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Cohen and Rileys Easter parade! Submitted by Lois Taylor

COVID-19

As residents of our Islands are now aware, BC Parks has closed all day use and campgrounds to the public, Province wide. This action was not taken lightly by BC Parks, however in an effort to promote proper social distancing, it was deemed necessary. This closure can be enforced by Park Rangers and local RCMP under existing Parks Regulations. Disobeying this temporary closure can result in a \$115 fine.

I trust that local residents will respect this closure, as much as it inconveniences us. Had BC Parks elected to close parks in a piecemeal fashion, it would likely have created a situation in which people flocked to the remaining open parks. The bathroom and garbage facilities had already been closed, and eventually this would have resulted in a mess in our local parks. Luckily these Islands have many other options available to locals for outdoor activities. I would like to remind everyone that we are encouraging visitors to stay away for the time being, and if it's observed that locals are still frequenting the parks, and walking past the closed gates, it could lead to other visitors attempting to travel here for the same purpose. We appreciate the closure of the parks affects all local residents, our families included, but we're all being asked to make sacrifices for the greater good right now. Our collective efforts in BC have produced results so far, and all first responders are very thankful for the vast majority of our local population that are contributing to this.

Quarantine Act

Public Health Canada has mandated that all people returning from international travel, self isolate for 14 days. This is not an option, nor is it a time to bend rules or push limits. Currently there is no enforcement action the police can take in the way of fines, contrary to some media reports. However, this is being worked out, and that will change in short order. The fines under this legislation will not be trivial. The Quarantine Act is Federal Legislation.

The Province of BC has also issued several public health orders to promote social distancing. Currently the police do not have enforcement powers or fine options. BC is taking the public education route, in the hopes that the majority of the public will do the right thing. This could change in the near future, but again, attempts to bend the rules could lead the provincial government to take a stricter stance on this as other Provinces have. With that in mind, now is not the time to be having parties. I've observed signs on some local beaches of recent camp fires. There is a year round fire ban on all Quadra Island beaches. The Fire Department should not have to be responding to calls such as this during a Pandemic, as we require them to be healthy for real

emergencies. I again, would like to thank the vast majority of residents for complying with the public health orders, closures, and fire bans. That being said, if certain individuals take it upon themselves to bend or break rules, under the assumption that there will be no enforcement, you will find our usual level of discretion does not apply and fines under any applicable legislation will be utilized.

Good work being done

On February 22nd, 2020 a seasonal home owner on Quadra Island reported that two of their Wifi enabled wireless security cameras were stolen. A prolific property crime offender, well known to police, lived in the immediate area. The last footage of the suspect removing the cameras was inconclusive for identification purposes, depicting the suspects clothing only. Forensic examination of the remaining evidence did not turn up any fingerprints. As is often the case in police work, you can "know" who did something, yet have a very difficult time finding the necessary evidence to prove it beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. Fortunately, sometimes the suspects help you out. Within a few weeks the home owners began getting uploads to their cloud based system from their "boatshed" camera. However, the video was not of their boatshed, but some unrecognizable back yard. The victims of the theft forwarded this information to the lead investigator, who immediately recognized the house of our suspect from previous court ordered curfew checks. The videos kept uploading to the victim's cloud based system, because their seasonal home was close enough to the suspects house that the cameras were able to connect to their Wifi.

Soon the suspect placed both stolen cameras on his property, including in his room, which provided evidence for offences beyond the possession of two stolen security cameras. The lead investigator worked throughout the weekend to draft an Information to Obtain a search warrant on the suspects home. On March 16th, that search warrant was executed. The stolen security cameras were recovered, along with a sizeable quantity of suspected Crystal Methamphetamine, stolen mail from Campbell River and Courtney, numerous pieces of stolen identification and credit cards. The suspect was released on strict conditions and is awaiting his first court appearance. This is a large and complex file, which extends into other jurisdictions. It's anticipated that many more charges of fraud will be forthcoming as statements and evidence is collected with the assistance of the Island District General Investigation Unit.

Cpl. Sean Bulford



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Hello Wonderful Quadra Community!

We hope everyone is doing okay out there in these wild and trying times. We miss you all so very much! While many of you may have already guessed, we are confirming that we do have to cancel May Day at Rebecca Spit this year, which is so very sad, as it's been such a long standing island tradition to gather together and celebrate our unique community spirit with our giant community picnic and May Day activities.

That being said, in these challenging times we'd like to keep our spirits up and the spirit of May Day alive by challenging you all to a "MAY DAY IN PLACE" this year. Join us in creating some community fun by still submitting a wild and whacky May Day theme. Then on May Day (May 23rd) dress up in said theme (in any which way you interpret it) at home and share your wonderfully creative ideas with pictures and stories of your own "MAY DAY IN PLACE" online. Let's keep the May Day fun alive for the kiddos as well as for the kid in us all by participating virtually this year.

We will be announcing more soon so stay tuned and follow us on either Blenkin Park or Quadra Community Centre on Facebook.

Theme submissions are open now. Submit by messaging us on Facebook or by emailing: info@quadrarec.bc.ca

We look forward to your wacky and wild theme ideas Quadra!

Sending out love to you all from your Community Centre



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- **300 words** is an ideal length for community announcements.
- Articles do not need to be sent as attachments. Simply **send the text in the body of your email**.
- **Canadian spelling** is preferred.
- **Please use the title** of your item in the email subject line. We get a lot of items called 'DI Article'.
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7pm Monday, April 27
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Way to Go

WAY TO GO EVENINGS ARE
CANCELLED UNTIL THE FALL.

Quadra Island Outdoor Club Latest Information

THE CLOSURE OF THE PROVINCIAL PARKS IN BC

has somewhat reduced the inventory of trail destinations on Quadra, but we are fortunate that there are still lots of choices. The recent fabulous weather is great for hiking and other outdoor recreation, and this continues to be important for physical and mental health. Certainly this is a time to be extra cautious about our activities.

Here is a list of questions, which come from Nanaimo Search and Rescue, you could ask yourself before you venture out:

Am I coming into contact with surfaces that can hold and transfer the virus?

Does this activity put me at risk for potential rescue, straining local resources?

Am I leaving my home community?

Will I potentially come within six feet of people who are not a part of my household?

Will this put me in close contact with vulnerable people, such as those with compromised immune systems, persons over the age of 65, or those who are pregnant?

While small groups observing physical distance is recommended, going solo is not always the safest option. Overall, keep yourself safe, keep others safe and try to avoid putting an unnecessary load on medical and first responder personnel.

2020 Beach Clean-up Cancelled.

Regrettably, Sierra Quadra's April 19, 2020 Beach Clean-up is CANCELLED. We obviously could not have the usual food and social gathering at the headquarters site at Rebecca Spit without violating the social distancing required by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the logistics of protecting everyone who was collecting, gathering and transporting collected material from our beaches presented unsolvable risks to those involved. We will consider rescheduling to a more favourable time, or just miss 2020 in the interests of everyone's wellbeing. Please be safe and careful.

Ray Grigg

for Sierra Quadra

Quadra Island Chamber Music Festival Postponed

In light of COVID-19, the Quadra Island Chamber Music Society is postponing this summer's annual festival until July 2021. Our top priority remains the health and safety of our audience, musicians, patrons, volunteers and the Quadra community.

Our Society is a non profit organization. We will be refunding subscribers in the near future. If you do wish to make a donation, all donations will be distributed among our musicians. Thank you for your continued support. We will continue to post information and highlights on our new website: www.quadrafestival.ca

Catherine Smith, President

Calling all Beekeepers on Quadra Island

Do you have or want beehives? Let's get together and talk bees, share information, and support each other in the keeping of honeybees on Quadra. There is a possibility of a field day with Wendi Gilson (our Bee Inspector) in early May - a great learning opportunity. Other possibilities include work-bees (pun intended) to make equipment, equipment-sharing, car-pooling to Comox Bee Club meetings, and the general sharing of information and experience. The first get-together will be on Wednesday, April 22. (And keep your calendar open on May 1 for a field day).

Call Kathryn if you are interested - 250-285-2103.



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The Zen of an Earth Mythology

Ray Grigg's new book, *The Zen of an Earth Mythology*, is now available at Book Bonanza in Quathiaski Cove. If you are in the Cove for necessities and are interested in a thoughtful, informative and challenging read, its 454 pages should keep you duly occupied. The new, updated and amalgamated edition of *The EcoTrilogy* is also available there. Book Bonanza is practicing strict sanitation and distancing protocol for your safety. You can even phone ahead to 3665 with an order, and have your book(s) delivered to your car.

NISHS Update

North Island Survivors' Healing Society

During COVID-19 someone at NISHS will take or return your call. If we can't respond immediately please know that we still care about you. One person is in the office managing regular business while acting as a conduit for the counsellors who are working remotely. If you think counselling may be beneficial it is a good time to call to add your name to the list: 250-287-3325. We can talk about what you are looking for and take your contact information to see a counsellor remotely or in person when it is safe to do so. We expect to be very busy when the doors re-open!

Quadra Island - Birding Big Day

(part of the Global Big Day)

On May 9 we will have a local Big of an international event, put on in which people all around the world are looking for birds.

The idea is to see and record as many as possible within a 24 hour period more than 35,000 people around the world were out looking at birds! Last year we were spotted collectively on Quadra!

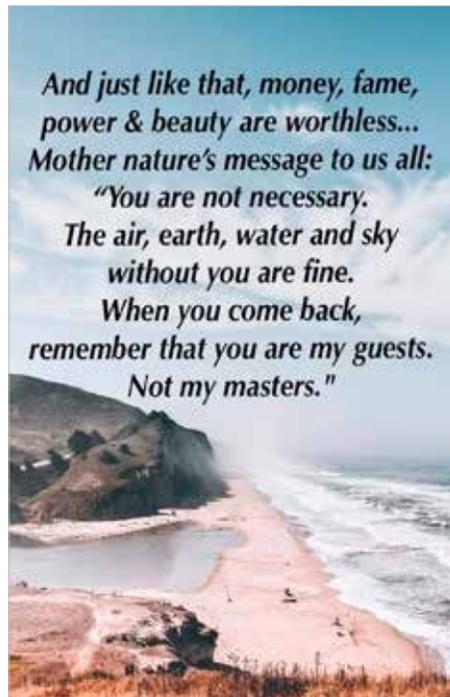
Let's see how many we can come up with on our island in 2020....

Mark May 9 on your calendar - details will follow in the next DI!



Caremongering QI

A new FaceBook group has formed for sharing and organizing community resources in response to COVID-19 on Quadra Island. The goal of the group is to organize the local community on the grassroots level to ensure vulnerable community members have access to food, housing, healthcare, and other necessities. Search & join Caremongering - Quadra Island



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- Maintaining a clean and well presented department.

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No more can we shop in the Super stores
 Or browse through the malls finding bargains galore.
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 We can't go to the park and pitch our tent.
 No trips to Hawaii or Mexico,
 We must keep our distance from all those we know.
 So we'll stay home on the rock and turn back the clock
 And we'll live through this Covid culture shock.
 We will plough the garden and plant some seed,
 We will comb the beaches and gather seaweed.
 We will forage in the forest for mushrooms and berries.
 We will search the old orchards for apples and cherries.
 We will raise a few chickens, some geese and some goats,
 We will catch salmon and snapper and squid from our boats.
 We will harvest some scallops some oysters and clams
 And gather some grapes and salal for jam.
 We can smell the roses and take a long walk.
 And wave as the last ferry departs from the dock.
 Being captive on an island is not such a crime
 If you are used to living on Quadra time.
 The bright city lights will soon fade away,
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 Will we miss the noise, the hustle, the fray.
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- Ann McLean

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THROUGH THE SEASONS IN A QUADRA FOOD GARDEN

With spring in full throe, time at hand for many and uncertainty everywhere there's no better time to be gardening. Last edition I tried a hand at channeling my own enthusiasm for the garden into words. With that attempt out of the way I'm happy to say with the help of the Quadra Island Garden Club we've now got some more experienced and knowledgeable growers to share their expertise, starting with Val Barr. Over the coming months we'll follow Val and other island gardeners through the growing season.

If you're looking for advice, encouragement, to swap a few plants or really anything horticultural the Quadra Garden Club is an amazing group with accessible resources and wisdom to spare. Check out their web site at quadraislandgardenclub.com and follow along on FaceBook: [facebook.com/groups/QuadraIslandandCortesIslandGardens](https://www.facebook.com/groups/QuadraIslandandCortesIslandGardens) Last edition I mentioned plans for 'victory' gardens. After describing one I liked, in the haste of deadline time, I promptly forgot to include it. Here are a couple of links:

tinyurl.com/t69hyck

for 25'x50' by Illinois State Council for Defense
tinyurl.com/vrsug4m

from the Canadian Encyclopedia, very simple
tinyurl.com/yx4mdkff

in colour and includes succession planting

We have so many resources on hand now but sometimes a simple throwback helps...

- Editor

The weather is an important factor in gardening: too cold, too wet, too hot, too dry, and then rain again at the end of the season. Outdoor work was my occupation for decades – I watched the weather to prepare for the day ahead. Before internet or even television on Quadra, I had a barometer that I checked daily through my seasons. Now I check Weather Network frequently and it has become a habit in my life.

For years, I have believed that the weather changes with the phases of the moon. I often see a change for better or worse, especially at the new and the full moon. This might sound crazy, but emotionally I am convinced it is something to watch. April 7th is our next full moon. I will be watching to see if the weather does change. I never see any pattern of what to expect other than just a change.

After a fantastic week of warm sunny weather, we have rainy days and I am waiting for the nights to warm up. I want to plant my sugar snap peas in the garden – they are ready but I think it is still a bit too cold at night. The peas are holding outside on the deck during the day. This Spring is late, as I watch the Salmonberries slowly begin to open. In our garden the Forsythia is not yet blooming – more than a week behind the normal. After the new moon, the 25th of March, I hope to plant out our first crop of veggies, with a Remay cover. In moon talk, this will be planting with the waxing moon two weeks before the full moon.

Liming Garden Soil

We live in a rainforest and have soil that is suited for the percolation of water down and away from the surface. Nature has developed our soil like this so that the surface does not flood. The rainfall in our winter is heavy on the coast, and it removes the nutrients from our soil and changes the pH to acidic. Inland soil where rainfall is much lower causes the soil to be alkaline.

Only discussing acid soil, we know we have to add lime to keep the soil sweet. Neutral pH is rated on a scale of 7 out of 14. Below 7 is acidic. When our soil is too acidic, the nutrients can not attach to the soil molecules (this has to do with ion exchange) and then the plants cannot absorb enough nutrients. Most experts recommend liming in the fall so there is more time for the lime to work. It is okay to lime now if you have not limed recently.

When I was landscaping, I would lime first and wait 7 to 10 days before applying fertilizer. The fertilizer stayed in the soil longer if the pH was higher. This was most often done for special lawns. Grass and bare soil seem to allow for more percolation than shrub beds: a result of the depth and mass of the shrubs' roots. Many of our local garden shrubs do well without lime because they prefer an acid soil.

Which type of lime you use depends on the state of your garden soil. If you are starting a new garden this year, then ask the store which lime works fastest. Don't use quick lime: it is a caustic material not meant for the garden.

There is a processed powdered lime called Dolipril that is coated to give controlled slow release. On virgin soil, Dolipril may get you started because it does make a quick change in the soil chemistry. I never liked using Dolipril, partly due to the cost.

'Lawn and Garden Lime' is a simpler powdered lime without the coating. Sold in most garden centres, it is the least expensive of the fast working limes and is a good alternative.

I like to use crushed Dolomite Lime, which combines Calcium carbonate with Magnesium and these two elements working together are easily absorbed by the soil and then into the plants. This is a rock like substance crushed to small fine pieces. I am comfortable hand-broadcasting Dolomite onto our garden soil, which I do in the Spring each year. I put a light sprinkling over the whole area and I am careful not to put too much on at once.

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This rock substance might take a year to decompose into the soil, which is okay since we have had no symptoms that the soil is too acidic or too alkaline. If you are applying lime remember to wear a cloth mask so the dust does not burn your sinuses and wear gloves.

Egg shells add calcium to the soil less efficiently than lime. They are added as compost and I don't notice any egg shell residue the next year.

There are labs that analyze your soil to find the pH level and what the nutrient levels are in your soil, with recommendations for correction. Quadra Island's Ryan Nassichuk specializes in this service if you are interested in getting an analysis done. It can also be a DIY project. Figure out which lab to mail a sample to (Google it) and follow the online instructions on how to take your samples.

Feeding calcium to the soil and therefore into plant tissues will help with fruiting – many vegetables are technically fruit. With adequate calcium, fruit cell walls will be obviously thicker. The plants need moisture in the soil to allow the plants to pick up nutrient, so keeping your soil to some degree moist in the late part of the season may be important in your garden.

As an aside, Epsom salts, available in local stores, are a cheap source of magnesium. I use it on my Roses and on acid loving plants that get chlorosis or yellowing of the leaves. If you have a Rhodo with yellow leaves and it does not look healthy, drop a small amount of Epsom Salts on the root area of the soil and you will likely see a change in about one week.

We all need a little beauty in our gardens. The flowers are Glory of the snow Chionodoza luciliae.

Self Sowing Greens in the Garden & Starting Lettuce Seeds

We have several greens in the garden that perpetuate each year from seed dropped in previous years. One is New Zealand Spinach which grows in one area of the garden and does not spread. Not like the spinach we purchase at the store, it is a coarse, hairy leaf on trailing stems. A friend gave us a couple of seedlings more than five years ago and we will have it forever, which is good. Mostly I stir-fry it but sometimes put it raw in salads. I only harvest the leaves since the stem is not palatable. The second early volunteer green is actually a burgundy colour: Giant Red Mustard leaf. We purchased seed and planted this 20 years ago, and we will have it forever.

The small leaf is very nice in salads but as the plant matures the leaves get bigger and the flavour gets hot and spicy. Sometimes I add the large leaves to stir-fry in small quantity. Anything our friends with chickens can use for feed is usually passed on as the plants mature past the edible stage – I am not sure the chickens like the purple mustard though. We also have self sowing Borage. We do not eat Borage but allow it to grow for the bees' sake. On early summer mornings, before the sun is on the garden, the bees cannot wait for the world to warm up and the flowers are covered with bees. Russian Purple Kale is also a self seeder and very popular at our house. There are many gardens on Quadra where this type of Kale is an annual favourite. The last self sower that we love is large or Mammoth Dill. We eat it, dry it for winter and use it as an herb when canning pickles. It has been in the garden forever. We need to leave enough of these plants each year to allow them to drop their seeds into the ground for next year. None of these recurring plants are invasive and are easily removed when weeding – although they can be prolific.

I have started two kinds of lettuce this week in the house. I like a red leaf lettuce and this year I used Red Sails seed that is two years old. I find old lettuce seed does not germinate as well as younger seed. Red Sails is an open leaf lettuce that is slow to bolt and slow to taste bitter. I plant the lettuce in the coolest area of the garden, in the shade close to our large plum tree. It does well in the afternoon shade and only starts to bolt in July. The second type of lettuce is a Romaine called Coastal Star from West Coast Seeds. This is a new variety for us and I am looking forward to some yummy Romaine salads. The West Coast Seeds' description says it is early maturing, so I hope that does not mean early bolting.

Karen Dunn who grows lettuce most of the year, has a post on this Blog called A Surefire Way to Grow Lettuce. It has a detailed description of how she starts lettuce. She mentions how she cools the seed for at least 12 hours in the fridge before putting the pot under the lights. After talking with her, I have tried this method with one pot (out of three) with both varieties of lettuce mixed in the same pot. A little experiment to see if the cold treatment works this time of year, to get a faster better germination rate. All of the lettuce is now under the lights and I am watching for the seeds to stretch up.

- Valerie Barr

Life, as we know, is full of surprises: snow on an April morning, albino orcas off the Spit, spring rainbows popping up over the Cove - such are the privileges of life, and being alive where we are. The unexpected can be the spice of life; it can also disrupt the best laid plans.

Most of us likely never expected to experience a pandemic in our lifetime. We on this friendly island probably never thought we'd be divided from our cashiers at the store by a counter-to-ceiling sneeze guard, or to become experts on eyeballing exactly how far two metres is. Some of us have anticipated the modern way of things to "hit the fan" at some point, but I for one never thought being separated from my friends would be part of it. I never thought I'd be a germ freak who washes their packaged groceries, but I do now. I never thought I'd hear my mum say she was afraid to go to Costco but I heard it. Had I ever even thought about the world dealing with a pandemic, I doubt I would have imagined people coming together in the way that they have, worldwide, to support and care for one another, to show appreciation and creativity in unimaginable ways - something pleasantly unexpected in our human world that sometimes feels so self-consumed. The unexpected can be anything.

Climate research continues to deliver unexpected news as well. Turns out the internet is an enormous gobbler of energy - who would have think it? I always imagined the internet as an ethereal source of pictures and words that somehow jumped from one device to another, an entirely intangible bevy of information, something that just... is. But of course that's not the case. "The internet" actually exists in massive data store houses in various places around the world, and those centres require immense amounts of energy to cool the computers housed within them. According to a recent CBC article, researchers estimate that the worlds data centres will consume as much energy in the next year as the entire energy sector of Canada produces - and by 2030 they project the demand for internet services will drive that consumption to 11% of global energy use. Eleven percent! That's huge. As technologies such as "smart home" devices and driverless cars are developed, the demand will soar even higher. Our desire to be hands-free and entertained is driving our climate conundrum.

Of our current (pre-pandemic) internet consumption, they say 60% is used for streaming entertainment. I'm hoping that instead of riding out our isolation by apathetically resigning ourselves to record hours of Netflix binging, we can point our focus in the opposite direction and work on our home skills repertoire. We are fortunate in this hemisphere to be coming into spring, where the daylight automatically feels inspiring. Folks have been walking, biking, beach combing, and gardening with a newfound determination - let's keep adding home cooking skills to the list!

Some commercially produced foods can't be replicated without industrial



equipment - specifically I mean: rice cakes. The puff, the crunch, the shape, the top-able nature of them... I swoon to think of a rice cake with little slabs of cheese on top! But alas, not only do they come double wrapped in plastic, they are difficult to reproduce at home. Yet there exists a delightful alternative: oatcakes! They can do anything a rice cake can do and they're so easy to make at home.

Oatcakes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a mixing bowl, add 2 cups (c) quick oats, 1/2 c flour (GF works - I even used 1/2 c oats ground into flour), 1 tsp salt and mix well. Rub in 1/4 c butter until there are no big pieces. Pour on 60 ml hot water and mix. Add more hot water as needed to make a barely sticky dough.

Roll on a floured counter until 1/4" thick. Cut with a 3" round cookie cutter, or cut into 3" squares. Transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet (they can be close as they won't spread).

Bake 15 minutes, flip, and bake another 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Variations: try adding cinnamon, poppy seeds, honey, shredded cheese.... anything!

I haven't found the willpower to entirely eliminate rice cakes from my grocery list yet, but I think if I keep a big jar of oatcakes topped up in my kitchen, I could surprise even myself.

-Elysia Toporowski

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Open Burning Prohibitions in the Region implemented by Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources - Starting April 16

Campbell River, BC – With the pleasant spring weather upon us, the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) is reminding everyone about open burning prohibitions to reduce demands on firefighting resources, help protect the health and safety of the public, help reduce the impact of wildfire smoke on air quality and public health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective next Thursday, April 16 at noon, most open burning activities will be prohibited throughout British Columbia to reduce the likelihood of human-caused wildfires, although campfires will still be allowed.

The following activities will be prohibited, and restrictions remain in effect until public is otherwise notified:

- Category 2 open fires – a fire, excluding a campfire, that burns piled material no larger than two metres high and three metres wide, or grass over an area less than 0.2 hectares (2000 square metres) in size;
- Category 3 open fires – a fire that burns material in piles larger than two metres high and three metres wide, windrows, or grass over an larger than 0.2 hectares (2000 square metres) in size.
- Resource Management open fires;
- The use of fireworks;
- The use of sky lanterns; and
- The use of burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description (except when used for a campfire).

These prohibitions apply to all public and private land within British Columbia, unless specified otherwise (e.g., in a local government bylaw).

For the Strathcona Regional District’s Electoral Areas, this prohibition directly applies to:

- North Quadra Island (outside of the Improvement District) and the remainder of Electoral Area C (Quadra & Discovery Islands)
- All of Electoral Area D (Oyster Bay / Buttle Lake)
- All of Electoral Area B (Cortes Island)

- All of Electoral Area A (Sayward Valley)

The areas mentioned above all fall under the jurisdiction of the BC Wildfire Act with the exception of the southern portion of Electoral Area D which falls under the jurisdiction of the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) through the Black Creek / Oyster Bay Fire Protection area. The CVRD will be following this burning ban.

A zoomable map of the fire protection areas is available online at www.srd.ca/fire-protection-map.

For more information about the different categories of open burning, please visit : www.gov.bc.ca/openfireregs and a map of the affected areas is listed online at <http://ow.ly/8uct30qvSv2>.

The COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation remains dynamic in British Columbia and elsewhere around the world. The BC Wildfire Service continues to prepare for the 2020 wildfire seasons and is adapting in response to changing conditions.

Typically, human-caused fires are more common in the spring due to field and debris burning. By enacting an earlier provincewide burning prohibition, the BC Wildfire Service anticipates a reduction in human-caused wildfires. This will minimize the need to deploy staff, which will help to reduce their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

The BC Wildfire Service in-person services and reception areas are temporarily closed and can be reached in the following ways:

- Report a wildfire: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on a cell
- Fire information line: 1 888 336-7378
- Burn registration line: 1 888 797-1717
- Social Media - Twitter: @BCGovFireInfo | Facebook: BC Wildfire Service
- Phone: Coastal Fire Centre (Parksville): 250 951-4209

The Strathcona Regional District will continue to follow the advice of the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Provincial Health Officer. Visit www.srd.ca/COVID-19 to stay informed about changes to SRD services and facilities, helpful links to COVID-19 health information, community resources and more.

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QISES 2020 President's Letter

This year 2019/ 2020 has been another busy one for Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society. We have been busy with a variety of projects old and new. Our most ambitious project and one we are most proud of was the Drew Creek Restoration.

Drew Creek as you know passes through the interior of southern Quadra and emerges from the cedar forest at the beach opposite the We Wai Kai campground in Drew Harbour.

Permission to work on the We Wai Kai land was given by the band. Money exceeding \$20,000 was received from both the Pacific Salmon Foundation and Campbell River Salmon Foundation

Lawrie Bowles, the resident biologist for QISES, designed the Drew Creek plan. It involved moving and placing logs and rocks and then putting in 8 yards of washed gravel which will provide more spawning territory for the salmon. We now have a healthier place for salmon fry to thrive.

Grant Hayden provided the equipment and know-how to engineer the gravel drop, 60 feet down into the creek using a high line system used in forestry practices.

Grant also moved old logs and placed new ones and rocks into the estuary with the help and guidance of many volunteers.

Another part of the project was to enhance some of the trails in the area with

John Barclay , Quadra's trail and bridge expert ,who worked tirelessly to develop the bridge and trail that is already being used by the public school for access and studies of the creek ecosystem. We now have a magnificent bridge and revised trail system that creates a park like atmosphere for public use and education.

To top the new park off, a series of signs explaining the streams history and eco-system were installed along the pathway near the culvert.

Thanks to Barry Hatelt for building and installing 2 sturdy cedar benches, one near the bridge and another in the estuary.

Quadra Salmon hopes you will enjoy this short but beautiful trail through the Drew Creek estuary and forest.

Much thanks to the We Wai Kai band for permission to do this project and for their contribution of the huge logs for the bridge

Other projects QISES under took this year were;

-monitoring Village Bay lakes oxygen and temperatures monthly at various places and depths

-placing of spawning gravel in Granite and Hyacinthe creeks

-holding a Streamkeepers course for the general public

-salmon spawning fish counts in four of Quadra's most accessible streams

-monitoring Mosaic's (Timberwest) cutblock proposals

-ongoing Hyacinthe creek droughtproofing monitoring and work

Another speaker's night was organised by Eileen Sowerby .This year Dr. Kristi Miller of the DFO genetics and virology labs gave a fascinating presentation on her departments efforts to follow the genes and viruses effecting salmon.

Kristi held a lengthy Q and A session after her talk trying to answer questions from the audience, mostly regarding fish farms and viruses.

Quadra Salmon's efforts in all of these projects could not be possible with out the community support we receive.

Special mention to Tru-valu Stores for their points system and to Campbell River Salmon Foundation for their helping with the Drew Creek money and for the \$2500 donation we used for the purchase of a new Honda out board motor for our boat. We use it on the Village Bay Lakes for various projects including access to the automatic video counting system.

Footnote

A huge thank you to all the support; by words of encouragement, advertising and other financial contributions.

The DI forges on. I take the responsibility of being a part of our community ties to heart and we'll press on as best we can.

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17 Friday	03:37	4.6	15.1
	10:08	2.9	9.5
	14:32	3.5	11.5
	21:02	1.8	5.9
18 Saturday	04:17	4.5	14.8
	10:47	2.7	8.9
	15:40	3.7	12.1
	21:56	2	6.6
19 Sunday	04:50	4.5	14.8
	11:20	2.5	8.2
	16:40	3.8	12.5
	22:43	2.1	6.9
20 Monday	05:17	4.5	14.8
	11:48	2.2	7.2
	17:33	4	13.1
	23:25	2.3	7.5
21 Tuesday	05:40	4.4	14.4
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	18:20	4.2	13.8
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22 Wed.	06:01	4.4	14.4
	12:38	1.8	5.9
	19:03	4.4	14.4
	00:39	2.8	9.2
23 Thursday	06:21	4.4	14.4
	13:03	1.6	5.2
	19:45	4.5	14.8
	01:14	3	9.8
24 Friday	06:41	4.3	14.1
	13:32	1.4	4.6
	20:26	4.6	15.1
	01:52	3.1	10.2
25 Saturday	07:03	4.3	14.1
	14:05	1.2	3.9
	21:10	4.6	15.1
	02:34	3.3	10.8
26 Sunday	07:29	4.2	13.8
	14:42	1.1	3.6
	21:59	4.6	15.1
	03:23	3.4	11.2
27 Monday	08:00	4.1	13.5
	15:25	1.1	3.6
	22:55	4.6	15.1
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