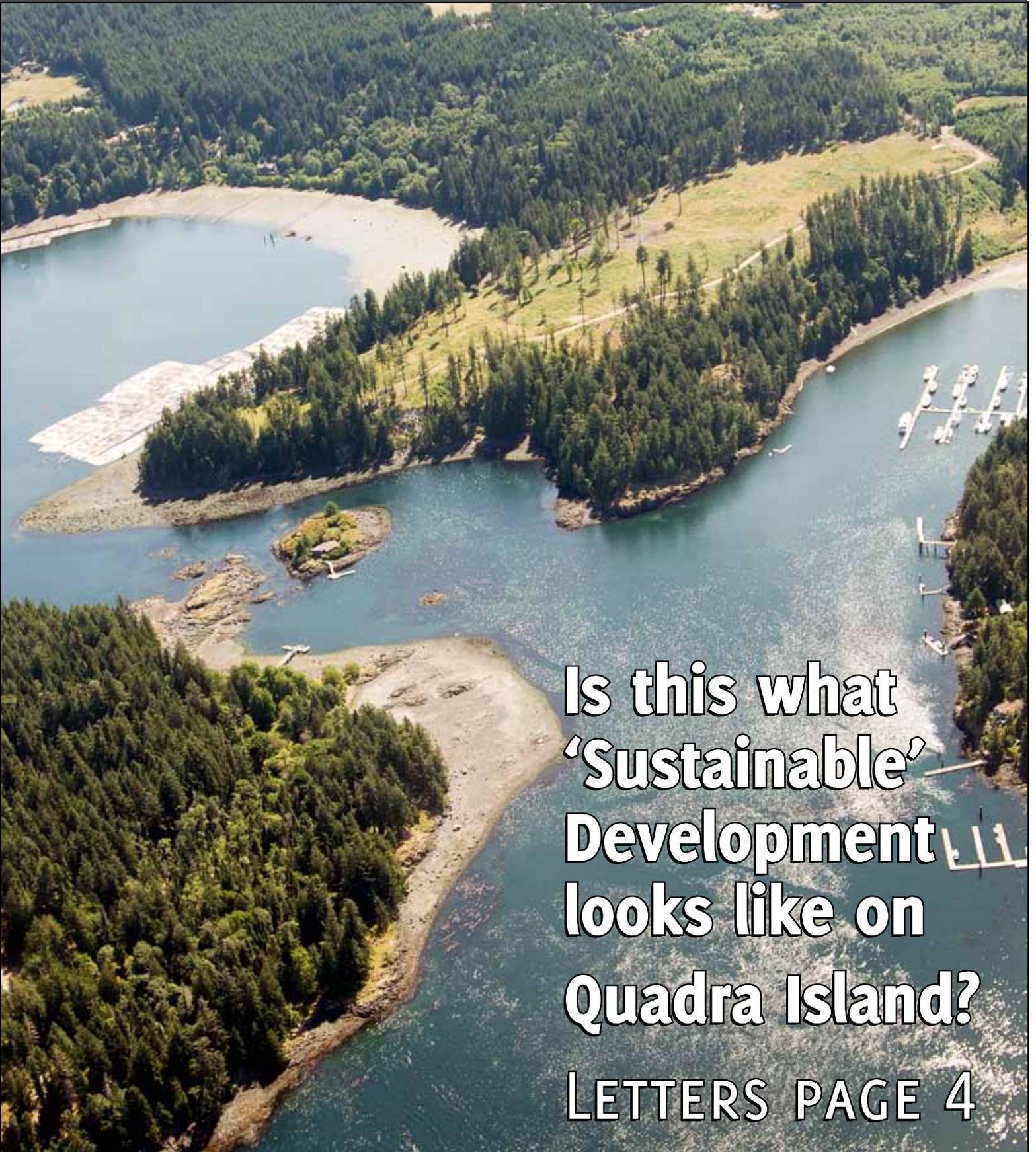


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The Strathcona Regional District will be hosting a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at the Quadra Island Community Centre, 970 West Road, Quadra Island to provide information and obtain input on the 2011-2015 budget and servicing plan.

This meeting will be of particular interest to residents of Electoral Area C (Discovery Islands-Mainland Inlets) as discussions will centre around servicing levels and related costs for the unincorporated communities in that area. These services include:

- Strathcona Emergency Program and 911 Answering Service
- Land Use Planning
- Community Parks
- Quathiaski Cove Sewer
- Quadra Island Community Hall
- Vancouver Island Regional Library
- Electoral Area and General Government Administration and Grants in Aid

The Regional District's 2011-2015 Financial Plan, which is available for viewing online at www.strathconard.ca or at the offices of the Strathcona Regional District during regular business hours, will be presented for adoption by the Board of Directors at its March 24, 2011 meeting.

Further information regarding the 2011-2015 Financial Plan process may be obtained by contacting the office of the Strathcona Regional District.

B. Reardon,
Chief Administrative Officer

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ISLAND CALENDAR

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DAY TO DAY

Saturday, March 5

- Walk Away from Racism, CR Community Centre, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Sunday, March 6

- Denis Chang Manouche Quartet, Swingin' gypsy jazz will get your toes tappin' at the Quadra Community Centre. 7:00 pm

Monday, March 7

- Q. Cove Sewer Expansion Area Meeting 7 to 9:00 pm QCC

Friday, March 11

- Secrets of Clayoquot Sound: adventure, ecology & threats. QICC 7:30 pm

- Hal Douglas and Friends 7:00 - 10:30 pm Kameleon Food & Drink

- Ian Tamblyn sings, Upper Realm, Q. Cove 7:30 p.m. \$10 Cover

Monday, March 14

- Garden Club presents Des Kennedy 7pm QCC

Sunday, March 20

- Radical Reels Extreme Sports films, Tidemark Theatre, CR 7 pm

Friday, March 25

- Vancouver Intl Mountain Film Festival, Tidemark Theatre, CR 7 pm

Saturday, March 26

- Powerful 7:30 pm QICC

Monday, March 28

- Transition Island initiative meeting, everyone welcome, 7 pm QCC

Tuesday, March 29

- Quadra Island Cemetery AGM 8:00pm at the Quadra Legion

Wednesday, April 6

- Free Money, 11:30 a.m. to Noon, before Community Lunch, Q.C.C.

Sunday, April 10

Annual Beach Cleanup

NEXT DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2011

THE REGULARS

MONDAY

Parent & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm

Low Impact, 8:30 am, QCC

Yoga with Josephine, Room 3, QCC, 10 am -12 noon

Karate, 4 pm, QCC

Sing for Pure Joy! Room 3, QCC, 3 - 4:30 pm, *All welcome.*

Alcoholics Anonymous, Quadra Children's Centre 7 pm

1st Monday - Quadra writers group, 7 - 9 pm 285-3656

TUESDAY

Gentle Yoga Flow with Marnie, Vitalis 9 am - 11 am

Quadra Children's Song Circle, Room 3, QCC3 - 4 pm

Caregivers Support Group 10 am QCC

Intermediate Yoga Flow with Megan, Vitalis 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm

Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:30 pm

Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30 pm, Sept 21-Apr 26

WEDNESDAY

Yoga with Carol Foort 9:30 am, QCC

Parent and Babes 11 am QCC

Climbing Wall Teens 4:00 pm QCC

Yoga with Carol Foort 6:15 pm, QCC

Climbing Wall Family 6:30 p. QCC

U of Q! HBI Pub, 7 pm, free

Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15 pm

1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2 pm

Lifedrawing sessions, Firesign Studio, 7 - 9:30 pm Nancy, 285-3390

THURSDAY

Gentle Yoga Flow with Marnie, Vitalis 9 am - 11 am

Parents & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm

Karate 4:00 pm QCC

Climbing Wall Kids 2:30 pm QCC

Intermediate Yoga Flow with Megan, Vitalis 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm

Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7 pm

Drop in games and wing night, Legion, 7:00 pm.

FRIDAY

Friday Karaoke with Big Bad Blake 9:00. It's free!

SATURDAY

Legion Meat Draw 5pm, Steak Dinner 6:30 pm

Open Mic with Mo, HBI, 9 pm

SUNDAY

Centre for Spiritual Living Celebration, Willow Point Hall, 10:30 am

Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30 am

Quadra Sunday Painters, 11 am - 2 pm, 285-3390

United Church-11 am, first Sun. of month-12 noon, 285-3163.

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**NEXT DEADLINE
MONDAY, MARCH 14**

ISLAND FORUM

Finnished with Flicks!

Not sure who John Anderson is but his promotion/ description of the "House of Expanding Love" in the last issue of the Discovery Islander, was about as revolting as the film itself. My wife ('a born in Finland, Finn') and I decided to take in this 'comedy' last Friday, thinking we might experience a bit of Finnish culture, as well as my wife's wish to experience some of the Finnish dialogue that she was born into. What a disaster. Describing the garbage in this movie as "Divorce, Finnish Style" is an absolute insult to the Finnish people and a mis-guided and sad portrayal of life in Finland. The depth of 'dialogue and content' in this film was a shade less than a simple scratch in the surface of reality, to say the least, complete with repetitive profanities and pseudo sexual fantasies. There are idiots in every country that try to emulate the "American" success story when it comes to big time sex, violence and human emotional exploitation for the 'viewing' pleasure of others and this so-called film fit right in.....fortunately, the video machinery eventually broke down which confirmed our wish to simply get up and walk out in disgust.....

If this is the quality to be expected by the adverts for "Friday Flicks", we won't waste our 10 bucks hoping for some meaningful 'international' films.....

.....tama filmi ei mainosta oikeaa elämäntyyliä suomessa.....

Baden & Ulrika Cross

Then Who Are the Sheep?

It seems someone has struck a nerve with the Regional Director. The revealed rumour that the Gowlland Views proposal was being "shepherded" through the SRD process could have some depth to it. I endeavoured to shake the Strathcona Regional District logo off the 21st June 2010 SRD Staff Report on this issue, as it read as if written by the applicant.

Mr. Abram leaves no doubt his involvement is restricted to ensuring due process is followed and the public are kept informed – a commendable contribution.

Who then is shepherding the application through the process? The application appears to be capturing an abundance of official support.

Anything I have read from the SRD and Jim Abram renders the Official Community Plan (OCP) meaningless – why have an OCP? Many people have been generous with their time and talent establishing a framework for the future responsible development of Quadra Island, only to find the plan devised is a mould to be reshaped by public officers remote from the island's environment for the benefit of visiting carpetbaggers.

Shepherd and shepherding may not be commonly used words in Canada, as it is related to the occupation of caring for sheep. It began about 6,000 years ago around the Middle East and spread to Eurasia, parts of Europe and Scotland, but never to North America.

Shepherds use an implement with a very long handle and an irregular shaped "hook" at the end for the purpose of hooking individual sheep and steering them in the required direction. The implement is known as a "crook".

If you see anyone manipulating his flock accompanied by his "crook", that may be the person we're looking for.

Regards,

A.J. Elwood

Sustainable Greed???

Dan Brown's letter in the last DI about Sustainable Development sounded like some shill for a developer trying to pull a fast one. Sustainable is an adjective which means to keep going over time. And in the last 25 years it has referred a lot to ecosystems as they get trashed by greedy developers and takers – the avatars of our time. His lot, DL208, is zoned forestry and should be managed for the long-term sustainable forest ecosystem. Instead, it seems like Dan Brown and his employer are trying for a fast one-off development of 50 lots on a property which is only zoned for 3 or 4 lots. I can only think that this reflects their attempt to sustain their greed.

Michael Mascall



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Unsustainable Development

The "Sustainable Development Update" published in the last D.I. sets a new standard for green spin, and deserves a reality check. These types of proposals set out to maximize the economic return to the owner, yet must be palatable to the community. Since there is a potential for millions of dollars in profit to Mr. Schellinck should the plan be approved it's easy to understand the public relations incentive.

It is now routine for developers to include greenways or park designations in their rural development proposals. These are not high-minded gifts to the community- they are bargaining chips used to solicit higher density or other concessions. The claimed commitment

to protect 50% of lot 208 as greenspace or parks is harder to comprehend. The plan shows only 20% designated as park. Approximately 35% of the remainder has already been clearcut. If the intention is to attempt to protect the remaining balance with conservation covenants, this would be quite unworkable.

This proposal is in conflict with almost every element of our O.C.P., despite rather creative claims to the contrary. One obstacle to the developer is the existing silviculture designation, so we are being asked to accept a new "Comprehensive Development Zone". This could be applied not just to lot 208, but anywhere on Quadra Island, and would permit almost any

type of development gaining approval from the Regional Board.

Our existing sustainable development plan is Rural One designation. A family living on a 10 acre lot typically leaves about 80% of the land in its natural state, with enough cleared for a house, garden and driveway. They can have their own well and septic field without conflict. They can heat with wood without air quality issues. There is no need for surveyed wildlife corridors, costly sewer and water infrastructure, excessive regulation, high taxes or even Regional District planners.

We have experienced steady but measured growth in the 40 years I've lived here and our present zoning would allow hundreds more homes to be built in the future without any increase in zoned density. There is no need for a subdivision of this type on Quadra at this time, and certainly nothing to justify such radical changes to our community plan- all the benefits go to the developers. Once the forest is gone the houses will be there forever. Perhaps this is what Mr. Bowen means by sustainable.

Sincerely
George Murdoch

Voting as a last resort

Before he leaves, Gordon Campbell did us one more favour: he asked Stephen Harper to give the Federal go-ahead for oil tanker travel down the coast. Tar sand oil to Prince Rupert and then, to a beach near you. Coming soon!

Previously, he has endeared himself to those on the coast by encouraging the lice-breeding fish farms that kill the baby salmon. And, of course, he sold the fresh water of our coastal rivers to General Electric by way of run-of-river leases to Plutonic Power.

Oh yeah.....he sold BC Rail and BC Hydro, gutted the BC Utilities Commission and appointed some idiot dupes to his Green advisory group to endorse the carbon tax rip-off. He oversaw the debt debacle of the Olympics and sold the Fast Ferries for less than scrap metal value.

Did I mention the huge cost over-run of the convention centre and the 500 million dollar 'slow ferries' that are tied up in Nanaimo because they are not fuel efficient?

Gordo still leads the BC Liberals, the free-enterprise party, the party of 'good business', the ones who have brought you the greatest debt load in provincial history and the HST while doing so at the expense of the economy, the people and the environment. And while he is still here, we are obliged to refer to him as the Honourable Gordon Campbell.

It is a record George W. Bush would envy.

While all this was happening, we were entertained with the Olympics, the Canucks and cheap Chinese-made goods from your new local Walmart. The Vancouver Sun and the Victoria Times-Colonist were busy elsewhere, too, so don't blame yourself. Tragically, the CBC is so bloody stupid, they just don't know what is going on in any area of Canada and so there is no hope there, either.

The Opposition? AWOL.

Ya know, folks, I am starting think that it may be up to us.....

J. David Cox



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AREA C DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 18, 2011

by Jim Abram

So here we are at the end of February with spring only weeks away. We made it through another winter! And it has been quite a busy one and I see no slowing in the upcoming months. I hope that you will read on, as we have a number of important meetings coming up on the island in the next two or three months. I have been posting the dates, times and places in the last two reports that I have written and made mention that there would be meetings in the near future on the specific topics with the dates to be announced in a previous report. (see reports in the Discovery Islander and the Gumboot for Jan. 17th, Jan. 31st and Feb. 14th). And in spite of all of that, at the meeting that was just held on Thursday, February 24th, the first speaker got up and complained that no one had been notified of the meeting! Ironically, he was the first to arrive at the meeting! Not sure how he found out! I have no idea what else I am supposed to do to keep you, the public, informed. I have to depend on you to inform yourselves, by reading what is written and attending where you think it is appropriate.

Public Meeting Notices

- Please mark on your calendar!

At the meeting that was just held on Feb. 24th at the School, I managed to get our top four staff from administration, finance, engineering and operations to attend so that you would get the best possible information available.

The SRD will do its best to do the same for all of the upcoming meetings. The participation and interest by our staff has been phenomenal in these Quadra Island issues and we have certainly been getting more than our fair share of attention from all of them. It is very heartening to have my efforts to make this happen finally come to fruition. The regional district gets its share of criticism from all quarters, mainly because they are "government", and no one including me, has any great love of government. In my opinion, it is time for that to change at the local level.. at the SRD level anyway. They work for us and they are doing their best to try to interpret our needs and carry them out as quickly as possible. I believe they are actually putting in more time in Area C than all other areas combined!

So here are the dates to watch for:

Wednesday, March 2nd (6 to 9 pm at the Maritime Heritage Center in CR) - Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area town hall meeting (PNCIMA). This is not sponsored by the SRD but I am their representative on this initiative and it deals with the marine planning of our coast. They are looking for input from communities.

Thursday, March 3rd (7:00pm @ Quadra Elementary) - Schellinck Public Meeting Re: DL 208 application (Gowland Harbour Views). This is a public information meeting sponsored by the applicant and is your best

source of information concerning the proposal. Don't miss it!

Monday, March 7th (7 to 9:00 pm @ Quadra Island Community Centre) - Q. Cove Sewer Expansion Area Meeting. Extremely important!

Wednesday, March 9th (7:00 pm Quadra Island Community Centre), Financial Plan presentation by staff and overview of 2011 work plan for Area C. This will explain the budgeting process and show you where your local government tax dollars are used.

Thursday, March 17th - (7pm at the Fire Hall), Quadra Island Safety Committee... Questions about roads, ferries, emergency services? This is the place to discuss those issues.

Wednesday, April 27th - (7pm at the Community Centre), Public Hearing for the Timber West rezoning application for the dry-land sort.

For those that are interested, I have just returned from two province wide forums in Richmond and Vancouver. The first was put on by the UBCM as an annual event to get all of the rural directors, like myself, together to discuss issues that need to be addressed at the provincial level, that will impact us at the local level.

The second one was the PNCIMA forum to discuss marine planning on all of the waters from the south of Quadra to the Alaska border. It is a very important process and representatives from all sectors sit at the table, including the Federal, Provincial and First Nations governments.

I leave tomorrow for another Province wide forum in Vancouver, called the Community to Community Forum. I was instrumental in putting this annual forum in place with the UBCM and the First Nations Summit. All local governments and all First Nation governments are invited. The intent is to deal with issues outside of the treaty process that effect our individual

communities and how to have a better relationship, pre-treaty.

Near the end of the month I will be attending a forum in Victoria for all Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Administrators from around the province. (for those of you who missed it, I was elected the Vice-Chair of the SRD in Dec. 2010). We will be discussing the necessary legislative changes that need to be made to make regional districts function better.

In between all of the above we have our regular committee meeting days, our regular board meeting days and our extraordinary Comox Valley Regional Solid Waste committee meetings to deal with the latest version of the Solid Waste Management Plan, which will effect us all, and the regular meetings of the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital board meetings. I'll be at all of them on your behalf!

I am going to end here, since I need to get packed and out the door to get to Vancouver. Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at jimabram@explornet.ca, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices.

Please note my new email address.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area C), SRD

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Did You Love Mamma Mia?

Now is your chance to get involved. We are looking for past Quadra Players, set builders, dancers, costumers, actors, play writes and anyone interested in theatre. We want to form a governing board/committee to help this creative process grow. Interested? Come Wednesday March 16th 7pm Quadra Community Centre Rm. 1. Or email Lisa at ueylisa@gicable.com.

Newcomers to Quadra Island Welcome

New to Quadra? The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce and local businesses welcome you with a gift bag. Please contact Judy at 285-2150.

Listening & Dialogue: Wildlife-Human Interactions

Mark your calendars; March 4, 5, & 6, 2011. Friends of Cortes Island Society is hosting this community workshop to further understanding of our interactions with local wildlife. Guest speakers from across coastal BC will be discussing human interactions with our large carnivores: cougar, wolf & bear. Speaker list and workshop location TBA later this month on the Cortes Tideline - www.cortesisland.com. Questions, suggestions, contributions - please call Sabina @ 250 935 6467.

Meditation Retreat

Buddhist meditation retreat with Robert Beatty at the Quadra Community Centre April 15, 16, 17. Contact Don McEachern, Box 36, Quathiaski Cove or dmceach@telus.net.

New Playground in Blenkin Park

Hey Dads, come for some male bonding whilst erecting the new playground in Blenkin Park. A playground company supervisor will lead the construction crew. It's Saturday, April 2nd and 3rd and we will give you lunch as a bribe! If you can commit to the weekend or part of it, please phone 285 3243.

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Ian Tamblyn was voted the best songwriter of the year (2010) by the Canadian Folk Music Awards. He has written nearly 2,000 songs and recorded 32 albums since 1976. A selection of 15 CD's will be available at the gig.

Now is the time to see him because the next time he comes to Quadra is 25 years from now in the year 2036. We have a firm commitment on that but that's a long time to wait. So check the time and date above and climb those 17 stairs to hear the heavenly music in the Upper Realm.

Free Chimney Sweeps

Starting in the Winter of 2012, free Chimney Sweeps will become available on Quadra Island. Home safety is very important and the burning of wet wood, which often happens at this time of the year, presents a danger if regular chimney sweeps are not done.

The Free Wood Association in co-operation with Master Sweeper Gabe Aston are offering this service next year provided we can raise \$1,000 by January 2012. So far there is \$488 in the Free Wood Association account at the Quadra Coastal Credit Union. So we are almost half-way there.

Please consider putting a donation in the Free Wood Association account next time you go to the Credit Union so your neighbour's and friend's houses will be free from any possible fire damage.

Call Steve Moore at 250-3323 for more information or call Gabe Aston at 250-204-5228, who can sweep your chimney now for just \$75 plus tax. But next year, depending on the generosity of Quadra Islanders, it could be free!

Haig-Brown Writer in Residence

The Museum at Campbell River is pleased to be presenting the 2010-2011 Haig-Brown Writer in Residence Patricia Robertson on Saturday, March 5, from 1-3pm.



Patricia will be giving a talk entitled 'Storying Up: Why We Need Stories'. Robertson says "Human beings are storytellers. In our information age, stories are more than ever vital!" The talk will examine how stories affect our lives and why it matters which stories we choose to tell. Patricia Robertson's fiction has been nominated for the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize, two National Magazine Awards, the Journey Prize, and the Pushcart Prize, among others. She has published two collections of short stories, *The Goldfish Dancer: Stories and Novellas* and *City of Orphans*, and her stories, poems, essays, and articles have appeared widely in Canadian literary magazines and newspapers. She is also the co-editor of *Writing North: An Anthology of Contemporary Yukon Writers*. Robertson currently teaches at Yukon College in Whitehorse. The cost for the talk is \$6.00. To reserve a seat, please call 287-3103

Transition Town Island

Are you watching oil prices climb and wondering what is going to happen when gasoline prices spike again and fly over \$2 a litre? or \$5? What would you do if gas was \$10 a litre?

No less an organization than the International Energy Association says production of conventional crude peaked in 2006. No matter what your views are, there remains some undeniable facts, the Earth is only so big, there's only so much oil and we are using it up at exponential rates of consumption.

Sooner or later the cheap oil party is going to come to a crashing halt. The question is, **what are we going to do as a community to be prepared?**

Other communities have asked this question already and developed plans to prepare for the future. Notably Totnes in England which in 2006 began down the path toward what has become known as a 'Transition Town'.

Since then, following the model developed in Totnes, hundreds of communities all over the world have begun to draft and implement transition strategies.

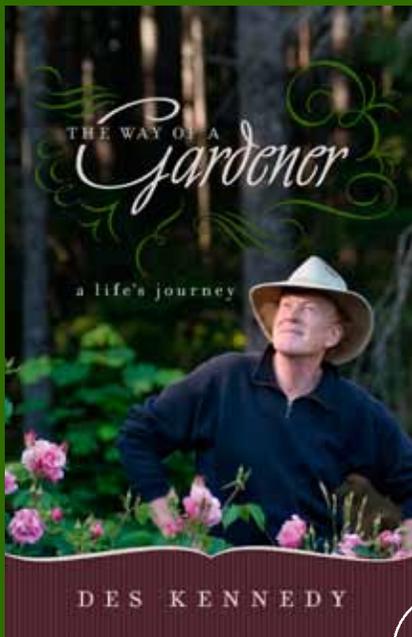
Here on Quadra we already have seen some initiatives from ICAN, Sierra Quadra, Emergency Preparedness and others that fit into the main pillars of post-peak-oil preparedness: food security, energy self-sufficiency, financial stability and social re-balance.

If you would like to get active and be a part of preparing Quadra Island for the future, come to a brain-storming **meeting at the Quadra Community Centre on Monday March 28th 7 pm** to hear and contribute more. Look online at: www.quadraisland.ca/transition

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Free Money

The next Free Money distribution is at the Quadra Community Centre on Wednesday, April 6th from 11:30 a.m. to Noon, just before the Community Lunch.

Most of our clients are single parents, elders on fixed income, folks unemployed due to the current economic depression and islanders struggling in part-time jobs with the lowest minimum wage in all of Canada (i.e. \$8 an hour).

The Free Money distribution happens on the first Wednesday of every month from November to April.

From May to October, the tourists kick start our local economy and most islanders are able to manage well, but the winter months are very difficult, as any store owner will tell you.

This is the fifth year of the program and thanks to the generosity of Quadra residents, we have been able to distribute over \$15,000 to needy fellow islanders.

Anyone short of cash is welcome to pick up a book for each and every human being you are supporting at home.

A ten dollar bill is on page 100 of each book selected.

One can contribute to the free money program by placing money in the Fee Money Association account at the local Coastal Credit Union in Q. Cove. For more information, Call Steve Moore at 250-285-3323

IWD

This year is the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day celebrated around the world. On Quadra we celebrate with a potluck for women on March 5, 6 p.m. at the QCC. The Merville Grannies will present info on the Steven Lewis Foundation's support of grandmothers in Africa. There will also be a report from a Carihi student who launched an anti-bullying campaign at school. Of course the food and socializing is superb so bring delicious food, plate and cutlery, your mother, sisters, daughters, women friends, joy and laughter and join in the fun. More info at 285 2272.

QICSS and Gowlland Harbour Views

The Quadra Island Conservancy and Stewardship Society (QICSS) would like to clear up some public confusion about QICSS and the Gowlland Harbour Views development proposal. QICSS has not had any official discussions with the proponents of that project. The proposed development is not compatible with our mission to preserve and enhance the quality of the human and natural environment. We also do not believe that covenants should be used purely to enable developers to gain variances from zoning bylaws. If the covenants for the Gowlland Harbour Views proposal become available we will analyze them and make comments at that time. Ken Roxburgh for QICSS.

Welcoming Visitors

Quadra Island Visitors' Binder 2011

Production of the 2011 edition is underway! Visitors to Quadra Island find out what's going on, where to go, and what to do.

If you belong to a non-profit group that welcomes drop-ins, visitors, and just-plain-interested folks, please get in touch for a free-listing in the Calendar of Events in the binder. You may wish to invite more people to participate in your group activity, for fun, for help, or simply to introduce them to, and include them in, our local island culture.

Whether it's a weekly bike ride, or spontaneous hikes, a play group for kids, more players for ballgames, volunteers or participants in an activity, you'll reach seasonal residents and summer visitors this way to let them know what's happening and invite them to participate.

Contact Susan by March 30 at swilson@gicable.com or 2556 to be included in the free listing.

Drum Jam

We are jamming Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. Most of our regular drummers are currently experiencing "withdrawal symptoms" because drumming in a circle has it's positive addictive qualities, especially the "high" when all the drums become just "One Drum."

If you have a hand drum just sitting somewhere at home, why not swing into action and come on down to the Upper Realm in Q. Cove on any Wednesday night. If you don't have a drum, no problem, we can supply you one for the evening. There is a \$5 drop in fee to help pay for the rent. Call Steve at 285-3323 for more information.

2nd Annual PAC Compost Fundraiser

for "ArtStart" at Quadra Elementary. \$10.00 per 30 L bag. Pick up and Pay at Quadra Elementary Parking Lot March 12 & 13 P/U Time 12:00 to 3:00 pm. Advance Orders in by Mar 4th. Pay at P/U (cash or cheque only)

Contact: masumi@connected.bc.ca or 250-285-2770

Orders also taken by Quadra Elementary School Students

Firesign Events

Firesign has Spring Drop-in, Classes, and Workshops Wednesday evenings 7-9:30 at Firesign Studio offers drop-in sessions in drawing, painting, still life, figures, plein air and creative explorations. Bring your own work or play with something new. Grant Fuller comes to Quadra to teach Saturday drawing classes beginning March 26. And on March 28-April 1 Clive Powsey instructs 5 days "Light and Atmosphere in Watercolour Landscape". Please call Nanci 250-285-3390 or email: quadraart@gmail.com . www.firesignartanddesign.com

Thanks...

to all who braved the nasty weather on Feb 26 to come out and join us in celebrating the joy of our marriage; you helped make it a truly happy occasion. A special thanks to Shawn and Elizabeth at Kameleon for the delicious food and outstanding service and to DI Publishing for printing our full announcement. Cheers always, Bruce & Deb Banta



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BC Shellfish Festival 2011

The BC Shellfish Festival is extremely pleased to announce the lineup for the **Chefs' Dinner on Friday, June 17, 2011** at the historic Filberg Lodge & Park. This year's dinner will bring in chefs from far and wide with a passion for preparing sustainably raised shellfish to treat 200 guests to a truly authentic taste of the West Coast. This year's lineup includes:

Robert Clark, Executive Chef, C Restaurant, Vancouver
Garrett Schack, Executive Chef, Vista 18, Victoria
Andrew Springett, Executive Chef, Black Rock Resort, Ucluelet
Andrew Stigant, Executive Chef, Crown Isle Resort, Courtenay
Richard Verhagen, Raven Street Market Café, Salt Spring Island
Belinda Jones, Gatehouse Bistro, Cumberland

Chefs have been paired with a BC shellfish grower and their product to bring their combined creations to guests. Every course will be expertly paired with a BC wine and served outdoors along the banks of Baynes Sound. Tickets go on sale March 15.

We are also excited to announce our music lineup for the Festival Day, June 18 at Comox Marina Park. **Hitting the main stage with local Comox Valley artist Luke Blu Guthrie, followed by Nanaimo bluegrass band Skagway and finally headlined by Vancouver's Blackberry Wood.**

Also on hand to judge our BC Oyster Shucking Championships and Comox Valley Best Chowder competition will be CBC's Don Genova and Global TV's Nathan Fong.

More information about the festival and all the events taking place can be found on our website at www.bcshellfishfestival.com and our FB Page at www.facebook.com/BCShellfishFestival.



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Carbon, Copper and Clayoquot Sound

Friends of Clayoquot Sound are coming soon to a town hall near you! Dan Lewis and Bonny Glambeck of Tofino will be touring British Columbia coastal communities this spring with a presentation called **Secrets of Clayoquot Sound**, to draw attention to the need to finally protect the area's rare temperate rainforests.

The pair are seasoned naturalists and expedition sea kayakers who have paddled most of the BC coast. They will share stories about their many adventures at home in Clayoquot Sound, and show images from some of BC's leading outdoor photographers. "People believe the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve is a park," said Glambeck. "However, it is not. Not only is there continued cutting of Clayoquot's magnificent ancient forests, now Imperial Metals wants to put in an open-pit copper mine!"

Join them for an unforgettable journey through the natural beauty and splendour of Clayoquot Sound. Learn about the ecology of the region's globally significant rainforests, and the industrial threats to that ecology. "Clayoquot's forests store more carbon per hectare than almost any other forest on Earth," said Lewis. "There are ways forward that can protect the forests while supporting healthy communities".

Don't miss this entertaining, informative, and inspiring presentation. Catch the show at the **Quadra Island Community Centre on Friday, March 11. Door and refreshment at 7:00 pm. Showtime is 7:30 pm.** Admission is by donation.

For more information check out <http://clayoquot.tumblr.com/>.



At the HBI

Expand your brain with awesomeness at **UofQ in the HBI Pub**. March 9: music **FUNDamentals** (no instruments, just rudiments) with Mo Davenport. 7 pm. It's free!

Music all weekend in the HBI Pub. Fridays... **go karaoke crazy** with "big bad Blake"; **Saturday evening Open Mic with Mo**; Sunday afternoon... **country jammin' with Steve Trayler**. Watching and participating puts a grin from ear to ear. It's free!

Second Annual Senior's Housing Classical Event: Calgary Philharmonic's principal cellist Philip Hansen performing and speaking Monday March 7. (NOTE: date change to Monday to support Cultural Event on Sunday). Speaker Series event; \$49/pp includes three course dinner and \$10 donation.

Pisces Party Saturday March 5 at the HBI open mic night! Celebrate yourself and pisces everywhere. Prizes for Pisces and cake too! 9:00pm in the Pub. It's free!

Academy Awards after party hosted by Millionaire Vanity Fair at the Heriot Bay Inn Saturday April 9. Lights, Camera, Murder with your host Sarah Bible. \$49.00 includes meal and an evening of adventure! Reservations 285-3322. With room \$99.00.

Dinner Jazz makes the lights sparkle, the colours brighter and the company more lovely. Noelle Maffin Trio is getting jazzy in Herons at the Heriot Bay Inn, and so should you, Sunday March 20th. Reservations recommended: 250.285.3322 x 259.

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Humans at the Heriot Bay Inn. **Friday March 25.** This high energy Vancouver band will keep you dancing with indie electro, soul and pop. 10.00 at the door includes a drink ticket.

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Adventure and Extreme Sports Film Double-Header

Faster, steeper, higher, deeper – celebrate the thrills and spills of winter and plans for summer fun with a double dose of action.

Catch the steepest and deepest in high-adrenaline outdoor sport films when the 2011 Radical Reels Tour comes to Campbell River on Sunday, March 20, 2011. Hurtle down steep untouched powder, feel the cold spray of stomach-dropping kayak first descents, fly high with the world's wildest BASE jumpers, and much more in extreme mountain sports. Growing out of the famous Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, Radical Reels screens the best in action sports filmmaking, audience-tested and programmed for maximum excitement. The Radical Reels Film Tour touches down in Campbell River on Sunday, March 20th starting at 7 pm at the Tidemark Theatre.



Amongst the line up is *Second Nature*, described as “an exploration of the abstract and the extreme” by its filmmakers. This film follows three vintage suit clad skateboarders as they test the limits of the human body on the roads of California's High Sierras. Taking to the snow the latest flick from the legendary crew at Teton Gravity Research, *Light the Wick* is about sparking the flame and watching the world's most talented and well-rounded skiers and riders blast off. If you're an adrenaline junkie or a armchair adventurer you'll love the high paced action of the Radical Reels show, Sunday, March 20 at the Tidemark.

The following Friday, March 25th the adventure continues when the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival comes to town. With more emphasis on big climbs

and mountain culture this local show is hot on the heels of the main event which takes place in Vancouver February 11-19, 2011. An eclectic mix of world-class climbers, skiers, paddlers, and outdoor environmental activists share their inspiring stories in the week long festival in Vancouver which then takes to the road visiting Campbell River at the Tidemark Theatre on Friday, March 25th.

Some of the films to screen are: *Australis* which tells the story of a group of skiers who came of age under the spotlight of competition and now have reinvented themselves as free-ski mountaineers, pushing the boundaries of the sport on an expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula; and *The Architect* that tells the story of one legendary week on Ben Nevis in 1960 when Jimmy Marshall and Robin Smith climbed six first winter ascents on consecutive days, including the mini Alpine-route, Orion Face Direct. They also made the first one-day winter ascent of Point Five Gully, went for a long walk and got arrested over an incident with some dominoes! Exactly 50 years later Dave MacLeod and Andy Turner pay tribute to Smith and Marshall by setting out to repeat all the routes that were climbed in that famous week.

The Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival show comes to the Tidemark Theatre on Friday, March 25th, 2011 starting at 7 pm.

Both events are hosted by Wild Isle Productions with support from Wilderness Trekking, Quadra Island Kayaks, Strathcona Park Lodge and Outdoor Vanisle. For tickets and information: call the Tidemark Box Office at 250-287-7465. Admission for each show is \$20 for adults \$18 for youth, students and seniors. Ask about a double-header deal for both shows: \$35 for adults and \$30 for youth, students and seniors.

For more information, suggested programs and links to the festival and film web sites visit www.wildisle.ca or call Philip Stone at 250-285-2234 email: info@wildisle.ca. Enjoy the shows!

Bottled Water Free Day - March 10

Here are a few of the many problems associated with bottled water.

Bottled water is 2000 times more energy intensive than tap water. For example, approximately 3.4 megajoules to manufacture the packaging, bottle and cap of a one-litre plastic bottle. It also takes 3 liters of water and 1/4 litre of oil to produce 1 liter of bottled water

Approximately 2.25 billion liters of bottled water are sold in Canada every year. This means that about 215.68 million kilograms (475.49 million pounds) of plastic are used to bottle water every year. That is more than the weight of 1328 empty Boeing 747 airplanes!

Over 25% of bottled water sold in Canada is packaged tap water.

Studies have found that much of the bottled water for sale contains huge amounts of bacterial contaminants, and some contain organic chemicals (such as industrial solvents and chemicals leached from plastics) and inorganic contaminants (such as arsenic). One current study found 38 pollutants in 10 of the biggest bottled water brands.

In Canada 25% of bottled water sold is reprocessed tap water. Much of this reprocessed water is sold by PepsiCo (Aquafina) and Coca Cola (Dasani). These companies believe that water should be treated like a commodity, privately owned and bought and sold for a profit. Nestle one of other major wholesalers is presently lobbying the BC government to oppose local or regional water control and for first-come first-served access to water rights.

Demand water as a public trust and a human right!

March 10, 2011 will be Canada's second Bottled Water Free Day. Join the Canadian Federation of Students, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the Sierra Youth Coalition, Development & Peace and Polaris Institute to take action to ban the bottle and reclaim public water.

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Sing For Pure Joy!

"The only thing better than singing is more singing" to quote Ella Fitzgerald. Mamma Mia has come and gone from Quadra Island but there are so many songs to sing! Join Mary Dennison in Room 3 at the Community Centre on Mondays from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Songs, chants and rounds are taught in the traditional method of call and response. No written music is used - just the desire to raise our voices in harmony and build community through song. \$56 for the Winter Term. Sliding scale available by request.

I will be attending a Community Choir Leadership Training Retreat in Victoria during the first week of February. A blissful week of work-shops, song-sharing and singing! New songs to share with you when I come home!

Children's Song Circle begins on Tuesday February 8th from 3:00 - 4:00.

Please call Mary @ (250) 285-3764 or e-mail at mmadennison@telus.net.

Sing you there!

Seniors Social Lunches

Seniors are invited to come as participants or helpers to the weekly Social Lunch, an opportunity to enjoy some company on the grey winter days. We especially encourage those who seldom get out perhaps because of disability or lack of transport, and newcomers to the Island, to come and join us. People who feel a bit overwhelmed by the bustle and numbers at the Wednesday Community lunches may prefer the relative quiet and intimacy of the Friday lunch, though some attend both. Transport can be arranged. (Omit bit re helpers)

Lunch is on Fridays at 12 noon, preceded by armchair aerobics exercises at 11.30, in the basement of the Bible Church on West Road. It is organized by Quadra Circle, a committee of the Quadra Recreation Society. The Circle appreciates the generosity of the Church in donating the use of their space. Contact Joan at 3377 or Karen at 3064.



Youth Leadership Program Combats Racism

In January 2011 Citizenship and Immigration Canada earmarked nearly a million dollars to create a youth leadership program in Vancouver. The program will fuel the city's fight against racism.

Thanks to the great environment, British Columbia has always been one of the most popular provinces to newcomers. The diversity is flourish in the lower mainland and expanding around the province. With diverse languages, ethnic backgrounds and cultures, curiosity is growing and opportunities for sharing are increasing. British Columbia is so multicultural and unique, it is important to deepen the strength of understanding of diversity and ensuring that this knowledge crosses all ages and cultures. Youth are certainly an important group to help promote harmony among different races, as well as to fight against racism in the province.

"Last year when I was watching the Olympic Games on TV, I was really impressed by how youth volunteers from different backgrounds could work together so well, so happily. After a year, the government is going to give more funding to youth to help increase inclusion and decrease racism. This action is really encouraging in 2011," says Vienna Yeung, the project coordinator of Campbell River Multicultural and Immigrant Services Association.

Executive Director Rachel Blaney says, "I always see youth coming to our organization to provide help. They are creative; they have dreams; they have a kind heart. But the most important thing is, they express themselves directly, they tell the truth."

Vienna continues, "They are eager to fight against racism and bullying. One time I saw some of them help the Youth 4 Diversity coordinator, Moss Dance, to prepare materials for the Human Rights Day. They were so energetic and excited to help. And from time to time, some ideas popped up in their mind, they would say it loudly. I remembered I had the same energy like them when I was in high school. But I gradually lost this energy when I did not get the recognition from anyone. The youth give me hope again."

Everyone knows "Youth are our future pillars", but how many people can truly understand the deep meaning of this sentence? If we don't provide them support; if we don't help them build a strong base, how can they become strong and useful pillars in the future? How can they have the power to fight against racism?

Join Youth 4 Diversity at the 15th annual Walk Away from Racism on Saturday, March 5th - 10:30am at the Campbell River Community Centre. For information, please contact Multicultural Services Association at 250 830-0171 or info@crmisa.ca

Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie

On Friday, March 4, the Friday Flicks Film Club on is presenting the new Sturla Gunnarsson documentary Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie. A special aspect of the program is that the subject of the film, Dr. David Suzuki will be in attendance to introduce the film and to answer questions afterward.



Canadian icon, David Suzuki has narrated countless documentaries but has never been subject of one, until now. A Special Presentation at the 2010 Toronto International Film Festival and winner of the Cadillac People's Choice Documentary Award. Gunnarsson's (Such a Long Journey, Rare Birds) latest offering begins at a sold-out speaking engagement in Vancouver, where Suzuki is addressing climate change. The speech is riveting and the documentary could easily remain bound to Suzuki's words, resulting in something very much akin to An Inconvenient Truth. But it's here where Gunnarsson's film becomes truly unique. The passionate environmentalist's legacy lecture is entwined with candid interviews in which he reflects on his life and shares deeply personal stories, revealing a side previously unseen.

Doors open at 7:30 with the show starting at 7:45 at the Quadra Community Centre. Tickets are available at the door \$8 regular and \$7 seniors and students.

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Living in a Classical World at the Heriot Bay Inn

Philip Hansen, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra's Principal Cellist, has inspired audiences on four continents with concerts that cross an array of genres. Sunday March 6 Hansen brings inspired music and an enlightening discussion entitled "Living in a Classical World" to the Heriot Bay Inn. This second annual classical event is in support of Seniors Housing and will include a small silent auction.

Philip Hansen, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra's Principal Cellist, has inspired audiences on four continents with concerts that cross an array of genres. As a performer of baroque music, Phil has played in concert the suites by J S Bach for violoncello solo on several occasions, employing the rare cello piccolo. Under his leadership as its artistic director and cellist, the USA-based ensemble fEARnoMUSIC performed coast-to-coast, earning accolades and support from major foundations for that group's innovative projects.

Among prizes and honours awarded as a student, Phil was twice selected to participate in the prestigious Piatigorsky Seminar for Cellists, providing for intensive study with Yo-Yo Ma and William Pleeth.

This Heriot Bay Inn Speaker Series event is \$49/seat, which includes a three course dinner and a \$10 donation to Seniors Housing. Reservations in advance please, call 250.285.3322.

Powerful: Energy for Everyone

Challenging where our energy comes from and who profits from it can seem a little eccentric... After all, not everyone has solar panels bolted above the doorstep. Green economy educator David Chernushenko does, and they generate more than enough energy to go around. So why can't he share it? New technologies mean that energy security is within our grasp, but harsh resistance is still being met. Debunking some of the spin of the big energy lobby, David embarks on a global journey to discover what a sustainable future might actually look like.

Join Sierra Quadra for this film on Saturday, March 26th at 7:30 pm, QICC

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If you do lower the rope, you assume liability and please then re-attach the rope for the safety of your fellow man.

Thank you
Arne Liseth

Juggling Classes

Remember the great energy of the Quadra Island Jugglefest and Juggle Club? Well Laura, one of the original instigators, is back and is teaching juggling classes again. Classes for Learning to Juggle and for Contact Juggling will be held in Campbell River at the Solace Studio at 964 Shoppers Row. It's an easy walk from the ferry, and a discount of 30% is being offered to help with the ferry travel for any Quadra Islanders wanting to join in.

Learning to Juggle will run from 6:15 to 7:45 pm, from March 17th to April 28th (7 Thursdays), and is for families or individuals wanting to have fun and get some great exercise for body and mind while learning the basics of manipulating 3 objects. Cost is \$100 per person, \$160 for 2, and \$200 for families of 3-5 members. Each group must have at least one adult (or responsible teen) participating.

Contact Juggling will run from 8:00 - 9:00 pm. Contact juggling is a mesmerizing movement that involves rolling a ball over hands and arms in a graceful and magical style. Cost is \$100 per person.

For questions or to register please call Laura Appleton-Jones at 250-204-9566.

Gypsy Jazz - Denis Chang

Gypsy jazz fans will find it hard to keep their toes from tappin' when Denis Chang tunes up his guitar and starts to bebop at the Quadra Community Centre on Sunday, March 6th at 7:00 PM. Known as "the Godfather of the Montréal Gypsy jazz scene," Chang will give us his own unique approach to swingin' Manouche jazz with the Denis Chang Manouche Quartet.

Following in the footsteps of Django Reinhardt, the grand master of Manouche jazz who developed the style of combining a chromatic Gypsy flavour with the "swing" articulation of the 30's, 40's and 50's, Chang honed his skills playing with best of European Manouche jazz guitarists such as Fapy Lafertin, Ritary Gaguennetti, and Rindo Winterstein. However, inspired by composers in Jazz, Classical and Contemporary genres alike, Denis Chang has developed his own style and performs at Jazz festivals around the world with such guitar greats as Stochelo Rosenberg, Stéphan Wrembel, and Wawau Adler.



Denis Chang is a well-respected teacher of the Manouche jazz technique, producing tours of the great performers and organizing workshops for students to take advantage of their knowledge and talent. His instructional books and DVDs are sold all over the world.

Denis recorded his first solo guitar album "Nature Boy" in 2008 followed by "Deeper Than You Think" in 2010. In 2008, he was invited to perform with the legendary Les Paul at the Iridium Jazz Club in New York City and in 2009, Chang received the "Entrée en Scène" Award by Loto-Québec and the "Prix Résidence de la Bourse Rideau" in Quebec City.

"It's a happy music," said rhythm guitarist Ivan Garzon of the Denis Chang Quartet. Director Jeannette Charland of the Arts Centre, Richmond, Québec confided to Caroline Bouchard of La Tribune, that in her search for music to break winter: "This is exactly what we need, a sunny music for the first concert of the year to give us energy." Critic Dan Bolles from the publication Seven Days, from Burlington, Vermont, promises Chang's concert will be "... just about the finest display of swingin' Gypsy jazz you'll ever have the chance to hear. Really." Well I say, bring on that swingin' sunshine!

Advance tickets for the Denis Chang Manouche Quartet are available at the usual outlets: the Music Plant in Campbell River and on Quadra at Quadra Crafts and Hummingbird Office and Art Supply for \$17. Door prices are \$20. Students 16 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. For more information, visit Chang's website at denischang.com or telephone: 250-285-2580.

Garden Club News

Sissinghurst, Great Dixter, and the Lost Gardens of Heligan. If you recognize these names you are likely a gardener. Instead of travelling to Britain to explore these internationally famous gardens, enjoy them at the garden club through Des Kennedy's humorous artist's eye. On Monday, March 14th 7 pm at the community centre, Des will take us through some of Britain's greatest gardens, both private and public, including many estates of the National Trust. Always joyful and fresh with his presentations, Des has been a guest speaker on Quadra several times, and he is sure to take us again, on an exciting journey with his stories.

His books, including the latest, *The Way of a Gardener* (a memoir) will be autographed and available for purchase Monday evening. An accomplished novelist and satirist, as well as a celebrated gardening writer and speaker, Des has been three times nominated for the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour. He has also been active for many years in environmental and social justice issues, including co-organizing the civil disobedience campaign in Strathcona Park in 1988 and getting arrested at Clayoquot Sound in 1993. If you need a laugh and something to warm you up during our winter weather, be sure to attend this talk. Bring a friend - even if they are not of the gardening kind.

If you are lucky enough to have flowers blooming in your garden, please bring a bouquet for the show and tell table. Extra seed catalogues or seeds - bring them to share. Cost is \$10 at the door, unless you are a member.

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From Your School Board Trustee

In my column towards the end of last school term, I mentioned some of the changes in the air that would potentially affect students from the Discovery Islands, whether they are attending schools on Cortes, Read, or Quadra Islands, or Phoenix, Carihi, or EDM (late French Immersion programme) in Campbell River.

1. All Day Kindergarten

The first major change will take place in September of this year, six months from now. All kindergartens throughout School District No.72 will convert from half to full day, becoming "all day kindergartens" (ADK). Much planning and teacher inservice, both within the district and with community partners, is currently taking place to prepare for the coming transition.

2. Reconfiguration

The second major change will begin in September of next year, 2012, and will have an impact on a greater number of students and families. Most elementary schools will convert to Kindergarten - grade 5 (exceptions in a minute); Phoenix and Southgate will become grade 6-8 middle schools, and Carihi and Timberline will move to a grade 9-12 configuration. The reconfiguration decision was made by the Board of Education in response to two factors: declining enrollment at Carihi and Timberline, which affected the richness and variety of possible course offerings, and increasing enrollment at some of the Campbell River elementary schools, which would have raised them beyond their capacity within the next few years. The decision was educational, not financial.

The exception to the K - 5 elementary configuration will be Quadra Elementary. Because some families may feel their children are not ready to make the daily trip to Campbell River, students will have the choice of either staying at Quadra School for Grade 6, or enrolling in town. This will present some parents with a dilemma, but having the choice available will also reassure those parents who are of mixed minds. Sayward School has operated this way for some years now, with students having the option of remaining in Sayward or making the daily bus trip to CR. Of course, the reconfiguration decision will not affect either Cortes or Surge Narrows Schools. The location and status of Grade 6 late French Immersion will soon be determined; the one thing I can say is that there will continue to be a late immersion programme.

The decision to provide 18 months implementation lead time for reconfiguration has been well received, as it provides opportunities for planning, staffing, creating new school cultures, and preparing for farewells. The SD72 staff, and especially Assistant Superintendent Jim Ansell, did a great job of planning and consultation, as Quadra parents will testify, and the outcome has been very positive.

3. ParentConnect

A less major change which will already be affecting students of middle and secondary schools, and their parents, is a student demographic and record software program called Connect; there are student, parent, teacher and administrator Connect components. All student records are now held in the Connect location, and unless parents phone Phoenix or Carihi and request a printed report card, they must access report cards by going online. The information and potential for parent-teacher communication now available through ParentConnect is tremendous: from daily attendance to assignments, daily schedules to textbooks, it's there. StudentConnect provides students the same information and capacity for communication with their school and teachers.

I won't get into the controversy of "good or bad". Of course, it's clear to me that there are some losses, but parents and children can either request a paper copy or print out the report card themselves to show to proud grandparents, and once everyone gets the hang of it, it will be a rich source of information. Parents require their student's PEN (personal educational number), obtainable from the school or their child, and can enter ParentConnect through www.sd72.bc.ca or the school website. The initial setting up requires that you choose a password, but subsequent visits to this secure site should become relatively straightforward. Although report cards for elementary students are still printed out and sent home, the elementary ParentConnect site is in place, and parents are welcome to enter it. If you have questions, phone the school secretary who will be able to answer your questions directly or track down the answer for you. If you have configuration questions, please phone your school principal.

I trust this information will help you to understand some of the larger changes emerging in SD72.

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Quadra Island Seniors- B.C.O.A.P.O.-Br. 91

The last Arctic air, with snow, that never seems to go away, has been very hard for our Seniors, in the last month or so. Some of the Seniors have been actually stranded, in the areas where they live. This has been a worry for the Executive and members, and the families of the Seniors. Lets hope this is the last of Winter, and Spring bulbs continue to pop up.

Our General meeting for March will be on Wed. Mar. 9th/11, we will finally have our "Earthquake Shakedown", by Sharon Clandenning, and Colleen Swanson. Come at 10:00am for a Book Browse, coffee and a chat. Our speakers will start at 10:30am. We

will be working on Resolutions for the B.C.O.A.P.O. Annual General meeting which will be held in June, in Agassiz. We will be sending delegates to speak on our behalf at the meeting, the resolutions are a benefit to all Seniors, in the Province.

Our April 6, meeting will be an Easter Party, with fun. On March 23rd we will be attending the North Island Regional Meeting, in Black Creek at Halbe Hall, meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be Shirley Cruickshank from V.I.H.A. who is in charge of Residential Care, so have your questions ready. Lunch will cost \$5.00 call Ruth @3801 if you would like to attend, or if you need a ride, to any of our events.

Our Wednesday activities, should start up again soon call Ann @3325, for Armchair aerobics or Carpet bowling, call Peter @3237 for walks. For membership in our friendly group call Chris @2207 or Ruth @3801.

On Sat. March 5th visit the second Senior duplex which is completed. Tours between 1 and 4. by Val Barr & Jeanne Stoppard. "We would like to give a big 'Thank-you.' to Philip Stone & staff, for doing such a great job in printing our articles regularly all year.

Seniors Housing News

OPEN HOUSE: Everyone is Welcome. Seniors Housing is hosting two dates to show off the latest duplex - if you have not been inside a finished suite now is your chance. Wednesday March 2nd 2:30 to 4:00pm and Sunday March 6th 1:00 to 4:00pm. If neither of these dates work for you - call Val at 2841 to arrange a viewing.

POST CONSTRUCTION: The Board is busy fundraising. In addition to a mortgage, the Board needed to secure interim financing, and are now working to pay down the debt. Join us in the next few months for some fun activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS: On Monday March 7th (note date change), the Heriot Bay Inn is dedicating one of their speaker series to Seniors Housing as a fundraiser. Phil Hansen Cellist will give a speaking and musical performance over dinner. An enthusiastic educator of music, Phil is on the faculty of the Academie Musicale Internationale in Provence, France. He was a guest of the Shanghai Conservatory of Music as artist-in-residence and teacher to China's top young musicians. Among prizes and honours awarded as a student, Phil was twice selected to participate in the prestigious Piatigorsky Seminar for Cellists, providing for intensive study with Yo-Yo Ma and William Pleeth. For reservations call the HB Inn 285 3322.

On Saturday April 16th 8pm, John Toelle is pulling together local talent, including Smooth Edge, for an old style Quadra coffee house. Come out and celebrate the completion of our two duplexes. The Seniors Housing Society will be acknowledging all of the great tradespeople who have helped support this project with their generous donations of labour and materials. So mark April 16th on your calendar and watch for more info as this evening extravaganza develops.

APPLICATIONS: To live in Seniors Housing you must be 65 years and older. The housing is for Quadra Seniors who, for many diverse reasons, need to change their accommodation. It is intended for Seniors of low to moderate income. If this is of interest to you in the next five years, we would like to hear from you now. There is room to build one more duplex on the property and we are talking with BC Housing. A list of potential tenants helps our application for a grant. If you are interested in adding you name to the list, call Jeanne at 285 2835 evenings. This information is confidential and does not require a commitment on you part.

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Quadra Island Man Survives Christchurch Earthquake.

(a Discovery Islander exclusive)

One week ago I was sitting on the ground floor of the huge downtown Christchurch public library, three-storeys high, thoroughly enjoying my studies of New Zealand writing, at 12.50pm on Tuesday 22 February. I was about to log on to a Canadian website when I, and the hundreds of others in the library, felt and heard a deep rumble followed immediately by Earth's sudden thrust throwing everyone out of their seats or off their feet and onto the floor. No one remained standing and no one remained in their seats, such was the power of the massive jolt. Imagine standing on a rug which is suddenly pulled out from under you, or from under your chair. The library ceilings began to cave in, and its huge windows shattered, sending long shards of glass everywhere. Patrons grabbed their laptops and books and fled outside and shied well away from all the downtown multi-storey buildings, which were disintegrating around us throughout the inner city. This happened, unfortunately, during the lunch hour, and downtown Christchurch was crowded with office staff, students, and tourists. People were hit by falling masonry, some were killed, and others were buried alive. I saw one Toyota Rava buried beneath a brick wall which in one second flattened the Toyota into a 18-inch-high pancake. Nobody was in the vehicle.

This earthquake lasted all of ten seconds, yet became a national NZ disaster with a death toll of around 200, and a serious-injury toll of hundreds more. If you want to know approximately how much damage an earthquake can inflict in ten seconds, take a cardboard box into your hands, and pretend it is a multistorey building full of people. How much damage can you inflict on the box in two seconds? Now, imagine ten seconds of damage.



Most of the damage to buildings and properties resulted from Christchurch's being built on a muddy, sandy swamp, which, when vibrated by the 'quake, made mud and water well up and into buildings and over roads, causing extreme damage. This is known as 'liquefaction'. Most brick and stone buildings collapsed, flattening

many cars, and several buses full of people. Very very few brick, stone, or concrete buildings escaped serious damage. Wooden buildings mostly survived intact. Christchurch has a population of 430,000 and is New Zealand's second-largest city. The church in the photographs recently had its 100-year old steeple rebuilt after years of fund-raising for the project. Now, the church is virtually destroyed and its

new steeple lies on the ground. Many old churches and historic stone and brick buildings in Christchurch suffered total collapse and will not be rebuilt, despite very much time and funds being spent on restoring them after last year's (2010) September's major 'quake here.

Yes, it certainly is reassuring to live on our solid granite island, Quadra, where an earthquake would shake us up, but would likely not inflict much damage or injury, due to our solid geological foundation. British Columbia fortunately is not directly on the Pacific Rim of Fire, as are New Zealand, California, Japan, and Indonesia.

I'm looking forward to returning home to Quadra Island; our stable, solid, Canadian rock island, with its relatively harmless storms and snowfalls.

Greg Ross



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WRITER'S BLOCK

THE SECOND CHANCE DOGS OF SUTIL ROAD

by Ruth Powell

In the last kilometre of Sutil Road there are 7 rescued dogs. If one can judge from the south end of Quadra, Islanders are making a small difference to the huge problem of unwanted dogs by opening their hearts and homes to a shelter or rescue dog. I know that many other Islanders have taken rescues into their homes, too. For example, one man told me he'd returned from a holiday in Mexico with two pups he'd found abandoned in a ditch and I know many others are proud of their chosen pals from the SPCA.



These Sutil Road dogs have all been rescued from desperate conditions, some by breed specific rescue organizations such as the Okanagan Collie Rescue who saved Dante. Dante's a rough collie who was saved from a hoarding situation where he had spent most of his young life with many other collies in crates in a basement, lying in their own feces, feet scalded by urine. A border collie rescue group in Oregon rescued Lucky, an aussie/border collie who had been tied out in a field and neglected after the owner's mobile burned down. Some were unclaimed strays like Buddy, a border collie/heeler mix, who ended up at the Fort McMurray SPCA and Lucy, a starving, pregnant sheltie mix from a farm outside of Lethbridge. A caring person rescued Babe, a Quadra stray terrier/beagle mix, and found him a forever home. Sprite, a smooth collie had spent her life producing litters of puppies for a

puppy mill. Griswold, a chow mix, was rescued the evening before he was due to be euthanized because his family was having a new baby.

Despite their rough starts, all these dogs have become loving companion animals because their new owners were committed to doing whatever was needed in order to rehabilitate them, psychologically and physically. They were lucky. Huge numbers are not so lucky and at best languish in shelters, at worst are euthanized. 171 000 dogs and cats in Canadian shelters

in 2007(70% were cats, 30% dogs) were euthanized. British Columbia shelters have slashed their euthanasia records since that time, by proactive spay/neuter campaigns and by educating people about their responsibilities to their pets. Efforts are made to match people and pets lessening the amount of returns. The problem of course is not the shelters (which incidentally receive no public funding in BC) but people who off-load their responsibilities to the shelters. Responsible owners will spay or neuter their pets, and will provide them with exercise, companionship, and training to ensure that they become good 'citizens'. If you wish to take on these responsibilities do think of giving a home to a cast-off dog or cat at the SPCA, or from other rescue shelters or from internet breed rescues. There are so many waiting for a forever home, waiting.... waiting...waiting.



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by Michael C. Lee

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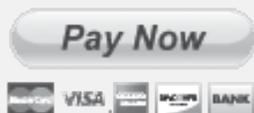
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