

High Flying House

by Tonya Shoppe

On Nov. 1 2004 photographer Ansel Addams, a cousin on Morticia's side of the family, took this photo of Rosalind and Adam McGuffie's house as it hovered over its foundation. "We stayed up late the night before drinking green tea out of our beer glasses and watching the fireworks. About two in the morning I remembered I had left my gertrude stein outside and when I opened the door suddenly there was no there there," Rosalind told me. "Roz came in and woke me up," said Adam," and by the time I got to the front window it was daytime. I remember thinking that it looked like a map of Australia down below us. It wasn't a map though. It really was Australia.

"The house started going down," joined in Rosalind. I was scared and excited at the same time. On the one hand I didn't want the house to land on anybody but on the other hand I could have used some ruby slippers. We landed on this rock in the middle of nowhere. We heard a bunch of people outside saying stuff like 'You shouldn't be here...This is all a mistake. This can't be happening. I was getting a little freaked out and I asked Adam what was going on.

"I told her to be calm, that we had landed on Errors Rock. Then they started grabbing and shaking the house. We lifted off soon after but they managed to break off the front porch."

The house started to pick up speed, slowly at first but then faster and faster. All of a sudden a pole sliced through their house and knocked them unconscious. They woke up to find a man in a suit standing in their house asking them if they would like him to park their house for them. He had a terrible scar running down the middle of his face. Adam replied that he wasn't sure as they didn't know where they were or who he was. It turned out that



they were in Africa and he was the Great Rift valet. They declined the offer to stay and so away went the house again. This time they ducked before the sonic boom swept through the house. It was all clouds whizzing passed at great speed until the house started putting on its air brakes. Ahead they could see white peaks poking above the clouds.

"Looked like hundreds of bras," said Adam.

"We must be over the Undies then," said Rosalind. "I bet that's Chile down there."

"That's fine. We can put on our coats."

The house had other ideas, though, and raced away northward. The clouds began to clear up a bit and they could catch little bits of the coastline as it flew by underneath them.

"We zipped along the Mexican coast and then we saw San Diego come and go and I thought our adventures would soon be over but then we crashed into something."

"There were feathers everywhere," said Adam plucking out a few that were still in Rosalind's hair. "And there were these bright, glowing gold Frisbees mixed in with them. And harps. No good to me, I'm a bass player."

"The city of Lost Angels. We figured it out over Seattle when we discovered one of them was in the chimney. We lit a fire and smoked him out over Nanaimo. He kept whining about his shoes, some kind of suede he kept saying."

"Sarcastic too. 'Thank ya...thank ya very much.' Is what he said when he left."

The house finally settled down to the point where the picture was taken. At the time of publishing, the house is back on its foundation so don't go gawking at it. I phoned up Nostril Damus, and asked him about similar cases as he seems to have a nose for these type of things but the only other case he knew of house levitation was a Sierra club family of ten kids who lived in a very tight house and ate nothing but broccoli and baked beans. If you want to know more about Adam and Rosalind's great adventure you should walk up to the Upper Realm in the Cove. If she's not there, other store operators will be sure to entertain you.

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- Every Wednesday -Community Lunch 12-1:30pm Community Centre
- Every Thursday Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre
- -Motorcycle Club meet 5pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub -Prayer Meeting, 7:30pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
- Every Friday -Live dance music 8:30 pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub -Seafood Dinner Special with Jazz pianist- Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge 6-9:30pm -Youth Group - Quadra Island Bible Church 7:30 pm
- Every Saturday -Meat Draw 5-6:30 pm Quadra Legion (members & guests welcome)
- Last Saturday Bonus \$50 cash draw. Quadra Legion 6:30pm (members & guests welcome)
- Every Sunday -Sunday School Quadra Island Bible Church 9:45 am
- Silent prayer and meditation QI United Church (downstairs) 10:00 am
- Sunday Service QI United Church 10:30 am
- Positive Living Service, 10:30am Community Centre
- Worship Service 11:00am Quadra Island Bible Church
- Buddhist Meditation Upper Realm, Q.Cove Plaza 10 am.
- Jazz nights in the Heriot Bay Inn Pub every Sunday 6-9 pm 285-3539
- Every 2nd Sunday Praise and Worship Time, Q.I. Bible Church 7:00 pm Next Deadline: Monday, November 22nd 2004



Day by day

November 12, Friday -Book Launch "Steve Moore's Poetry" 7:30 pm.	Aroma Cafe
November 16, Tuesday -Joseph Campbell on "The Buddha" 7 pm.	Q.C.C.
November 19, Friday -Stage Fright Night 7:30 pm	Upper Realm
November 20, Saturday -Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society 7.30 pm	QCC
-Xmas Craft and Bake Fair 10 am to 2 pm -Book Launch The Sage's Way by Ray Grigg	Quadra Legion Hall Explore
1-3pm November 21, Sunday -McDades Celtic Band	OCC Centre
7:00 pm November 26, Friday	Que canne
-Best of Banff Mtn Film Festival Theatre 7pm (show starts on arrival of 7pm Quadra ferry	CR Tidemark passengers)
November 27, Saturday -Best of Banff Mtn Film Festival 7pm	QCC
December 4, Saturday -Quadra Singers 8pm	QCC

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News & Events

Mary Matthews

My Mom, Mary (Max) Matthews, "the Little Lady With the Little Dog", is in hospital. She had a couple of falls and a small heart attack. She's doing well but cannot return home. She loves visitors, especially when they bring sweets! She may be cruising the halls with her walker but she's easy to find - especially if you nhave sweets!

Lesley Matthews

Don't Miss This

Those who thoroughly enjoyed the previous fascinating slide show by Chris Czajowski and her dog will be delighted to know they are returning to Quadra with another enchanting slide show on Nov. 20 at 8 pm.

Chris spent 10 years backpacking arounf the world before arriving in Canada in 1979. Always a lover of mountains and wilderness, she soon discovered the West Chilicotin mountains, where she built her first off-road cabin in a coastal valley near Tweedsmuir Provincial Park. Five years later Chris moved to a higher location about 50 km south, and working completely alone created a small resort and ecotourism business. With three cabins she has operated the Nuk Tessli Alpine experience, for serious hikers, for the past 16 years

Dogs have always accompanied Chris into the wilderness. Her first canine companion, Lonesome, experienced the years at Lonesome Lake and part of Chris' time at Nuk Tessli. Chris' latest book, entitled *Lonesome: Memoirs of a Wilderness Dog*, is written with the voice of the dog who, in fact, hated the wilderness and describes what it was like to accompany Chris during those times.

With charming illustrations by the author, the book is funny, engaging and very real. It will be available after the show



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Christmas is coming thanks to Ladies Auxiliary

Christmas Craft and Bake Fair is on Sat. Nov. 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Quadra Legion Hall. "Pictures with Santa" from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Concessions will be open.

Book your table now. Sponsered by the Ladies Auxiliary. For tables please call Denise 285-2601 or Chris 285-2207.

Community Kitchen

The Community Lunch opens again Wednesday, Sept.8/04. Lunch is served from 12 to 1:30 pm.

All are welcome to come and share delicious soups, breads and desserts prepared and served by our volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, we are looking for more generous souls to make desserts or the occasional soup. Soup making is done at the centre amid the camaraderie of others who are also making a soup or preparing food for the Wednesday lunch contact: Sherrie McGlenister 285-2660

Open House

Fun Knits will be holding its 2nd Open House on Nov. 13th from 10am - 4 pm. at 701 Heriot Bay Rd. (the corner of Green and Heriot Bay Rd.) We have a wonderful supply of Sock and Scarf yarn, Sweater Kits, White Buffalo yarn, patterns, books, needles and much much more. Everything you need for your Christmas Knitting projects. We will also have many knit items for sale if you just don't have time to do them yourself. If you missed the first sale don't miss this one as it is the last sale before Christmas. For more information go to http://www.funknits.com

Nearly Noel

Island Voices Chamber Choir and Chilean Guitarist, Rodrigo Figueroa, will present a fall concert, Nearly Noel, at 8 pm on Friday November 26 at the new Marine Heritage Centre in Campbell River, and at 8 pm on Saturday November 27 at Comox United Church. Tickets at \$15 and \$12 are available at Campbell River Visitor Info Centre, Laughing Oyster and Blue Heron Bookstores, or by calling Anne at 287-4236. A wine and cheese reception will follow the Campbell River concert, and sweets and coffee will be served after the Comox concert. For more info, call Joyce at 285-3298.



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Quadra Seniors

The subject for discussion at our November meeting was "Scams to which seniors are susceptible." There are many such schemes in operation and it isn't only seniors that volunteer to be ripped off. Without going into the various devious plans being used, some protection against being taken boils down to: Don't give any part of your credit card, debit card or bank account number to anyone phoning you claiming to be a bank official or inspector of some sort or offering to make a deposit to your account.

The same rule applies to charity requests. If you are sure the request is genuine, send a cheque.

Don't pay anyone money on the strength of a promise of a prize they say you have won, money that they say will come your way, or any deal that seems too good to be true.

The next meeting, at 1030 hrs. on December the First, will be followed by a pot-luck luncheon.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be at Discovery Inn at 1130 on December the Sixth. Please be sure your name is on the list.

The walking group walks the spit at 1100 each Sunday. Tai Chi is at the Legion at 1000 on Wednesdays and is followed by carpet bowling. For information call Ruth Amiabel at 285-3801



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New Book Launch

A night of free music and spoken will celebrate the launching of Steve Moore's new poetry Book called The Meaning of Life, Volume Two. Sunday Dennis and Colleen Warnock will sing and play guitar. Shirley Locks will play piano and sing reggae music. Maureen Fox & Steve Moore will read poems from the new book. Eric Light, who did the design and photography for the cover will be on hand. Free at the Aroma Cafe, 7: 30 p.m. Friday, November 12th. Desserts & snacks & wine & beer available. Come support you local poets and get drunk on the spoken word. Call Steve at 285-3323 for more information.

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Damn! Another four years of bad luck



Three year olds invited to learning party

If you have a three year old, you are invited to attend a learning party at Quadra School on No. 17 at 1:00 pm. Hosted by School District 72 and Achieve BC, similar events are being held throughout the province. Parents will have the opportunity to learn more about early literacy and services available to them. By bringing the child's CareCard, parents can havean ABSee eye examination at no cost. The party will feature games, healthy snacks, contact with older students and an opportunity to ask question.

To confirm a space, please contact the the school at 285-3385

Award Winner



Cameron Florence a 16 year old special needs boy from Ouadra Island won an award in Vancouver this weekend. He won the 2004 Yes I Can! award for community service.

About 3 years ago Cameron received a companion dog named Bella from West Coast Access. She made a lot of changes in his life. Cameron started making "Bella Biscuits" and selling them at various Craft fairs and at the Saturday Farmers market. He donated all the money he makes to West Coast Access in Powell River. He won the Yes I Can award for this service.

The award ceremony was at the Executive Plaza Airport Hotel in Richmond on Sat. Nov 6. He was presented with a trophy and a gift certificate from Dean Irvine, BC CEC President (Council for Exception Children). Bella accompanied Cameron on the trip. Cameron is deafblind but understands modified sign language and object cues. He is quite proud of his accomplishments and was able to sell more Bella Biscuits after the award ceremony. He will be selling Bella Biscuits on Sat Nov.27 th at the Christmas Craft Market if you are interested in purchasing some for your dog for Christmas. Thanks to Pacific Coastal Airlines for reduced rates and great service we had a wonderful trip down to Vancouver.

Best of Banff Mountain Film Festival Returns



From 'the film "Alone Across Australia" courtesy Banff Mountain Film Festival

Action-packed films come to the big screen in Campbell River and on Quadra Island as the best of the Banff Mountain Film Festival makes its annual stop in our area **Friday**, **November 26th at the Campbell River Tidemark Theatre and Saturday**, **November 27th at the Quadra Island Community Centre**.

These two shows will screen **different films** each night selected from the very best of this year's Banff Mountain Film Festival. Details of the available films are not usually known until a few days before the event but enthusiastic adventurers can get a taste of what's in store by checking in at the Banff Centre's tour web site: www.banffmountainfestivals.ca for details of films that have screened this year at the main festival in Banff.

Each show is scheduled to start at 7pm but Quadra Islanders are assured that the films won't start playing at the Campbell River Tidemark show until foot passengers have arrived off the 7pm ferry sailing (if foul weather delays the sailing we'll have to start by 7:20). As always, adventure-seekers are assured a wide variety of shorts and sub-feature length films in a 2.5 hour movie marathon.

Let your friends & family coming over from Campbell River know that the Heriot Bay Inn will run a free shuttle, picking up from the 6:15pm sailing up to the Community Centre and back for the 11:00 pm sailing after the Quadra show.

Event sponsors will have an exciting variety of door prizes up for grabs along with a concession and intermission time for socializing makes this the adventure community event of the year. Admission is \$20 for adults \$15 for youth students and seniors. **Tickets for both shows available** from the Tidemark box office 287-7465 or at the door if you want to try your luck!

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Friday Flicks Touching the Void

The McDades Come to Quadra

November 19th, 2004 at QCC Doors 7:30 – Showtime 7:45 Admission: \$4.50-\$3.50 stu/snr

Joe Simpson and Simon Yates were young, fit, skilled climbers who set their sights on the west face of the Siula Grande in the Peruvian Andes--a feat never before accomplished. Luck was with the pair throughout the threeand-a-half day summit, but the weather turned and they had no choice but to descend. Then Simpson slipped a short distance, driving his tibia through his knee cap. From that point on, the tension is ratcheted up degree by degree as the audience watches in awe and dread.

For anyone who doesn't know crampons from croutons, vicariously following a couple of TypeA Brits up a 6,300-metre South American peak may seem daunting. When you learn that one of those climbers is destined to fall off the mountain into a 90-metre crevasse - well how much fun can that be? Fun or not, Touching the Void is totally engaging, thanks to the expertise of documentarian Kevin Macdonald.

Macdonald has blended elements of docudrama and documentary into a satisfying whole that will keep even the most stoic movie-goer gripping the armrest throughout. The recreation footage, filmed on location in the Andes and the European Alps, is done so well, we believe we're watching the real thing. Throughout, Simpson and Yates relate their innermost thoughts in compelling narration.

The stunning photography at first overwhelms us with the enormity of the men's challenge, then turns the movie into a white knuckle adventure as the climbers face Mother Nature at her cruelest and zerovisibility snowstorms drive the temperatures to bone-chilling levels As for Joe and Simon, the love of climbing allowed them to overcome the horrific experience. Two years and six operations later, Joe was back in the mountains, doing what he "lives for."





The McDades Entertain Quadra

The McDades - Shannon Johnson, Solon McDade, and Jeremiah McDade - grew up in a family band from Edmonton. The parents have since retired from the road. but the three siblings have made a name for themselves with constant touring. From their Celtic roots the trio has more recently explored a wide array of musical traditions, adding new colours to their music that have impressed critics from Canada, the US and overseas.

The venerable fRoots magazine in the UK described their For Reel CD as, "cool tunes with a Celtic root, but much wider inspiration and intentions" and that "a spirit of adventure mark it as more than just another exercise in giving old melodies contemporary resonance. This Kicks!" US Folk Magazine, Dirty Linen remarked "They're both adventurous and mischievous as they play with tempos and experiment with unconventional arrangements . . . It's hot stuff and very entertaining."

Each of the siblings - Shannon on fiddle, Solon on bass, and Jeremiah on a variety of flutes, reeds and whistles (fiddle, too) – has been recognized for their instrument prowess, and now for their original arrangements and compositions. Yann Falquet joins them on acoustic guitar, and Françcois Taillefer adds lovely percussion touches.

We invite you attend the McDades Celtic Band concert at the Quadra Community Centre at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 21st. Tickets are \$12 advance at Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay and Hummingbird Stationery in Q.Cove, and \$15 at the door. Youth tickets are



The Sage's Way: Teachings & Commentaries

Ray Grigg's seventh book on Eastern philosophy, The Sage,s Way: Teachings & Commentaries, will make its official public debut at the Explore gallery in Quathiaski Cove on Saturday, November 20th, from

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

"This book," said Grigg, "is in many ways a summation of everything I have learned about Eastern philosophy after more than 40 years of serious thought and study in Chinese philosophical Taoism and Japanese traditional Zen."

"I have tried to do two essential things in *The Sage's Way*," explained Grigg. "Firstly, I wanted to write from inside the consciousness of the quintessential Oriental sage, to re-create the experience of being in this kind of awareness. And secondly, I wanted to write a book that would be the Eastern philosophical equivalent of Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet* ... a book that profoundly influenced me with both its style and wisdom."

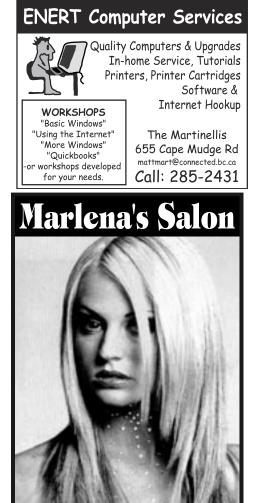
The project, conceived in 1991, took more than five years of writing, followed by countless revisions. "During this laborious constructing and polishing process," said Grigg, "the book was essentially commandeered by Old Shu, a character I employed to provide a responsive commentary to each chapter's teaching. It was one of those loss-of-control events that writers of fiction sometimes describe. Old Shu became such a dominant presence in the book that I had to account for him by writing a prologue and an epilogue. But he was instrumental in giving The Sage's Way the quality I had originally hoped to create."

Most of the 170 page book is comprised of 64 short chapters on such ordinary subjects as acceptance, balance, belonging, patience, simplicity and trust, those essential elements in our day-to-day lives that are almost hidden from awareness. Since each chapter is composed of a teaching and a commentary, the subject of each chapter can be viewed from two perspectives - a traditional instructional style in Oriental wisdom. "It's a book," said Grigg, "that could become a lifetime companion and offer poignant reflections for special occasions."

The Sage's Way (ISBN 1-4120-2168-5) will be available at Explore, in local bookstores and galleries, from the author (285-3298), and through Trafford Publishing in Victoria, B.C. (1-888-232-4444 or trafford.com/robots/03-2717.html).

YAK SHAK Stage 2

Yes folks, the YAK SHAK is still alive. We've changed its name, location and MC but I'm happy to announce that we will keep the same format. The YAK SAK is now to be known as STAGE FRIGHT NIGHT and will take place at the Upper Realm starting Friday, November 19 at 7:30 sharp. Reena Patrick will host the show, and snacks and beverages will be provided by the new Saffron Cafe. Proceeds of the door will still go to the non profit organization of the month. This month proceeds are allocated to OAP. So practise your lines exercise your voices and musical instruments and come and join us and support Quadra's talented entertainers. Call 285-2626 for more information. Everyone is welcome.



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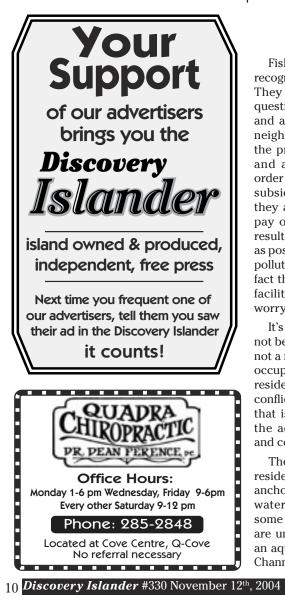
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LETZ SING ON QUADRA

If you can walk you can dance If you can talk you can sing *African proverb*

Have you always wanted to sing with a group just for fun - No performances, no audition? Then join us on Monday afternoons starting November 15 from 2 to 3:30 in room 3 (upstairs) at the Community Centre.

Tina Erickson has just completed a 2 week intensive training with Shivon Robinsong and Dennis Donelly, founders of the Gettin' Higher Choir in Victoria. She will lead us in singing music that has been sung by communities of people all over the world, music that has been taught and learned through the oral tradition including chants spirituals and folk songs.



Going to the Dogs

Is this a lesson that can only be learned one accident at a time? Yesterday, November 3rd, for the third time, I was knocked down by a large dog on Rebecca Spit. Each incident was caused by a different dog owner. Each time there has been an elaborate apology and a great show of concern.

I very much want to forgive these people for their careless acts. The thing is...I am the one left with physical injuries. The careless owner and his/her uncontrolled pet feel a bit bad for a day or two and I have weeks or months to recover. People, you may not care about the victim, but what about your pet? Can you not see that some time it is going to be hit by a car?

This incident happened on the road, not on the trail, not in the picnic ground. Surely we all know it is illegal to have pets off the leash in the provincial park. I am very angry and in a lot of pain today.

Sincerely, Marna Disbrow

2005 Calendar of Events

Each year the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce compiles a calendar of events which is distributed to interested agencies and publications. BC Ferries, Tourism Vancouver Island and Tourism North Central Island are some of the organizations who help promote events Vancouver Island-wide.

The calendar also appears in the annual visitor guide "Guide to the Discovery Islands" and is posted online at www.quadraisland.ca and www.discoveryislands.ca

There is no fee for inclusion in the calendar. If you are planning an event in 2005 submit your event information before November 30th 2004. Send listings by email to: chamber@discoveryislands.ca or fax your info to 285-2236 if you prefer mail then drop us a line to DICC c/o Box 190 Quathiaski Cove BC V0P 1N0

Event information can be sent anytime but by submitting before the recommended deadline of November 30th your event will reach a much wider audience than anytime after this date.

Proposed Residential Use of Aquaculture

Fish and shellfish aquaculture sites are recognized as significant industrial facilities. They are noisy, unsitely, polluting, have questionable impacts on the environment and are not compatible with many other neighbouring uses. They are driven by the pressures of the international market and as such do what they need to in order to compete. In spite of government subsidization for fuel and marine leases, they are competing against cultures that pay only dollars a day for labour. As a result they will continue to spend as little as possible on aesthetics, noise prevention, pollution prevention and public facilities. In fact their new classification as agricultural facilities means they don't even need to worry about these issues.

It's my opinion that residential use should not be granted to marine leaseholders. It is not a marine dependent use, it is not fair to occupants of other zones that don't allow residential use and it will only increase the conflicts within the community. Hopefully that is what By-Laws are about - keeping the activities of neighbours compatible and complimentary to each other.

The industry is already located in front of residential areas, has displaced prime boat anchorages in most of Quadra's protected waters and has degraded the quality of some of our waterfront hiking trails. If you are unfortunate enough to live in front of an aquaculture facility, as I do at Crescent Channel, you share my distress when you wake up in the morning to the sound of outboard motors, winches and the banging on aluminum skiffs and you go to bed or wake up in the middle of the night listening to the whine of a purse seiner picking up oysters. No this isn't something I bought into-it is something that the province forced onto a residential neighbourhood in spite of objections. When I bought in there for many of these leases that are marginally profitable. This appears to be the case with the lease in front of my place as it's primary use and value seems to be in the storage space in the illegal warehouse and on the rafts.

If Quadra Islander's want to promote residential and industrial use of our public marine waters lets have that discussion and talk about areas for marine residential and marine industrial zoning and make sure it happens in a place where it is compatible with adjacent uses.

In closing, I must say that I find it interesting that the biggest "Perk" in the proposed By-Law rewrite goes to a committee that has disbanded. How does that happen? So much for the Community Association's attempt at a fairer more transparent political process. If you think that might be an unfair comment, perhaps it is. So were most of the comments made about Jim Abram and the Advisory Planning Commision last spring.

Jim Mitchell Bold Point. Member, Area J Advisory Planning Commission

The Nomination Process

The last three years in BC has seen fundamental changes which have drastically effected our society.

Environmental protection has all but disappeared; conservation officers are part of the past and parks a means for a profit. Our ferries ña main road for us Islanders ñ are being privatised. Students and teachers ñ from kindergarten through to doctoral studies ñ are feeling the pain of cuts and increased costs. Our health care has not only been cut, but now our most private information has been sold to the US, with the contracting out of MSP administration.

The litany of cuts to programmes and services since the Liberal government came to power is only stopping now that a surprise surplus has been discovered. That surplus itself has come because of all the cuts which have been made.

But the opportunity to vote for change is already at hand as political parties choose their candidates for the provincial election to be held next May 17th. It looks like the Liberals in the North Island have already picked their man and have started pouring money into his re-election campaign.

Meanwhile, the nomination process to choose the NDP candidate has begun. This process gives everyone who is a member of the NDP in the North Island an opportunity to help choose the person they want to run against the Liberals next May.

Quadra resident and small business owner Claire Trevena is running for the NDP nomination. She has the strong support of Jim Abram, Area J Director and Comox Strathcona Regional District Chair and Colin Gabelmann, who represented the North Island in Victoria for 17 years, among many others.

ìPeople in the North Island should get the best education and the best health care we, as a rich province, can provide,î she said. ìWe need to ensure that we protect our environment and focus on sustainable economic development.î

iWe need to work together to reverse what the Liberals have done and to rebuild our communities.î

The nomination is decided on a one-person one-vote basis. That means that Claire needs to ensure that she has the support of the majority of members of the NDP in the North Island. This means encouraging as many people as possible to join the NDP in order to support her.

The NDP does not have a citizenship requirement for membership so landed immigrants can join the party and vote in the nomination. But there is a time issue: people have to be members of the party for 90 days to be eligible to vote for who will represent the NDP in the election. With the nomination date set for early March that means there are just two and a half more weeks to join the party to support Claire and ensure Quadraís concerns are taken seriously.

If you want to join the NDP to support Claire contact her at clairendp@yahoo.ca or on 285 2167.

Community Centre Update

Halloween Fireworks on Blenkin Field was a big treat brought to you by Phoenix Firesigns. Thanks to all the techies who put it together, as mentioned last edition (except we forgot Sean Edwards, Kris Wittington, Keenan Sjoholm and Steve Eeley). Thanks also to the enthusiastic fundraising by Deb Manery and the following funders: Regional Director Jim Abram and the Regional District, Phoenix Firesigns, Quadrate Ventures, Quadra Credit Union, Heriot Bay Store, Discovery Forestry, Q.I. Medical Clinic, People's Drug Mart, Isletech Auto, Sutil Charters, Hummingbird Office Supplies, Quadra Foods, Heriot Bay Inn, Coastal Spirits, Fermentations, Ellen Russell, Carol Gray, Murray Johnson, Carol Foort, Quadra Recreation Society, and all the people who returned bottles to the Heriot Bay Store. Thanks also to Dan Bingham and Willy Dubois for the bonfire. Next year, it would be great to have a Haunted House inside the building. If you want to organize it, let's talk ...

The next big event at the Community Centre is the Christmas Craft Fair Friday, November 26 4:00 to 9:00 and Saturday, November 27, 10:00 to 3:00, where there will be different artisans each day. Kelly Bodin is organizing the concession and the pre-school parents will be working in it. We are looking for Santa Claus. If you know where this mystic is hiding out these days, let us know....We want him to pay a visit, Saturday from noon to 1:30. (ah, all the phoney Santas keep saying 'no' to me. If you have the real one at home, call now.)

The Community Kitchen volunteers are planning a big Christmas dinner for Wednesday December 15, noon to 1:30. Thank you in advance for donations and help rendered. Call Sheri McGlenister at 285 2660 if you want to contribute in some way.

An exciting new activity is starting up next week that will be very popular. "Let's Sing", a free wheeling, non performance singing workshop for everyone who loves singing but isn't necessarily a good singer, will be Mondays at 2:00 in room 3. It's \$5 drop in. Call Ricky Voigt at 285 2991 for more info. So many people volunteer their time for our Community Centre it is difficult to thank everyone, but sometimes there are people who just do such an outstanding bit of work, they must be celebrated. David Smith has done so much over the past 10 years and it is usually invisible to the public eye but greatly improving the physical plant. He has been instrumental in fixing up the parking lot and south entrance of the QCC, which we take for granted, but which makes the place inviting. Thank you David and his friends, Kasper Fluckiger and Philip Savage, for the lastest improvements, done in 2 long days in the rain! Thanks also to the Q. Builders for the use of the their fork lift.

The Winter/Spring Recreation schedule is being worked on now, so if you want to teach a class or workshop or you have a fundraiser you want to book, please call now to get it in the Recreation Brochure.

Sandy Spearing, Coordinator QCC 285 3243 8am-2pm Mondays-Fridays

Air Quality in Rural Communities - A Focus on Particulate Pollution (Smoke)

Although it has been a regular part of country life, smoke is a problem being discussed in virtually every 'rural' community in the province. The number one complaint to our environment ministry, it has been deemed the primary air quality concern in the province, with seniors, children and those with compromised lung and heart functions most at risk. As rural communities develop, this environmental health issue will grow exponentially with population.

This presentation will focus on particulate matter (known as PM) generated primarily from burning as a means of waste disposal (outdoor burning), and poor wood heating practices. Topics will include an understanding of PM and health risk, monitoring, levels found in 'rural' communities, health/social consequences (including school absenteeism, lost time from work, hidden costs), as well as current legislation-roles/responsibilities. There will also be discussion on biomass (organic material) as a resource, alternatives to burning and proper wood heating practices.

There will be slides, a short video and free literature. The presenter is Thomas Marek, energy & environment educator/ consultant.The presentation, sponsored by Sierra Quadra, will be at the Quadra Community Centre, Monday, Nov. 29th at 7:30pm. Quadra Community Association Zoning Bylaw Update - Draft 1 Recommendations LISTEN, BE HEARD & VOTE

Below is the balance of our draft one recommendations. Your input is still welcome and vital to the revision process. You can drop your comments off at the Discovery Islander Office (701 Cape Mudge Road) or at Cafe Aroma. You can also post or email your comments to the QCA's President, Richard Desmarais, Box 492 Quathiaski Cove, B.C., VOP 1N0, email randb@island.net.

A GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING will be held 7:30PM Sunday, November 28 at the Community Centre. All recommendations will be presented, discussed and voted upon. From there they go the the Regional District in hope that they will form the basis for a new Quadra Zoning Bylaw in 2005.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The zoning regulations considered by the General Provisions Steering Committee are those that apply to multiple zones or to zones that do not fall under one of our specific land-use committees. In either case our recommendations include only regulations that are based on changes in our Official Community Plan, on Provincial Legislation or on significant community input.

Nuisance: First, add a regulation stating that "Nothing shall be permitted in any zone which is a nuisance to any surrounding resident who believes their interest in property is affected by reason of unsightliness, odour emission, dust, noise, vibration or electrical interference excluding agricultural uses provided that the practice is conducted in accordance with the normal farm practices as described in the Farm Practices Protection Act". Second; since a set of measurable, enforceable and universally accepted rules is unlikely to be achieved; allow for local resolution of nuisance conflicts by creating a locally elected adjudication board of volunteers which would work with the disputants to formulate a resolution and recommend it to the regional district. The QCA volunteers to take the task of forming such a nuisance resolution board.

Land Uses Designated and Governed by Other Governmental Processes:

a) Remove zone IR-1 (Indian Reserve) and consult the local First Nations bands as to how they would like these lands labeled.

b) Do not zone provincial parks, national parks or heritage sites. Simply mark them with their official boundaries and designations from the corresponding governmental process.

c) Update section 3.1.4, which gives the Agricultural Land Commission Act precedence over zoning on ALR land, to reflect the changes in provincial legislation with respect to the Farm Practices Protection Act and it's definition of and jurisdiction over all "farming areas".

Junkyards/Auto wrecking: Replace the terms "junkyard", "auto wrecking yard" and "refuse disposal site" (sections 11.1.4 and 11.8.1) with "Recycling/Reuse Depot" defined as "the commercial storage, for resale, of used, non-organic items". Recycling/Reuse Depots should be allowed in Industrial zones only and under the same conditions as auto wrecking yards are currently. Note should be made that they must also meet provincial health and environmental regulations.

Garbage Storage: Define garbage as "nonrecyclable, non-reusable refuse" and add a regulation stating that "all garbage stored on any lot must be generated by activities on that lot".

Marine Residences: Adopt OCP Policy 3.1.9. Generally prohibit permanent marine residences, such as float homes except where permitted in specific zones and when outfitted with an approved, on-board liquid waste management system or where liquid wastes are disposed of in a provincially approved off-board system.

Mobile Home Parks: Adopt OCP Policy 3.1.8 Generally prohibit mobile home parks.

Airstrips: Correct the current bylaw clause, 11.1.4c, which prohibits private airports to reflect the OCP Policy 3.3.3.3 which states that "Private airstrips shall be discouraged" Private airstrip applications should be considered on a case by case basis and handled under the development permit process.

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

The objective of the OCP is to encourage commercial development into centrally located social focal points. This is to ensure that scattered commercial development does not threaten the character of the island. Pursuing the goal of maximizing the use of existing commercial and industrial property and after several meetings with island business people, the following changes are recommended.

COMMERCIAL ONE (C-1)

Permitted Uses: (o) Multi-family dwellings [added]

Lot Area: The minimum lot area in Commercial One (C-1) zone shall be 1000 sq. meters (.247 acres) [reduced from 2000 sq meters]

COMMERCIAL TWO (C-2)

Permitted Uses:

e) Campgrounds and RV sites subject to: [trailers changed to RV's]

f) Entertainment/Leisure Enterprises [added]

Conditions of Use: b) Facilities for overnight accommodation shall not exceed 60 rooms [added]

COMMERCIAL TWO A (C-2A)

Permitted Uses: c) Entertainment/Leisure Enterprises. [added]

Conditions of Use: c) Facilities for overnight accommodation shall not exceed 60 rooms [changed from numbers of guests/ staff, to room numbers]

Lot Area: The recommended lot area for Commercial Two (C-2) zone shall be 4.0 hectares (9.88 acres) [new]

Lot Coverage: The maximum coverage of all buildings and structures on a lot shall be 35% [changed from 5%]

COMMERCIAL TWO B (C-2B)

Permitted Uses: c) Entertainment/Leisure Enterprises [added]

Conditions of Use: c) Facilities for overnight accommodation shall not exceed 60 rooms [changed from numbers of guests/ staff to room numbers]

Lot Coverage: The maximum coverage of all buildings and structures on a lot shall be 35% [changed from 5%]

COMMERCIAL THREE (C-3): Delete this zone

INDUSTRIAL ONE (I-1)

Lot Area: The minimum lot area in Industrial One (C-1) zone shall be 1000 sq meters (.247 acres) [changed from 4000 sq meters; .99 acres]

Set Backs: 3) Side yard shall be a minimum of 7.5 meters (24.6 feet) from a side lot line, when a side lot line is adjacent to a residential lot [previous side lines did not allow for industrial sites side by side]

Lot Coverage: The maximum lot coverage of all buildings and structures shall be according to the set back rules [Allows for full use of the site if industrial facilities are side by side]

Conditions of Use

c) Parking must be off street and at the owners discretion (added)

d) Height restrictions for industrial structures should not apply.(added)

UTILITIES

With increasing technological improvements in this area, the necessity of adding Utilities Zoning to the By-laws has arrived. Again, environmental considerations and protection of our island values must be incorporated. [this is a new zone addition]

UTILITIES ONE (U-I)

Permitted Principal Uses: a) Transmission Towers, b) Utility

Permitted Accessory Uses: a) Accessory buildings and structures

Conditions of Use:

a) All outdoor storage or supply yards shall be screened from any abutting property

b) There shall be no height restriction

Lot Area: a) No minimum shall apply Set Backs:

Set Ducks.

a) A minimum of 7.5 meters (24.6 feet) from a front lot line $% \left(24.6 + 1.0 \right) \left(1$

b) A minimum of 7.5 meters (24.6 feet) from a rear lot line $% \left(\left({{{\rm{A}}_{\rm{B}}}} \right),{{\rm{A}}_{\rm{B}}} \right)$

c) A minimum of 7.5 meters (24.6 feet) from a side lot line $% \left(\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) =0$

Lot Coverage: a) The maximum coverage of all buildings and structures shall be 20%

SILVICULTURE

The OCP (1996) introduced the designation of Silviculture to large parcels of land that would encourage and promote the sustainable management of the forest lands on Quadra Island. The Silviculture Steering Committee has developed the following recommendations based on community input from the general public and the stakeholders affected by the Silviculture Zone. The consultation has taken the form of public comment forms submitted to the RDCS, public meetings, questionnaires, and interviews with stakeholders.

Permitted Principle Uses

- a) Forestry and Silviculture;
- b) Residential;
- c) Agriculture use;

Permitted Accessory Uses

a) Accessory buildings and structures;

Conditions of Use

Lot Area

b) 16.0 hectare (39.5 acres) average lot size shall apply to all lands zoned Silviculture.

Setbacks

c) A minimum lot frontage to depth ratio of one to three (1:3) shall apply to those lands zoned Silviculture;

d) Requests for a minor variance of this requirement may be obtained with the approval of the Regional District Approving Officer;

Lot Coverage

a) The maximum coverage of all buildings and structures on a lot shall be 5%;

Further comments are welcome regarding any of the silviculture recommendations. Contact Silviculture Director Jerry Benner RPF, 285-2804 or jbenner@oberon.ark.com

Quadra Singers Brings Christmas Cheer



Quadra Singers will be singing out Christmas cheer on December 4, at 8:00, at the Quadra Community Center. Under the accomplished Direction of John Montgomery, with accompaniment by the talented Helen Moats, we will be performing Missa Festival (Festival Mass), a beautiful piece by John Leavitt. Lots of classical music, with seasonal spirituals, and a couple of jazzy and rocking carols rounds out our evening offerings. The Campbell River Band will also perform some seasonal music. As usual, there are always some surprises.

Come on out and enjoy the harmonies of Quadra Singers surrounded by our community in our beautiful Center. Adults \$10, Seniors \$8, Teens \$5.

Small Significance

by Rev. Jill Brocklehurst

I participated in a retreat where one of the exercises involved spending time with nature. The idea comes from the belief in an Intelligent Universe existing in everything and by spending time in quiet solitude outdoors wisdom is learned.

At the retreat and I walked out in the wind and rain to the shore; the sky, the ocean, the weather and me. I am drawn to a large boulder resting haphazardly on the beach. How did it get there? As I got closer I noticed the crevices and cracks, then the grass that grew from them. But drawing in further I saw the moss, the individual stems of the moss and then a speck. What wisdom was in something so small, so seemingly insignificant? I ask the question and received a clear answer.

I have been going through a time where I felt my ministry on Quadra wasn't big enough. A small island, small opportunity ... what was I doing? I began complaining and focusing on what wasn't there. Sunday attendance dropped and my ego bruised. In my search for BIG I neglected the small. Those who were by my side every week heard my song and dance, "Not enough."

The wind howled around me. I focus again on the speck here on the shore of the vast ocean where the water meets the sky. On the boulder there is a speck with a big lesson. The significance of small things goes beyond our perception. Quadra Island is small when compared to the continents but I know it's significance and the people who walk upon it have a purpose so BIG. Sometimes it is obvious, other times less.

What I do know now is this lesson. I give thanks for what IS in my life. I recognize each and every person who touches my day, big and small. It is the small that supports the big and without it, the world would lie bare and naked. Small is not insignificant, it is grand beyond measure, powerful in its journey. Oh, how grateful I am!!

The Centre for Positive Living celebrates Sundays, 10:30 AM. Call 285-3224 for more information.



Joseph Campbell on **Mysticism**

The Quadra School of Philosophy is presenting a five week series of interviews with Joseph Campbell on the subject of "Mysticism." Joseph Campbell explores both the Eastern and Western experience of mystics as it relates to both our personal and cultural development. This series is an excellent opportunity for people of dfferent religious faiths to share their experiences with each other. Susan Sarandon introduces Joseph Campbell videos and Liam Grimm facilitates discussion. Over twenty folks from 15 to 80 years of age attended the first session. A lively discussion followed the showing of the video.

The topic November 16th is "The Enlightened One: Buddha East & West". 7 p.m. every Tuesday Night at the Ouadra Community Center until November 30th. Free or by donation to help pay for room rental.

Call Steve at 285-3323 for more information.

The Campbell River Art **Gallery's**

annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Market opens at 7:00 on November 19 and continues through to Christmas Eve, Monday - Saturday, 10:00 - 5:00.

The Gallery is transformed into a festive boutique for the season. The 50 artisans selected for this juried show and and sale create glass ornaments, jewellery, pottery, woodwork, cards and textiles. Their work, displayed and sold by Gallery staff, are available in a range of affordable prices.

Shopping at the Christmas Market at CR Art Gallery is a great way to support the gallery and local artisans - and get unique gifts. In addition to the Market, watch for demos by a selection of participating artisans (including some Discovery Islanders) every Saturday and other special events to be announced. For more info call 287-2261 or e-mail art.gallery@crcn.net.



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Sablefish Farm Coming to Cortes Island

Seascal Enterprises of Quadra Island has been granted a license to operate an open net sablefish farm near Cortes Island. The site, located in Brew Bay, just north of Von Donop Inlet on the west side of Cortes, is expected to have 100,000 juvenile sablefish transferred to it next July.

Sablefish, also known as Black Cod, is a deep-water carnivorous groundfish that is caught commercially off the west coast of Vancouver Island in traps similar to those used for crabs. Adult Sablefish come into inshore waters and fjords to spawn, and these areas have been closed to commercial Sablefish fishing for the past decade to protect the juvenile fish that use these nursery areas.

The site is undergoing an Environmental Assessment by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and is one of 47 sablefish aquaculture sites have been approved by Water and Land BC, all of which are current or former salmon farms.

"It has taken us about a five years," said Tom Pedersen, a Quadra Island resident and the owner of Seascal Enterprises. According to Pedersen, aquaculture is a logical extension of land-based agriculture. "There is no question that we need to farm the land, and the only way for the future is to farm the sea as well. It's the same question between hunters and farmers that has been going on for thousands of years," he said.

The site is now going through the final regulatory hurdles before it can be made operational, a DFO habitat assessment and the permit required from the department to transfer fish to the site.

The only commercial fish farm that has sablefish in it so far is Totem Oysters in Jervis Inlet. 18,000 juvenile sablefish were transferred to that site in July and August, making it the world's first commercial sablefish aquaculture operation.

The group representing the existing commercial sablefish fishery, the Canadian Sablefish Association (CSA), is adamantly opposed to sablefish aquaculture.

"Those approvals to grow sablefish instead of salmon took place without any public consultation and with absolutely no environmental or economic assessments." Said Eric Wickham, CSA's executive director.

The provincial agency responsible for granting aquaculture licenses, Land and Water BC, grants licenses in advance of the environmental assessment being done, with the stated intention that if the assessment turns up negative results the license will be cancelled or amended.

The BC commercial catch of wild Sablefish

has remained relatively stable at around 4,000 metric tonnes annually for the last twenty years, most of which is sold to Japan. Alaskan Sablefish fishermen caught 17,659 tonnes of wild sablefish in 2002, a decline of 62% from their peak of over 46,000 tonnes in the 1988 season.

In a letter to Premier Gordon Campbell on October 11th Alaskan Governor Frank Murkowski requested that the BC government delay the start of sablefish farming until adequate environmental and socio-economic assessments have been made.

A CSA funded study done this spring by Barbara Best and Daniel Huppert of the University of Washington concluded that an increase in total world sablefish production of 50,000 metric tonnes would drive the price of Sablefish down by 47 %.

SableFin Hatcheries on Saltspring Island, which sold the fish to the Totem Oysters site, expects to produce 2 million fingerlings per year in the next five years, eventually scaling up to 10 million, which would total about 40,000 tonnes annually if grown to a commercial size of 8 lbs.

There are currently no Sablefish at the Cortes Island site, which Pedersen estimates will employ 8-10 people once fully operational.

Sablefish are known to be vulnerable to furunculosis, a bacterial disease that can infect salmon (and has been a problem in salmon farms), which has been shown to be transmitted by seawater, heightening concerns that diseases or parasites from the dense concentrations of fish in farms may be transferred to nearby wild stocks.

Although vegetable feeds are being developed, with currently used feeds 3-5 kg. of wild fish meal are required to produce 1 kg. of a farmed carnivorous fish such as salmon or sablefish.

Under the current level of Environmental Assessment taking place at this and other aquaculture sites in the province, designated as a "screening," there is no requirement for public consultation or notice. Written submissions regarding specific sites are being accepted however, and can be made to:

Robert Sisler Regional Manager – Environmental Services Transport Canada.620-800 Burrard St. Vancouver, BC V6Z 2J8 Telephone: (604) 666-5370 Email: <u>sislerr@tc.gc.ca</u>

For further information visit:

Canadian Sablefish Association

http://www.canadiansablefish.com

Northern Aquaculture http://www.northernaquaculture.com/ Georgia Strait Alliance http://www.georgiastrait.org

Adam McKenty





by Steven Halliday

My wife and I moved into our new inland acreage on Quadra over the last week or so, and the pandemonium surrounding the move and getting settled has precluded me from paying much attention to the world around us. Therefore this space will be mostly devoted to some of the wilder news stories I uncovered through a bit of web surfing, but before getting into that I would like to comment briefly on the re-election of G.W. Bush. There are many opinions about how Bush will perform during his second term, which historically have been troublesome for incumbents (see Nixon, Reagan and Clinton for recent examples). Some speculate that Bush, freed from reelection worries, will radically pursue the so-called "conservative agenda", reversing decades worth of civil rights gains and appointing Supreme Court justices that will mirror his thinking. Some think Iraq, which many feel is his mess and his problem to clean up, will overwhelm him. Others feel that he may abandon his far right base, and operate a more centred administration and truly reach out towards political bipartisanship.

My thought? G.W. Bush is the same man today as he was November 1st, and his own sense of self will now be wildly inflated by his election victory, albeit a slim one. His first press conference after the election (November 6th) contained a telling statement - "I earned capital in the campaign, political capital, and now I intend to spend it. It is my style. That's what happened in the – after the 2000 election, I earned some capital." Interpret this anyway you like, but I read that as "It's payback time" and Bush has no background as a conciliator. I share the same feeling as Canadian historian and author Gwynne Dyer, who when asked after the election by a CBC commentator on how he felt the next 4 years would go for the USA replied "badly...very badly". When half the country worships the man and half loathe him, things cannot go well.

This and That

When one thinks of a litigation crazy country, China is not the 1st to come to mind. However, things are changing as the giant country opens up and adopts more liberal policies as evidenced by a recent case in Xingheng, Hanan Province. A student was promised by his mother that if he scored over 94% on his schoolwork she would buy him a computer. He dutifully worked his butt off and achieved an average of 97%, but his mother welshed on the deal saving she could not afford it. He then took her to court asking the judge to enforce the verbal agreement, but fortunately the judge coaxed him into backing down and reconciling with his mother. The 11 year old student gained his legal knowledge while helping them with their small business. Seems to me his brain plus a computer could probably do wonders for his parent's business.

Having a chicken farm next door is something most people would prefer to avoid, but a giant farm in the Czech republic is making itself an even more troublesome neighbour. The farm, which produces over 10 million birds per year, has had to pay to dispose of unwanted chicken carcasses, generally those weighing less than 3 pounds. They plan to save these costs by building a crocodile farm next door, and feed them the carcasses. "We plan to breed 1,000 crocodiles to sell for their leather, which can fetch up to 350 Euros per square metre, and we will also save a small fortune on our chicken disposal costs" says Jan Holy of the Agrodruzstvo Jeviscovice Cooperative. Thanks...but no thanks - not in my back yard.

Cellular phones can be wonderful devices, but are very prone to be lost because of their light weight and small size. A Turkish man lost his phone, and after fruitlessly searching for it thought of a great way to find it – he dialled the number. The phone rang, and he finally located the source of the ring – his dog's belly. The man was very relieved that his phone had not been stolen, as he first thought, and was re-united with his Nokia when nature took its course the next day. After a journey like that, I think I'd get myself a new, clean phone.

Farmers in Andhra Pradesh and Chattisgarh states in India have switched to new form of pesticide to protect their cotton and chilli fields. The new pesticide, which costs only about 35 pence per litreand-a-half, is safe to handle and need not be diluted, compared to the alternative pesticide which is toxic, dangerous and costs 120 per litre.

What is this new wonder spray? Would you believe Coca-Cola? "Gotu Laxmaiah, a farmer from Ramakrishnapuram, said he was delighted after spraying cola on his crops. "I observed that the pests began to die after the soft drink was sprayed on my cotton", he told the Deccan Herald Newspaper." A spokesperson for Coca-Cola stated "There is no scientific basis for this". Another of the many uses for your favourite cola beverage, which include removing teeth, clogging arteries, stripping paint and corroding metal.

Here's an inspirational tale from Romania. Alin Popescu, 24, from Izvoare, stole a car after a row with his friends, who had accused him of being useless. He managed to break into the car without help, started the ignition using a screwdriver, and drove off down a busy road about half a mile before crashing into a tree and being knocked unconscious. This would be a non-story except for one fact - Popescu is blind. He told police - "I just wanted to prove to myself that I could do anything I wanted - despite my handicap. I only crashed because I was not sure of the way home." No word on what punishment he received, but I'm sure he has seriously jeopardized his chances of getting a drivers license anytime soon.

Another piece of history is going into the dustbin after authorities told Russian politicians to stop kissing each other. They've been told to stick to handshakes as the traditional Russian greeting takes too long. Officials in the Moscow regional government are also said to be annoved at the local media using pictures of them kissing to make fun of them and entertain readers. After announcing the handshake only policy, officials explained that the "kissing ceremony" takes so long that a ban "would make time for dozens of extra meetings a year." They should consider the same ban at award ceremonies - the Academy Awards would only take about 45 minutes if they eliminate the obligatory lip locking.

That's all for this time around – see you in a couple of weeks when more weighty matters will fill this page. Thanks to <u>www.ananova.com</u> for the stories.



Island Report Quilting Marathon Brightens Spirits

Story & Photos by Tanya Storr

It's always a treat for the eyes to spot the beautiful creations made by Quadra Quilters as you visit the Community Centre or Quadra Credit Union. Gazing at their vibrant colours and unique designs has an uplifting effect on even the gloomiest of fall days.

Many of the quilts made here on the island go far beyond Quadra to brighten the spirits of young patients in the BC Children's Hospital Cancer Ward and Ronald McDonald House in Vancouver.

This weekend Quadra Quilters is holding its third annual Comfort Quilts Marathon, a large-scale quilting bee held specifically to create quilts for children who are undergoing cancer treatment.

"Last year 65 quilters participated in the marathon," reported Heather Van Der Est, who is in charge of fabric requisition for the event. "As a result, we donated more than 70 quilts to Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House."

Preparing for such a mammoth event is a considerable task in itself. One of the first orders of business is securing fabric donations. Heather began writing to fabric companies in Canada and the U.S. in June for this year's marathon, following up with phone calls in July.

"We had some very generous donations. One company sent six rolls of brightly



coloured flannel with 15-20 metres on each roll. Another donated 140 sets of fabric samples, a bolt of batting, and a bolt of fabric backing. Altogether, 25 companies donated fabric," Heather recounted.

With today's fabric prices averaging \$10-20/metre, the donations add up to thousands of dollars worth of material.

"We ask if they can donate children's fabric or plain black background. We were pleased to receive alphabet panels and brightly coloured fabric samples this year. I think we'll probably have some left over for next year too," Heather noted.

Once the donated fabric is in hand, the marathon's group leaders meet to decide on quilt patterns and choose fabric that suits the patterns. Volunteers wash and iron the fabric (it must be washed before being made into a quilt due to possible shrinkage and dye leakage).

The quilters spend their September and October meetings cutting out the pieces needed, then sorting the pieces into bags.



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Each quilter is given a bag at the marathon containing all the pieces needed to sew her quilt.

"With a bit of luck, we finish our individual quilts during the weekend. If not, we take them home to continue working on them," said Eileen MacKay.

The Comfort Quilts Marathon begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning and sewing machines continue whirring until 9 p.m. On Sunday the quilters start at 9 a.m. and work until 5 p.m.

"By the end of it we start seeing double and our backs are sore," Heather admitted. "It's a lot of fun though."

An ample supply of goodies, soups, and a catered dinner on Saturday night helps the quilters through the huge undertaking. This year Barb and Shannon Van Order are volunteering in the kitchen to allow the sewers to focus on quilting.

A powerful incentive is the appreciation the quilters receive from recipients of the comfort quilts. Although the quilts are donated anonymously, some recipients send letters of thanks via Children's Hospital or Ronald McDonald House.

One teenage boy wrote to say how much the quilt meant to him at such a difficult time. A Child Life Specialist at Children's Hospital mentioned that the children "choose the quilt that is just right for them."

A letter from the Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House stated that "gifts such as these are so special . . .you have given our families a gift that will bring comfort to them for years to come."

Eileen pointed out that it's always nice to cuddle up under a special quilt. "We feel the quilts help the children know that people care about them."

One year Quadra Quilters received a request to make a quilt for a blind girl receiving cancer treatment. A group created a tactile quilt using satin and other fabrics that are nice to touch. They received a heartfelt letter of appreciation from the patient's specialist.

"Getting the letters is very encouraging for us," said Yvette.

Working together in large groups is a tradition for quilters. "Women have been getting together for quilting bees for a very long time. In the 1800s quilts were what kept your family warm. The Comfort Quilts Marathon is a social occasion that stems from that tradition," said Eileen.

Asked what it takes to be a quilter, Eileen said you need to enjoy sewing, have an eye for colour, and be able to draw on a spirit of adventure.

"You can take quilting to new levels where

it becomes more of a fabric art," she said. Thinking of Quadra Quilters' creations on display around the island, I understood exactly what she meant.

Quadra Quilters welcome visitors ages 14 and up to drop by the Comfort Quilts Marathon on Saturday November 13 and Sunday November 14. Sunday afternoon is the best time to see some completed quilts.

If you would like to participate in the marathon, call coordinator Marg McQuade at 285-2627.

Legion News

The Poppy Campaign is once again shaping up to be very successful and we sincerely thankn all Quadra Islanders who donated so generously. We will announce our tally at our Nov. 17 General meeting

A big thankyou also goes out to our volunteer Poppy Taggers some of whom braved foul weather without any complaint. Assisting our Branch members were members of the Q.I. V.F.D. the Sea Cadets, the Quadra Ambu;lance Service and the Quadra Brownies. You all did an awesome job! We are proud of you!

Karaoke at the legion on Sat. Nov. 13. Sing along with, or dance to, the music of Gary's Sound Machine. No cover charge.

Will your business sponsor a cash draw for us? One half of your donation is tax deductibl;e, we advertise your business in the Branch for one month plus you get a couple of acknowledgements here in the D.I. If we have a goodly number of sponsors, we may need to approach you only once everyb two or three years (unless you choose to be a more frequent sponsor). Call Barb at 285-2258 to get on our roster. We can assure you that our members do notice who you are and appreciate your support.

Don't eat meat? Come to our Sat. afternoon meat draws anyway. They are great for fun and just socializing. If you wish, we will freeze your winnings and donate them to the Quadra Food bank.

New members are always welcomed. Legion membership is open to anyone who is a Canadian citizen or a Commonwealth subject. You no longer need to be a veteran or even related to one. Call Barb at 285-2258 for details

All members are urged to attend the election meeting on Wed. Nov. 17. We have candidates nominated for all positions except Treasurer (help, somebody - please!).

Classifieds

FOR SALE

Honeybee Pollen. Nature's Multi-Vitamin. Gathered exclusively on Quadra Island. 300g tubs \$15 call Virginia at **285-2654**

Firewood for Sale. \$115 per measured cord of fir delivered. Call Jerry Benner 285-2804.

Apples

Topcliffe Farm organic Apples. Many heritage varieties, available throughout October Call John at 285-2343

Honey

Pure, unpasturized fireweed honey from local beekeepers Fred and Roger Link at 633 Cape Mudge Road. Available in bulk buckets and beautiful gift jars. We will also fill your own containers. Please call Linda Link at 285-3759

Motorbike for sale.

Must sell. 1999 BMW F650st. This is not an enduro but a sweet SWEET highway ride. Chain drive, 27L tank (250 miles to the tank!!). Asking \$6000. Will accept reasonableoffer. Call Kili @ 935.6921.

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Quadra Waggin Tales

Daily & Overnight Pet Care Michael Hechter (250) 285-2367

Zippers, Hems and Mending: available at the Quadra Clothesline. Phone Kathi at 285-3854 to arrange. Large capacity washers for comforters, mats and sleeping bags. Dry cleaning service.Coin-op open daily 6:30 am to 8:00 pm

Q-COVE APPLIANCE

REPAIR Now doing repairs to all makes and models of automatic washers and dryers. Also new & used parts depot for all your appliance needs. Affordable rates. We carry a good selection of quality used washers and dryers. All appliances come with 1 year warranty on parts & labour. Free delivery on Quadra. Call 285-3425

Woodcrafter Stock

Reduction - 40% Off All Items. Ideal Christmas gifts. Folding tables, PO boxes, step stools, end tables, puzzles, games, toys, doll crib, & cradles. Call Brent 285-3060

FOR RENT

Two bedroom suite

for rent, Nov. 1. 1000 sq. ft., washer, dryer, wood electric heat. On large private property. Quiet adult situation only.\$600/mnth + hydro. 285-2965

House for Rent-Large loft and 1 small bedroom, upper deck, and claw foot tub with shower. Downtown Q-Cove, convenient to ferry, school and stores. Newly refinished interior, covered parking. Available immediately. No smoking. \$550.00/ month. References pls. Pls.call Francois-285-2527

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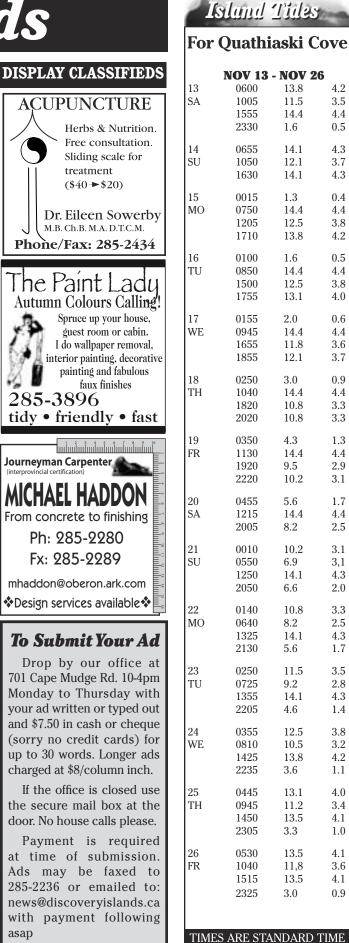
Wanted Postal Historian? Collector seeks envelopes bearing postmarks and mail from the Discovery Islands (Quadra, Cortes, Stuart, Read, Sonora, Redondas, Thurlows, etc) from 1893 to present day. Call Peter Smith at 285-3612

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Your locally owned and operated HERIOT BAY STORE Would like to invite you to our 4TH ANNUAL CUSTOMER APPRECIATION NIGHT.

Come in for an evening of food, drink, great prizes and a whole lot of fun! Hosted by the staff at your Heriot Bay Store on November 19th, 2004.

Time: 7:00 - 10:00pm. Entry is by donation of a non-perishable food item.