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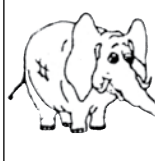
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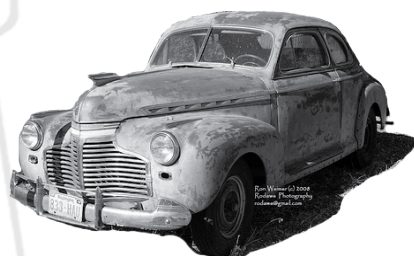
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## The Regulars

- **Quadra Legion** - Now open Saturdays only at 4:00pm
- **Every Monday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
- **Every Tuesday** - Yoga Classes 9-11 am and 5-7 pm with Brenda Dempsey at the Upper Realm, QCove. 285-3054 or 203-1575 Drop ins welcome \$12
  - Live Jazz at April Point 7 pm
  - Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Children's Centre
- **Every Wednesday** - Moms and Babies 11 am - noon Q.C.C.
  - Life Drawing Sessions with model at Firesign Studio 7-9:30 pm  
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- **Every Thursday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
  - Yoga Classes 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM with Brenda Dempsey at the Upper Realm, QCove. 285-3054 or 203-1575 Drop ins welcome \$12.
  - Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
  - Quadra Singers 6:45 pm Thursdays starting Sept.11 QCC
- **Every Saturday** - Farmers' Market 10 am - 2 pm behind Quadra Credit Union
  - Legion Meat Draw 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday** - Sunday Service QI United Church 11:00 am (Sept.-June)
  - Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
  - Buddhist Meditation 10:00 am Upper Realm
  - Live Jazz at HBI 6:30 pm
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre
- **3rd Sunday of Month** - Raw Food Pot Luck 5 - 7pm 285-3827
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw or gift certificate. Quadra Legion 6:30 pm

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## LEGION GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION SAT AUG 16

The Legion is hosting their emergency fund raising event this Saturday. The evening starts with the meat draw at 5pm; \$12 steak dinner at 6pm and the auction at 8pm. Goods and services from the following businesses will be auctioned:

Abram's Excellent Excavating	On Root Greenhouse
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Butterfly Brand Seafood's	Quadra Credit Union
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John Clark's Painting	Terry's Takeout
Len Lamb	The Landing Bar & Grill
Lovin Oven II	The Paint Lady
Marlena's Salon	Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge
Melary Towing	Viken Waste Management
Niko's Sushi Bar & Grill	Walcan Seafood's
Nimbus Paddles	Whiskey Point Resort

If for some reason you weren't contacted and you'd like to contribute to the Good and Services Auction, it is not too late. Call Tom Van at 250-285-2609. To reserve your dinner tickets call Len Lamb at 250-285-3354. See you at the Legion!

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## Day by day

**August 1 - 30** - 'RETRO-SPECTIVE' - Catherine Tableau at DRAW Gallery

### Friday, August 15

- Hal Douglas Blues Band  
8 pm to Midnight  
Landing Bar & Grill

### Saturday, August 16

- Surge Fest  
starts at 10 am  
Surge Narrows  
Read Island

- Legion emergency Fundraising Dinner & Auction  
Steak dinner at 6:30 pm Goods & Services Auction at 8 pm  
Quadra Legion

### Tuesday, August 19

- Jazz Berry Jam  
7 pm to 10 pm  
April Point

### Saturday, August 23

- Jaron Freeman-Fox (jazz violinist)  
Diffusion Fiddle concert Doors open 7:30 Tickets \$10/person; \$30/family  
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### Tuesday, Sept 2

- Jazz Berry Jam  
7 pm to 10 pm  
April Point

### Thursday, September 4

- Mother Mother family concert  
Doors open 6:30 pm Show 7:30 pm  
Q.C.C.

### Friday, September 5

- Mother Mother licensed concert  
Doors Open 9 pm Show 9:30 pm  
Q.C.C.

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**On the Cover:** Kids on the Quadra Recreation Society Summer Program get some golf tips at Quadra Island Golf Course. Photo: Philip Stone



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# Island Forum

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## Help Wanted

Can anyone locate a good Quantum mechanic? This version of reality has too many loose nuts.

L. Frederick

## Dear Editor,

Unfortunately both Pal Horvath and Ted Conover are too logical. Logic is forbidden in government bureaucracy especially when applied to taxation.

We property owners are far from docile especially when, in our case, there is an increase of 76.37% over the 2005 tax.

In a letter dated 30th of January 2008 the Minister of Community Services states that the report that 6.6 million over 5 years for the restructuring is a preliminary estimate "and does not discuss important efficiencies that may be possible as a result of the creation of the two regional districts".

I am waiting for a response to my comment that the current excessive increase in taxation can only be accounted for by bureaucracy, as the services have not changed, and efficiencies are nowhere in sight.

With the change in property values last year resulting in significant increase in taxes, what will happen when the [regional] district split becomes established? An even more horrifying prospect is that facing us when property values decline.

Complain? You bet we do, but the present system does not require the regional district to live within its means, or be held responsible for failure to do so. Eventually of course the well runs dry, and docility will have to fall away.

Ralph Miller

## Dear Editor,

It's a beautiful July afternoon on North Quadra, all of a sudden there is a roaring in the sky, my goats & cats hurtle to the porches as another RCMP helicopter comes from nowhere into my yard, and checks the fields from about one hundred feet up. It's like the third world war has started up. Hearts are pounding, the animals are completely overwhelmed by the noise, the government marijuana harvest has begun again.

Oh this terrible herb that melloes people out and makes them think out-of-the-box must be put to a stop.

Don't they know there is a perfectly legal drug they can get, called alcohol, guaranteed to break up marriages, crash vehicles, cause thousands of murders, and they only have to pay a little tax to the government for the honour of using our acceptable drug?

In my fifty eight years I have never seen a fight, car crash, a marriage break up over the lowly plant that is so illegal to grow, smoke or be in possession of. Whereas alcohol cost me two marriages, a thousand fights, many crashes including rollovers before I quit it twenty five years ago. Although I use neither drug now it seems the 'herb' has a lot less to humanity than the demon alcohol.

At hundreds of dollars an hour for this sort of helicopter action what is the true cost of this escapade to the taxpayers of BC? If anyone doesn't believe this is a police state, come up to the north end and watch the action. Into everyone's yard they come as though it is their's. We pay taxes for the likes of this nonsense!!

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# Ruin of the River

We need power, we need more power, if we don't get power we'll die / fall behind the competition/ not be the best place to live/ etc.... I get a little tired of people telling me this pristine wilderness must be preserved, that we need more power and that one or the other has to go. I'm also weary/wary of whispered conspiracy about a corrupt government trying to pull a fast one, but The Corrupt Government is Trying to Pull A Fast One and the Back of Knight Inlet must be preserved.

The proposal goes something like this: In order to create 50 % of the site C dam's potential we'll build a 18 Km 10m tunnel through rock, build a 600 man camp, divert a major salmon/eulachon river into it and alienate a thousand ha of crown land to build a 200km transmission line to provide a cash cow for a private concern so we can forever pay for power produced on our own land.

It is under way now: before environmental review, before public process, before anyone has a chance to assess this barbarity the machines are in place, boreholes are being drilled, and money is changing hands.

Just a few of the remarkable features of this area include: Mt Waddington, The Franklin Ice field, the Klinaklini canyon, the Klinaklini glacier (they plan to build the powerhouse and camp in the outwash plain), The most coastal Moose herd I know of (they feed in the estuary), wild hot springs, and the outrageously productive Klinaklini river.

Besides the obvious objection to habitat destruction and hubric waste I don't think they really know what they're proposing. The transmission line for example goes near Glacier Bay where 200ha of rock and dirt shot down into the inlet in 1998. The shockwave took out the booming grounds 15km away. I have been standing in old growth timber above the proposed powerhouse site and watched in helpless panic as a 5 tonne boulder, for no apparent reason, decided to come crashing off it's perch, furrowing the trees aside like a hair part. The glacier left yesterday, and the land is rapidly and actively recoiling.

The appliqué of human beings onto a Pleistocene landscape is still minimal and the land here is almost unbelievably rich in mega-fauna. In one panorama I've seen Grizzlies, Mountain Goat, Fox, and Moose. This is different than other coastal inlets where the water originates in the coast range, the



Klina-klini's water originates in part from the Chilcotin plateau and the continental influence is greater.

The magnitude of this scheme, its shocking disregard for the landscape, and the fact that it is already underway is a function of the remoteness of the project and of the government's penchant for private industry control of public land. I think we know who the land belongs to, so why are our representatives giving it away?

Steve Mooney

## Kudos

To Don Dubois, who works on the Cortes ferry, for quietly volunteering his services when he's not overnight on Cortes Island, to help crew the Quadra Ferry in those after regular sailing times for emergency runs when required by the B.C. Ambulance Services. Otherwise, the unavailability of required qualified Quadra Ferry crew members would preclude emergency sailings.

To Telus for the current 13.9 % rate reduction of their Internet high speed unrestricted ADSL service. Their recent rate reduction wasn't their first, and hopefully, it won't be their last. Telus rates for 3MB bandwidth are now 25 % less than local cable, and provide six times more the speed, and ten times more network traffic than does local cable.

Ted Conover

## Dear Editor,

Thanx [Baron Bob DI 427] for the entertaining read! Also interesting, in that your's was not the only item pertaining to a trespass issue. "Re-Fed Up".

We are not alone! As an owner of a virtual playground for off road vehicles, I have, on more than enough occasions, been faced with having to chase off uninvited visitors.

Of the three access roads in, two are clearly driveways, house numbers an all, the other is blocked right off with a large log. Unlandscaped of course, I just find this situation mildly irritating.

It's the canine form of trespass that I find extremely aggravating. The odd wayward pup wandering through is to be expected, and, if non-aggressive, poses no problem. More than one barking, nippin at my heels, and harassing the kitty on my deck is absolutely unacceptable. Of course we all know a dog is only as good as it's owners, and so I was quite shocked at the response I received from them after several nasty encounters with their "pets". Instead of the expected "oopsy, sorry, we'll keep better check on them", I got a rather loud "just get back to your miserable life and build a fence".

So having served more than my fair share of 25 years on "this island", here's my valid opinion. Hugely disrespectful!

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**Next deadline 7pm Monday, August 25th 2008**



# Area J Regional Director's Report

August 15, 2008

by Jim Abram

**O**n this beautiful, rainy August morning I will attempt to update you on a few of the issues that are current, as briefly as I can.

## Scallop farm investigative permit

There was a public meeting held on this issue of a scallop farm being situated off of the Cape Mudge Reserve #9 (Rebecca Spit). I mentioned in my last report that a public hearing would be required for this application for a Temporary Industrial Use Permit (TIUP). As it turned out, staff determined that a public hearing was not a requirement of the Local Government Act and that only a resolution of the Board was required.

I still insisted on a public meeting so that all effected parties would have a say. Also, the Board made an unprecedented decision to allow anyone that felt their interests were effected to appear as a delegation at the Board meeting where the decision would be made. Four or five residents did come to both meetings to ask questions and to express their concerns. In the end the Board of directors decided to issue the TIUP for a period of two years for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of growing scallops on the site off of IR #9 just south of Rebecca Spit. If the investigation proves that a farm might be viable then the Band will need to come back to the Regional District and apply for a rezoning. That process will require a full public hearing prior to a decision being made.

## Village Project

As has been mentioned in previous reports and in other articles, we continue to work on the implementation of our OCP policies of creating a "village concept" in Quathiaske Cove. The planning department has been having discussions with me and our Interim Chief

Administrative Officer (CAO) to determine when and how we will begin. The work will be done as a "neighbourhood plan" and will be done by a consultant of our choosing. The scope of work for that consultant is being developed at this time. I would anticipate that we will start the public process in the early fall. I think that everyone on the island will benefit from this exercise and we will be able to provide a more liveable community in the Cove for people of all ages. I will keep you updated on this as things progress.

## Hydro line to Granite Bay

A meeting was held last Thursday at the Community Centre with representatives from all levels of BC Hydro, Timber West, the logging contractor, the Granite Bay community and myself. It was a very successful and productive meeting. There have been a number of delays in the clearing of the right-of-way for the hydro line and it seems that administrative "problems" were at the root of the delays. I believe that those have all been worked out now and BC Hydro has been very willing to accept the responsibility for some of the problems and have assured us that they will be making this project happen. Everyone left the meeting with chores to complete and the work should be back on track right away.

## Transport Canada flight path issues

Many residents have complained to me over the years about the low-level of air traffic and the noise and disruption to their lives that this has caused. Recent information brought to my attention by a concerned resident put me in touch with Transport Canada (T-C). Apparently all of the islands in the Islands Trust area have a 2000 foot minimum fly-over zone in effect. I put our CAO in touch with T-C and they are currently upgrading their flight manuals. The inclusion of the south end of Quadra (from the Village Bay

lake system south) and the southern portion of Cortes Island have been requested as areas to be included. This should eliminate some of the noise and disturbance to residents and to people that use the lakes for recreation without causing undue hardship to aviators. I will let you know if this proceeds.

## Ferry fuel surcharges

I am sure that all of you are starting to realize the impacts of the hikes in your ferry fares and the effect on your finances. Our hike of 22.5% on the "discounted rate" was the highest in the system. The media was all over this issue when it was about to break and it was covered nationally in the print media. Ferry Advisory Committee chairperson, John Sprungman, did an excellent job in a CKNW interview of explaining the impacts on our communities. I was also contacted by CBC Vancouver and did an interview on the Early Edition show and then two days later I had the opportunity to be on CKNW radio on the Christy Clark show along with a member from Hornby Island.

We had 45 minutes to discuss the issue at length and had ample opportunity to get the point across to the public that this is a government decision, the responsibility of the Minister and that the ferry system is part of our marine highway system and should be treated as such. I have also corresponded with the other Regional Districts served by ferries to gather the figures for the amount of Provincial taxes that we all pay to the government for highways services. I will have those numbers very soon and be able to use them in our arguments against these outrageous increases.

A group of residents are putting together a strategy of protest that we will hear more about very soon. I really hope that the public will let the government know that "enough is enough!"

I think that is about it for this issue. Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at [abramfam@oberon.ark.com](mailto:abramfam@oberon.ark.com), or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Abram  
Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area J), SRD

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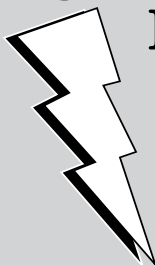


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# You Can Get Some Satisfaction

by John Sprungman, Chair, Ferry Advisory Committee

In June, August and November last year, workers for a BC Ferries' contractor handed out 747 "customer satisfaction" questionnaires on the Quadra ferry which travellers were asked to fill out and mail in. They got 168 of them back, the lowest percentage of return on eight routes which were surveyed.

Overall, employees of the Mustel Group, a Vancouver research company, gave forms to 13,730 ferry customers on four major and four minor routes, asking them to rate various aspects of their ferry experience from 1 (very dissatisfied) to 5 (very satisfied). They've been doing this every year since 2003.

The emphasis, as usual, was on the larger routes between Vancouver and Nanaimo, Duke Point, Victoria and the Sunshine Coast. They also surveyed people on the Salt Spring ferry to Swartz Bay, travellers to the Southern Gulf Islands and users of the Gabriola Island ferry. Returned forms totalled 5,166 from routes which transported 17.3 million people between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008.

BCF says 895,015 passengers took the Quadra ferry in those 12 months so 168 returns constitutes about 2/100ths of one per cent of the year's travellers, not what one would generally consider a significant sampling of opinion. But there are some ratings I think most of us would agree with.

Courtesy of the Campbell River ticket booth staff got a 4.5, the clarity of their directions 4.4 and the efficiency of transactions 4.3. The professionalism of both terminal staff and onboard crew got 4.2, as high as any route surveyed.

On the other end of the satisfaction spectrum, onboard ease of access for people with disabilities was rated 2.8 and "value for money of fares" got the lowest rating of any item--2.5.

The overall conclusion of the study: "Satisfaction levels have softened" on six of the eight routes, and "levels are relatively stable on the remaining routes." That would be two routes. Mustel reported that customer satisfaction has slipped from 4.2 in 2006 to 4.1 in 2007.

The language in the report is as soft as the sampling, but there are a lot of colourful graphs so the whole thing takes up 44 of the 80 pages in BCF's annual report to the Ferry Commissioner which was released last week. The survey asked customers to rate 69 aspects of their ferry experience - including the usefulness of TV info screens to foot passengers at major terminals, the variety and selection of merchandise in the gift shops and terminal decor. Most Quadra recipients of the forms apparently suffered terminal ennui trying to wade through irrelevant categories.

"After making gains in many areas in 2006, passenger satisfaction levels have subsided or reached a plateau in 2007," the report said. "The key reasons appear to be related to late departures, sailing frequency and perceived value for money." Perceived?

In an strangely constructed sentence, the report says, "Satisfaction levels continue to be low with perceived value for money of the fares, with ratings steadily declining and now in 2007 at their lowest level yet (40 % satisfied)."

Are these conclusions BCF's management itself couldn't have come to? "You can observe a lot just by looking," baseball's Yogi Berra has been repeatedly quoted as saying. With a 4 % fare hike April 1 and fuel surcharges from ranging from 9 % to more than 20 % on many routes on August 1, it's a fair bet that next year's surveyed ferry users will perceive an even lower level of fare value.

Nowhere in the 80 pages does it say what the survey costs. Nor does it explain that the provincial government's Coastal Ferry Services Contract has required this annual survey since 2003 and mandated that it be done by a "professional consulting organization" from the private sector.

Instead, the report to the Commissioner says, "This study is part of a regular program of ongoing research conducted each year by BC Ferries." In fact, it's another kind of public-private partnership, that special arrangement in which public money can be easily moved into private hands, in this case to produce mostly "useless and pointless knowledge," to quote from an old Dylan song.

But it is nice to know that 168 Quadra ferry customers appreciated the people who work on the ship and in the Campbell River and Quathiaski Cove terminals. I know I do.

## Thanks to You Too!

I also want to thank the many people on Quadra and Cortes who have thanked me for writing these reports. It is satisfying to hear that the time and effort one puts into a volunteer community role is appreciated, even if the results of Ferry Advisory Committee efforts often seem slight.

Coming into the last few months of three years as FAC chair, I think our most substantial accomplishment was getting BCF to rethink and redesign the Experience Card system that replaced the ticket books. Their original concept, based on the Coast Card for the big ferries, was to sell us a card good for 10 trips which had to be taken within three months.

I give BCF's President and CEO David Hahn a lot of credit for listening to the objections and seeing to it that the end product as nearly replicated the paper ticket system as was electronically possible. In addition, BCF substantially reduced the amount of money we have to put up front to get the prepaid fares and made every card usable on all the routes which used to have paper tickets--including, finally, Heriot Bay to Whaletown.

## On Another Level

Two years ago, Hahn invited the chairs of all 12 FACs on the coast to BCF's annual general meeting in Victoria and met with us, along with other senior management people, to encourage us to work together as well as represent the communities served by our individual routes.

Since then the FAC Chairs have met eight times in Victoria, Nanaimo and Powell River with BCF execs, with Ferry Commissioner Martin Crilly and with Ministry of Transportation officials, including a one-hour session at the Parliament Buildings with Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon in March 2007.

In between these meetings, we have had extensive email exchanges on many issues with each other and with BCF, the Commissioner and MoT. These efforts have given us considerable knowledge of how BC Ferry Services Inc. is structured and financed, how it is regulated by the Commissioner, and how it is still ultimately within the power of the government to decide what BC Ferries does and how much taxpayer support it gets.

In addition, Hahn asked Executive V-P and Chief Financial Officer Rob Clarke to attend the last two rounds of local FAC meetings. His participation has given us a means of contacting the top level of management with concerns and for information that has proven to be valuable to all the committees.

The FAC Chairs responded strongly in the media to the latest fuel surcharges, warning that the government's user pay policy is not sustainable and arguing that more provincial support is necessary to prevent irreparable harm to the communities BCF serves. So far the Minister has only responded with the idea that service cuts and some type of resident discount might be a solution.

Representatives of all 12 FACs will be at BCF's annual general meeting Aug. 27 in Tsawwassen for meetings with Hahn and Co., with the Ferry Commissioners and with each other in preparation for further sessions with the government.

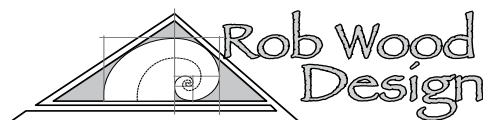


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The Quadra Legion Executive is hosting an emergency fund raising dinner and auction on Saturday August 16, 2008 to try and keep the Legion OPEN. A steak dinner will start at 6:30pm with a goods and services auction following at 8:00pm. Executive members have contacted local businesses for their support which will be gratefully appreciated. For a list of participants see details on page 3.

We encourage community support and participation. For dinner tickets, call Len Lamb at 250-285-3354. Thank you and see you at the Legion!

## Quadra Farmers' Market

URGENT: We desperately need new market managers. If you or anyone you know is willing to commit to managing the Farmers' Market, please call Alma at 250-285-3521 as soon as possible. Unless we find someone to come forward to manage the market, it is in jeopardy of not starting up again next May.

The market is located behind the Credit Union in Quathiaski Cove and takes place every Saturday (rain or shine) between 10 am and 2 pm until September 13th this year.

We would like to see all our regular vendors as well as any new ones who would like to join in for the rest of the year. We would especially like to see more locally grown produce for sure and maybe more locally made crafts as well. We will continue with a first come first serve basis and the gate will open at 8 am for your setup.

The vendor setup fee is \$5 each while children under 16 will be charged \$1 per setup. Local community and charitable organizations are not charged a setup fee for their participation.

Market parking is accessed from Green Road. PLEASE use it and encourage others to do the same as the main Credit Union parking lot needs to be kept available for the Credit Union's customers.

If you are a visitor to Quadra Island please feel welcome to come and visit our market between 10 am and 2 pm and perhaps you'll find a great souvenir of Quadra Island to take back home.

We strongly discourage dogs at the market so if you have no choice and must bring your dog it will have to be on a leash at all times (no exceptions please) and PLEASE pickup after them. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Alma at 285-3521 or Carmen at 286-9808 See you all at the market

## Quadra Island Seniors B.C.O.A.P.O.- Branch 91.

Our members have been very busy all summer. Work at the Tourist Information Centre, has been very busy with, Judy Hagen as Manager, and the Seniors meeting the many Tourists, from Europe, Asia, U.S.A. and Canada. We find this a very interesting task, socializing with the people, who all love our Island.

The B.C.O.A.P.O. held their Annual Prov. Convention last June in Naramata Br. 91 was represented by, Robert Brown and Chris Dyson. The National Pensioners Convention will be held in Surrey, on Sept. 17 to 20th, Martin and Ruth Amiabel with four other Prov. members will be attending. These meetings are very important to the Seniors in the Country and Province, to raise the awareness, of the many issues that face our Seniors today. Many letters are sent to our Provincial and Federal Govts.

A Huge "Thank-you", to Walcan Seafood Products, For Donating A Case Of Salmon, To Our Prov. Convention.

Despite the ferry and Fuel increases, we the Seniors, have still excursions planned,

(1)- Butterfly World, and Coombs  
(2)-Miracle Beach Mini Golf  
(3)-Natural Pasture's Cheese Co. and lunch at Plates Restaurant.  
(4)-Inflatable Zodiac to Port Neville six hrs - incl lunch, (5)-Boat Trip Marine & Wild Life Tour 6 hrs incl. lunch 26 ft. craft (6)-Campbell River Museum & lunch IF YOUR NOT ON THE LISTS CALL RUTH -285-3801

Our next meeting will be a Picnic on Sept. 3rd/08, (wed.)-at Rebecca Spit Start- 10 to 10:30—Pot-Luck lunch, Bring a chair, dishes, mug, utensils, bring your own drink. Games will be held, with prizes too. If bad weather, meet us at the Legion Hall. "Come One". "Come All, Seniors", Have a fun day, and join our active group. For Membership contact Marshall Toebe 285-3226 Cliff Hand-923-5814, or President Robert Brown-285-2907



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## Happy Birthday Roy!!!!



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## QISES AGM

The Quadra Island Salmon  
Enhancement Society will be  
holding its' Annual General  
Meeting on September 8, 2008  
- 7pm at the Extension Centre  
(Hatchery) on Hyacinthe Bay  
Road. The agenda will be as  
follows:

- 2007 financial statements
- Treasurer's report
- 2007 activities report
- Elections of the new Board

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and interested Quadra residents  
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## Catherine Tableau featured artist for August at DRAW

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Opening is First Friday August 1st 6 - 8pm. The Gallery is open Thursday through Saturday from 12-6pm. DRAW Gallery is located at Village Square, in the rear - just follow the signs. Drop by and see the show next time you are at the Square. Everyone welcome.

## Art & Antique Auction

Cortes Island, Manson's Hall,  
 Sunday August 17th, Preview 6  
 pm, Auction 7-9 pm

Cortes Island is home to a number of very talented artist and crafts persons. This summer on the evening of August 17th many beautiful works by this group of extraordinary creative artists, will be available to be bid on at an Auction at Manson's Hall. It is a rare opportunity to purchase these first rate works of art and contributed antiques. It will also support the Seniors Building Fund. Participation will be instrumental in helping to complete the Senior Housing Project adjacent to the Health Center.

Besides the art work and crafts, there will also be antiques up for bid that were contributed by members of the Cortes community. Some very interesting articles will be on the block, some of them reflecting Cortes Island history. The auction promises to be lively and fun. All items to be auctioned will be on display to be previewed by the potential bidders beginning at 6pm. The Auction will follow at 7pm-9pm. Refreshments and wine will be available for sale in

the adjacent pioneer room during the entire event.

Some of the artist and crafts persons who have generously contributed works are well known watercolorist and painter Diane Bersea, Painter Hannes Grosse who will also be having a solo show opening at the Campbell River Art Gallery the evening before the auction. Kristen Scolfield-Sweet's painting: "I Never Dream I Sing". Eagle Wind Press printmakers will be contributing a portfolio of recent monotypes. Mary Dudley will be contributing a monotype/collage. Superb wood craftsman, Walter Grundmann will be contributing a beautifully hand crafted chair and Alden Sherwood one of his museum quality rare wood works.

This is just a taste of some of the high quality works of art and antiques that will be on the block August 17th for the pleasure of viewing and bidding. A preview book of all the objects will be displayed at the Friday Market beginning the first Friday in August. For those who cannot attend this exciting evening event may put in a sealed bid at the Friday market display that will be open when their choice comes up for bidding on the evening of the Auction: August 17th.

This is a major summer event on Cortes Island and an opportunity to view and purchase art work from the best talents on the island and antiques that are part of this Island's history. Those attending will be contributing to the well being and future of the community as well as obtaining a small piece that makes this place so unique and special.

This promises to be a memorable event for those who join in the fun of a lively auction, preview, good food and company. But best of all; a community coming together to support and contribute to a very worthwhile community cause. The Senior Housing Project is a community effort to provide low cost housing to qualifying seniors.

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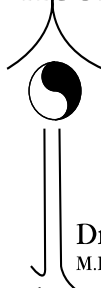
Thank-you Kent at Heriot Bay Tru Value Foods for donating the delicious fruit and to everyone who contributed the tasty treats. Thank-you Mo for the setting up your sound system and to Judith for the loan of the drop sheets. Thank-you Sam Fell for being our "door" person!

Thank-you David MacLean for building the frame for the mandala and to Nicolas who painted it. Blessings to Charlene who worked tirelessly to plan for and set up the venue and to Marj Luce-Haddon who managed to capture so much of the activities of the afternoon with her incredible photography.

And a big Thank-you to all those of you who attended and supported the Community Choir Leadership Program. Join us on Monday October 6th from 3:00 until 4:30 in Room 3 at the Community Center to sing!

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## Diffusion Fiddle!!

Quadra's favorite violinist, Jaron Freeman-Fox, visits home for an evening of musical ramblings served with succulent desserts on Saturday, August 23 at the Quadra Community Centre, at 8pm.

Quadrites will remember Jaron as the young boy fiddler who became the charismatic teacher of a youth fiddle group. Since leaving Quadra, and finishing music school in jazz violin, Jaron has performed throughout Canada and the States with a variety of groups, playing in his original style that combines folk, world, and jazz idioms.

Jaron's unique music now also incorporates elements from his recent studies of classical music in Southern India, as well as offers an honoring of the freestyle fiddle technique developed by his mentor, Oliver Shroer. This high-energy young man melds together traditions from around the world in a violin with many voices. Together with long-time musical collaborator, Toronto percussionist Jake Jennes, Jaron brings his audience along on a fun-filled musical adventure. Don't miss this one-night only event at the QCC. Doors open at 7:30. Tickets: \$10/person; \$30/ family.

## Saturday, August 16 Surge Fest

Join us in Surge Narrows, Read Island, to celebrate the movement towards sustainable living. Bring your ideas and experiences (renewable energy systems, gardening tips, wild harvesting techniques, recipes, etc) to share in the discussion circles starting at 1pm, and come prepared to groove to diverse live music (Miss Emily Brown, OK Giraffe, Maticulous and more) throughout the late afternoon and evening. A walking tour will leave at 10am that will show beautiful protected land, our salmon bearing stream and salmon enhancement project, as well as a sustainable homestead. Food will be available for purchase and we will be raffling off local artwork to raise money for our salmon enhancement project. Please contact Sheila at [fashedo@hotmail.com](mailto:fashedo@hotmail.com) if you would like to make a presentation during the event or if you would like more information.

## Heading to the Capital?

"Anything That Moves" with Quadra Island's Neil Maffin, playing at the lovely Belfry Theatre in Victoria is a must see! Times Colonist reviewer Steve Carey gives it a five out of five stars saying "Finally a musical that isn't a hoity-toity hyper-real spectacle but a modern story about real people with real problems."

Written by Ann-Marie McDonald ("Fall On Your Knees") it's first production in Toronto in 2001 won a Dora Mavor Moore Award for outstanding new musical. Scheduled to run to August 16, it has now been extended to August 23, plenty of time to go see Neil and a top notch cast in this fine performance. For more information and tickets go to [www.belfry.bc.ca](http://www.belfry.bc.ca).

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## Jazz Berry Jam

Jazz Berry Jam, a Quadra Island jazz trio, is playing traditional and modern Jazz all summer long at various locations on Quadra Island.

The band features David Blinziner Jr., one of the Vancouver Islands premier tenor and alto saxophone players, hailing from the St. Louis, Missouri jazz scene.

Hal Douglas, a local music teacher & leader of a local blues band, plays jazz guitar and Steve Moore plays drums to round out the trio.

You can listen to the group at the April Point Resort on Tuesday, April 19 and on Tuesday, September 2, starting at 7 p.m. The Trio also performs at the Heriot Bay Inn on Sunday, Sept 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Reservations for dinner are recommended at this time of the year, but the bar is also open and close to the performers at both locations. No cover. Come on down & listen & relax. See you there!

## Cruise Into Historic Desolation Sound

Cruise into Desolation Sound on August 23rd aboard the Misty Isles on Cortes Island Museum's next summer tour. Desolation Sound, much of it in a marine park, offers some of the most spectacular mountain scenery on this part of the coast. It is also the focal point of some of the area's most fascinating maritime history, as the anchorage for British and Spanish explorers who first charted this area in the late 1700s. Skipper/ naturalist Mike Moore will provide background highlights on the Age of Exploration and the rich marine features of the area, from birds and mammals to the dramatic topography.

The scenic beauty of Desolation Sound attracts hundreds of cruisers throughout the summer months but by late August it has returned to a quiet backwater. "With fuel prices so high this year, many yachts have stayed home and we'll have the place pretty much to ourselves," says Moore, "to explore and enjoy." Mike promises a leisurely exploration of the area and given enough wind, the opportunity to help hoist sail. The relaxed pace of Misty Isles allows participants to sit outside for a cup of tea while enjoying the stunning scenery.

Weather permitting, the tour may include a stop at Laura Cove, where British explorers found an "extensive deserted village" built by the Coast Salish atop a perpendicular rock cliff. The houses, fronted by a platform overhanging the rock were only accessible by climbing over a bridge from the mainland.

Participants will take the 8:30am Quadra Island ferry to connect with the 9:05 Cortes Island ferry. The tour departs Cortes Bay at 10:30 and returns in time for the 5:50 return ferry to Quadra Island. The cost for this full day tour is \$105 GST included. For more information call the Cortes Island Museum at (250) 935-6340 or email [cidas@twincomm.ca](mailto:cidas@twincomm.ca)

## Hot Off the Press!

I-CAN (Island Climate Action Network) has just completed the Quadra Island Food Guide - a directory with a comprehensive list of individuals and businesses on Quadra who are producing organic food - fruits, veggies, meat, eggs, seafood and more!

By purchasing and using this book you contribute to the sustainability of Quadra Island, support our local farmers, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help build a vibrant and connected community!

I-CAN would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people who contributed to the making of this invaluable resource - Maureen Fox, Lisa Spizzirri, Rod Burns, Louise Gray, and all the farmers and local producers without whom this book would not have been possible.

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Quadra Island Paint Out 2008 is happening on Saturday and Sunday, September 6-7, 9AM -4 PM, with the support of Firesign Art & Design Studio and B&B in conjunction with the International Plein Air Painters (IPAP) Worldwide Paint Out and as part of British Columbia's 150th birthday celebration this year. On Saturday, artists will paint various locations in Rebecca Spit Provincial Park and the Heriot Bay Inn. On Sunday, September 7, at 3:00 PM there will be an exhibit of the weekend's work and a reception at the Heriot Bay Inn, where the public is invited to view the art and meet the artists. Event organizer, Nanci Cook, says there is a joy about paintings outdoors and this is a chance for people to see artists at work, developing their paintings in response to the beauty in nature.

Some of the area's most talented outdoor painters will bring their paint boxes and easels to Quadra Island, well known for its vistas of coastal mountains, distant islands and old forest. The 6th annual Great Worldwide Paint Out commences on the weekend of September 6, 2008. Plein air painters from all over the globe will convene to record the historical buildings, places and vanishing farmlands, as part of raising global awareness on our frail planet.

In Europe, it's a common sight to see artists working outdoors and while their efforts are much admired, people pretty much allow them to work uninterrupted. In the US and Canada, plein air painters are a bit of a novelty and create curiosity and entertainment. Children are especially interested and awed by watching an art work being created. Someday, outdoor painters may be as common place as everyday people on their way to work.

IPAP, who has members who reside throughout the World, is the blanket organization for individual plein air groups and was created for the sole purpose of advancing the execution and enjoyment of plein air painting without limitations of borders or regions. Its members share inspiration and encouragement both on the Internet and at "paint outs". They encourage other artists to get out and do it, to paint with other artists and share ideas. The World Tour of Contemporary Landscape Painters is part of International Plein Air Painters Worldwide Organization. Partnered, with Landscape Painters International, both organizations tour the globe promoting green space and the obligation of landscape artists to call attention to the cause. You can see more info on this tour on IPAP's website <http://www.i-p-a-p.com>

This event is happening simultaneously in international locations and Quadra Island is part of this 6th WORLDWIDE group event hosted by International Plein Air Painters. Contact Nanci for more details 250-285-3390 [www.firesignartanddesign.com](http://www.firesignartanddesign.com)  
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## Quadra Is. Garden Club

The first meeting of the Garden Club will take place on Monday, September 8 at 7 pm. The speaker will be Connie Kuramoto. Hard as it is to believe, it is time to think of the Fall garden. It is a good time of year to take cuttings which can be overwintered for next year's garden. Connie will talk about taking softwood and hardwood cuttings as well as grafting.

New members are always welcome. The annual membership of \$10 per year entitles you to attend all meetings and a 10% discount at many garden centres when you present a current membership. Meetings all have a presentation on a gardening topic by guest speakers. There is also a plant sale table, a magazine exchange, a small library available to members as well as coffee, tea and goodies..

The success of the club is dependent on members volunteering for positions. There will be some positions opening up for the next year and those will be discussed at the first meeting. For further information, contact Eileen M. Mackay at 250 285 3194.

## Hal Douglas Blues Band

Come dance your blues away with the Hal Douglas Blues Band. In addition to the regulars of Hal Douglas on lead guitar and singing original songs and old favorites & Dave Blinzinger playing piano and singing old Ray Charles and Roll Stones tunes & Steve Moore on Drums & Adam McGuffie on Bass, we will have Richard Christie on Bass while Adam is holding the hand of his beloved and becoming a father for the first time. Don Doolittle on saxophone is a frequent & welcome addition to the band and sometimes, if we're lucky, Julie Frank comes & sings.

The band will be playing at the New Landing Bar & Grill on Friday, August 15 and Saturday, September 6th from 8 p.m. to midnight. There is no cover at the Landing.

Also come learn more about the blues with a tasty sit down dinner at the Sundance Java Bar in Willow Point on Saturday, August 23, 2008. Learn how to compose & perform your own blues lyrics (or we can sing it for you) in this fun & educational "Symposium on the Blues."

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# Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

## Solis Futurus

The most recent spike in crude oil prices - apparently now concluding, with prices retreating steadily as is usual in the run-up months to a US Presidential election - has hopefully had a more lasting impact on consumer behaviour than occurred post 1970's oil crisis. Clearly consumers are turning away in droves from gas guzzling vehicles, much to the chagrin of North American manufacturers, and interest in energy provided by alternatives to oil is at an all-time high. But have we, as a society, been "shocked" enough to spur a serious investment in the research and development needed to achieve a serious reduction (let's say 75 %) in oil consumption over the next 20 years? History shows we are quite capable of backsliding...and unlike the 1970's there are no future oil bonanza's as yet unexploited, like Hibernia, North Slope, North Sea, Athabaska tar sands, etc. Unfortunately, as yet I see no strong indicators that point to the likelihood of serious commitment by government and industry to seeking a practical, efficient and clean alternative to carbon-based energy.

So it was heartening to read of the major announcement out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on July 31, 2008, regarding a significant discovery related to solar power. According to Science Daily ([www.sciencedaily.com](http://www.sciencedaily.com)), "Requiring nothing but abundant, non-toxic natural materials, this discovery could unlock the most potent, carbon-free energy source of all: the sun. "This is the nirvana of what we've been talking about for years," said MIT's Daniel Nocera, the Henry Dreyfus Professor of Energy at MIT and senior author of a paper describing the work in the July 31 issue of Science. "Solar power has always been a limited, far-off solution. Now we can seriously think about solar power as unlimited and soon." Nocera pointed out a stunning statistic - "Sunlight has the greatest potential of any power source to solve the world's energy problems...in one hour, enough sunlight strikes the Earth to provide the entire planet's energy needs for one year."

Studying plants...or more specifically the process of photosynthesis, Nocera and his team has come up with a safe, simple and immediately viable method of storing collected solar energy on a scalable basis. In fact, he predicts that within 10 years, homeowners

will be able to power their homes in daylight through photovoltaic cells, while using excess solar energy to produce hydrogen and oxygen to power their own household fuel cell. Electricity-by-wire from a central source could be a thing of the past. The present technology for storing collected energy is limited to battery technology, which is expensive and environmentally unsound. However, Nocera's team have replicated the process of photosynthesis and the result is a storage method that requires nothing but abundant, non-toxic natural materials.

Here's how Science Daily describes the process: "Inspired by the photosynthesis performed by plants, Nocera and Matthew Kanan, a postdoctoral fellow in Nocera's lab, have developed an unprecedented process that will allow the sun's energy to be used to split water into hydrogen and oxygen gases. Later, the oxygen and hydrogen may be recombined inside a fuel cell, creating carbon-free electricity to power your house or your electric car, day or night.

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**"...offers so much promise, at a time when we so desperately need the promise of substantive change."**

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The key component in Nocera and Kanan's new process is a new catalyst that produces oxygen gas from water; another catalyst produces valuable hydrogen gas. The new catalyst consists of cobalt metal, phosphate and an electrode, placed in water. When electricity -- whether from a photovoltaic cell, a wind turbine or any other source -- runs through the electrode, the cobalt and phosphate form a thin film on the electrode, and oxygen gas is produced.

Combined with another catalyst, such as platinum, that can produce hydrogen gas from water, the system can duplicate the water splitting reaction that occurs during photosynthesis. The new catalyst works at room temperature, in neutral pH water, and it's easy to set up, Nocera said. "That's why I know this is going to work. It's so easy to implement," he said."

Will this discovery be our "nirvana" as Nocera hopes? Certainly with the ink barely dry on Nocera and Kanan's theoretical paper on the subject it is much too soon to be anything

but optimistic - life-changing discoveries come out of labs all the time. Certainly the concept holds tremendous promise, and is worthy of further investment of taxpayer-funded research, as is research into sources such as geothermal, wind and tidal power. As the population of the planet continues to grow we will need to seek out all alternatives of renewable energy, while at the same time weaning ourselves from oil. While oil is truly not going to run out soon, particularly as consumer behaviour continues to change towards less consumption, we are presently on course to choke the planet to death while we are still permitted to simply burn the stuff. But at present the MIT research is limited to about \$10 million in funding, which is truly a drop in the bucket for a technology that offers so much promise, at a time when we so desperately need the promise of substantive change.

In a recent ode to the late George Carlin I related his worship of the sun, for the simple fact that it makes possible almost everything around us...no sun, no life. Well, it is no great leap to imagine the sun as a fount of

energy, given the sheer immensity of its power. Nocera's quote about the sun's energy output astonished me, so I sought out a confirmation, which I found in a book called *Green Remodelling - Changing the world one room at a time* by David Johnston and Kim Master (2004 House and Home Press) which contained the following facts - "By far the largest part of the energy on earth comes from the sun. The sun gives off so much energy that it is equivalent to a 180-watt light bulb perpetually burning for every meter (9 square feet) on earth. This solar influx is equivalent to about 7,000 times our present global energy consumption." So there you have it - all the power we will ever need, waiting for another Edison, or Pasteur, or Einstein - to understand and harness. Or maybe, just maybe, Nocera and Kanan can bring it off. They, and MIT, understand the potential riches and fame to be had if successful.

The prospect of early success for this research makes me almost giddy with excitement, and more importantly renews my hope that we can stave off the coming train wreck our present addiction to oil has created. Solis futurus, or our solar future, appears nearer than ever.

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# Quadra Philippines Connection

As we ease our way through summer and the month of August, preparations for September's giant fund-raising garage sale for the Philippines will soon be underway. This is Quadra's 15th year of supporting indigenous children and daycare programs in remote areas of the northern Philippines. Each year proceeds from Quadra's giant garage sale help to pay teacher stipends and provide supplies for 2 preschool programs for the year to come, currently in the villages of Bugnay and Nambaran.

Quadra Islanders continue to generously contribute to this worthwhile endeavour by offering reusable donations and volunteering their services in a variety of ways. This year we are looking for another volunteer home in the area of Smith Road or Heriot Bay Road to serve as a drop-off and receive donations for the first three weeks of September prior to the sale. This would greatly offset the large quantity of items that normally arrive at Milton Greenhouse. If anyone has space and is willing to provide this service, please call Carol at 285-3035. Look for the final list of drop-off centers around the island in the next Discovery Islander.

The following excerpts from letters written by the teachers of the Bugnay and Nambaran daycares give us recent news and express appreciation for Quadra's ongoing effort and support of their children. The first is from Catherine Mamaril of the Nambaran preschool:

Hello! Thank-you very much for the beautiful picture of your children at the Quadra Island daycare during their graduation. My children were very happy to see these kids just like them.

The past 3 months of "la nina" (rainy season) were very cold. Everyone was wearing sweaters and bonnets and because of the continuous rain, farmers were worried that they would not have a good harvest of the beans they had planted. Many of the plants were rotten and could not be eaten or sold.

Back in February was the month of "Kalinga Day" where everyone in the province of Tabuk came to watch a presentation of traditional dances and see displays of the Kalinga people from every district. Soon after this event was the "Foundation Day" at the IAT school in the town of Bulanao. Each assisted daycare from all different areas came together and gave a presentation. It was a wonderful sharing where parents of children as well as the pupils of the school and staff of IAT participated. Our preschool of Nambaran presented a very special dance. In the photo you can see the children in their attire which they were very proud of. They joined the parade programs and mixed with the students from the downtown area so you can imagine how happy they were to have this experience which would not be available to them in their own barangay (village) where they live in the country. This affair took the whole day and everyone was very tired but they enjoyed it very much.

Since we have been given 5 years of sponsorship through IAT, next year might be the last one that you are supporting our daycare in Nambaran. I am very thankful to the Quadra Island community for helping us for that span of time since ours is an area where assistance is needed. I am a retired teacher and your financial support has allowed me to continue to help the children here.

Thank-you again for your beautiful photos. You are very special to us and therefore you have a very special place in our hearts.

And from Betty Dumpao of the Bugnay daycare:



Nambaran Prteschool presenting at 17th Annual IAT Foundation & Family Day.

**Hi...Hello there!!!** Now is the month of harvesting palay (unhulled rice) here in our place and so everyone is very busy!

Last January my daycare was accredited with the Department of Education. This meant for one term we were able to conduct our classes at the elementary school and join with them instead of having classes at the private house that we usually use. I was provided with school supplies like books, chalk, crayons, scissors and noodles which the children eat for their snack. I was also able to attend a seminar in the town of Bulanao where all of the preschool teachers came together with the grade 1 teachers from every school. Without you supporting me to be a teacher of this daycare, I would not have had the opportunity to have this kind of experience, so I thank-you very much.

However, for now it is only the second semester that the Dept. of Education provides this assistance. We have begun a new school year as of June 1st and fortunately I still have you as my partner/supporter in this program helping to provide a foundation for education. My current enrollment is 28 children - 12 boys and 16 girls.

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The Tenaka was to go to refit in May and June with the Tachek being worked on in the summer, but Wednesday BC Ferries responded positively to requests by Capt. Jay Holliday, the Cortes Senior Master, and by the Ferry Advisory Committee to switch their schedules so Cortes could have the larger ship at the busiest time of the year.

## Aging and Exercise

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## What's In A Boat's Name?

By: Dave M. Stark

**Joe Drinkwater** - This 40-foot tug owned by Quadra resident Lee Roberts, was constructed in 1932 by Bertram Foster Shipbuilding in Victoria. Built for the Bloedell Logging Company, it began its long working career on Great Central Lake in the Port Alberni Valley. It was named after Joe Drinkwater, an Englishman who was a trapper and prospector in the Alberni Valley near the turn of the last century. Today you will also find Drinkwater Valley, Drinkwater Creek, and Drinkwater Trail named after this pioneer. As another point of interest, located just northwest of Port Alberni, North America's highest waterfall, Della Falls was named after Joe's wife who passed away on one of those working trails.



Joe and Della Drinkwater  
(Kay Dukowski photo)

Lee Roberts acquired the vessel in the mid-70's and has put her to work beachcombing, hauling logs and barges and most recently, pile-driving. Although this tug can be seen all around local waters, she calls Heriot Bay her home port.

The Joe Drinkwater has assisted many mariners over the years including the dangerous rescue several years ago of a sailboat that was foundering helplessly in the swift rapids of Hidden Basin on Nelson Island. When asked about his most memorable experience aboard the Drinkwater, Lee chuckled and replied, "That would have been the time we lost our barge in rough weather at the mouth of the North Arm of the Fraser River. It ended up on Wreck Beach (Vancouver's all nude beach). We became very distracted trying to recover it."



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Date	Time	m	ft.
15	00:10	3.5	11.5
Friday	03:59	4.0	13.1
	11:36	1.0	3.3
	19:10	4.6	15.1
16	00:36	3.2	10.5
Saturday	05:01	4.0	13.1
	12:12	1.1	3.6
	19:25	4.6	15.1
17	01:05	2.9	9.5
Sunday	05:58	4.1	13.5
	12:48	1.2	3.9
	19:42	4.6	15.1
18	01:37	2.6	8.5
Monday	06:52	4.1	13.5
	13:23	1.5	4.9
	20:00	4.7	15.4
19	02:12	2.2	7.2
Tuesday	07:47	4.1	13.5
	13:58	1.8	5.9
	20:22	4.7	15.4
20	02:51	1.9	6.2
Wednesday	08:43	4.0	13.1
	14:34	2.1	6.9
	20:47	4.7	15.4
21	03:34	1.6	5.2
Thursday	09:46	3.9	12.8
	15:12	2.5	8.2
	21:16	4.7	15.4
22	04:21	1.4	4.6
Friday	10:58	3.9	12.8
	15:55	2.9	9.5
	21:49	4.7	15.4
23	05:15	1.3	4.3
Saturday	12:25	3.9	12.8
	16:48	3.3	10.8
	22:28	4.6	15.1
24	06:15	1.2	3.9
Sunday	14:01	4.0	13.1
	18:04	3.6	11.8
	23:17	4.4	14.4
25	07:20	1.1	3.6
Monday	15:24	4.2	13.8
	19:50	3.7	12.1
26	00:21	4.3	14.1
Tuesday	08:26	1.0	3.3
	16:24	4.5	14.8
	21:28	3.6	11.8
27	01:41	4.1	13.5
Wednesday	09:27	0.9	3.0
	17:09	4.7	15.4
	22:36	3.4	11.2
28	03:02	4.1	13.5
Thursday	10:22	0.8	2.6
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PERFORMING ALL ORIGINAL MATERIAL FROM BOTH THEIR CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED DEBUT ALBUM TOUCH UP  
AND MUCH ANTICIPATED SECOND ALBUM O MY HEART, MOTHER MOTHER ARE BACK ON QUADRA ISLAND FOR  
TWO VERY SPECIAL EVENINGS OF MUSIC...

**THURS SEPT 4TH**

**ALL AGES CONCERT**

DOORS: 6:30PM / SHOW: 7:30PM

SPECIAL GUEST:

*Jasmin Parkin*

Highland recording artist Jasmin Parkin is a  
Vancouver based vocalist/pianist  
who writes and performs beautifully original  
and hauntingly melodic songs  
that combine elements of jazz, soul and pop.

**FRI SEPT 5TH**

**LICENSED DANCE 19+**

DOORS: 9:00PM / SHOW: 9:30PM

SPECIAL GUESTS:

**Bonafide**

Local reggae, rock and hip hop legends Bonafide  
are back for a one time only performance  
featuring Paul Dowler on vocals,  
Tom Skillman on drums, Nick Richardson on bass  
and special guest Ryan Guldemon on guitar.



**BOTH EVENINGS CATERED BY KAMELEON RESTAURANT**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: BOOK BONANZA - THE COVE PLAZA 250-285-3665 THE MUSIC PLANT - 619 11TH AVENUE CAMPBELL RIVER

**\$12 IN ADVANCE, \$15 AT THE DOOR**