoughlin teaches all the basics of the game while stressing the values of fair play. The camp is divided into two categories: Junior and Senior; experience, age and ability determines your category.

Those participating in this clinic will improve their chance to have the qualities and abilities needed to join the Quadra Team in next fall's Basketball League in Campbell River.

Registration Forms can be picked up at the Cape Mudge Band Office.

Prizes for Dads in Daycare Raffle

Father's Day is fast approaching and what could be a better gift than 18 holes of golf at Stories Creek, followed by lunch for two at Salmon Point Pub. Or \$100 worth of goods in a gift basket? How about a 1 month gym pass at Quadra Fitness, including a training session. Or a Quadra Daycare T-shirt?

Yes, that's right ! For a mere \$2 you can purchase a ticket which could win your dad/hubbie any one of these prizes, and you'll be supporting the children at

Quadra Daycare in the process.

All the money goes to help with the general running of the daycare and the after-school program. This includes the up and coming and ever popular summer program for kids (aged 6 to 11) with events such as horseback riding, swimming, camping and mini-golf planned. Quadra Island is very lucky to have such fun and exciting and well run programs. Let's keep it that way by supporting their efforts.

Tickets are on sale now at Quadra Daycare and the Farmer's Market and will be available until the draw date on June 13, 1997.

Open House at Silent Ground

Come join our annual celebration at our Learning Centre on Read Island. Recital expresses the Tao in Voice and Movement. Experience the living, breathing flow of the arts. Followed by a Pot Luck Dinner. **Sat., June 28, 3:00 pm**. For a boat charter to Read Island, please make a reservation with Ed Jordan, 285-3689, or give us a call. Pick up is at 12:15 pm, Government Wharf, Heriot Bay. Cost for the charter, per person, \$10.00 return, and we will subsidize the rest. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Vancouver Island Cave Tour

The Museum at Campbell River offers a **caving tour to Vancouver Island caves Sunday, June 15**. Join a group of adventurers of all ages and skills exploring the Upana Caves near Gold River. Karen Griffiths, a B.C. Speleological Federation Director, outfits you with helmet and light and you descend underground to scramble through a myriad of limestone passages and rooms. Everyone should dress warmly, wear rubber-soled boots, and expect to get a little dirty. Pack a camera and your lunch, and join the group for an exciting afternoon.

The tour group meet at the Campbell River Museum at **11:45 a.m., June 15**, departing for Gold River at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$36.00 adult and \$33.00 student/senior, with a museum members discount of 10%. The cost includes transportation, helmet and light.

Advance registration is required since spaces on the tour are limited. Register at the Museum Shop, 470 Island Highway, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday; noon to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call the Campbell River Museum at **287-3103**.

Preschool Celebration !

The Quadra Island Child Care Society invites you to a gathering in honour of Carol Yole who is leaving our preschool after many years of dedicated work. We encourage all past graduates and their families to join the festivities and fun.

Please come: **Saturday, June 28th at 4:00 p.m. 1127 Milton Rd.** For more details, call one of the following: Colleen 285-2520, Cheryl 285-2773, Tucker 285-2166, Susan 285-2417, Katherine 285-2374.

Farmers Market & Bazaar

Our Farmer's Market is held rain or shine, from the beginning of **May to the end of September, every Saturday from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm** behind the Credit Union. Vendors must be from Quadra or the outer islands. Setup charge is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids. Bring your own table. Dancers, drummers, jugglers, musicians, etc. are very welcome - this is our village green! Please come join us to make the Market the best it can be. For more information phone Dalcyce **285-3180**.

Mitlenatch Field Naturalists

Items For Island Calendar
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No Business Related
Material Please
Deadline for the next issue is
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Crime Stoppers

Anyone with information concerning the following can contact Quadra Island RCMP directly or call Crime Stoppers at 287-TIPS. You do not have to give your name and you may remain anonymous.

- 97 April 15** 14 foot "Valco" aluminium boat with 25 hp. Evinrude outboard motor stolen from launching pad at Cape Mudge.
- 97 April 16** Wandering livestock on Joyce Rd. Ongoing problem.
- 97 April 17** Suspect(s) made "donuts" in Heriot Bay Consignment Store parking lot. Rocks strewn over front of store.
- 97 April 17** Break into shed on Heriot Bay Rd. Complainant unsure of items taken.
- 97 April 19** Guitar found at Rebecca Spit. Owner may claim at Detachment.
- 97 April 21** Numerous "For Sale" signs knocked down or removed from listed properties.
- 97 April 25** Break, enter and theft from April Point Lodge, cash stolen.
- 97 April 26** A suspicious large truck with big wheels and loud muffler observed cruising up & down Milstead Rd. Cortes Island.
- 97 April 28** Theft of food from freezer located in carport on Schooner Rd. Also taken was wheeled garbage can which was probably used to transport goods.
- 97 April 28** Report of five rapid gunshots originating from south end of Rendezvous Island.
- 97 April 30** Front licence plate lost somewhere on Quadra Island. Plate # "JCB 588".
- 97 May 01** Pitlamps observed at Weeway Flats.
- 97 May 04** Break, enter and theft from residence on Esplanade Rd. Suspects entered unlocked front door. Suspect 1 described as 15 - 16 years old, tall, long hair, skinny, white pants & dark shirt. Suspect 2 described as 15 - 18 years old dressed in black. Cash stolen.
- 97 May 04** 8 foot white fibreglass "punt" found floating adrift in Heriot Bay.
- 97 May 06** Four seats, two oars and battery stolen from 16.5 foot "Lund" boat that was tied up at Cape Mudge during storm.
- 97 May 10** Smiths Rd. Stop sign knocked down and dumped on West Rd.
- 97 May 12** Front and back gates removed from Quadra Preschool on Hyacinthe Bay Rd. No entry to school.
- 97 May 12** Rock thrown through window of vehicle parked at Rebecca Spit. Suspect(s) searched vehicle but nothing removed.
- 97 May 12** Report of speeding vehicles along Hyacinthe Bay Rd. Speeding particularly a concern during the noon hour.
- 97 May 13** Break, enter and theft to vessel up on the weighs at Cape Mudge. Items stolen include a 9.9 Yamaha outboard, GPS system, maps etc.
- 97 May 15** Theft of gas from vehicle parked at Quadra Elementary School.
- 97 May 17** Two stop signs removed from School Rd. Signs found in ditch on Heriot Bay Rd. by B.C. Telephone building.

It can easily be observed that our calls for service are increasing. Hopefully it will not be a sign of an overly busy summer. That being said try to make your house, residence, vehicle, vessel less attractive to thieves. Little things like locked doors, motion lights, "Beware of Dog" signs, alarm systems and visible big dogs can go a long way in securing ones property.

One of the toughest duties I have had as Peace Officer was assisting in the judging of the Poster Contest at Quadra Elementary School. The students were requested to make a poster of the police working in their community. The quantity and quality of the submissions were very impressive and we appreciate not one poster of the Police eating a donut!! The RCMP congratulates the following students for a job well done and hope they enjoyed their ride on the RCMP Helicopter. The winners were: Grayson Gottschewski, Chloe Girard-Henry, Jared Mostert, Ally Stevens, Desiree Ross, Harold Richter, Djuna Field, and Sam Simpson.

Thanks also to Principal Ed Piggott who assisted in identifying eight students from Cortes Elementary School for a helicopter ride. The luck students were: Elizabeth Hansen, Allison Brown, Casey Johnson, Felicia Tebb, Noam Steward-Webb, Veronique Belcourt, Ben Berube and Nicole Minogue.

Everyone enjoyed the visit of the RCMP helicopter from Comox and we are hoping the event can be held on an annual basis.

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Forest Development Plan Public Viewing

Notice is hereby given of a public viewing of the 1997-2001 Forest Development Plan for Woodlot License 025 located on Quadra Island. This draft FDP shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting and road building for up to 15 years. The plan also includes information on maintenance and protection of other resource values in the area (for example biodiversity and recreational usage). It is available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests.

The Forest Development Plan was available for viewing at the Quadra Island Forest Resource Committee meeting on May 28, 1997 at the Quadra Island Elementary School.

The licensee will be available to discuss the proposed plan and receive comments. Those unable to attend the QIFRC meeting can contact the licensee at 285-3148 or 287-6540 or by writing to Box 25, Heriot Bay, BC, V0P 1H0 to arrange a viewing. This plan can also be seen at the Ministry of Forests office, 370 Dogwood St. Campbell River. The deadline for written comments is July 9, 1997.



Money Matters

By Steven Halliday

to manage the finance portfolio (Yukon & Northwest BC) for the world's largest equipment dealer, the timing coinciding nicely with the last great gold rush and subsequent bust.

I joined the BC Credit Union system in 1983 in Victoria, and aside from a brief stint in the investment/insurance field have been a devout Credit Unionist ever since. I am a graduate of the Urban Land Economics Program at the University of British Columbia (specializing in Appraisal), and am a Professional Member of the Real estate Institute of BC. I am presently employed as the General Manager of Quadra Credit Union, and my wife Norma and I are overjoyed to become residents of the Discovery islands!

Future columns will focus on much more interesting subjects than my biography, covering subjects from the state of the local economy to estate

planning. Items of interest from Credit Union Central of BC and other authoritative sources will also be featured. And of course, any letters from interested readers on financial topics could certainly form the basis for this column too. Feel free to write to me care of the Quadra Credit Union at the addresses below with any questions or comments you may have. If I can't answer your question directly, I'm sure I can direct you to the relevant resource who can.

Thanks again to Sheahan and Philip for their generosity and courage in allowing me this opportunity to exercise my limited creative writing skills, and I look forward to providing Discovery Islander readers with some valuable, entertaining and informative writing in future issues.

With my thanks to the good people at the "Discovery Islander", this is the first of what I hope to be a regular financial column covering all facets of our busy lives going under the general heading, "Money Matters". By way of introduction (and qualifications) let me just say that banking is in my blood. I started my financial career back in 1978 when I became a management trainee with what was then a large finance company, later evolving into the now defunct Continental Bank of Canada (honestly, it wasn't my fault!). From there, I went on



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No Objections to Out of District Emergency Services by Tanya Storr

After over two years of battling red tape, the Quadra fire department should once again be able to provide out-of-district emergency services without liability concerns by sometime this summer. The counter petition process held to assess electors' support for "a bylaw to establish assistance response as a local service to that portion of Quadra Island that is outside of the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District" is now over, and regional district manager of administration Barb Whitehead confirmed that the CSRD received no objections to the bylaw.

"There were no objections from electors, and the bylaw is now in Victoria waiting for approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Hopefully it will come back by the board meeting at the end of June, and the board can then adopt it," she said over the phone recently.

Bylaw 1917 states that the local

service to be operated is for the provision of assistance in response to:

1. a request for assistance in the extrication of persons from damaged motor vehicles.

2. a request for assistance in the removal of persons from damaged buildings or structures, or as a result of natural hazards or disasters.

3. an emergency where the equipment and personnel of the fire department is required and the police or ambulance personnel are unavailable or unable to respond adequately.

As before, the fire department would not go out of district to protect property. Taxpayers in the new service area will be required to pay two cents/\$1,000 of assessed property value for the assistance response service, and this amount could only go up through another counter

petition process.

Quadra fire chief Bill Williams said he is pleased that there were no objections to the bylaw, but that the process is not over yet. "We're still looking at a fairly long timeline. Once it comes back from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and is passed by the board, we have to sign a contract with the regional district. I'd say we're probably looking at the end of July before it's in place."

Fire trustee Matt Martinelli said he too is glad it is going ahead at last, but "it isn't over until it's over." Bold Point resident and alternate regional district director Judy Johnson said she was happy there were no objections to the bylaw, and she hopes the emergency services will be in place once again when the height of summer traffic is on the roads at the north end. "There are going to be a lot of logging trucks and tourist traffic, as well as local traffic, so it's going to be a busy summer on the roads. Everybody who drives out here has had a near miss at one time or another, I'm sure."

Quadra Players Bring House Down at Drama Fest by Tanya Storr

Quadra Players 1997 production, 'Little Sister', received rave reviews from audiences on Quadra before going on to bring the house down at the Theatre B.C. North Island Zone Drama Festival in Courtenay on May 21.

"The audience loved them. They got a standing ovation," said director Wendy Richardson of the festival performance at Sid Williams Theatre. "The whole thing was wonderful—both the challenge of putting it on and performing it. They only give you four hours to set up the lights and everything else. Lighting board operator Wesley Hartford had to learn how to program and use the computerized lighting board in four hours. It was quite impressive."

After the performance, a 20-minute public adjudication led by a professional adjudicator took place, and the next morning the adjudicator gave them a three-and-a-half hour coffee critique. "The adjudicator really praised all the actors for their powerful performances. The coffee critique the next morning which should have been two hours turned into three-and-a-half, because I think she really enjoyed working with the young people. Some of the scenes that she particularly liked included the one when

Bella (Luna Loiseau-Tremblay) asks Jordan (Adrian McKerracher) to be her grad date, the one when Jay (Walker Peters) finally acknowledges that Tracey (Oriana Belliveau) is okay, and the opening scene when Katie (Jessica Brooks) cuts up an apple slowly and quietly. She also loved the set and the lighting," said Wendy. "This was the first time Quadra Players entered anything in the festival, so it was quite a challenge for us that we feel we met. Although Walker, Adrian, and Jessica

were in 'Anne of Green Gables', none of the actors had performed such significant roles before. The adjudicator was very impressed that the community had put on this play involving so many young people," she added.

At the drama festival's awards ceremony on May 24, the adjudicator gave Wendy Richardson honourable mention for best director, and nominated 'Little Sister' as a workshop play to go to Mainstage in Kelowna in July. One play from each of nine



"Katie and Bella" Jessica Brooks and Luna Loiseau, *Little Sister*.
Photo: Dane Simoes

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zones in B.C. is nominated as a workshop play, but only two get to go to Mainstage, so Quadra Players were on tenterhooks for a few days waiting to find out if their play would be chosen. On May 29 they received the exciting news that 'Little Sister' is one of the two plays singled out to go to Mainstage, so they will be off to Kelowna from July 5-12.

In Kelowna, day one will be spent setting up the play and performing it. On days two and three, the cast and crew will work with a professional director. At the end of day three, they will perform the play again and the audience will be able to see any differences. "For the cast and crew, it will be a great educational opportunity. It's quite a special award to be nominated as a workshop play—the cast and crew are really thrilled to be selected," said Wendy. She added that Quadra Players will be fundraising to raise the necessary money for the trip.

Jessica Brooks, who plays Katie, said the performance in Courtenay felt "really

tight" and the audience turnout was good. "During the adjudication, the lady helped us develop our characters a bit more. I'm so happy that we were nominated to be a workshop play—it's just excellent."

It was a very eventful week for Jessica. Just after the coffee critique finished on the morning of May 22 in Courtenay, she caught a ferry to Powell River for the B.C. Festival of the Arts. She entered a video in the festival based on a poem she wrote, produced with Rebecca Kaye and starring herself and Karri Snyder, and it ended up winning "Best Experimental Video" in the grade 12 category and earning Jessica and Rebecca the "Most Promising Young Filmmaker Award".

Jessica described the video, entitled 'Polyester Justice', as an exploration of the minds of two teenage girls growing up in an insane world, and said the plan now is to redo it and submit it to the Canadian International Annual Film Festival.

Jessica performed her poem live for

her media class final exam last semester, and her teacher, Mr. Harrison, suggested she make it into a video for the B.C. Festival of the Arts. As she wasn't taking media class the next semester, Jessica had to produce the video on her own time. She and Rebecca stayed up all night editing it the two nights before the due date, but their hard work paid off at the festival.

The awards ceremonies for the B.C. Festival of the Arts and the North Island Zone Drama Festival were on the same day, and Jessica tried to catch a ferry from Powell River after the arts festival ceremony was over to make the drama festival ceremony in Courtenay, but she just missed it. "It was a crazy week," said Jessica, "and full of surprises!"



"Tracey and Jordan" Oriana Belliveau and Adrian McKerracher, Little Sister. Photo: Dane Simoes



"Katie and Jay" Jessica Brooks and Walker Peters, Little Sister. Photo Dane Simoes



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Displaced Fishers Build Trail

by Tanya Storr

A group of Quadra Island displaced fishers are currently hard at work putting in a trail along Heriot Bay Road that will connect the old community hall trail to Haskin Farm trail. The trail building effort is part of a Fishers' Initiative sponsored by Human Resources Development Canada in conjunction with the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, and was spearheaded by the Quadra Island Recreation Society and the Quadra Safety Council.

The Fishers' Initiative is an employment insurance top-up program, and focuses on education as well as job creation, with the fishers take a variety of courses in addition to working on projects. Some of the other projects undertaken by the fishers on Quadra have included cleaning up Rebecca Spit Park and putting gravel on the park trails, surveying and doing stream counts on all of the island's major creek systems, and working at the hatchery.

I caught up with the fishers on May 26, as they were clearing brush and using a rototiller to remove roots from the trail surface off Heriot Bay Road. Clayton Pidcock explained that some of the crew were taking computer classes that afternoon, so only a few were working on the trail. "This is hard ground—we've come quite a way today. We just got a rototiller, which makes it a lot easier to get the roots out." Pidcock explained that workers take courses when they are available and spend the rest of the time working on projects. Some of the courses crew members have taken include first aid, GPS, and swift water safety.

Alan Moore took a short break from clearing salal just up the road from the others to tell me how the trail building was going. "We're clearing vegetation and rototilling the roots to create a three-to-four foot wide path. We're trying to get as many roots out as we can and fill in the holes. I'm not sure what they're going to put on the surface yet. I think it'll be a good little trail once it's finished, but we'll see how it turns out and how many people use it. If people don't use it, it'll just grow back in. Several people walking by have asked what we're doing here, and when we tell them they say 'great!'"

Noel Lax, who was asked by the Fishers' Initiative for his advice on where trails should be built, said the new trail will be important for both recreation and safety, as it will offer walkers, cyclists, and equestrians an alternative to going along

the side of the road. Lax added that he hopes the new trail will lead to more trails being built in the near future. "This is a pilot project that will link two existing trails. I'm hoping we get a good response to the first trail and that it will take off from there."

Leanne White, a habitat consultant/displaced DFO guardian who is organizing the fishers' activities, found out who the landowners are along that stretch of Heriot Bay Road and got their permission for the trail before the work began. She said it was a complicated process because there is Ministry of Transportation and Highways land, Crown land, private property, and a woodlot along the piece of road. "In urban areas there are so many stakeholders to work with," she explained. She added that the private property owners and woodlot licensee were very cooperative and helpful.

Trail building began on May 20, and White is now researching the possibility

of another trail to go between Quadra Community Centre and Gowlland Harbour.

"The big emphasis here is to

have a group of displaced fishers get involved in community projects. They are available for a lot of projects such as these, and they are starting to become quite popular," she said.

Quadra Recreation coordinator Sandy Spearing said the recreation society is very supportive of this pilot project, because "with increasing traffic on the island it's obvious that if we're going to promote outdoor recreation we should do it in a safe manner." She added that Leanne White and the fishers deserve a big thank-you for their positive contribution to the island, and that she hopes trail construction will continue after this pilot project is completed. "It would be great if we could eventually have a cycling/walking/horse riding trail right around the Heriot Bay Road/West Road circular route."

Quadra Island Mapping Project Workshop



Ecological Forester Herb Hammond gave a workshop recently to members of the Quadra Island Mapping Project.

Photo: Ian Douglas

Island Tides

For Q-Cove June 03 to June 15

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From The Ground Up

The month of May has been incredibly sunny, and no doubt busy for all of you gardening addicts out there. Many of your transplants are ready to go into the garden. One in particular, the tomato, is of great importance. So, in order to get a good start and maintain optimum growth and productivity throughout the season here are some "tomato tips" dug up from numerous sources.

Variety Selection - Try to plant more than one variety in order to increase your chance of success, regardless of environmental conditions which may occur.

Optimum growing conditions - Full sunlight and high levels of manure fertilization are necessary for adequate foliage production.

At transplanting time - Add phosphate and/or well rotted compost to insure adequate fertility during the early growth of the plants. Make sure the plants are hardened-off adequately. When you firm the plant into the soil leave a slight depression around it to hold additional water from spot watering or rainfall. If staking, place the stake in shortly after transplanting in order to avoid root damage. If using cages, also place them over the plants shortly after transplanting, one plant inside each cage.

Why tomatoes fail to set fruit - Improper fertilization, high nighttime temperatures (above 70°F), low temperatures (below 50°F), irregular watering, insects and planting the wrong variety. Few, if any, large-fruited tomato varieties will set fruit during cool, cloudy weather. Most of this poor fruit set caused by cloudy weather conditions directly relates to improper pollination of the blooms. Tomato flowers are wind or mechanical pollinated, so gardeners don't have to have bees.

Unripened fruit - If you have difficulty ripening the fruit towards the end of the summer, a dose of liquid pot ash will assist the process. Tomatoes may be picked as

soon as they begin to show colour. Wrap them in tissue paper and place in a dark, cool area. This will ripen them without any dehydration. Placing them on the window sill to ripen will dehydrate the tomatoes.

Blight - Blight is characterized by irregular brown spots that first appear on older foliage. With age, the spots show concentric rings forming a target pattern. It is most common during the fruiting period. The fungus is favoured by high humidity and high temperatures. The only control is prevention which begins when the plant is being transplanted. During periods of high humidity apply an organic fungicide weekly. This fungicide will also help deter another destructive foliage disease of tomatoes, the Septoria leaf spot.

Give it a try - Trellis and train vining types of tomatoes for vertical growth. Trellising provides good air circulation, greater exposure to light, fewer hiding places for pests and lots of room to grow.



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