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Next Deadline 7 pm Monday March 22nd



On the cover:

The harbringers of spring have arrived!!

Photo: Philip Stone



Quadra Island Recreation Society Events and Workshops

Check out our new website! www.quadrarec.bc.ca

Mitlenatch Field Naturalists—Bob Sutherland's favourite trip photos. March 12, 8 p.m.

The last and final fundraiser for the skatepark: Skater, teen dance to the Top Heavy Cats and another new band from Quadra, Saturday, March 13. This is not a family dance!

Friday Flicks present: Rupert's Land, Friday March 19, 7:45.

Deep Fried Dreams, a Victoria Fringe Festival hit is coming to the Island. From greasy take-out cuisine to legion hall stardom, Zelma bares her big dreams and slim chances. With a handful of clams, a sprinkling of songs and a heap of hearty advice this brash and fun loving Acadian woman dares to „dream it, believe it, do it!%. Saturday, March 20 8 p.m.

Brenda Dempsey will give a two day Shiatsu workshop, April 3rd and 10th. This is a relaxing and invigorating massage technique. Jin Shin Do neck and shoulder release and chakra balancing will also be explored. Bring a blanket and lunch. It is 9:30-4:30 and the cost is \$75. Phone Brenda to pre-register at 285 3054.

May Day planning meeting, Tuesday April 6, 10 a.m. Can,t make it at this time? Phone 285 3243 and let,s talk. This is the first meeting to form a committee. Keep the tradition alive: get involved! Meet people, have fun, see results, be in the in crowd...hey what more is there in life?

Friday Flicks present: Dirty, Friday April 9, 7:45.

Dog Obedience registration, Monday April 12, 7 p.m. Debbie Mortimer, 285 3654.

Mitlenatch Field Naturalists presents slides on "Life of a Wilderness Deweller" Friday, April 16, 8 p.m.

Quadra Singers, Spring concert, Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m.

Quilting Workshop April 28, 29, and May 1. Shirley Duncan has the information 285 3787.

The Cultural committee presents: „Progressive Manoeuvres%~S.F.U. dance graduates perform, Friday April 30, 8 p.m.

Improvisational Theatre Workshop with Maury Fraser, Sat. May 8, 10~4 p.m. Participants will learn the sport of script less theatre games, accessing the spontaneity of in the moment comedy. You will play various games and do exercises in a fun, non-judgmental environment. Maury was trained by the Vancouver Theatre Sports League. Suitable for 10 years old to adult. Bring lunch. Cost is \$40. Pre-register with Brenda Dempsey at 285 3054.

Support the next generation: „Walk-for-tots!%, is a fund-raising walk-athon for Parents and Tots, organized by Trish Primrose at 285 2808. It,s happening at Rebecca Spit, Saturday May 15.

Island Calendar

•Every Sunday

-Winter Market
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Community Centre

March 13, Sat.

-Skateboarders Dance-Top Heavy Cats

Community Centre

March 20, Sat.

-Comedy 'Deep Fried Dreams'
8:00 p.m.

Community Centre

March 21, Sun.

-„Spring in Souls"
7:30 p.m.

United Church

March 24, Wed.

-Quadra Conservancy AGM
7:30 p.m.

Quadra School

March 25, Thur.

-Y2K Video & Information Meeting
8:00 pm

Community Centre

March 27, Sat.

-April Point Furnishings Auction
6pm viewing, 8pm start
-„Lipschticks" Female impersonators
8:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Quadra Legion

March 28, Sun.

-Church Planning Meeting
7:30 pm

United Church

April 17, Sat.

-Whirlwind Family Dance
8:00 p.m.

Community Centre

April 18, Sun.

-Lance Woods
7:30 p.m.

United Church

April 28 & 29

-Quilting Class

ph.Shirley@3787, Karla@2393

Springtime Impermanence Update

Buddhist Meditations on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month (1999) are now at 552 Noble Rd., at 10:00 am. 2nd Sunday at Joy Inglis' house, 3rd Sunday at Dan Bingham's house. Any questions? Call 285-2882

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News & Events

Mitlenatch Events

"Favorite Photos, Favorite Places". Nature slides from around the world with Bob Sutherland. Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Lecture, Friday, March 12, at 8 pm at the Quadra Community Hall "Pub to Pub Birding Hike" with Betty Brooks. Meet on Saturday, March 27, at 9:30 am at Discovery Foods on the Iland Highway, near Oyster River. Phone Mitlenatch Field Naturalists for more information - Marion McMeekin.

Y2K Video and Information Meeting

Thursday, March 25 at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Centre. Featuring a powerful, informative 30 minute documentary on **The Millennium Bug**.

Includes an interview with Bob Bemer, father of word processing, the man who made 2-digit programming possible and now regrets it. Learn more about embedded generic microchips, where they are and how this can effect you. Question, answers and discussion to follow. How can we prepare for disruptions of power, food supplies, fuel etc.? Small donation appreciated.

United Church

Quadra Island United Church invites you to the evening service on **Sun. March 21 at 7:30 p.m.** Dawn Wood from Saturna Island will present "Spring in Souls". You are also invited to a meeting on **March 28 at 7:30 p.m.** to plan a 120th birthday celebration for the church! Everyone welcome.

Les Bucherons:

rousing variety show

With songs, dance and varied musical instruments such as flute, guitar, harmonica, bones, jaw harp, musical saw and of course, wooden spoons, join Les Bucherons for a celebration of French Canadian culture where the audience is immersed in the spirit of a traditional family party. Traditional reels and jigs are blended with zany songs, stories and skits in a tribute to French Canadian lumberjacks and to all cultural enthusiasts who are fully alive. Tickets for Les Bucherons are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors/students and are available at the Tidemark Theatre Box Office, noon-5 pm Tuesday-Saturday. Call 287-PINK to charge by phone.

Children's Festival

The Tidemark Theatre's Annual Children's Festival has proven to be a summer favourite and will once again be held for the 9th year in a row. On July 1st, from 10 am to 4pm, it's going to be the highlight of Campbell River's summer, but the help of the community is needed.

As a leader in the "arts for young audiences", the Tidemark Theatre's Annual Children's Festival strives every year to present an exciting and exuberant programme. Known for its wonderful mix of children's talent, the festival organizers are **making an open call** for talented jugglers, mime artists, magicians, story tellers, musicians and dancers and virtually any form of children's entertainment. Contact Jo Watson at **923-3500** before April 15th.

Each year, the festival is located directly in front of the Tidemark Theatre with the city street blocked off from the Royal to All Occasion Florists. The area is jam packed with hands on activity centres, safety information, street entertainment and much more. The concept is simple: Let it be affordable, family-oriented and the most fun a body can have in one day for only a twoonie.

Enthusiastic and hard-working organizers and volunteers have made this festival a great occasion to stimulate the imagination and creativity of young people.

BC Seniors Games Zone 2 Information

BC Seniors Games event playdowns begin in March: if you haven't already done so, send your Membership Application form along with \$10 to Aileen Foan, Membership Secretary. Application forms, information regarding playdowns and locations may be obtained from your Area Rep. or from the Event Coordinators.

Zone 2 will be arranging bus transportation to the Elk Valley for the 1999 Games (August 25-28) if sufficient numbers request--advise your Area Rep. if you are interested. This should be a fun-filled trip, and we know the three communities of Fernie, Sparwood and Elkford will each provide top hospitality, entertainment, as well as the Seniors Games. Encourage your friends to join you in this activity. In this, the "International Year of the Older Person", let's support each other, participate to our fullest capability, and have fun doing it! For more information please contact your Area Rep., **Area 5 (Campbell River/North) Gord Bowman (250) 923-6513**

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Spring Break Event

The Museum at Campbell River offers a special children's event during Spring Break week. Children are invited to learn and play iLahal n̄ the Guessing Game on Wednesday March 17 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The instructor is Laverne Puglas.

Lahal is a game that is played by the West Coast, Coast Salish and the Kwakwaka'wakw people. The Coast Salish call the game Lahal. Lahal is a popular tournament game which is played every two years at the Kwakwaka'wakw Summer Games. The Campbell River Laichwiltach First Nations team is the defending champion.

Lahal is usually played as a gambling game by two matched teams. There can be any number of players. Materials consist of 2 sets of bones and 7 sticks per team. One team tries to confuse the other by hiding the bones behind their backs, under clothing and switching hands. Each team designates a pointer who tries to guess who has the bones and in which hand. If the pointer guesses correctly, the bones are won over to his or her team. The idea is to win all the bones over to your side. During the game each team has their own Lahal songs to sing.

Laverne Puglas is Laichwiltach First Nations of the Campbell River Band. Her father Sam Henderson and mother May Henderson were great cultural inspirations in her life. Puglas and her children also learn a great deal of First Nations culture from her brother, Dan Henderson. Puglas is a Culture/Youth Worker for the Laichwiltach Family Life Society. She believes in the importance of her work and the future of our youth.

Pre-Register for iLahal n̄ the Guessing Game at the museum by Sunday March 14th. The cost is \$8.00 per child, ages 7 n̄ 12 years. Museum members receive a 10% discount. The museum is located at 5th Avenue and Island Highway. For more information call 287-3103.

Quadra Island Cultural Committee Presents

The Quiring String Quartet

Celebrate the Spring Equinox at TsaKwaLuten Lodge, with lunch and a performance by the Quiring String Quartet. On Sunday, March 21st, at 2:30 PM, as part of the Sunday Afternoon Classical Concert Series, the Quartet will bring its unique combination of talents to Quadra Island.

The Quiring String Quartet has performed for seven years. Reginald Quiring, violinist, Angela Quiring, violinist, Cameron Wilson, violinist, and Finn Manniche, cellist, have extensive concert and recording experience. Reginald has been principle violinist with Vancouver Symphony, Quebec Symphony and the Vancouver Opera Orchestras. His chamber music activities include The Little Chamber Music Series That Could and the Quiring Quartet.

Angela has played with the VSO and the Quiring Quartet, and has taken part in the popular musicals, Ragtime, Showboat and Sunset Boulevard. As producer and founder of Septext, she recently created a project called "Schumann Brahms Schumann", which won "Best of the Fringe" and will be re-mounted in Halifax next February.

Cameron Wilson is a member of the both the VSO and Joe Trio. He has been with the Vancouver Celtic Funk Band and Mad Pudding, and continues to freelance as a composer and arranger. His studio work has included the recordings of Raffi, Charlotte Diamond and Spirit of the West, and he was featured on the Lonesome Dove TV series.

As well as his work with the Quiring Quartet, Finn Manniche plays guitar with the Jazzmanian Devils and cello with the Armadillo String Quartet. He has recently performed on the recording "Since When" by 54.40.

To make reservations for luncheon and concert, please call 285-2042 before March 17th. Inclusive prices are \$20.95 for adults, \$17.95 for seniors and \$12.95 for students under 18. For the concert only, prices at the

The Final Auction...!

This is it - the final auction of surplus furnishings from April Point Resort. And guess what? The best has been left to the last! Several Community Centre Addition Project committee members were at the Resort to look over the items being donated for a fundraising auction to benefit CCAP. Don Prittie, manager for April Point, which is owned by Oak Bay Marine Group, said that the resort is a vital part of Quadra Island and wanted to contribute its share to help meet the needs of the community.

Committee members were delighted by the wide assortment of items, and particularly by their good condition.

With those fearsome storms behind us and spring on our doorstep, it will soon be time to renovate, to spruce up and fix up that guest cottage, the children's room, the rental suite, the office, the living room, the lakeside cottage - whatever.

Here is a sample of some of the really worthwhile items you can bid on: desks, upholstered chairs, coffee tables, floor and table lamps, curtains and pictures. There will also be single beds and mattresses, 3 and 4 drawer chests and washbasins set into vanities; mirrors and shower stalls. Other useful items will be doors, small wood-frame windows, wood veneer panelling, acorn fireplaces, outdoor lighting fixtures and more.

Don't miss out on this unique auction where everything must go. The date is **Saturday, March 27th, 1999**. The place is the **Community Centre on Quadra Island**. Advance viewing will begin at **6 p.m.**, with bidding starting at **8 p.m.** Be there for some great bargains at this final auction! Refreshments available.

2 Potential Jobs

The North Island Therapeutic Riding Society has two potential job positions with the Human Resources Job Creation Program. E.I. eligibility requirements must be met within the last three years. Job #1 is for a carpenter at \$16.00 an hour and supervising and Job #2 assistant carpenter at \$12.00 an hour. This is a three week job starting March 29. Please call Vicki at **285-2240**

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Deep Fried Dreams.

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On **March 20**, a great one woman comedy called Deep Fried Dreams is coming to the Quadra Community Centre. I saw this show at the Victoria Fringe Festival with other members of Off the Rock Theatre and we found it hilarious. Patricia Leger is a wonderful actress, with a great singing voice, who carries the show with pizzazz and energy. Patricia plays Zelma, an employee at a New Brunswick greasy spoon take-out joint that advertises "free Tums with each pizza order". Zelma's tired of serving pizzas, deep fried clams and well-done but not burnt hamburgers, but she has a wicked sense of humour and she's got dreams. This is a flamboyant romp suitable for all ages.

I wish we could persuade more Fringe productions to come to Quadra. We should certainly take advantage of the opportunity to see this one. Patricia is touring on her own and members of Quadra Players are assisting her with lighting and sound. Watch for the great posters. Tickets are only \$8, available at the door. Show time is **8 p.m. on Saturday, March 20**.

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Deposits can also be made at Quadra Credit Union to Account # 91258-4

Calling All Writers

All writers are invited to a dinner meeting at the Lovin' Oven on March 30th, 6pm (our last attempt at meeting was snowed out). This will be an opportunity to offer your input and ideas towards creating a direction and planning future activities for a revitalized writer's group. What do you want and need as an active writer?

Come for an evening of fun and discussion. For more information contact Diane 285-3859

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Canadian Cancer Society need volunteers for canvassing on Quadra Island in April. Just a few hours of your time can make a difference. Phone Shirley - 285-3143.

"Lipschticks"

At the Legion: all the usual great stuff PLUS "Lipschticks" female impersonators back by popular de-manned! **March 27.** Tickets in advance \$6, at the door \$7. Starts at 8:00 p.m.

Win a Ferry and Dock

In the Quadra Island Pre-school raffle!

1st Prize - Hand-crafted Wooden Ferry and Docks

2nd Prize - Tote and Craft Supplies

3rd Prize - Children's Nature Book

4th Prize - Children's Wooden Toolbox

Draw Date is April 24th. Tickets can be purchased at the pre-school and from those involved with the pre-school. Many thanks to draw contributors, Rick Burnett, Book Bonanza and Vic Burns.

Thanks also to all of you who showed your support and came out to the swing dance. Campa Big Band was fabulous and the gumboot dancers were very fun. A successful fund-raiser!

Quadra Island Pre-school offers a unique and stimulating experience for young children. If you are interested in learning more about our school or would like to register, contact Marilyn at 285-3528 or the pre-school Mon. to Thurs., 9:00 to 12:30 at 285-3711.

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Island Forum

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the comments made about the logging operation that took place on Quadra Island, Bold Point.

I saw and experienced first hand, the results of this area after the windstorm on Bold Point Rd. and the vicinity. My concern is how one or more person's remarks can effect a whole community. The articles published in the C.R. paper and the Quadra community paper were more focused on "Finger pointing and name calling", rather than investigating the situation as a whole.

Comments such as; "Only butchers could create such carnage", "only blow downs were caused by bad logging and Rampant environmental abuse for pure profit must stop!"

The use of this terminology is very effective, But...it also creates a problem. It is very biased since there are a lot of factors to take place especially in this situation.

Our environment is a serious concern, but educating people is just as important.

I personally have logged for years, I am a butcher, very active in wildlife/forestry conservation. I feel upset when individuals do not look at the whole picture, instead they expand on one point and take it too far.

Loggers who fall trees especially in this province where the trees are massive towers I guarantee they are not inexperienced, "Green Horns".

Loggers do think! Especially in this dangerous occupation, Their job consists of a lot of considerations. The very moment they look up at their tree they take in account of many obstacles. Not \$\$\$\$ as the tree hits the ground!

I understand clear cut is not pretty, neither my hair cut can look good right away, but it grows in and takes shape not overnight, but eventually.

My question is, do many people even think about the positive effects of logging? Or are they just going to compare it to a profession they still only know a small fraction of. It is too expensive to have carnage in the meat industry.

Once the forest canopy closes sunlight and rain cannot filter through to any significant degree, and the small plants that provide game with food and cover cannot grow. There are many wild life animals that cannot live in such dense forests, so logging can open up new habitat for a different species. Racoons, woodchucks, rabbits, squirrels, moles, shrews, newts, game birds and others do not live in condos they live in hollow logs, stumps, wolf trees etc.

Creating open spaces where small plants can thrive allows an abundant of these critters to take up refuge, there will be larger game and predator birds to graze these enriched areas. More wildlife will benefit from that particular location.

Prior to the logging operation in the Bold

Point area was there any individual that took their time to tag very old trees, did they coordinate their efforts with the logging companies, provide maps of tree species that provide food and cover.

Loggers are human too they have a heart and from my experience they enjoy more wildlife recreation than most people do.

If the logging crew knew some of the concerns in specific areas prior to that tree going down they may just pass on the section of trees. Sometimes it takes only a phone call, prior to the elimination of the trees.

This particular logging operation was a serious Eye sore. Not an Aftermath, now that is very disturbing! It was a shame to see those trees go down, but they are down and all we can do is prevent this eye sore from occurring. Educate each other!

Our lands will grow stronger, bloom and rejuvenate and that is an Act of God!

R. Olsen

The Editor

Strong Men Required

I've been faced with the same question for many years, with really no honest answer to the question. The question is: When will males, really strong men unite and start saying no to the violence which is perpetrated by other MALES ?

80% of Canadian males do not molest their children, yet the gold reputation of these well meaning, wholesome fathers is blackened by the 20% of fathers, uncles, grandfathers who have molested their children. In the 1990's, well meaning fathers have learned to shy away from hugging their child or grandchild Teachers, coaches, scout leaders don't dare give a child a pat on the back for a task well done, or a hand on the shoulder for support in troubled times..

It is not 100%, but the majority is a fact: males are the majority of defaults when it comes to family support payments. Males are the rapists! Males are the ones who use very strong fists and back-hands in domestic disputes! Males are the majority of child molesters! Males are the ones who pull the trigger, swing a machete or push a button to launch rockets, missiles, grenades.

Males are the attackers and males dominate in killing !!

Males dominate corporate directorships which push for labour practices of no washroom breaks, child labour, no child care, sexual attacks. Males have have established wage rates which discriminate against women, for equal duties. Males put up their feet after work, the women make the

meals, clean-up and attend parent-teacher nights.

Males are treated as stud heros for the number of females they are able to bed yet the female is considered "loose, a prostitute, easy"

The timely question is: When will men get together, forming an energy which will unclench the fist, take the finger off the trigger or machete, stop raping their brother's wife, sister, mother or child?

Let's defuse the macho talk about conquests, babes and inflated bravado!

Rod Burns

Articles, letters and artwork are all welcome for publication under Island Forum

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All submissions must be signed and include a phone number (for verification only). Items may be edited for content or layout considerations.

Next deadline 5pm March 22nd

All Clear Septic Service Has Changed Hands

However the number remains the same 285-3561. Pat and Marie Brown would like to thank all their customers for their years of appreciated patronage. As of February 15, 1999, Mel Doak will be happy to give Quadra Island, and area the best possible service.

Dear Editor,

I would like to pass on my thanks to all Islander's who phoned me or stopped me at the store, voicing their support for my letter in the previous issue of the Discovery Islander entitled, "Act of God or an Act of Man." The support for legislating the Forest Practices Code on private lands is overwhelming! So many of you commented that it is time to stop timber companies and logging contractors from continuing their rampant abuses on private lands.

We must convince this government that in the course of time, non-timber values on forested lands are more important than timber as a short term cash crop.

It is indeed a travesty that Quadra is littered with highway signs warning of fines up to \$2,000 should you drop a candy wrapper along the road, but rampant environmental degradation on private lands is not penalized.

If you would like to share your concern with our local MLA Glen Robertson, please phone, 287-3732 and Kathy McGregor, Minister of the Environment, at: 1-800-6637867 and ask for extension: 387-1187.

Sincerely,
Geraldine I. Kenny

Sierra Quadra The Bold Point Blowdown

Every human activity in a civilized society, including logging on private lands, has ethical implications that demand serious consideration. The residents of Bold Point are well aware of what happens when these considerations are not regarded carefully enough. In the last three months alone blowdowns have been linked to nine power outages, domestic inconvenience, lost working time, blocked roads, expensive hydro repairs and endangered lives—in one case a man injured as a consequence of the downed trees had to be evacuated by helicopter, his broken leg a sorry reminder of how the actions of others could affect his life. These events at Bold Point are an example of similar one that have occurred on southern Quadra as a result of logging on private lands.

Blowdowns and power outages are not the only travesties inflicted by property owners on public interests. Clear-cutting on private land cleaned off properties at Stramberg Lake—also damaging a prime spawning stream—and at Surge Narrows just as these two sites were being selected as new provincial parks. Other logging occurred at Waiatt Bay after that land was placed in the Protected Areas Strategy. Logging is now taking place north of Small Inlet on other private land designated for park—even as the landowner negotiates with the government for trade or sale.

All too often this imperative to log private land trespasses the interests of other people or the collective values of a community. Ownership of land should not grant to anyone the mandate to disregard the interests of others.

People who own private land, like those who manage public land, have an obligation to neighbors and to community. These obligations are confirmed in urban areas by such constraints as construction codes, sewage requirements, height restrictions, fencing regulations and noise by-laws. A similar rationale justifies constraints for rural properties where safety, aesthetic, economic and environmental values are applicable.

Private properties are not medieval castles contained by walls

and sealed by drawbridges. All properties are interconnected by space. Their boundaries, drawn arbitrarily with lines on plans, in reality spill into one another as whole landscapes and integrated environments. To say, "This is my property," is somewhat like saying, "This is my air, my rain and my sun." Ownership does not confer absolute rights on anyone.

Living together in a human community forces us to acknowledge each other and to yield some of our individual freedom to the collective well-being of all. The principles that apply to living in a family of four also apply to living on an island of three thousand. Certain ethical and environmental values must be respected if the community is remain harmonious and viable. Individual license must find a way to co-exist with collective values. If this doesn't happen, we can't live peacefully together and—ultimately—we won't be able to live on this planet. Not a very pleasant prospect.

One of the important insights to emerge through the tumult of the 20th century is the convergence of social and environmental ethics. As ecological damage increases, the two value systems come closer together. We all live in nature. Our well-being is dependent on its well-being. The health of the natural world is ultimately the mainstay of our health, our sanity and our collective viability. We need to be as mindful of trees and wildlife as stop signs.

That's why the logging on private property at Bold Point—indeed, anywhere on the planet—needs to be conducted with some sense of social and community responsibility. Incompetent forestry, oversights or miscalculations do not excuse blowdowns any more than asocial behaviour excuses lawbreaking. Each violates a code of expectation and decency that is required of all members of society. We are already experiencing the unfortunate consequences of widespread environmental damage as a result of our collective ignorance and disregard. Such behaviour, should it continue unabated, may ultimately be our undoing. Healthy environments mean healthy lives,

healthy economies and healthy communities.

As landholdings, wealth and power increase, so too does a person's responsibility for the collective well-being of others. This social principle has been operative for as long as people have been organizing into tribes, kingdoms or democracies. It's why we expect royalty to be exemplary and elected politicians to be ethical. When the consequences of their behaviour—for either good or ill—is felt far beyond themselves, then the ethical burden they carry supercedes that of ordinary people. The height of society's praise of them—or the depth of its censure—correlates appropriately to their wealth, prestige and influence.

Anyone with landholdings is obliged to be aware of this ethic. As the ownership of land increases, so too does accountability and responsibility for that land and for the human and natural community that is sustained by it. Every landowner—however small the property—assumes a measure of social and environmental responsibility that is solely his or hers to bear. Owing land is a privilege imbued with obligations, not an unlicensed right to do as one pleases. Attitudes which are bereft of this ethical awareness ultimately undermine communities, societies and the natural environment.

So environmental concerns do not just address physical ecologies. Social and ethical dimensions are also implicated because what some people do to rivers or mountains or trees can affect other people. Bold Point is just the most recent and sorry example of what happens when landowners do not attend to their responsibilities.

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Tell Me About Y2K

Just to get everyone on an equal footing, Y2K is about computers, those dumb brothers of the human brain. And it's all about saving money, a concept very familiar to all of us. The original programmers of the first simple computers never dreamed that those primitive machines and programs would not be completely obsolete, and gone the way of the dinosaurs long before the year 2000. So, in the interests of saving money, they used only two digits to describe the year, instead of the full four. Thus 1999 becomes 99, and 2000 becomes 00, creating a mathematical problem that the computer brain cannot handle. It cannot subtract 99 from zero. You and I can easily translate one to the other, but the computer is not that versatile. "So what?" you say, "I don't own a computer."

Your bank uses computers, your health insurance data is computerized. Your local grocery store uses computers to keep track of prices and to order foodstuffs from their suppliers, who also use computers. Your paycheque and your government cheques are processed by computers. Your telephone and your hydro are supplied through the use of computers. And this is not the full scope of the problem.

There are 25 to 50 billion embedded chips in use worldwide. Experts estimate that between 25 and 1500 million of these chips will fail when the year rolls over, any one of which could shut down an entire assembly plant. The problem is that we don't know where the faulty chips are being used. Why not? Because computer chips are generic. Once again, in the interests of saving money, we have created a problem. It would be prohibitively expensive to design a special computer chip for your microwave, one for your car and another one for the little robot that checks the oil pipeline under the ocean. It is much cheaper to have a generic chip that will do it all. So, we have multi-purpose chips in use everywhere that carry,

along with many other functions that aren't being used by the piece of equipment that they are installed in, a date function. This date function will result in failures when the date changes from 31/12/99 to 01/01/00. Can we replace these millions of chips before January 1, 2000? No way! Some of them we can't even get at.

So, we've got a problem. How big a problem? Nobody knows. This could be a small bump in the road or a major obstacle. What do we do about it? We talk. We plan. We prepare. We don't get caught napping. If we prepare too much, and all we get is the small bump, great! If we don't prepare enough, and there's a mountain-sized problem..., well I think you get the picture.

We could be without power, food in our grocery stores, as well as a multitude of other problems.

These are not problems that we can really handle by ourselves. We need to get together with our neighbours. We need to co-operate to help each other, so everyone is prepared. Our best safety net is a community of informed and prepared neighbours. Hoarding and hiding in the bush is not an option. There are too many of us, and not enough of everything for each of us to have one of each thing. To really be effective, we have to make plans with our neighbours. Let's talk about it.

A video presentation and information meeting on Y2K issues will be held, Thursday, March 25 at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Centre

Children Are The Future

Helping Children Respect and Appreciate Diversity

In Canada today, families come from many different backgrounds and reflect a wide variety of cultures, languages, life experiences, and lifestyles. This trend will continue throughout the 1990s and beyond: diversity is a key dimension of our past, present and future. Given this reality, children are likely to live and learn with people who may be very different from themselves. To prepare children for life in a diverse society, and to help protect them from bias and discrimination, families and teachers can encourage children's positive feelings about themselves while also fostering understanding and acceptance of differing beliefs, values, and traditions.

Given the positive attitudes and behaviors we would like to promote, when and how should we help children learn about human similarities and differences? Louise Derman-Sparks, an internationally renowned author and researcher, suggests we can begin in the toddler years. Of course, our words and actions will differ depending on children's "age and stage." Yet some common principles and strategies apply throughout the early years:

❖ In order to help children feel good about themselves, we can give them positive encouragement about who they are, what they look like and what skills they are learning. This can be done without comparison to others, since positive self-identity does not have to be at someone else's expense.

"What beautiful brown skin and brown eyes you have."

"I really like the picture you made."

"I enjoy it when we talk together and you tell me about your thoughts and feelings"

❖ When discussing diversity, we can stress human similarities first and then help children appreciate people's differences.

"Everyone needs food, shelter, friendship and love - but people have many different ways of meeting their needs. Our family's way is just one way. If we try out other choices, we might

enjoy them just as much as what we're used to. People have all sorts of ways of doing things that are different and interesting - it would be boring if everyone did exactly the same things!"

❖ Families and teachers can provide children with many positive examples of human diversity. Select books, pictures, toys, and games showing people of different races, all ages, both genders and differing abilities as capable and involved in all types of activities. Model, through your words and deeds, interest in a variety of people and differing beliefs, behaviours, and customs. "I've never tried sushi before, here goes!"

"I wonder why our neighbour has those red banners beside her door - let's ask her."

"We've never celebrated Hallowe'en, it's not part of our culture. Let's ask your teacher more about it."

❖ As part of fostering critical thinking about bias, we can encourage children to consider what is "untrue" and "unfair."

"How do you think you'd feel if other children wouldn't let you play because of how

you look, or what you wear, or how you talk?"

❖ Adults can help children understand their rights, make choices and act in ways that reject bias.

"If someone calls you a name that hurts your feelings, you can tell them they're wrong and they shouldn't do that. You can ask the teacher for help if anyone does

that to you, or if you see someone doing that to somebody else."

These examples suggest ways to support anti-bias learning in young children. As with all other learning, repetition is important. Children will need many opportunities to explore similarities and differences, to try out new experiences from different traditions, to meet and get to know people from other backgrounds, and to ask questions - even embarrassing ones that we might not have easy answers for!

Adults don't need to have

"all the answers ready" before discussing anti-bias topics. Our own curiosity about others, and even our ignorance or misunderstandings, are all part of the journey toward honouring diversity. As children first watch and then join us on this journey, they will gain attitudes, knowledge and abilities for respecting and appreciating diversity. These are essential skills for us all - for today, tomorrow, and beyond into the 21st century.

- Adapted from Canadian Child Care Federation. Resource Sheet #35


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Steven Halliday

To say that I read voraciously is probably an understatement. My own personal curiosity coupled with my job requires that I spend a disproportionate amount of time seeking information from a variety of sources on a number of topics, although matters economic are my focus. One of my favourite information sources is *Harper's Magazine*, a monthly collection of essays, news clippings, editorials and new fiction. While certainly not an economic text, *Harper's* often focuses on economic issues. In the latest issue, the famous *Harper's Index* (a collection of trivia, statistics and interesting tidbits) contained several items I thought you might find of interest:

- Percentage by which Iraq's oil sales last year fell short of the maximum allowed under UN Sanctions : 22%
- Rank of the US among countries that bought the most oil from Iraq last year : 1
- Percentage change in Iraq's oil sales since 1997 : +45%
- Percentage change in total oil sales of other OPEC countries since 1997: -35%
- Ratio of the price of a gallon of crude oil to the wholesale price of a gallon of Evian water : 1 to 11
- Number of ships ordered from Japan's 4 largest shipbuilders in 1998's last quarter : 0
- Estimated percentage of Indonesian businesses that are in bankruptcy: 70%
- Chances that an IBM compatible PC made since 1997 has Y2K flaws : 1 in 2
- Percentage change since 1996 in the value of initial public offerings of stock in Silicon Valley companies : -45%

The last item in particular caught my eye, although I admit to shaking my head at the first 5. I recently read that the majority of high tech initial stock offerings have actually been losers for those that bought the stock hot off the press, and the quoted statistic certainly supports that conclusion. Lately, the news has been full of stories regarding the "speculative bubble" surrounding tech

Money

stocks, with most analysts acknowledging that the majority of tech stocks (which dominate the Nasdaq stock index) are highly overvalued and overdue for correction. Then on February 26 I came across a *Reuters* story headlined "Investors shed PC stocks on fear of supply glut". While many in industry fear that the computer industry is due for a slowdown because of a combination of the Asian crisis and market saturation, this article focused on a completely different reason. During the first quarter of 1998, it was reported that profits reported by PC makers in the 4th quarter of 1997 had been grossly inflated by excessive shipments of PC's at the end of the year, which then sat unsold in distributors warehouses. Now, it appears that this has happened again. If this is the case, there is a huge risk to manufacturers on several fronts - falling prices due to oversupply, weakened demand from overseas, and most frightening of all a slowdown in US consumption because of the combined effects of a potential US economic slowdown and the previously mentioned market saturation. How long will people be grudgingly willing to upgrade their computers to pick up a few more megahertz of processing speed?

Much of the current market commentary surrounding overpriced high tech stocks refers to the Internet stocks, the true high flyers of the crowd. But when concerns over the methods used to bolster sales extends to such renowned and supposedly stable companies such as Compaq and Dell Computers one has to view the entire industry segment with a strong sense of caution. As many analysts will tell you, there will definitely be some major winners come out of the technological revolution, but there will be a lot of carcasses on the road ahead.

As a postscript, *Fortune* magazine's cover story was on how Bill Gates invests his personal fortune. Here's a hint - it isn't in the stock market. But then, 90% of his \$80 billion fortune exists as Microsoft stock, and his money manager states that is enough market exposure in itself.

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Terroir: Taste of the Earth

David Lang

In this edition of Terroir, I look to the ever so rapidly approaching spring for inspiration. Garden centre's are beginning to stock shelves with the earliest of bloomers and snow drops are popping up in our gardens. Here on the Islands we will have to endure the wind and rain for a little while. If you can't escape to the tingling warm breeze and fragrant aromas of a far away land, maybe I can tempt you to join me on a culinary journey that will warm both your stomach and soul. Light some incense and put on a Ravi Shankar CD and get ready to create.

This dish makes its home in Africa and can be made without meat if one prefers.

Babootie (yields: 4)

2 lbs. Minced lamb or a variety of whole nuts.
2 onions diced
2 garlic cloves crushed
6 ripe tomatoes
2 apples cored and chopped
½ cup apricots chopped
1 ½ tbsp. vinegar
2 tbsp. Madras curry powder
½ cup slivered almonds
Tomato juice

Brown lamb or nuts in a non-stick pan.
Add the remainder of the ingredients and
simmer for 30 minute to 1 hour.
Thin with tomato juice to desired consistency.

Serve on a bed of your favourite rice.

2 lrg. green bananas
1 sm. green chile
1 sm. onion
1 clove garlic
2 tsp. plain flour
1 tbsp. chopped coriander
salt
oil

Peel bananas and boil for 20 min in salted water.

Finely chop chile, garlic and onion.
Drain the bananas and thoroughly combine with the remaining ingredients.
Shape into 12 balls and flatten slightly.
Refrigerate until ready to cook.
Shallow fry in hot oil until golden and serve (3/person) along with the Babootie.

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A Weighty Issue

Darlene Booth R.N.C.

Recently, I watched an appalling commercial on TV about a new drug to aid in weight loss. The commercial stated that this drug can be addictive, have serious side effects and should not be used by people with compromised systems to begin with. It is obviously for people with a serious weight problem who are willing to trade health risks associated with obesity for the health risks of drug use. Hmmm. Where is the logic here?

Weight loss is big business. At least 30% of our population is overweight and everybody is looking for a magic fix. The consumer does not have far to look for products aimed at supporting weight loss. Rare is a magazine that does not feature an article on a new diet that promises great results in a short period of time. Many a book has been written promising to reduce more than just your pocketbook. Weight loss clubs advertise low sign up fees yet fail to mention that you will need to purchase their products to follow the program. This is a huge industry and there is no shortage of consumers.

On one hand we have big business creating nutritionally inferior junk foods full of empty calories and on the other hand we have big business creating band-aid solutions to combat the effects of these empty foods. With all the media attention the weight loss business generates, it is no wonder that eating disorders are commonplace. Is this truly what Mother Nature intended for us?

Obesity: an excess of body fat. Basically, the body is taking in more calories than it is burning. These excess calories are stored away as fat for use during the next - famine? Trouble is, in our society, famine is not often a part of the cycle. During a particularly hard winter, it is more difficult to get to the grocery store, but rarely an impossible feat. And is this the whole story? No.

Obesity can be a result of glandular malfunction, emotional issues, malnutrition, social pressure, boredom, habit, couch potato syndrome or the sheer love of food. I believe that some of us have a "genetically challenged


metabolism". Our bodies tend to be overly efficient in storing food and quite resistant to parting with that caloric stash. All my life I have lived in awe of people who can chow down on whatever they desire and not adjust a belt notch. Some people have to work just as hard to gain weight as I do to lose it. I only have to think of cheesecake and I gain a pound! Is there no justice?

There is no such thing as a miracle weight loss diet. Many fad diets are ineffective over the long term and can be downright harmful. When severe calorie restriction is applied, the body may respond by resetting the metabolism "thermostat". It pretty much goes into famine control and will fight to keep from losing fat. So even though fewer calories are consumed, weight loss is minimal or non-existent. This may even result in weight gain with even fewer calories once normal eating patterns are restored.

Another danger of calorie restriction is malnutrition. The more calories you restrict, the more nutrition your body is deprived of. Essential nutrients are needed for your body to function at peak levels. Without adequate intake of all the essential nutrients, fat is not efficiently burned and often, healthy muscle tissue is lost instead of fat. A balanced diet is important.

Weight loss is a highly personal issue. What works for one may not work for another. Effective weight loss happens slowly through lifestyle adjustments and behavior modification. By understanding your body and how it works. By understanding your metabolism and working with it instead of against it. When the weight is shed slowly, it is more likely to stay off. Making informed food choices and becoming more active is your best bet for healthy weight loss. You can invest in a magic pill and risk the side effects or you can invest in your future by choosing a more wholesome lifestyle. What have you got to lose? Good health to you!

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Business Profile

Pielou Design Works

by Tanya Storr

At Pielou Design Works, high-tech computer operated equipment shares the shop space with traditional woodworking tools. After spending 20 years working as a cabinet maker, Richard Pielou made a decision last summer to expand his business into other areas.

He began to look into possible ways to diversify and gain a bigger market base and spent many hours on the Internet researching the latest in computer technology. After considering many options, Richard decided to purchase a Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) Router Machine.

"This kind of computer technology is huge in Europe, big in Eastern North America, and just getting underway in Western North America. There isn't another CNC Router Machine in the local area, as far as I know. The closest one I've heard of is in Victoria," he said.

The CNC Machine, made in Texas, links computer technology with a form of precision cutting. It can cut shapes (some examples are toys, signs, knife handles, and cabinet doors), carve letters and numbers on signs, drill holes, and more. The machine's router is able to cut wood, plastics, and non-ferrous metals.

After buying the machine, Richard changed his business name from 'Pielou Woodwork' to 'Pielou Design Works' to better reflect his new production capabilities.

Richard said the CNC Machine speeds up his work considerably, while still allowing him to be creative. For example, it used to take him the good part of a day to carve a sign by hand, but now the machine can do the same work in minutes.

In order to make a sign using the CNC Machine, Richard first

designs the sign in his home office using a computer program called Inspire. He saves the design to a disk, and pops the disk into the server computer linked to the CNC Machine in his shop. A cable links the server computer to the computer in the CNC Machine, telling the

the cutter doing its work on a piece of wood, metal, or plastic clamped to the table.

"It's fun to watch and it makes sounds like Star Trek," he told me.

I did note the gargantuan size of the machine (it weighs 1,600 pounds), and asked Richard



Richard Pielou with the CNC Router.

Photo: Tanya

machine's computer how to make the cuts. Richard controls the speed and depth of the cuts from a keypad on the CNC Machine.

If he is making a wooden sign with painted letters, Richard puts a mask down on the board before the CNC router cuts the letters. After the machine has made its cuts, he spray paints the letters (the mask hides the rest of the board), takes the mask off, and lacquers the whole board once the paint has dried.

The same process done by hand would entail drawing the lettering on the board, sharpening chisels, carving the letters out, and painting them by hand before lacquering the whole board.

Unfortunately, there was a power outage when I visited Richard's home and shop in Hyacinthe Bay, so I couldn't see the CNC Machine in action. He said it's quite amazing to observe

how he managed to move it into the shop. He replied that it was indeed a challenge, and learning how to use it and the associated computer software has been difficult too.

"There was no manual—it comes with online minimal manuals—and I saved thousands of dollars by not having the factory representative come out and train me. I'm still learning, but I did manage to produce something with it the first day."

Richard, who has a degree in Fine Arts (printmaking) and also took computer programming in university, said the CNC Machine is exciting to work with because it utilizes his art, computer, and woodworking skills.

Part of Richard's motivation for buying the CNC Machine was to expand his market base. With this in mind, he has designed a web site that allows customers to order signs online. By just clicking their mouse, customers

can choose sign shape, size, text, font (lettering style), artwork if desired, colour of paint for the lettering, type of wood, and whether the sign will be one or two-sided.

Richard makes signs out of cedar, pine, oak, teak, walnut, and mahogany. Most customers want cedar for outdoor signs, he noted. Other materials he can use are aluminum, brass, sign foam (high density weatherproof carving foam), and plastics.

Customers can also calculate how much their signs will cost by following the directions on the web site. "The wood isn't a big part of the cost usually; it's the time spent working on a sign. Even then, the total cost isn't that high because the machine speeds up the process," he said.

Richard's web site is very new and he is still working on it, but he hopes it will increase his sign sales considerably because customers can order from wherever they live and have signs shipped to them. The site also includes links to other web pages of interest. You can find the Pielou Design Works web site at: <http://oberon.ark.com/~rpielou>

Most orders to date have been through word-of-mouth. When designing commercial signs, Richard meets with customers to find out their needs. He then designs the signs on his computer and prints up a proof. Once the customer approves the proof, he goes to work and creates the sign using the CNC Machine.

Buying the CNC Machine was a considerable investment, Richard said, and it is just starting to pay off.

"I'm trying to find out where the market is and it appears to be in signs. The potential is huge. If the CNC work takes off, it would be nice to have more time for

making furniture and other things."

As well as the CNC Machine, Richard's shop contains more traditional woodworking tools and machines (hand tools, lathes, saws, joiners, planers, sanders, shaper, drill press, pin router, etc.). Richard makes many of his hand tools, and told me some of the ones he uses are not available in stores. He built the shop himself, and installed a spray booth with an explosion proof exhaust fan.

Richard has been sub-contracting for a sign company in Campbell River, and has made signs for businesses in Campbell River, Comox, and other places on Vancouver Island. The largest piece of material the CNC Machine can cut at a single time is 4.5' x 4.5', but Richard can create bigger signs by making them in sections. He is currently making a 26'-long sign for a business in Campbell River. The technology works well for cutting smaller detail also, he noted.

Richard is still making cabinets too, and said it is very rewarding to help create kitchens because he receives a lot of feedback from the people using them. He also makes cabinets for bathrooms and living rooms, as well as furniture and banisters.

Some of his most unique creations are wooden bowls turned on a lathe. A competitive masters swimmer, Richard also enjoys boating and has made several boats. These include six canoes, four rowboats, ultra-light canoes, and a Swampscott dory (round-hulled).

Richard moved to Quadra from Canmore, Alberta, 12 years ago. He visited Quadra on a holiday, fell in love with Bold Point, and decided to move to the island. He ended up buying property in Hyacinthe Bay.

Some of Richard's commercial cabinet work in this area has included the offices of Walcan Seafoods, Quadra Credit Union (with Jonathon Whittingham), and Quadra Elementary, and the new Gold River band offices.

He said the most enjoyable aspects of his livelihood are working at home and the variety of tasks involved. "I like the fact that

Island Report

Jim Pattison Enterprises Ltd. Acquires BC Packers

Canadian Fishing Company, a division of Jim Pattison Enterprises Ltd., and British Columbia Packers Limited and Nelbro Packing Company, affiliates of George Weston Limited have announced today that they have reached an agreement in principle that will see most of the operating assets of British Columbia Packers Limited in British Columbia and Nelbro Packing Company in Alaska and Washington State, acquired by Canadian Fishing Company and its US subsidiary. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed, and the transaction is subjected to regulatory approval.

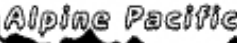
The sale of the assets follows George Weston's previous announcement in January 1999 of the sale of BC Packers branded canned seafood distribution under the Clover Leaf and Paramount Trade Marks to International Home Foods Inc. of New Jersey.

The purchased assets will include BC Packers interests in fishing vessels and support fleet, its share of the processing joint ventures with Canfisco, Allied Pacific Processors Ltd. and Alaska General Processors, as well as Nelbro Packing Company's Bristol Bay Alaskan facilities.

Although Canfisco will assume responsibility for BC Packers herring fishing and processing operations, there will be a period of time to complete the transaction details to the mutual satisfaction of both parties.

Closing is planned to occur before the end of April.

The Canadian Fishing Company, established in 1906 in Vancouver, has been a wholly owned division of the Jim Pattison Group of Vancouver since 1984 and markets its seafood products in Canada under the Gold Seal and Tea Rose Brands and internationally under several well known independent labels.




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Book Celebrates 100 Years of May Day

Tanya Storr

Mad March is upon us, replete with snow, hail, sun, wind, and rain. Some days it's hard to believe that May Day 1999 is only just over two months away, but Heather Van Der Est's book, '100 Years of May Day on Quadra Island', is guaranteed to coax you into a springtime frame of mind.

Heather didn't set out to write a book, but soon became immersed in island history when researching a list of former May Day Queens for the Centennial May Day Reunion last year. She spent days at the Campbell River Museum Archives looking up names in old newspaper articles and read through innumerable back issues of the Discovery Passage, photocopying any articles that mentioned May Day. Soon she had a stack of information about May Day that she realised could fill a book.

"The more information I recorded, the larger the project became," Heather writes in her introduction.

Heather began her research in the fall of 1997 and published the book a year later. The months in between were filled with a good deal of work, as Heather tried to piece together as much information about past May Day as possible.

She spent hours on the phone talking to former May Queens, several of whom had moved away from the island. She sifted through hundreds

of donated photos and read countless newspaper articles and documents.

The result is a comprehensive and colourful tribute to one of Quadra's best loved annual events. The book is packed with newspaper articles, community announcements, and photos (black + white and colour) spanning many decades of May Day celebrations. It even includes instructions for the Maypole dance. Heather has arranged the contents chronologically, and it's fun to look through the years and see who was May Queen and what people were wearing. The many wonderful floats and costumes throughout the decades are a testimonial to the creativity of Quadra islanders.

The various articles about May Day over the years offer an interesting glimpse into Quadra's history. According to an article by Quadra historian Jeanette Taylor, published in the Discovery Islander in May 1998, searching for a record of the first May Day celebration on Quadra was not an easy task.

After chasing down several clues and coming up with varying dates, Jeanette opted to accept the opinion of Katie (Walker) Clarke, who came to Quadra as a three-year-old in 1893 and whose first memory was of a picnic held in June 1897 for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

"According to Katie this wonderful celebration gave rise to the beginning of our annual May Day picnics, starting in 1898," Jeanette writes.

A June 4, 1901, article in the Colonist reveals that the Victoria Day picnic was hosted by Billy Assu and Johnny Moon at Cape Mudge that year. Approximately 300 people attended and there were several races and other games.

"The day was very fine indeed, and we all enjoyed ourselves very much," Assu and Moon wrote in an account of the proceedings for the Colonist.

Another article by Jeanette Taylor, published in the Discovery Passage and Campbell River Courier in 1982, contains pioneer accounts of early May Day picnics. One of the accounts is by Bill Law, who first came to Quadra in 1910 and died shortly after writing down his memories of May Day picnics in 1979.

"In the days before radio and T.V., this was the main event of the year for those in the surrounding area. They came by foot, in horse-drawn carriages, boats propelled by oars or sail. Here they renewed friendships, and it was at this gathering that many a young lady met her future husband," Law wrote.

A June 1976 article by Ron Atkinson, minister of Quadra Island United Church in the 70s

and 80s, explores the affirming qualities of May Day. Entitled 'Not a MUST but a MAY Day!', the article muses "Life is a MAY Day. We come to life not because we must but because we may. We may love. The yoke is easy; the burden light. The spirit of May Day invites us to a light and easy summer."

The creation of Heather's book was made possible by the financial support of Quadra Island Recreation, Heriot Bay Store, and Walcan Seafoods. Heather did all the scanning, layout, and printing of the book, with the help of her husband Len, in their home business office (I-Ya Computer Graphics).

Eight copies of the book were printed, and there are copies available for public viewing at Quadra Community Centre, Quadra library (two copies), Campbell River library, Quadra Elementary, Kwagiulth Museum & Cultural Centre, and Campbell River Museum.

The next time you're in one of the above locations, make a point of looking for Heather's May Day book. This impressive and well laid-out volume is a treasure trove of Quadra history and a delight to read.



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