

# discovery

## I S L A N D E R

### Quadra's Christmas Craft Fair is BACK!!

Our over thirty-year tradition of holding the annual Christmas Craft Fair is back and we are feeling very excited to support local shopping once again!

The Craft Fair will be on Friday Nov 26th, from 4:00 – 9:00 PM and Saturday Nov 27th, from 10:00 – 3:00 PM at your Community Centre (970 West Road).

Our Quadra talent is busy making a vast array of Quality handcrafted items, everything from: Chocolates to candles, soaps, jewellery, pottery, art prints, Christmas decorations, speciality handmade knives, weaving and knitting and so, SO much more!

Who cares about supply chain shortages for big box stores, when we can buy something of quality that is created right here?!

When you shop direct from the maker it helps keep dollars very local, which in turn helps keep our local economy strong. So, get creative with your gift giving ideas this year and treat your special someone to something truly unique!

Vaccine passes will be required by Public Health to enter as well as mandatory mask wearing for everyone 5 years and up. Due to COVID, Santa is not available in person this year.

We will also not have a food concession this year, but there will still be lots of opportunities to support Quadra's talented artisans by shopping local this year!

Admission is free and there are DOOR PRIZES given out frequently to lucky winners! Find beautiful quality treasures for everyone on your list!

Be there with bells on!



Photos by Don Mottershead



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# BANFF CENTRE

MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

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WORLD EXPEDITIONS

**Campbell River Tidemark Theatre**  
Thursday December 2, 2021 @ 7pm  
Tix: [tidemarktheatre.com](http://tidemarktheatre.com) & at the door  
discounted package price for both shows

**Quadra Island Community Centre**  
Saturday, December 4, 2021 @ 7 pm  
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# Online Auction

November 26 to 28  
[www.facebook.com/groups/qiccauction](https://www.facebook.com/groups/qiccauction)

## MAKE A BID FOR A CAUSE

A Charity Auction to Benefit the Quadra Island Children's Centre

### ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED:

We will be auctioning off items from local artists, restaurants, and generous locals. Join our Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/qiccauction](https://www.facebook.com/groups/qiccauction) to get that gift for that significant other. Bidding opens November 26 at 5 pm and closes November 28 at 5 pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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## NESW & EVENTS

### A Taste of Quadra Life

Mark your calendar to pick up A Taste of Life on Quadra Island—Island Cookery III

Hungry for home? Eager to share a slice of island life? A Taste of Life on Quadra Island—Island Cookery III is due to arrive Dec. 14, in time for holiday gift giving. Proceeds from cookbook sales will support much-needed facility upgrades at the Quadra Children's Centre.

The full-colour, large-format, 256-page volume showcases spectacular photos and 140 scrumptious recipes. It will be for sale for \$34.95 at Book Bonanza, Works of H'Art, Sidelines, James Pottery, Coastal Community Credit Union and through the Quadra Children's Centre. (email below) For a limited time, get 5% off purchases of five or more copies.

Other opportunities to buy a copy:

Aroma Cafe Dec. 14-17 10-2pm  
Children's Centre Sat. Dec. 18 10-2

Islanders can also pick up pre-ordered copies at Aroma Café and the Children's Centre on those dates.

(pre-order by email to [fundraising.qicc@gmail.com](mailto:fundraising.qicc@gmail.com)). We fully encourage pre-orders, but are unable to accept payment just yet. Payment information will be shared soon.

*"Beautifully produced, with clear easy-to-read ingredients, instructions and luscious photography, A Taste of Life on Quadra Island will help you dream of next summer's harvest—or foraging or fishing expedition—and visit to Quadra!"*

--- Leslie Campbell, FOCUS

See the Oct. 29 edition of the Discovery Islander for more details about this important fundraiser.

### NETTLE AND GOAT CHEESE GALETTE

YIELD: 8-10 BALLS | CONTRIBUTOR: JENNIFER BELL, Book Bonanza

This is a hearty dish, with the tangy goat cheese contrasting against the earthy nettle. It's a healthy, easy-to-make dish. The galette is a great option for a quick and easy meal, or a snack for a party or gathering.

**INGREDIENTS**

- 8 cups of fresh nettle, stems removed
- 1 large bowl of fresh goat cheese, about 1 lb
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 large egg (beaten)
- 1 large egg (whole)
- 2 to 3 cups of goat cheese, crumbled
- salt and pepper to taste

**METHOD**

Wash the nettle and remove the stems. Chop the nettle into small pieces. In a large bowl, combine the nettle, goat cheese, salt, lemon juice, and olive oil. Mix well. Add the beaten egg and mix again. Roll the mixture into balls. Roll the balls in the crumbled goat cheese. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool before serving.

**TALKING TIP**

The nettle leaves of the nettle plant are very tender. The leaves are very tender and can be eaten raw or cooked. The leaves are very tender and can be eaten raw or cooked. The leaves are very tender and can be eaten raw or cooked.

### ZOO ZOO BALLS

YIELD: 10-12 BALLS | CONTRIBUTOR: JENNIFER BELL, Book Bonanza

These balls were inspired by a child's love of the word 'Zoo'. Zoo Zoo Balls, and they are designed to be a fun, healthy, and delicious snack. They are a great option for a quick and easy meal, or a snack for a party or gathering.

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## Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour Returns

It's been a long two year wait but in yet another sign that things may be turning a corner, the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is returning, with live shows, to Campbell River and Quadra Island.

This year's festival in Banff Alberta took place over nine days earlier this month and preparations are underway to launch the World Tour in a few weeks.

Amongst this year's award winning films is Grand Prize winner: **The Rescue**, by renowned filmmaker Jimmy Chin - tells the edge-of-the-seat story of the survival of thirteen young soccer players from entrapment deep in a Thai cave.

Going far beyond the newscasters' view from the sidelines **The Rescue** follows the courageous group of cave divers into the inky black waters as they struggle first to locate the missing boys in a dark labyrinth and then hatch a high-stakes plan to bring them back to the surface.

Among the very first shows to be held will be here on the west coast, Thursday, December 2 at the Tidemark Theatre and on Saturday, December 4 at the Quadra Island Community Centre. Tickets for both shows are available from the Tidemark Theatre box office 12-4pm 250-287-7465 or [www.tidemarktheatre.com](http://www.tidemarktheatre.com). Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for youth, students and seniors (\$45 and \$35 respectively for both shows).



From the film The Rescue - National Geographic

## November 12-26, 2021

### THIS WEEK: NOV 12-19

**FRIDAY:** 10:30 Friday Painters, 12pm Smart Recovery (to join contact Jude: [smartrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:smartrecovery@gmail.com))

**MONDAY:** 10am Yoga with Josephine, 10am Parents and Tots, 1pm Q Circle Ping Pong, 3pm Junior Ballet with Kate, 5:15pm Iyengar Yoga

**TUESDAY:** 10am Q. Circle Strength & Balance; 3pm Nature Art (ages 6-10), 5pm Yoga with Trinity, 7:15pm Folk Dancing

**WEDNESDAY:** 10am Yoga with Trinity, 1pm Food Bank, 1pm Mosaics Q-Circle

**THURSDAY:** 4:15pm Nature Sketching and Painting (ages 11-17), 6pm Quadra Singers, 6:45pm Life Drawing

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### NEXT WEEK: NOV 21-26

**SUNDAY:** 2:30pm Cultural Committee Presents an afternoon performance of: JOE TRIO

**MONDAY:** 10am Yoga with Josephine, 10am Parents and Tots, 1pm Q Circle Ping Pong, 3pm Junior Ballet with Kate, 5:15pm Iyengar Yoga

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**SATURDAY:** CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 10:00am - 3:00pm

For more info or to register for an activity please call QCC at 285-3243 or email us at: [info@quadrarec.bc.ca](mailto:info@quadrarec.bc.ca) - OR to find out more info on what is happening or which activities require proof of vaccination check out our NEW online Recreation Calendar (which replaces the printed guide this fall, as we can update offerings more frequently for you online due to changing covid situations, etc.).

Go to our website: [www.quadrarec.bc.ca](http://www.quadrarec.bc.ca) and navigate to our Recreation Calendar tab, then click on each activity in the calendar to expand the info for that activity (scroll down to read all info including if a vaccination card is required).

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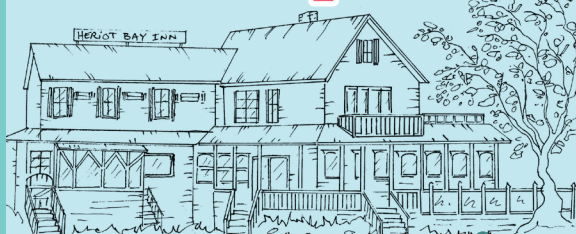
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tion on subjects of interest to the  
Discovery Islands community.  
Here are a few guidelines:

- **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'.
- Remember to **include credits and captions** for photos & artwork.

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### NEXT DEADLINE

7pm Monday, November 22  
for publication on  
Friday, November 26, 2021

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### Quadra's Lighted Truck Parade

Quadra's Lighted Truck Parade is back!! This year's parade will take place on Saturday, December 4th at 6:00pm. This year's route will depart the No.1 Fire Hall to head south along Cape Mudge Rd, turn onto Noble Rd, turn right onto Green Rd to then travel by Q-Cove Plaza and Quadra Elementary before returning to the No. 1 Fire Hall via West Rd and Heriot Bay Rd.

We will once again have our "Elves" following behind the parade to collect donations for the food bank. We will also have a donation bin set up outside the No.1 Fire Hall for the week leading up to the parade. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we won't be handing out treats at the fire hall this year.

We are so excited to be holding the parade once again!! We want to encourage anyone who is thinking about entering a vehicle to come out and join us in spreading some Christmas cheer and we would like to remind everyone that you don't have to be a big truck to enter! If you have thought about entering but wondered how to run lights on a vehicle please check out the QIFD Facebook page for some tips! Those entering a vehicle can meet at the No. 1 Fire Hall at 5:30pm where hot dogs will be provided for drivers and decorators.

It takes the participation of many vehicles to make the parade a success so please consider joining us and together we can make this year our biggest yet! We look forward to seeing everyone on the big night!

### At The Legion!

Bingo on Sat. Nov. 13th from 7:-10:pm! New games and new caller, come by and have fun and raise money for a great cause. We must follow public health orders, which means that everyone coming to enjoy the Legion must be fully vaccinated. So please bring proof of vaccination upon entering. Thank you for your understanding

### Way to Go

**JOIN US** on the third Monday of the month for conversations about death and dying, 7:15 to 8:45 pm, QCC Room 3. Bring proof of vaccination, mask, and a twoonie for the room rental. Info 285.3298. There will be a time of sharing, a short time of business, and a presentation and discussion:

**MONDAY NOV 15:** Befriending Death

**MONDAY JAN 17:** Presentation topic TBA

### 2 Winter Markets at the QCC

Dec4th and 18th. This year pre-registering is mandatory for these winter markets so we hope you can sign up! Vaccine passports and masks are required as well. Fee: \$10 by e-transfer to secure your table.

Vendor contact is Doris:  
[doriscolter@gmail.com](mailto:doriscolter@gmail.com) Quadra vendors please sign up by Nov 15th.

### Steve's Free Money

**STEVE MOORE**, a wonderful poet and activist on Quadra Island, started Free Money some years ago. He died too soon. We have tried to continue this monthly free money albeit somewhat irregularly during Covid, and not during the summer months. Originally, it happened the first Wed. of the month at the Community Centre before Community Lunch.

Thank you to all who have donated and continue to do so. The Quadra Community Credit Union accepts donations to the Free Money Association.

For more information please phone 285.2434.

### Quadra Food Guide

**IF YOU'RE A** local food producer who'd like to be included in the Quadra Island Food Guide listings, please let us know at: [qifoodguide@gmail.com](mailto:qifoodguide@gmail.com). The Food Guide receives support from Quadra ICAN. Be part of our local food culture. Eat Fresh! Eat Local! Visit [qifoodguide.ca](http://qifoodguide.ca)

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## Life Drawing

Life drawing is back at the QCC! Every Thursday from 7 to 8:30pm, Oct 21 to Dec 9. Preregistration is preferred. Masks will be mandatory. To register, or if you are interested in being a model for one of our sessions, please call or text Sophie at 250.850.9772. The rate for modelling is \$50/session.

## The Write Thing

Those things we use when we are not on the computer. You know, the ballpoint pens. The disposable pens. The plastic pens. Well, the ICAN Live Lightly team has been busy again. In partnership with Staples and with the generosity of our very own Inspirations, we can now recycle ballpoint pens, sharpies and markers. When the container at Inspirations is full, one of our team will take the container to Staples for recycling. So, when your pen has no more write in it, that will be the right thing to do.

## QI Health Society AGM

**TO ALL REGISTERED MEMBERS** of Quadra Island Health Society:

Our QI Health Society AGM will be held on Monday November 15, 2021 at 7pm.

This meeting will be via ZOOM. There are no special resolutions, but we have one new director nominated for election.

If you wish to attend this meeting please email Jeanne Stoppard, Secretary Director, at [jstoppard@gicable.com](mailto:jstoppard@gicable.com) or call 250.285.2835 before November 6th to receive the Zoom link

and a package of info for the meeting.

Hope to see lots of members there!

## QI Seniors Housing AGM

**TO ALL REGISTERED MEMBERS** of QI

Seniors Housing Society:

Please be advised that the AGM for QISHS will be via ZOOM, on Monday, November 29th at 7pm.

A special resolution for a change to QISHS bylaws will need membership approval.

Any Member wishing to attend and receive the Zoom or phone access link, meeting agenda and info package is asked to advise me by November 15th, 2021. Hope to see you at this AGM!

Betty Doak

email [md3590@telus.net](mailto:md3590@telus.net)

phone 250.285.3590

## ICAN DIY / QUILT Online Auction

**HELLO QUADRA!**

Looking for that special local Christmas gift for your loves? The ICAN DIY / QUILT team will be hosting an online Facebook Auction to support the building of the new Quadra Island Library of Things tool shed and community workshop space in the Cove! Our amazing contributors have a vast variety of services (think vehicle maintenance), home decor (new wine glasses anyone?), pampering (cabin stays) and more! Stay tuned for details! The Online Auction items will be shared on Nov 15th, with the final closing time being Nov 22nd at 7pm. Still not too late to donate to this auction!! For additional information please contact [quadraislandlibraryofthings@gmail.com](mailto:quadraislandlibraryofthings@gmail.com).

## QI Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

We had a small but very productive planning meeting last Sunday. It was good to see that the core enthusiasm is undiminished by the recent and forecast weather. The fall/winter schedule is under construction, but we have an excellent start on the plan for the season. Here are the upcoming trips:

**17 Nov, Wednesday** - hike the Hopespring - Thompson Trail Loop

**24 Nov, Wednesday** - hike a south Stramberg route

**1 Dec, Wednesday** - hike the Kay du Bois trail

**8 Dec, Wednesday** - hike Chinese Mountain

**15 Dec, Wednesday** - snowshoeing near Mt. Washington

**21 Dec, Tuesday** - Solstice kayaking in Gowlland Harbour

**12 Jan, Wednesday** - hike a Morte Lake loop

These are currently the outings with coordinators and dates. Soon the trip details will be available for these trips. We have more than a dozen other trips with coordinators committed and dates pending. It's great to have hiking, paddling and snowshoeing to look forward to in the near future. The only activity that we are unable to schedule for the fall/winter season is a multi-day trip, which would involve more group indoor time than we are ready for.

To see the full schedule, and the portal to the trip descriptions, please visit:

<https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-fall-winter-2021-22/> For more information about the Quadra Island Outdoor Club, you can email to [qioutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:qioutdoorclub@gmail.com)

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Saturday December 4th @ 1pm**

**MEETING PLACE:**

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION**  
**BRANCH #154 HERIOT BAY**

Attendees must be fully vaccinated and masked to help protect against Covid-19  
(by order of the Provincial Health Officer)



## Brodie Dawson & Friends in Concert in Herons

**NOVEMBER 20, 2021:** \$64/person, two course dinner and show. Limited capacity (50 guests). Join us for this Brodie Dawson & Friends dinner concert – it will be a wonderful, intimate evening!

Brodie Dawson was named 'Vocalist of the Year' at the Vancouver Island Music Awards, as well as nominated for 'Best Live Act' two years consecutively. She's a force to be reckoned with!

Brodie Dawson performs original 'soulful bluesy folk' tunes; her music has a little twang of old-school country.

You may recall Brodie from her previous female trio She Could Be Trouble, nominated for 'Group of the Year' by the Vancouver Island Music Fest and the BC Country Music Association.

Brodie is an authentic musical soul and

resident of the Comox Valley who's been making beautiful music for a couple of decades. She recently released the single 'Skip a Beat' from her upcoming third album, which was recorded in Nashville



pre-pandemic and is just now beginning its journey into the world.

We're super stoked for the whole album: the single is soulful and we love it! Brodie filmed and edited a music video for Skip a Beat – hope you enjoy it as much as we did!

## New Music Program For Kids!!

As many of you know, I have an extensive musical background. This all started when I was a toddler and my Mom enrolled me in a (new, back then) program called Music For Young Children. This program gave me the foundational music education that has served me well through my 37 cycles around the sun performing and teaching music. At MYC, we provide the best quality music education to young children by blending the pleasure and the joy of music making with sound instruction. Classes start this January!

**FREE DEMO CLASSES** (registration required):

**SUNRISE** (age 2-4): Nov. 20th, 10:30am @ 767c Smith rd.

**MOONBEAMS** (age 9-12) Nov. 27th, 10:30am @ 767c Smith rd.

**SUNRISE** (age 2-4): Dec. 4th, @ 1142 Ash St. \*\*this one is in town

More demo classes to come, for kids of all ages, in the new year for September enrollment.

For more info, contact Kate Alexandra - [movewithkate.ca](mailto:movewithkate.ca)



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over to Glasgow  
To try to resolve the climate  
crisis fiasco.  
Preaching their prophecies of  
gloom and doom  
It might help their cause if they  
met via zoom.  
Plane loads of  
environmentalists are not a  
solution  
Their travel contributes to the  
planet's pollution.  
It also increases the pandemic's  
spread.  
When we reach net zero half  
the world might be dead.  
Not quite the solution we had  
in mind,  
To our own transgressions we  
are usually blind.  
The carbon footprint leads back  
to the leaders,  
Profiteers, plunderers, the  
world's bottom feeders.  
They have stripped the planet  
down to the bone,  
Now the earth's natural balance  
is totally blown.  
We are one species, like birds  
of a feather.  
We flock together whatever the  
weather.  
Canaries in this coal mine we  
created on earth  
Now the rich race to space to  
find a new berth.  
Abandoning the planet they  
pillaged and raped  
To a mansion on Mars they  
would like to escape.  
Their rocket fuel increasingly  
depleting our ozone,  
Out there in space who really  
knows what goes on.  
Will our wanton waste ever  
come to an end  
Can this climate summit set a  
new world trend ?  
The gloves are off, the masks  
are on.  
Will it be a brave new world or  
armageddon.  
*Ann McLean*

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

When the ICAN Recycling team changed its name to Live Lightly, it was because we realized that we needed to rethink our consumer habits. We can't continue to live as George Carlin so aptly put it, "Home is the place where we keep our stuff while we go out and buy more stuff."

Check out the “re” poster. Go to <https://www.quadraican.ca> and click on ICAN Updates for the Live Lightly team. Study the poster. Here is a test. Take a photo of the completed puzzle and email it to the address below or fill in the paper version and drop it in the public box at Inspirations. Caution: There are four words in the puzzle that do not appear on the poster and two words on the poster have not been included in the puzzle. Tricky, eh?

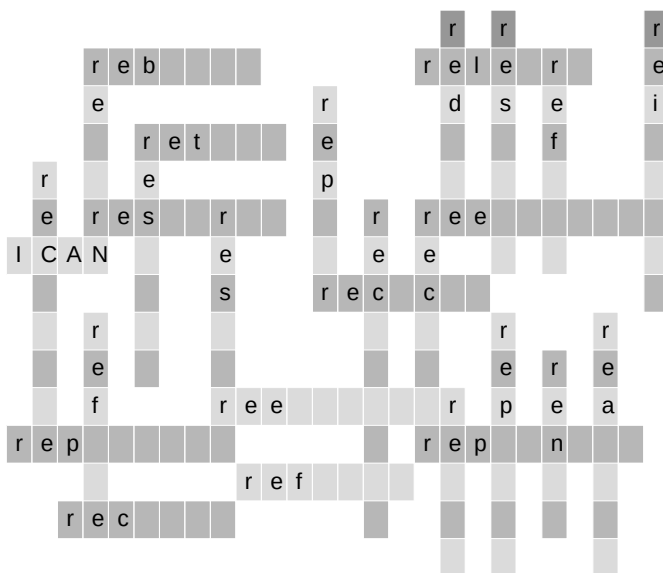
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## Quadra Philippines Connection News

Here is the latest update from Zeah Mae Paclay, one of the two students whose education Quadra Islanders are supporting in the northern Philippines through IAT (International Association for Transformation). This letter was written at the end of September but a more recent update follows Zeah Mae's letter written by IAT's social worker, Odessa Ngawoy.

### Dear Sponsors at Quadra Island Community,

Hello! A wonderful greeting to you! How are you my beloved sponsors? How is your weather too? My family circle and I hope and pray that you are always fine.

Here in our Barangay of Lacnog due to unexpected happenings our Integrated School had to close due to many positive cases of Covid-19. Almost all of our teachers were admitted and quarantined at Agbannawag Megia Kim Hospital including our Barangay chairman. The worst of it was that three of them died and that is why our elected officials declared a lockdown that began August 19th until this month of September. We are praying that this virus will now stop with the help of our Creator.

You know my dear sponsors that all of our family members have had illnesses in the past days. We took medicines and additional herbal medicine from our backyard garden. My mother is still suffering head ache and body pains because of seasonal flu and that is why I am the one who does everything lately like washing clothes, dishes, cleaning inside and outside our house and watering the plants. In our province of Kalinga many people have been suffering cough and head-ache over the past while. They do not go

to the hospital since you are required to have a Covid swab test which is very expensive. If you have a positive result you will be isolated in the public hospital which is not affordable for many. That is why we have been giving my mother herbal medicines for her flu. My siblings and I collected some leaves and boiled them for a few minutes. We then brought them to my mother, covered her with a blanket and steamed her. I have seen the importance of being available to help in the past while and see that "helping" plays a big role right now. That is why I hope you also feel my massive gratitude for your existence in my life!

Regarding my studies, our teachers started distributing our modules as of September 13th and I am so happy since I answered the first of them easily. I'm hoping that the next one will be the same. I am so excited about entering grade 8 and am expecting it will be more difficult compared to when I was in grade 7, especially since I have no gadgets to do my research. I sometimes ask my parents but they don't always know the answers so for now I will try to do the best in all of my activities. I know I always need to work as much as I can to be purposeful and helpful to everyone since the blessings that I receive are not from my personal hard work and gain. So I must return the benefits that others give to me such as you. I hope I will also make you proud along the way my dear sponsors. Thank you so much for everything and more blessings to you! Zeah Mae Paclay

### From Odessa Ngawoy written November 4th:

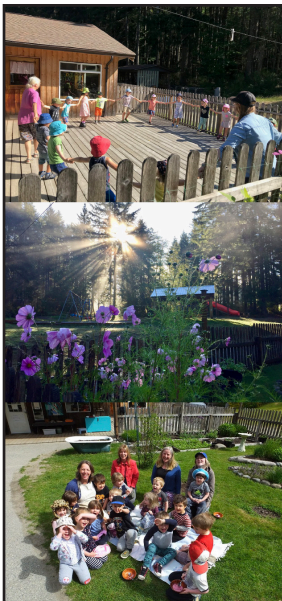
We are already experiencing the cold winds here brought by this nearing Christmas season. Thus, hot temperatures have reduced compared to past months.

Regarding the community of Lacnog, home of your sponsored students, Analiza and Zeah Mae, restrictions have finally been loosened after battling with the massive increase in their Covid 19 cases. Those who were financially able went to the hospital for testing but the majority of people suffered flu and treated themselves through traditional and herbal ways. The recent rapid change of weather in the Philippines in the last months of August and September has been widely recognized by many as the main reason for the increase in cases of flu in the country. Many are certain that this was due to global warming and climate change. But at present, things are now going better for the community. Unfortunately, illnesses and financial difficulties are a common hurdle that we have lived our whole life overcoming. Each of our scholars and their families have had their fair share of battles but as Filipinos, we thrive in the hard times and go through it victoriously smiling in the name of love, of hope and of our family.

Thank-you so much and praying that you are healthy and that your heart is always overflowing with joy, love and compassion!

Odessa Ngawoy

Since students are still attending classes on-line, any donations of new or used lap top computers would be greatly appreciated. These will be included in a container to be sent from IAT in Mill Bay to IAT Philippines before the end of the year. For more information about our Quadra Philippines Connection or to contribute to our ongoing support of Analiza and Zeah Mae, contact Carol at [cfoort@yahoo.com](mailto:cfoort@yahoo.com)



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## Fish and Watersheds in Crisis

One of the very few salmon bearing streams on Quadra Island, Hyacinthe Creek, has experienced only a few salmon coming up its waters in recent days. Their arrival has not been easy an easy journey!

Life for all adult salmon, for millennia, has been a series of survival challenges. Depending upon the species (6) life cycles range from 2 years (Pinks) to 7 years (Chinook). For new born salmon referred to as smolts or fry, making it from their Interior BC birth streams to salt water can be a month of learning to eat, to being flushed over waterfalls to then crash through whirlpools for a few kilometres downstream.

In the north Pacific hungry orca whales, dolphins, sea lions and various birds feed on their share of growing salmon. At this point, reports suggest perhaps 1 smolt per thousand reaches adult life.

In the past 120 years an unnatural cause of salmon deaths has been fleets of commercial boats, harvesting salmon by licenced fishers and the unregulated catch volumes by pirate fishers: all to feed billions of urban humans and their pets. Dr. Daryl Pauly in his book Vanishing Point, concludes that around the late 1990's the world reached the tipping point in fish harvesting!

In the past 25 plus years, making it past the Discovery Islands to Port Hardy smolts have been running the gauntlet of 35 plus Atlantic Fish Farms. With each farms' hungry stock of fish are clouds of sea lice. The sea lice, being parasites, suck the life out of many of the 10 cm. long wild smolts in the few weeks it takes to pass the farms. Added into with the sea lice are the 4 plus diseases breeding in the farmed fish and released into the wild coastal waters. Making it to the Pacific waters in the first months of life has been against most odds.

Showing up, in north Pacific waters around 2010, has been the "Blob" being a huge, multi-hundred square kilometers of warm waters with growing volumes of Algae. The decaying algae has reduced the oxygen for all aquatic life, leading to countless deaths of salmon and bottom fish. Warming waters have killed off more numbers of fish. (Salmonbusiness.com).

In 2021, coastal creeks have come thru 7 months of unprecedented declining water flow. Spring thru summer, Coho and Chinook smolts, need grow-up time in the creeks and lakes. Many Coho Fry, swimming in what were streams and pools in May, died from warm water and / or NO water by mid-summer.

12 communities, coastal to interior based are rallying to address the wild fish and water crisis. More communities are rallying to address the crisis!

What ALL communities have experienced is 40 years of the government's permitted clear cut harvesting and over cutting of the forests by major forest companies. The Forest Practices Board, independent of any environmental groups, has more than a few reports outlining the impacts of clear cut logging on watersheds: not meeting standards required in road building, ditching, stream setbacks the insufficient installation of a recommended number of culverts. When combined, the resulting effects include downstream landslides, high levels of stream siltation have killed salmon and other aquatic life, not to forget extensive flooding of villages and farmland.

Fifteen years of Professional Reliance on Industry, by the public and government has shown itself to be too easily manipulated by corporate greed and profit maximization.

Individuals, families, businesses are coming to realize that only through coming together as a united community, can we implement programs to rebuild and save the remaining natural resources: those of the feather, fur, forest and fin, relying on abundant, clean waters!

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## To Burn Or Not to Burn

There appears to be much confusion on our island about whether it is acceptable to burn yard waste from day to day. I am writing to provide links and phone numbers as well as some basic information about this subject.

Step 1: Check the local Quadra Island burning bylaws and check for burning bans (keep in mind we have a year round beach fire ban). Fire hazard level is on the sign in the Cove shopping complex. There are signs about bans on the local fire station halls. Or you can check the Quadra Fire Department website, Facebook page, or simply call them at 250-285-3262.

Step 2: Assuming there is no fire ban, am I then allowed to burn today? Check the Venting Index. The map (including map legend and additional info) can be found on their website at:

<https://tinyurl.com/jkfa6bc>

If you zoom into Quadra Island on the map and it's coloured in red, the map legend will tell you no burning is permitted.

If you zoom in and Quadra is in the green, you may burn that day for one day.

Simple!

Step 3: Assuming no fire ban and the ventilation index is ideal, is your burn pile an appropriate size and are the materials you intend to burn permitted? Everything you need to know about burn pile size etc can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/5frcztzx>

Remember-burning trash is never allowed and burning demolition material is never allowed. No stumps, no vegetation measuring more than 50 cm in diameter, within 500m from other homes, 1000m from schools and community care facilities, among other things. Check your smoke and don't add any material if you see it headed into your neighbour's house. Obviously this is common sense.

Category 3 fires (3 or more piles, piles larger than 2m high and 3m wide) require a permit, continuous

monitoring, and a fuel break.

You can call the RAPP (Report All Polluters and Poachers) for illegal open burning including trash burning at 1-877-952-RAPP or call the local fire department.

Fines are \$1150 and if a fire escapes and starts a wildfire fines are between \$100,000 and \$1 million and up to 1 year in jail.

Curious about what you are breathing while you're working in the yard and your neighbour is burning? Benzene and formaldehyde are two components. These also enter your home while refuelling your wood stove, if you have one.

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/publications/91br023.pdf>

Jonathan Bennett

## Graitude

I would like to thank Quadra for all of the kindness by calls, cards, gifts and toasts in the passing of Dick.

This community is amazing!

Peggy Whittington

## Thanks

I would like to take the opportunity thank Mr. Roman Krzaczek for his incredible diligence and dedication, providing our community with factual and useful information not only about real state but other subjects related to our community.

As a fairly new member of this community, I am grateful to have such an enthusiastic, energetic and knowledgeable realtor on the island. It's great to receive the latest rules, regulations, protocols and facts not only for buyers, sellers but, for all of us to keep well informed.

Mr. Krzaczek thank you again. Please keep up with your excellent work, care and dedication.

Sincerely, Teresa Soto

## Quadra Island Foundation Thanks Community for Initial Support

Reminder: donations by year-end generate charitable receipt for 2021 income tax

The year-old Quadra Island Foundation is sending heartfelt thanks to everyone who's shown support for the new community fund.

"We've had a number of island residents contact us to learn more about how to contribute, both by donating and by volunteering, and we want to share our gratitude for the initial response and interest," says QIF's board chair Michael Mascall. "One family has even revised their will to donate property to the foundation as a way of showing their love for Quadra."

Adds QIF treasurer Mich Hirano, "This is also a good time of year to remind our island friends, neighbours and businesses that donations are eligible for a charitable receipt, and that you have until the end of this year to make a donation related to your 2021 income tax."

Why give?

QIF secretary Matthew Kelly says there are so many reasons. "Share your gratitude for our community. Leave a legacy that makes a lasting, long-term impact. Sponsor a cause that's close to your heart. Lead and inspire others with your example of philanthropy. Donate in memory of someone special."

"Whatever your reason, Quadra Island Foundation welcomes your gift," adds Julie Douglas. "Thoughtful, committed and generous people can make a world of difference!"

"We'd also like to thank Quadra's Sarah James for her work on the QIF logo, and encourage everyone to stay tuned for an announcement coming soon about our website, also by Sarah," adds Jody Rodgers.

QIF's purpose is to establish a

permanent endowment fund that will generate income to provide grants for future projects that help the people, culture and environment of Quadra Island continue to thrive. Community members have already donated more than \$16,000 toward this fund, and the volunteer board plans to reach out to potential founding donors for larger contributions in the coming months.

"The Campbell River Community Foundation has grown a significant sustaining endowment fund over the years to support charitable works in our region," Hirano says. "Given the encouraging support so far, the Quadra Island Foundation endowment fund should grow to directly benefit our island community."

In its first year, QIF raised approximately \$33,000, with some designated donations to support specific community projects: \$2,000 Seniors Housing and more than \$9,000 to the ICAN solar panels project on Quadra Elementary School. Other funding came from the Strathcona Regional District through director Jim Abram, the Campbell River Community Foundation, the Coastal Community Credit Union, and Glasswaters Foundation. Those funds helped cover costs of website development and to register as a provincial society and as a charitable organization with Canada Revenue Agency.

Interested in supporting the Quadra Island Foundation? Send email to [info@quadraislandfoundation.ca](mailto:info@quadraislandfoundation.ca) or contact any of the board members named above.

Please direct telephone inquiries to Michael Mascall at 250.202.1968 or Mich Hirano at 250.285.3060.



The wind and rain and power outages and tornadoes and water spouts and colder mornings, seem to be the order of the day. Wish they'd give me a break! I still have firewood to get in and a bumper crop of maple leaves to be raked for next year's garden! Not to mention a hundred other jobs that still need doing outdoors. I'm still recovering and just not up to some of it. It will come.

Regional District business never stops and I am thankful for Zoom type meetings so that I don't need to add all that travel time and ferry waits to my days. But I am tired of this pandemic and wish we could turn the corner on that one. I have mentioned getting vaccinations many times in my reports and on Facebook and can only encourage all of you to get with the program. I'm going for my third dose next week. I hope all of you will do the same when you are notified that it is your turn. We can beat this monster if we all do our parts. It is abundantly clear to me that being unvaccinated is just not on.

## Fire Brigade for the outer islands

Some good news to start. The Surge Narrows Community Association (SNCA) has been having discussions with all and sundry ever since the fire of a number of months ago in the Owen Bay area on Sonora Island. Quick community response, later joined by BC Wildfire Service managed to put it out after a few days of back breaking work. SNCA has since asked that the SRD provide information on what it would take to put together a service that would deal with this type of situation in a remote area. Seemed like a simple ask, for information and a report back. It turned into a multi day number of emails and phone calls mostly due to the request going to the wrong department of the SRD. After realizing that I was not going to be able to move mountains and get it where it belonged in the bureaucracy, I dealt with it at the actual Board meeting and succeeded in having it passed so that staff can start working on it asap rather than wait until January which was the way the process would have gone otherwise. So by January we should have some informed discussion of this issue with facts to back it up.

## Remembrance Day Ceremony

This year's service is going to be altered significantly due to the COVID situation. There will be a limited indoor service with limited attendance, and a small luncheon. Vaccination cards will be required. Due to the health considerations of COVID, I will not

be attending but have arranged for the SRD to provide a nice wreath and it will be placed, on my behalf, by Sally Bradshaw. My sincere thanks to Sally for doing this for me. I am sure that the organizers will do their best to make it a wonderful celebration of those who gave their lives for our freedom and of all of those who serve us to this day. I sincerely regret not being able to attend. This is the first time I can remember that Wendy and I have not attended

## Local Doctor changes

Due to the relocation of one of our doctors at Harbourside Medical, I have been working with the remaining doctor and his staff to convince Island Health of the need to help fill this vacancy. As you may recall, I was heavily involved in the Medical Clinic possible closure a few years ago and had to work with their group of volunteers to convince the Ministry and Island Health to provide assistance and in the end we won. A Society was formed to deal with the details, a doctor was recruited and many other good things came to be.

I am positive that we can make this happen for Harbourside Medical. We cannot afford to lose any doctors on this island. They not only take care of Quadra but also have patients from the outer islands and Cortes. There are no doctors taking patients in Campbell River and very limited walk in availability. The alternative is the Emergency room of the CR Hospital and that is already over stressed due to COVID and all of the other daily

emergency needs. We will be meeting again this week with all the brass of Island Health. They have been very understanding and are trying to help us out of this crisis.

## Financial Planing time of year

Seems like we just finished one year's plan and we are on to the next. It is a five year Financial Plan but gets a complete update every year. We usually start in September and must be completed by March 31st. Lots of extra meetings and lots of presentations of various topics that are necessary to keep the SRD running and the work in our areas getting done. We have a number of meetings per month and the public can view the process on line as it happens.

Preliminary numbers indicate (from the word of staff) that our taxes will not go up this year. I always hate to say that because there are so many variables in the process. Some go up, some go down, some remain the same. We have no control over the Provincial contribution or the roads or policing or the Fire Department (which is a separate governing body and set their own rates). Things like the Library and 911 Corp. are also set by other boards. Just a reminder to keep things in perspective when you get your tax notice. I do my best to keep ours at a minimum but at times must give in to increases proposed by staff since the need is there to provide the service. The results are seven months away so don't panic yet!

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## Connected Coast Initiative

The official opening took place last week in Campbell River and the cable laying ship was also tied up there ready to get to work. I was unable to attend due to the COVID situation. The news release is posted here and you can read about it at your leisure: <https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/news?newsid=8467>

So we are on our way to truly spectacular internet service all along the coast. I am very proud of this finally happening after 25 years of lobbying for it and 5 years of working with the SRD as a "Strategic Priority" to finally make it happen. I am being told we are only months away.

## Recycling update

As many of you know, we have been working tirelessly with the Comox Valley Waste Management Service (CVWMS) and with our local group, ICAN, to rework our recycling service to provide the best service possible so that most items can be deposited here on Quadra without expensive trips to CR. We were supposed to have two in person meetings here on Quadra in the past month but both were cancelled with concerns around COVID. The CVWMS agreed with my request then keep the survey on the website and the survey open for a longer period to get as much input as possible without the public meetings. I regretted losing the public meetings, but it was really required with the COVID situation the way it is. So far, the only negative feedback I have heard is the shortening of the hours of operation, a feeling that I share. I am in conversation with the Service at this time to see if we can stretch those hours to ones that meet our needs. This is one of the main reasons I have objected to the program all along. So wish me luck and submit that comment if you agree. We are only being given 20 hours at this time but I am trying for quite a bit more.

## Community Docks

I have been working with staff for a number of years now and the fire at Owen Bay has given some energy to the discussion. We need a salt water fire pump at each of our community wharves and that is what we are doing. It will be in the budget (mentioned earlier). Surge Narrows, Owen Bay and Port Neville are docks that were divested to us from Transport Canada a number of years ago after years of negotiations. So those three docks will get pumps provided by the funds that were part of that negotiated deal and the money that came with them. The other dock at Evans Bay will have one installed from the Parks function since we had to put it into the Parks function for various long winded reasons. We have already installed one at the Granite Bay dock a number of years ago paid for out of the Parks function. All of these pumps are top of the line recommended by locals with expertise and with supplier contacts. Once again, COVID has slowed things down due to supply across the country and also the horrible fire season we have just been through. But we are back on track.

## Grant money opportunity

We were just notified that we could apply for the next round of Green Infrastructure funding from senior Government. There were two obvious areas with projects that needed doing. This went through the Board last week. Area D (south of CR) will be applying for funds to install water meters in the north of their area. This is a much needed project and has missed out on past opportunities. And Area C (that's us, folks!) has two projects that meet the criteria for the funding. So, since we are only allowed one project per area, we had to choose between a new sewage plant for Q. Cove and the proposed water system for Q. Cove. The first is about four million dollars and the latter is a minimum estimate of around

fifteen million dollars (an estimate only). Since there is only so much money in the pot, the Board and staff recommended that we go for the lesser of the two since we would be more likely to get it. So, we did! We are now applying for a new plant before the old one packs it in and puts the entire Cove at risk of serious harm and expense. Fingers crossed! The water system will need to wait for the next program and hopefully we will be ready to apply at that time.

## Conclusion

I always think I can get away with a short report and then I look at the issues of the last two weeks and find it is impossible. This does not take into account all of the emails calls, Zoom meetings and Provincial and Federal and First Nation committees that I am on and attend about once a week.

I do hope that everyone is hunkered down and warm and safe and also I hope that all of you have been able to get your second (and third, where appropriate) vaccination against this plague that is disrupting our lives so incredibly. Get vaccinated, get your passports and let's move on, OK!

For the time being, while I am recovering from my injury, please email me rather than the other choices. After that, feel free to contact me between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends or holidays, folks!) at 285-3333, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at [jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca) or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... You can read occasional updates on issues that I will post on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/JimAbram>, but please do not use this medium as a way to communicate regarding SRD business.

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## October in Real Estate

The monthly statistics for the month of October just came out and I'd like to share some quotes from them with my favourite Discovery Islander readers.

I understand some people don't like how these reports are written, based on feedback I have received, because it's dry facts and numbers. I think there's some room for that kind of information here because numbers typically don't lie. Quite honestly I'm a little bored of them myself because we are being told for years now that inventory is historically low and the supply needs to come up. It seems like this is an issue all across the country, not just in our province.

Here are some quotes from the reports published by the real estate boards:

### Campbell River

The predominant theme running through the housing market in the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) area is one of "different month, same issues."

Buyers continue to face frustrating hurdles caused by historically low inventory, with little relief in sight. Active listings of single-family homes were 46 per cent lower last month than in October 2020 and dropped by 18 per cent from September- as per VIREB Report.

In Campbell River, the benchmark price of a single-family home hit \$663,000 in October, up by 29 per cent from the previous year.

### Quadra Island

Quadra Island saw 1 listing sold (pending completion) and 2 new listings.

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### Cortes Island

Cortes Island also saw only 1 listing sold (pending completion) in October.

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### Calgary

Calgary Real Estate Board recorded 2,186 sales in October, a record high for the month and over 35 per cent higher than longer-term averages. Year-to-date sales are on pace to hit new record highs and are currently 61 per cent

higher than average activity recorded over the past five years and 42 per cent higher than 10-year averages.

"Moving into the fourth quarter, the pace of housing demand continues to exceed expectations in the city," said CREB® chief economist Ann-Marie Lurie.

Thanks to gains in most districts, detached home sales improved by 17 per cent compared to last year. The strongest sales growth this month occurred in the North East and East districts, which are the most affordable districts in the city.

In October, the detached price reached \$540,900, up nearly one per cent compared with last month and over 10 per cent higher than levels reported last October.

The semi-detached benchmark price rose to \$427,800 this month, nearly nine per cent higher than last year's levels.

### Vancouver

Home sale activity in Metro Vancouver\* remained above historical averages in October while the overall supply of homes for sale dipped to levels not seen in three years.

"Home sale activity continues to outpace what's typical for this time of year and the pool of homes available for sale is in decline. This dynamic between supply and demand is causing home prices to continue to edge up across the region," Keith Stewart, REBGV economist said.

The benchmark price for a detached home is \$1,850,500. This represents a 20.5 per cent increase from October 2020.

The benchmark price of an apartment home is \$746,400. This represents a 9.5 per cent increase from October 2020.

The benchmark price of an attached home is \$975,000. This represents an 18.5 per cent increase from October 2020.

### Toronto

Home sales in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) reached the second-highest level on record for the month of October. However, the inventory of homes for sale did not keep up with demand. The number of new listings was down by approximately one-third compared to October 2020. Market conditions tightened across all major home types compared to last year, and the annual rate of average price growth remained in the double digits, including for the resurgent condominium apartment segment.

The average price for a detached home in area (416) is \$1,784,979.

The average price of a semi-detached home (416) is \$1,322,229.

The average price of a townhouse (416) is \$1,025,257.

The average price of a condo (416) is \$739,647, as reported by the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TREBB)

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# Hyper-Normalization

Adam Curtis, writing in an undated edition of *Adbusters*, raises an issue that we should all consider. “‘Hyper-normalization’ is a word that was coined by a brilliant Russian historian who was writing about what it was like to live in the last years of the Soviet Union. What he said, which I thought was absolutely fascinating, was that in the 80s everyone from the top to the bottom of Soviet society knew that it wasn’t working, knew that it was corrupt, knew that the bosses were looting the system, knew that the politicians had no alternative vision. And they knew that the bosses knew that they knew that. Everyone knew it was fake, but because no one had any alternative vision for a different kind of society, they just accepted this sense of total fakeness as normal. And this historian, Alexei Yurchak, coined the phrase ‘hyper-normalization’ to describe that feeling.”

The environmental mess we are making of our planet has uncomfortable parallels to the “hyper-normalization” that Alexei Yurchak identified in the Soviet Union in the 1980s. Some people who recognized the similarity had hoped that the constraints imposed to contain the Covid-19 pandemic would initiate a careful assessment of the wisdom of returning to the old dysfunctional “normal”. But, alas, this isn’t happening and the social, economic and political habits that are traumatizing Earth’s ecological structure are being mistakenly defined as “recovery”.

“Recovery” is a return to the conditions that are environmentally, socially, economically and politically suicidal—a word that might seem extreme until we remember history’s lesson that all cultures, despite their sense of confidence, are actually quite precariously balanced on the edge of disorder, and may well be stressed to collapse by unpredictable

events. Our globally integrated civilization of the 21st century is certainly not wanting for lurking, actual or unfolding surprises: the onslaught of extreme weather anomalies, a nuclear holocaust, food shortages, massive refugee migrations, psychological stresses, political discord, wealth inequality, incessantly rising sea levels, acidifying oceans, species extinctions, and others for which we may be wholly unprepared—such as Covid-19. But, if we are honest, we actually know that we are in a condition of hyper-normalization. We consume too much. We pollute too much. We travel too much. We waste too much. We eat too much. Our economic system has no sense of proportion or limits. Our materialistic demands, both innate and cultivated, have become a compulsive neurosis that is dismantling the very security we are trying to keep. The warnings are screaming from countless alarms. Even the ultra-wealthy, who are too myopic and narcissistic to notice, are beginning to feel a hollow and desperate searching that empties their indulgences of satisfaction. What can they do with more money than they can spend? What can they change with more power than they know how to use? What can they improve when they themselves are the problem?

So they continue searching for more of the oil, coal and gas that is incinerating both themselves and everything else. Or they throng to the top of Mount Everest to get in line to reach the summit. Or they celebrate their affluence with a ten minute trip on Blue Origin to the edge of space to experience zero gravity, for a regular fee of a few hundred thousand dollars and a personal contribution to the high atmosphere of 50 to 70 tonnes of carbon dioxide. Meanwhile, arranged below them—now spatially as well as socially and economically—is the wreckage of the

struggling poor and the labouring middle class who try to pay their taxes to make society function for the betterment of everyone.

Hyper-normalization is aware of these anomalies but fails to do anything about them. In the case of the Soviet Union, perhaps no one was able to think of an option. But this is not the case in our sophisticated and technological Western cultures. We know exactly what to do, and we even know how to do it. We just lack the resolve and the imagination to recognize the course we need to be setting. What we do today will determine what happens to us, to our children and to their children in the tomorrows that will keep coming. More than at any other time in human history we are in control of the future of ourselves and our descendants. So we have to ask ourselves if this is the future that they deserve.

For the moment, we are rich beyond riches. Our supermarkets and our superstores are crammed with treasures that were unimaginable a mere century ago. Our medical sciences are not even comparable to the butchery of the past. Our technologies stagger even the imagination. Our instantaneous communication links us into a single human family that we struggle to make whole and harmonious. Our massive quantities of information connect us to the integrity of nature at the very moment that we are ripping it apart by our profligacy. If we are so sophisticated and accomplished, why do we continue on this doomsday trajectory?

Are we the challenge that is too difficult for us to overcome? Possibly so, if we don’t shed the illusions that keep us from confronting the reality of ourselves and our situation. This is the question that the COP 26 meeting in Glasgow is trying to answer. The soaring oratory is memorable, but nature doesn’t understand talk and intentions.

An existential lie stirs in the interior of hyper-normalization, a tragic denial that refuses to recognize and acknowledge the actual unfolding of events. The prognosis for this condition is not good. Looming threats that are not addressed become inevitabilities. Too late yields the same tragic results as indifference. And this is a time in human history when we are running out of time.

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is something for everyone with Joe Trio. An entertaining and delightful show that everyone will love. When we programmed Joe Trio with the Victoria Symphony our audience loved them. Go and enjoy it."

Joe Trio returns to play at the Quadra Community Centre on Sunday afternoon, November 21st at 2:30 p.m.

Advance tickets are available for \$17 at Inspirations. Tickets at the door are \$20. Seating will continue to be limited to 50% capacity. Proof of vaccination will be required and masks will need to be worn in the hall. There will not be a concession but feel free to bring your own snack and beverage.

## Campbell River School District Will Not Mandate COVID-19 Vaccination for Staff

CAMPBELL RIVER, BC – After careful consideration and discussion at a special in-camera meeting on November 8, the Campbell River School District Board of Education will not mandate COVID-19 vaccines for staff.

"Throughout the pandemic, our board has been committed to following the guidance and expertise of our health professionals and our decision today is based on the most current information provided by these experts," says John Kerr, Campbell River School District board chair.

Information provided by the North Island Medical Health Officer showed that communities served by the school district have high vaccination rates that continue to rise daily, with over 88% of those eligible already having received one dose and 83% being fully vaccinated.

And while a vaccine mandate for K-12 staff is one of many interventions available, health officials advised it would have a limited impact on transmission rates because of the already high community vaccination rate, adherence to public health measures, and the fact that schools are not a primary source

of COVID-19 cases within the community.

The board also considered how a vaccine mandate could impact the delivery of education and education programs and reviewed the K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies developed by the Ministry of Education, BC Public School Employers' Association and the provincial advisory group.

"We have a responsibility to keep schools open while providing a safe learning environment. Public health has assured us that our schools continue to be low-risk settings and we do not need 100% vaccination rates for safe operation; as evidenced by the fact that since March 2020, the district has had COVID exposure notices but no known cases of in-school transmission.

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Friday	13:04	4.9	16.1
	19:45	3.0	9.8
	23:59	3.5	11.5
<b>13</b>	06:18	1.9	6.2
Saturday	13:47	4.8	15.7
	20:35	2.6	8.5
<b>14</b>	01:34	3.6	11.8
Sunday	07:26	2.2	7.2
	14:23	4.8	15.7
	21:17	2.2	7.2
<b>15</b>	02:55	3.8	12.5
Monday	08:28	2.5	8.2
	14:54	4.7	15.4
	21:52	1.9	6.2
<b>16</b>	04:06	4.0	13.1
Tuesday	09:25	2.8	9.2
	15:22	4.6	15.1
	22:24	1.6	5.2
<b>17</b>	05:05	4.3	14.1
Wed.	10:18	3.1	10.2
	15:47	4.6	15.1
	22:54	1.4	4.6
<b>18</b>	05:55	4.6	15.1
Thursday	11:09	3.4	11.2
	16:10	4.5	14.8
	23:23	1.2	3.9
<b>19</b>	06:39	4.8	15.7
Friday	11:56	3.6	11.8
	16:32	4.4	14.4
	23:52	1.1	3.6
<b>20</b>	07:20	4.9	16.1
Saturday	12:41	3.7	12.1
	16:53	4.3	14.1
<b>21</b>	00:22	1.0	3.3
Sunday	08:00	4.9	16.1
	13:26	3.8	12.5
	17:17	4.3	14.1
<b>22</b>	00:56	1.0	3.3
Monday	08:40	4.9	16.1
	14:14	3.9	12.8
	17:45	4.2	13.8
<b>23</b>	01:32	1.0	3.3
Tuesday	09:23	4.9	16.1
	15:10	3.9	12.8
	18:19	4.0	13.1
<b>24</b>	02:12	1.1	3.6
Wed.	10:08	4.8	15.7
	16:20	3.8	12.5
	19:00	3.9	12.8
<b>25</b>	02:55	1.3	4.3
Thursday	10:55	4.8	15.7
	17:32	3.6	11.8
	19:55	3.7	12.1
<b>26</b>	03:43	1.5	4.9
Friday	11:43	4.8	15.7
	18:35	3.4	11.2
	21:21	3.5	11.5

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