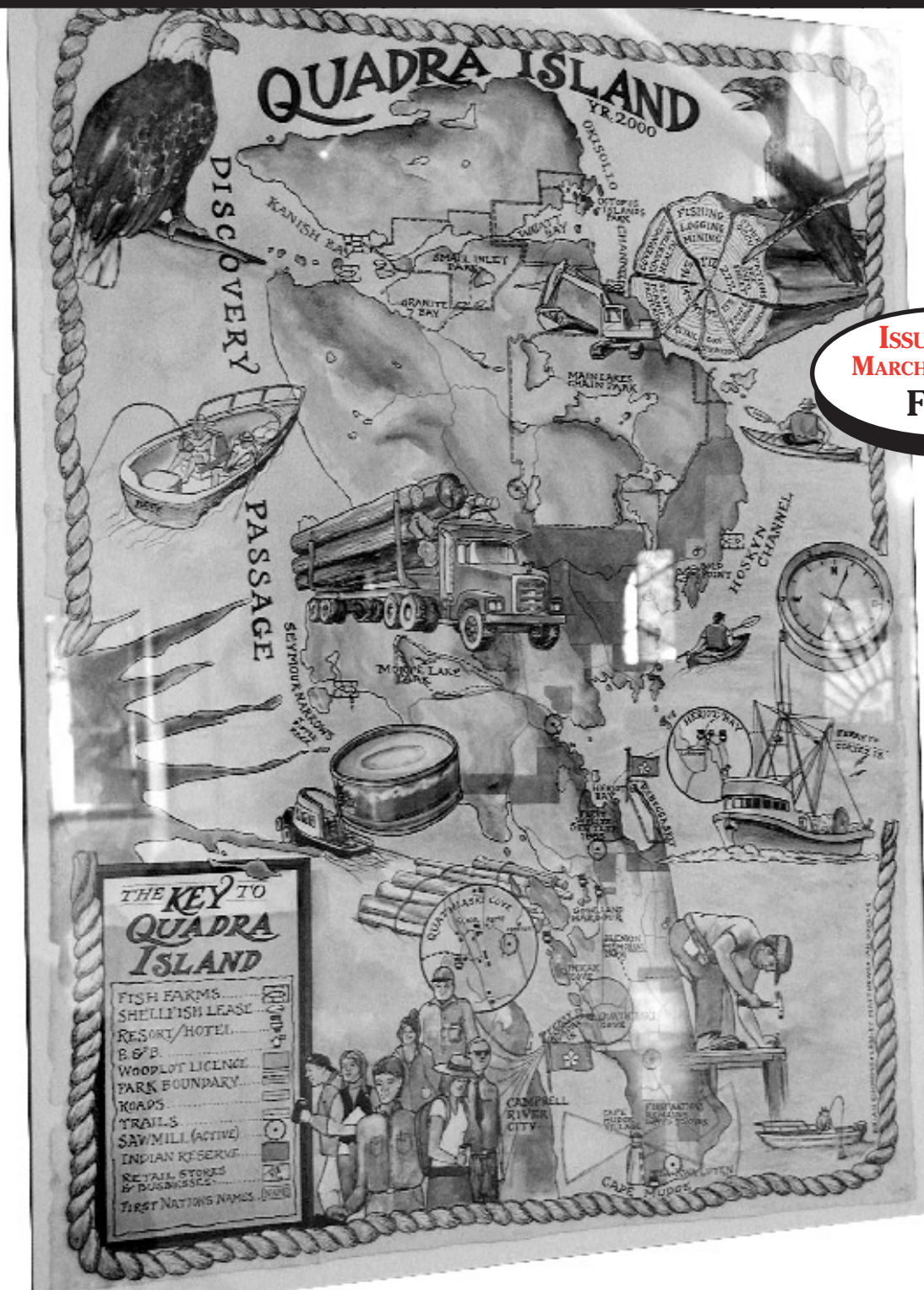


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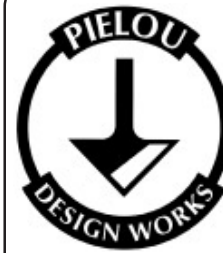
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For those who were unable to attend the drop-in Open House at the Quadra Island Community Centre on Saturday, information handouts, drawings, and questionnaires are available at the following locations:

- **Quadra Credit Union**
- **Quadra Island Library**
- **Quadra Island Community Centre**
- **The Landing Neighbourhood Pub**

BC Ferries welcomes feedback from our customers on this project. The **deadline for submissions is Friday, March 8**, and they can be sent to:

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Island Calendar

- **Every Thursday** - Jam with Moe, Quadra Legion 8pm
- **1st Friday of every month** - Open stage @ Yak Shak Coffee House 7:30-10pm
- March 1, Friday**
- Sierra Club Vancouver Island Marmots Community Centre 8:00pm
- Sue Pyper Singer/Songwriter Yak Shack 9:15pm
- March 8, Friday**
- Friday Flicks "The Bingo Robbers" Community Centre 7:45pm
- March 9, Saturday**
- International Women's Day Community Centre 6:00pm (doors open 5:30 pm)
- March 11, Monday**
- Quadra Island Garden Club Community Centre 7:00 pm
- March 12, Tuesday**
- Quadra Island Quilters Community Centre 9:30 am
- March 14, Thursday**
- Discovery Is. Chamber Commerce AGM Community Centre 7 pm
- March 15, Friday**
- Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society Community Centre 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 27**
- Quadra Island Cemetery Trustees AGM Quadra Legion 8:00 pm
- April 7, Sunday**
- Quadra Daycare's AGM Quadra Daycare
Time to be announced
- April 14, Sunday**
- Quadra Daycare's Celebrate Yourself Community Centre 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Island Calendar is a list of on island events. Please submit separately for the **Island Calendar** and **News & Events** or indicate in your submission if you would like your event placed in both. Following the text order exactly as above for email submissions is appreciated (month, date, day, title, place and time), use the title as your email subject. Thank you.

Keep In Shape

Quadra's Kalina Folkdancers invite you to join us on Tuesday evenings at the school gym, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Our experienced instructor, Marcy Wolter, teaches each dance we do. For info, call Marcy at 285-3849.

Yak Shack Presents..



Friday 1st March - We are pleased to present feature artist, Vancouver Island Singer/Songwriter, Sue Pyper. 7:30-9:00pm - Regular Open Stage. Come early if you want to perform. 9:15-10:00pm Sue Pyper. Admission at the door only. Adults \$6, Students/Performers \$4. @ The Yak Shack, corner of Taku & Heriot Bay Rd. Proceeds to Quadra Island Food Bank

Buddhist Meditation

Join us at the Inner Garden (across from the library) for chanting, meditation, teachings, discussion and tea, every Sunday at 10 am (New time). Newcomers are welcome any time. Phone Danielle or Steve at 285-3323 for more information.

Vancouver Island Marmots

In Crisis - extinction or exaltation?

Vancouver Island Marmots are a distinct species and one of the most endangered animals on earth. Last summer's count reveals that only 24 are known to still exist in the wild - with some more in captivity. Part of their story is sweet, and part bitter - but extinction is forever and their spectre looms large. Vancouver Island marmots, unknowingly, face this reality. Although the present situation is perilous, there is hope, and eventual survival of the species is possible.

Dr. Andrew Bryant heads the Marmot Recovery Foundation. He will be speaking to the Sierra Club - Quadra Group, at the **Quadra Island Community Centre at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1**. Everyone's invited to come and hear, and see, what's happening. Vancouver Island marmots desperately need help to avoid the tragedy of extinction. Could you be counted on as their ally?

Aerobics with Marion

Join Marion Eberlein for aerobics at the Community Hall. Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00-7:00 PM. A great aerobics workout with floorwork some weight training and stretching. Come and feel good in your body again! 8 sessions \$32. Drop in \$5. Students \$3 Everybody welcome For questions call Marion at 285 2895

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Quadra Island Quilters

Quadra Island Quilters February meeting generated 11 more quilts for the Children's Hospital cancer patients, each made with love by a member. Many of the blocks for this year's raffle quilt were on display. The first prize quilt this year has the theme of transportation and members have appliqued blocks with every means of transportation from a helicopter, school bus, boat, etc. to a garbage truck. This will be a truly unique quilt that will appeal to all children and any adult who loves trucks and machines. Raffle tickets will be on sale in May and June. Get your tickets early as we sold out last year before the Garden Tour and Quilt show were over.

The February workshop given by Shirley Duncan on Japanese Folded Flowers proved to be so popular that she gave one on Tuesday February 26 and another on the following Thursday. No doubt some of the wall hangings from these workshops will be on display at the second Quilts in the Garden Show in June.

The afternoon workshop, conducted by Theresa Tate, was on making a carrying roll so we can transport our quilting projects with us and work on them while we wait for the ferry. This will no doubt be much used during the interminable ferry lineups in July and August.

Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society.

Quadra Island is surrounded by some of the clearest water on the planet, making it a wonderful place for diving and observing our rich marine ecosystem. The next meeting on **March 15 at 8.00 pm in the Community Centre** will feature guest speaker **Kevin Bates**. Kevin, a well known local diving instructor, will present **Underwater Life around Quadra Island**. Kevin, a marine biologist, worked for Fisheries Canada for 15 years and has been diving and taking underwater photographs for over 25 years. For the last 10 years he has been a diving instructor based in Campbell River, frequently using the waters around Quadra Island for practical classes. Kevin's presentation will focus not only on the incredible marine life that exists below our intertidal zone but the relationships between the various animal classes and their role in the ecosystem. Come and see the incredible creatures that live around us under the ocean surface and learn of their complex interrelationship. Everyone is welcome.

Sam's Family Dinners at the Legion

Sam is loose in the kitchen again. This time he will be serving Terriyaki Steak, mushrooms and veggies. **Saturday, March 2, 6:30pm - 9:00pm** Tickets in advance at the bar - \$8.00 each, children under 6 free. Join us at the Legion.

Chamber AGM

All new & current members of the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce are invited to attend our annual general meeting Thursday March 14th, 2002 at 7 pm at the Quadra Community Centre, upstairs in Room 3. Please use south entrance.

Quadra Island Garden Club.

Roses, found wild all around the northern hemisphere, are unknown in the Southern hemisphere. From the wild dog roses of Britain and our own Nootka rose of the West Coast to the most highly hybridised tea roses, they are beloved and treasured.

The Romans grew roses for decoration and during the Dark Ages the Arabs kept their culture alive. The Crusaders probably reintroduced the rose to Europe and it has never looked back. Explorers brought back roses from China which introduced new colours and the repeat flowering habit.

Today roses come in all shapes, sizes and colours. The perfume of a rose is as welcome as its beautiful flower and few gardeners can resist growing just a few, even if they have to face the depredations of deer (rugosas seem to be less attractive to deer and are carefree).

This month's guest speaker on **Monday March 11 at the Community Centre at 7.00 pm** will be Stan Goodrich from Campbell River. Stan will talk on **Roses** and he promises to tell us the secrets that are not to be found in books. If you have admired the beautiful bouquets of roses that are found in the Campbell River library during the summer months, you have seen his roses. He has years of experience growing prize winning roses in our local climate conditions. Everyone is welcome.

You may want to note down **April 8** on your calendar as that is our **last meeting of the session**. Our guest speaker at that time will be the well known author and gardener **Des Kennedy** from Denman Island. There will also be a larger than usual plant sale table at that meeting. Part of the door from this meeting will go to the Community Centre.

No Show!

Just wanted to let you know that the spring fashion show slated for March 16 at the QCC that was advertised in the Recreation Brochure has been cancelled due to a lack of designers. Thanks to all who inquired and maybe we'll try it again next year.

-Kami Robb

Thank You Yak Shack

The Q.I. Trails Committee sends a big thank you to Jack Mar and John Walton for donating the proceeds from the February 1st Coffee House to our group. Also thank you to the performers for their contributions to the evening and to Christine Portmann for the great baking. The Trails Committee is a volunteer organization and any funding is used for tools, material or mapping.

Friday Flicks Presents:

The Bingo Robbers

March 8th

Doors 7:30 - Showtime 7:45

\$4.50, \$3.50 seniors and students.

Vallis and Nancy are two 35-year-old philosopher-vagabonds. Vallis lives in his '76 Chrysler and his road-mate, Nancy, is obsessed with her ex-husband, Jack. It's a struggle to put food on the dashboard.

Their main source of income: money borrowed and bummed from friends and relatives. Their main occupation: armed robbery. Their main career goal: to become the Bonnie and Clyde of Bingo. The main hurdle to career success: their relentless analysis of each other. These two would-be corner thieves can't embark on a crime without discussing whether the gun is an icon or a metaphor. Lulu, Nancy and Jack's four-year old daughter, bears witness from the back seat.

Nancy and Vallis deliver darkly comid observations and relentless bantering as they spin around the downtown looking for quick cash. Once they make the big heist, they'll be able to get on with their "real" lives. In a time where movie directors can spend a zillion dollars without ensuring that anyone has a sensible sentence to say, The Bingo Robbers is the "answer to a movie lover's prayer." Featuring a tight plot, fierce creativity and the music of Newfoundland's Fur Packed Action.

"Islands in the Salish Sea"

How to describe this truly unique and original exhibition of such diverse art works, each a large and colourful map of an island in the "Salish Sea" (Geographically known as the Strait of Georgia and the Gulf Islands) Each of the many maps displayed in the Quadra Community Centre in February was a personal expression of the artists' feelings for their home place, largely reflecting their passions and interests, often with a concern for the threatened future of their island.

I knew that artists Leanne Hodges and Brian Simmons had submitted really impressive maps of Quadra Island for this exhibit, but I wasn't prepared for such an overall stunning array of imagery, and so diverse a choice of medium in the entire exhibition of 25 maps. This gathering of island expressions was rendered in delicate watercolour, poster paint, oil paint, enamel paint, pen and ink, papier-maché, collage, carved wood, photography and more - an extraordinary range of diversity representing the broad scope of creativity of the artists involved.

The maps varied from big and bold, such as cedar wood carved in low relief with traditional First Nations motifs, to a map surrounded with exquisite renderings of delicately painted wild flowers. Another map included less exotic but equally important species which are part of all our islands: banana slugs, frogs, beetles, bats, racoons and more. A variety of birds enriched several of the maps, with raven and eagle surmounting one of the designs. Though wildlife was prominent in many of the maps, historic buildings were not forgotten, nor were farms, docks and hotels.

Brian Simmon's attractive watercolour map, illustrating Quadra industries, was enhanced by the lettering and pen and ink work of Lesley Mathews. Depicted were fishing, fish canning, tow-boating, trucking, construction, mining and logging.

Leanne Hodges' map - the largest of the entries - was mostly created with papier-maché in a variety of colours. Quadra Island itself was surrounded by a host of marine life - seaweeds, various fish, sealions, mollusks and more, plus human activities in and on the sea. The backing for all this was a chart of the area. This dramatic and bold piece will eventually find a permanent home in the Community Centre.

Congratulations and thanks to Ian Douglas for all his involvement in this unique and stunning exhibit.

Last Classical Concert of the Season

The Quadra Recreation Society is presenting its last classical concert of the season on **Sunday, March 10th at 7 pm. It will be a violin and piano recital by Marc-Andre Gauthier and Denise Pepin.** The duo will be performing works by Jean-Marie Leclair, André Prévost, George Gershwin, Gabriel Fauré and Maurice Ravel.

Born in Montréal in 1978, Marc-André Gauthier has played violin since the age of five. He has performed in Canada, the United States, Europe, South America and the Middle East. Marc-André's talent and the pleasure that he communicates when performing are recognized by audiences and critics alike.

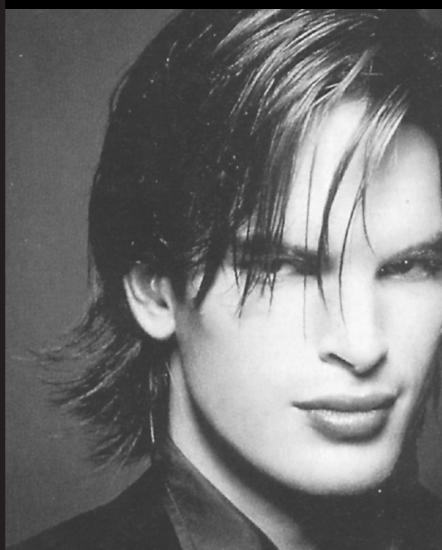
Marc-André has appeared as soloist with the Toronto Symphony, the Orchestre Métropolitain du Grand Montréal, the National Arts Center Symphony, Quebec City Symphony, the Trois-Rivières Symphony, and the Montérégie Symphony. He has made two national tours for Jeunesses musicales of Canada. He received the Cécile Mesnard-Pomerleau Prize awarded to the best musician of the artistic season.

He is the first musician to have been a three-time recipient of the Joseph Gingold Scholarship from Indiana University where he graduated with an Artist Diploma under the direction of Miriam Fried. He has also obtained a superior degree diploma from the Verbier Academy in Switzerland, the International Mozarteum in Salzburg and a third term of advanced study with Jean-Jacques Kantorow at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Paris. Marc-André now plays the Guarnerius violin (1705) ex. Paul Deschamp

Pianist Denise Pepin is a professor with the Conservatoire de musique de Quebec. She participated in numerous international competitions and performances, and accompanied many renowned soloists such as the flautist Alain Marion and Leone Buyse, the clarinetists Wolfgang Meyer and Robert Rieling, and oboist Philippe Magnan, with whom she performed, among many recitals, a national tour with Jeunesses Musicales of Canada in 1999-2000. Ms. Pepin is also a pianist at the Domaine Forget Summer Academy in Charlevoix, Quebec.

Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay, Hummingbird Office in Quathiaski Cove on Quadra Island, Page Eleven Books in Campbell River and at the door. Students 16 and under get in free if accompanied by an adult. If you need a ride >from the ferry, call 285-3458.

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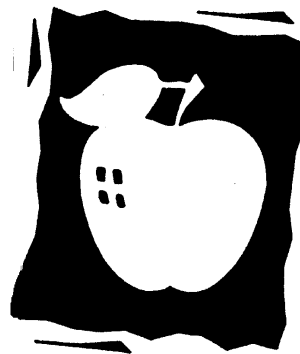
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Quadra's Oldgrowth Finish In Style

Hello to all of you ! It's been a while, so I am happy to be able to report on the last two, regular season hockey games as the playoffs are just around the corner. Quadra's Oldgrowth Hockey team have finished the season off undefeated in their last seven games. Whoohoo! The comeback was well worth the wait.

Feb 10th, Oldgrowth take on Safety Net

Safety Net would be looking for a first win in this third match of the season against our guys. However, with only 2 minutes gone on the clock, John Marlow assisted by Arne Liseth and Bill Bradshaw put the Oldgrowth on the score board first. Claude Ruel comes through with another soft-handed goal minutes later assisted by Stuart Smith and Paul Renda. The final goal of the period comes from Bill Matheson as Stuart and Paul shine again with the assists. The stats sheet tells its own story in the final five minutes of this period as there are a total of five penalties handed out. Nasty. Score at the end of the first period, 3/1.

Refreshed and ready to defend their lead, Quadra's Oldgrowth start out with a strong offensive line. It's with no surprise that our final goal of the game comes as the Oldgrowth are once again short-handed, John finding the back of the net, assisted by Kent. The Oldgrowth defended their 3 goal lead through three more penalties and finish the game 4/1. Quite a rivalry has developed here. See you in the playoffs Safety Net!

Feb 17th, Oldgrowth take on Elks

Everyone was at their best this night. There was just one penalty in the whole game for our guys, coming just minutes before the end of the game. Not until 10 minutes into the first period did we knock one in. Ian dumped the puck in from the blue line and with a scramble in front of the net, Russ touches it over to Rolly who shoots it in. Our second goal is John's infamous wrap around, assisted by Kent and Willy. Again, ten seconds later John puts another one past the Elks goalie with

the assist going to Willy. The score after the first period, 3/0.

Elks are first to score the opener in this second and final period but we quickly retaliate. This time it's Willy who scores on a rebound, assisted by Bill Bradshaw. Willy again, half way through the period, pounds one in on a sweet pass by Bill Matheson. A minute later, Stuart Smith and Oz Oswald assist on a final goal by Bill Bradshaw to end the scoring spree with a final win of 6/1. You boys let Andre off easy tonight eh? Awesome game!

A special thanks to the person who sent me the MACK-UP picture of my Oldgrowth team in the dressing room. It hangs on my wall at work now.

On a personal note;

As in all competitive sports every one knows that there are winners and losers. After watching these guys play hockey for the past six months I have gotten to know them just a little bit better. In my humble opinion, despite the all mighty stat figures, the whole team stands out as #1. In my books, their undaunting team spirit, camaraderie and love of the game shone brightest. It's been a blast, see you in the playoffs.

Cheers, The Fan.

International Women's Day

Women: come celebrate sisterhood at International Women's Day with your daughters, sisters, mother, grandmothers and friends! Bring your potluck specialty, plate, cutlery, your friends, laughter and joy and \$2 admission. It is at the Quadra Community Centre, Saturday March 9 at 6 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30.) If you have a poem, song, or art to share, phone 285 3243 to be included in the program.

Quadra Philippines Connection News

In early January, Petra Durrance (from IAT) left for a 2 month visit to the Philippines. She was able to take with her a few gifts from our Quadra community for the 2 daycare centers that we are currently supporting. The following letter arrived recently from the teacher of the Mabata Daycare center with valentine cards made by the children. These will be given to Robin Beaton's kindergarten/grade 1 class and cards from the Ipil Daycare children will be passed on to the We-Wai-Kai Nursery school children in Cape Mudge village.

January 5, 2002

Dear Carol and Quadra Islanders,

Hi. Thank-you very much for the toys, cards and calendars you sent. These will be of great help and will provide additional activities for the children. The word cards will be especially useful for the vocabulary activities and games that we are playing this week. The children will be very happy to have me show these to them. They wondered where these things came from and whether you (Carol) will be coming to visit again.

Carol, there is a big change since 3 years ago when you came here in 1997. Our daycare centre now has a toilet next to the barangay (community) hall, and a cemented playground with a cemented fence around it to protect the children from stray animals. The barangay captain is very much concerned with the safety of the children and wants to make the daycare a safe place. Thank you again and HAPPY VALENTINES to the families and community of Quadra Island from the children and community of Mabato, Tabuk. We thank you for your continuing support. God bless you always. -

With love & care,

Josefa Maduli



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Celebrate Yourself

Join Quadra Daycare and **Celebrate Yourself** at our annual fundraising event **Sunday April 14th 11-3 pm**. Admission at the door is \$2 and proceeds go to Quadra Daycare. Vendors can register now and before March 18th receive a \$5 discount on the \$40 table fee which will apply after that date.

For more information and to register call Dana Gordan at 285-3960

Local Landscape and Architecture

Artists can thrill and delight, magically capturing emotion and beauty. They can also be provocative, the ones who pull us up short and make us think. Gord James' work, presented in a new exhibition at Campbell River Public Art Gallery, does both. "Site Seer, Discerning Views of Local Landscape and Architecture," opens at the Gallery at 7:00 p.m. on March 1. Gallery staff invite everyone to attend, to celebrate the achievement of a senior local artist.

Quadra Island artist, Gordon James, challenges us to see aspects of Campbell River that many ignore. His boldly realistic canvasses and sculpture take us squarely into the town's industrial roots. What we find there is a bald reality that is full of unconventional beauty and echoes of the past.

The opening for "Site Seer" will be a rich cultural exchange. James will be joined by a poet and musician presenting work that echoes his perspective. In the tradition of the beat poets, Quadra Island writer, Annette Yourk, will recite a poem written for this exhibition. She will be accompanied by string bass player Graham Edwards, known to many for his performances with Uncle Harry's Wire Band and Roy Ashdown.

"Site Seer" continues at the Campbell River & District Public Art Gallery, across from the Tidemark Theatre, until April 6. The Gallery is open from 12 - 5:00, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 287-2261 or e-mail art.gallery@crn.net



Historic Shipwrecks

Join Jacques Marc from the Underwater Archaeological Society of B.C., Saturday, March 2nd at 2:00 p.m., at the Museum at Campbell River for an exciting insight into some of the many historic shipwrecks in our vicinity. Mr. Marc has spent 17 years diving on and documenting shipwrecks around the province. For this illustrated talk, he will concentrate especially on the USS Suwannee, a U.S. Civil War gunboat lost in Suwannee Passage, the USS Saranac lost in Seymour Narrows, the Thomas Woodward, a treasure ship wrecked on Shelter Point, and the Pelican I lost at Cape Scott.

Although many people are aware that Ripple Rock was a major navigational hazard, the dangerous waters off northeastern Vancouver Island have claimed many ships and an astonishing number of lives. Come and listen to this exciting presentation.

Please pre-register. The cost is \$5.50 for adults.

Whodunit

Guess "whodunit" when Candy-Lea Chickite presents the pieces of a mysterious local murder mystery in an interactive presentation at the Museum at Campbell River on Saturday, March 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Was there a connection between a missing American schooner, a murder on the Salmon River, a one-armed man, dead homesteaders in Crofton, a pregnant wife, a stool-pigeon, an informer, and a man waiting for his son to arrive in Alaska? Find out the theories behind this amazing web of "coincidences" around the "Seabird Massacre".

Please pre-register. The Museum is open between noon and 5:00 Tuesday through Sunday. Cost of the program is \$5.50.



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Discover History

Jeanette Taylor

The following is an extract from a book being written by local historian, Jeanette Taylor, covering the islands and inlets from Quadra to Malcolm Islands. Over the coming months the Discovery Islander will print portions of her manuscript in a monthly column. Jeanette looks forward to your feedback and memories of island life.

Reginald Heber Pidcock was among the first non-Native people to purchase land on Quadra Island. He was a handsome man with a finely chiseled face, high brow and a thick beard. Though he was a clergyman's son, and devout to the last, an adventuresome streak lured Pidcock away from a bank clerk's position in London to try his luck in the Cariboo Gold Rush in 1862. Pidcock quickly gave up the rigors of mining and settled at Comox, where he opened the first sawmill in the district. His mill proved a success but when Pidcock branched out into a steamboat service he lost everything but some fine timberland he had purchased in Quathiaski Cove in 1882. (His wife Alice, however, retained extensive property in what is now Courtenay.)

Having married and started a family in those busy years, Pidcock needed a job. His education and good connections led to the position of Indian Agent in 1886. The family's first home was in the decrepit Hudsons Bay Company buildings at Fort Rupert. A year later they relocated to Alert Bay, from which Pidcock and his sons rowed hundreds of miles to visit the far flung Kwakwaka'wakw villages, from Cape Mudge to Smith's Inlet.

While in the southern part of the agency Pidcock camped on his property in Quathiaski Cove, as noted in his

journal of August 1888: *Arrived at Quathiaski, my usual camping place. Here I found Mr. Kay spending his summer in hunting and fishing. He gave us a salmon and was glad to see us. ... Took a walk back to a settler of the name of Bryant, who is at the back of my claim, and then back to camp with Mr. Kay who accompanied us to show me my back Post. Most of the land is very poor, except in a few swamps which my claim unfortunately just misses.*

A few years later Pidcock built a cabin in Quathiaski Cove that became the kitchen for a large family home. The Pidcocks moved to the Cove in about 1893/94, when "the big house" became the headquarters of the Indian Agency. The house was truly the finest in the district, with its stone foundation, large kitchen, parlour and fireplace, grand staircase, flower conservatory and a tennis lawn.

Reginald and Alice Pidcock both passed away before World War I, after which their grown family left the Cove. The Big House, on Pidcock Road, changed hands over the years; its size and history earning it ghost stories and tales of hidden treasure. The house was under renovation in the late 1970s when it was mysteriously destroyed by fire on a snowy winter night. A few spring bulbs are all that remain.



The Pidcock's "Big House" formerly on Pidcock Rd.

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Island Forum

The Editor

On Saturday, February 16, 2002, North Island Therapeutic Riding Society (NITRS) held its first (hoped to be) annual Indoor Garage Sale and Bazaar.

By all accounts, we had a successful day, sold lots of goods, met a lot of people and had a lot of fun. Unfortunately the glorious weather of earlier in the week didn't hold but at least we were dry in our covered arena.

By way of this letter we would like to thank all of the people who donated goods for us to sell, all the hardworking souls who transported, priced, set up and took down the sale. We would also like to thank the people who purchased various treasures for supporting our organization.

A big thank-you to those who rented tables from us for the Bazaar portion of our event and huge thanks to "First Pressing" who entertained us with some excellent music. Hope to see you all at the "second annual" in March 2003.

Sincerely,

Doug Beaumont - Executive Director

To the Editor,

The Quadra Island Harbour Authority held its Annual General Meeting on Feb. 6th, 2002 at the Heriot Bay Inn. Over 40 people were in attendance, and the general discussion covered topics ranging from parking fees to user fees for boat launching, wharf usage and moorage. There was also discussion of the financial status of the Harbour Authority.

The room was then cleared of non-members and an election of the board of directors was held. Don McGuffie, Alfred Richter and Tom Bulger declined to run for office again. The new board now consists of Tom Pedersen, President, Mike Griswold, Vice- President, Joe Duprey, Secretary/ Treasurer

Other board members are Bruce Jordan, Mike Richmond, Dan Billy, Kerry Leech, Hugh Inrig, Ian Mowat, Bill Bird and Ken McGuffie. The Board would like to extend their gratitude to the outgoing members for their hard work, dedication and diligence.

The Board would also like to encourage anyone who has any questions or concerns to contact them. There will be a Q. Cove user group meeting held in the near future to discuss future plans and hear your concerns.

Yours Truly,

Paul Ryan - Harbour Manager

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The New Alchemists (Golden Opportunity Turned to Lead)

For Centuries the Alchemists of the world strove to transform this lowliest of base metals into something better, more valuable! The ease with which even the lowliest serf could produce the lead would guarantee they would all be rich! Of course the Alchemists realized all too soon that the transformation wasn't going to be as easy as first expected and probably not even possible! But it didn't stop a few unscrupulous individuals from continuing to perpetrate the hoax! Eventually, though, the hoax was exposed and many a phony Alchemist was given a fitting death or escorted out of town in a new suit of tar and feathers!

I view all politicians and particularly Gordon Campbell's Liberal Government here in B.C. as the New Alchemists! Promising at election time, that they have found the magic formula that nobody else could, to turn the lead in people's pockets into riches beyond their wildest dreams! With the right spin doctors and a little luck, again, the hoax worked. Here in B.C. as there was no real Opposition; it was easy as shearing sheep!

Mr. Campbell campaigned on a platform of honest and open Government! Promised no new taxes, no cuts to healthcare, no cuts to education and any thing else the masses were willing to fall for! All along knowing that his real agenda would be to put more burdens on the workers to produce more lead with fewer resources! This sham was destined to be short lived and doomed to failure, as the rally in Victoria on February 23rd revealed.

Mr. Campbell and his party have blown a Golden Opportunity to usher in the "New Era" of honest government their own posters and slogans preached! The Election was a shoe-in! There was nobody standing in the way! There was no need to lie to anybody! Nobody knows better than all those people that attended the Rally, that you can't turn lead into gold! They've been producing lead for every shyster Alchemist that has come along for decades! But Mr. Campbell and his Party lied anyway to get votes and now they have been exposed!

For the first time in years the Liberal Party had a Golden Opportunity here in B.C. to prove to the people of the province that they weren't just another bunch of Alchemists cooking up a new batch of Gold Paint to hide the lead under! But their three pieced suits can no longer hide the Alchemists Robes, it's time to usher them out of town like we did the last bunch of shysters and leave their tarred and feathered carcasses on the outskirts of town as a warning to any others, who would dare to bring their elixirs and snake-oils to our towns and cities!

Tracy Tomlinson Quadra Island

Director's Report Clarification.....

In my last report, in response to the frustration that was being conveyed to me by Green Road residents about the parking situation in front of their houses, I suggested to people that, as one option, they use the dirt lot on the corner of Green and Ferry Roads.... I did this on the belief, from conversations with some islanders in the past, that the lot was okay for public use. WRONG! This lot is private property owned by the Credit Union and was originally cleared for the use of the patrons of the Farmer's Market. I was mistaken in my comments and profusely apologize to the Board and Management of the Credit Union and to all of the vendor's at the Farmer's Market that might have been effected by my misguided advice.

So, my advice at this point; I will leave it at **"please don't park in front of the residences on Green Road"** and leave the solution up to the individual. If the residents and the Harbour Authority and the commuters and the Ministry and the BC Ferry Corp. wanted to meet on this issue, I would be glad to try and put together such a meeting on your behalf to come to some sort of a solution.

Once again, my apologies to anyone that was adversely effected by my previous comments.

Jim Abram

Director, Area J, CSRD

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Money Matter\$

Softwood Solutions?

Steven Halliday

In my last submission of Money Matters, I took our political leaders to task over their seemingly impotent performance with respect to the softwood lumber dispute, which in my opinion has gone on far too long. We are the United States' single largest trading partner, yet we react to this current effort at economic blackmail as if we were serfs, without any means of seeking redress. Those who share similar points of view have opined on several forms of economic retaliation, ranging from withholding oil, gas and hydro supplies to applying punitive tariffs on selected and uniquely Canadian exports. Obviously any response of that nature is not only going to further antagonize the hired guns in Washington who have the ears of key politicians, but would be the economic equivalent of shooting oneself in one's own foot. Exports are a critical component of our economy, and I need not remind readers we are officially in recession. Gordon Gibson, a proud native son of BC, has written an excellent column in the February 23rd edition of the National Post on this very subject, and I will share some of the juicier bits.

In his view, Canada's federal government has 4 key responsibilities to its citizenry – national defense, border control, maintenance of the economy and lastly trade policy. He notes that since they spend so little effort on the first three functions that one would think they would be masters of the fourth. Sadly this is not the case. He rightfully points out that the Feds have been very forceful with trade matters relevant to Ontario and Quebec, such as automotive trade and textiles, but when it comes to the western provinces no such effort is expended. In the

meantime, some 14,000 plus forestry workers have been put out of work. By my quick figuring, if we assumed each earned an average of \$36,000 per year (doubtlessly conservative), but is now only earning only EI, that is a hole in the BC economy of some \$275-300 million per year. And that's just direct wage losses alone. In any event, the softwood lumber dispute is crippling BC's economy, and in Ottawa they are fiddling while BC burns. Mr. Gibson is righteously outraged, and suggests the time has come for specific action.

One suggestion is to deny the USA the right to construct a natural gas pipeline from Alaska, via Canada, to the lower 48 states, gas they desperately want. Instead, we would construct our own pipeline and offer our homegrown gas for sale. Alternatively, he suggests that Ottawa has serious obligations to BC, something I also inferred last column, and they damn well better come to our aid. Subsidizing the software lumber industry while the whole trade dispute goes before the WTO and other tribunals (which will undoubtedly take some time to occur) would ease the problem, at a reasonable cost. He concedes that the US would view this as a trade war, but reasonably points out it would be directed against the protectionist lobbies earlier mentioned, not the United States itself. Ottawa is already pursuing legal remedies, so obviously believes we are in the right.

Right on, Gordie! Enough of this namby-pambying around, it's time to kick some butt. Whether that butt be located in Ottawa or Washington, DC, let's dust off them boots. I have seen significant news coverage of this trade dispute. It is very clear that BC has

a great deal of support in the US, and that the deep pocketed lobbyists in DC actually represent a minority of players, primarily large lumber companies that own huge tracts of private lands. In any event, the best solution is to use the softer stick, that is, extend Federal assistance to the BC forestry sector, just as has been done, albeit for different reasons, to the east coast cod fishery. At least in this case, when (not if) we win in the courts, we have a reasonable expectation of being compensated for the US's punitive actions, thereby reimbursing Ottawa. It would also have the side effect of reinforcing British Columbia's faith in the value of our confederation at a time when such loyalty is faltering, here as in some other provinces.

This is a time when Canadian spirit is running very high (I wrote this the day before the Canada-USA hockey gold game, which I'm confident we will win), and it would be a great sign of our national unity for the Federal Liberals to take a firm stance on the softwood dispute one way or the other. Additionally, it would be very welcome news for their provincial counterparts, who need all the help they can get right now. Mr. Gibson also points out that our reaction must occur before March 21st, when the permanent duty will be set by the USA. Now is the time to show them that Canada means business, and has the means and the will to back up its words and actions. Good friends can have their differences, but good friends work them out and move on. Such should be the case between the USA and Canada – we have too much at stake to bicker.

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Island Report

Parking Situation Frustrates Residents

by Tanya Storr

Green Road residents are frustrated by the number of vehicles that have been parking in front of their houses since the Quathiaski Cove Harbour Authority instituted pay parking in the lot next to the ferry.

Commuters, on the other hand, say they are boycotting the harbour authority's parking lot because they feel it is too expensive and they disagree with the way pay parking was implemented without public consultation.

On a typical weekday, approximately 20 cars are parked along the stretch of Green Road that links with Rudder Road. Now that pay parking is in effect on weekends too, there are often cars parked along the road seven days a week. People are also parking on Rudder Road and in the gravel parking lot behind the Quadra Credit Union to avoid paying for parking.

Scotty Ebbeson, who lives in the house on the southeast corner of Green Road with her husband Darren, said she has found herself becoming upset daily about the situation.

"I'm sympathetic towards people who don't want to pay for parking, but I wish they could park someplace else," she said.

Scotty said residents of the road are not only concerned about the impact on their views and loss of property values, they also fear for public safety due to the increased traffic and parked-up street.

"A lot of pedestrians use this road and now they have to walk down the middle of the street because of all the cars parked on the shoulder. There is a lot more traffic and people are speeding on what used to be a quiet road."

As Scotty was talking to me on the phone on a Saturday, she noted that there were two parked cars and two pick-up trucks between her and her view. On a typical weekday she reports that there are vehicles lined up on both sides of the street. One car was parked in front of their house for two weeks while the owner went away.

"It's dangerous backing up out of our driveway because visibility is limited due

to parked cars and there is no room to manoeuvre. Another impact is that the sides of the road are getting very muddy and people are dropping garbage along the street," she said.

Scotty and Darren have put up signs asking people to please respect their privacy and not park in front of their house, but Scotty said it's too early to tell if the signs are having any effect.

Ken Dinnes, who lives with his family on Green Road across from the top of Rudder Road, observed that people are not only parking in front of his house, they are also turning around in his driveway.

"People are in a hurry to catch the ferry in the morning and in a rush to go home at night. We're concerned about our kids' safety due to the increased traffic and accompanying haste which invites speed," he said.

Ken added that he understands why people don't want to use the pay parking lot, but he is very concerned about the impact of parking on Green Road.

"The harbour authority has overpriced their product and alienated their customers. I have some measure of sympathy for commuters, however we're hearing people slamming car doors at 6:10 a.m. and at a quarter to midnight on weekends. Our view

has become an urban parking lot/dressing room/automotive repair centre."

Quathiaski Cove harbour manager Paul Ryan, who also manages the Heriot Bay harbour, said the harbour authority board isn't considering any further changes to their parking rates at this time.

"The board has reacted to public criticism and made changes. I would expect fees will stay the way they are for this year," said Paul, who added he does not have a vote on the board but does advise board members and carry out their wishes.

Paul said the changes involved dropping the rate for a monthly pass from \$30 to \$25 and implementing six-month passes (\$125) and yearly passes (\$200). When commuters complained that the weekday parking fee of \$2 per day discriminated against them, the board decided to levy the parking fee seven days per week from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pay parking was put into place to pay for the maintenance and operation of the harbours, Paul stated, not to subsidize moorage.

"At the moment we have to ask people to pay for parking to maintain and operate the harbours, because moorage does not generate enough revenue to do this. We can get funding from Small Craft Harbours Branch for capital projects, but not for



Vehicles parked along Green Rd on a typical day.

Photo: Tanya Storr

ongoing operational costs.”

Paul said he understands the frustrations of Green Road residents, however there is nothing the harbour authority can do to convince or force people to park in the pay lot.

He added that other user fees will be coming into effect for harbour services, such as fees to use the boat ramps and winches for non-moorage payers.

“People will have to pay to use services. That’s the way we have to go for now. We’re a non-profit corporation—we’re just trying to break even. The day may come when we don’t have to charge people for parking if we get more capital improvements like showers and washrooms, and can encourage more recreational boaters to tie up.”

Paul observed that since the harbour authority board made changes to the pay parking fee structure, general revenue has gone up as some people have bought monthly and yearly passes. Weekly revenues have stayed about the same.

“The annual pass works out to under \$1 per day if you commute five days per week,” he noted.

Carol Yole, who commutes to Campbell River four days a week, said she doesn’t use the pay parking lot because it’s too expensive and it seems unfair to be asked to pay after so many years of not paying. She added that she believes BCFC should get involved because it’s ferry commuters who are impacted by the pay parking fees.

“I think BC Ferries should pay towards the cost of parking. It’s one more added cost when you’re trying to make a living. If parking cost \$1/day I would reconsider, but \$2/day is too much. Coming up with enough money all at once to buy a yearly pass is difficult for most families.”

Ann Carpenter, BC Ferries Communications Coordinator, said the core review process, expected to be completed before the summer, will examine issues of concern to BCFC customers.

“At that time the government will provide direction for the future of BC Ferries, and that could include whether provision of parking will be considered part of our core business,” she stated.

The corporation’s phase two plans for expansion of the Quathiaski Cove terminal do not include provision of parking.

“The harbour authority has already provided parking, and they have worked with us to be able to provide an improved pickup and drop-off area for our customers. That was included in phase one of the expansion, completed in February 2001.”

Ann Carpenter stated that BC Ferries is in consultation with the regional district, the Ministry of Transportation, and the harbour authority on the expansion project.

“That covers many aspects, and includes discussions on the issues surrounding

parking,” she confirmed, adding that on a recent visit to Quathiaski Cove she counted 22 cars parked on Green Road, 19 on Rudder Road, and 16 in the pay parking lot.

The phase two plans do include the closure of Rudder Road to vehicle traffic, turning it into a cycling and walking route only. Green Road residents fear this will only add to the parking congestion on their street.

Comments received from attendees of the BCFC Open House on February 23 will definitely be considered as the corporation works through the planning process, she went on to say.

Doug Wright from the Ministry of Transportation said parking is generally permitted on side roads where lane width permits, except in proximity to stop signs, fire hydrants, and residents’ legal accesses. Enforcement is undertaken by the RCMP.

In response to requests submitted by Green Road residents to the Ministry for parking restrictions, Wright said he remains hopeful that the community and the harbour authority can find workable solutions and that discussion are ongoing.

“Depending on the outcome of these discussions and public response to Mr. Abram’s request in the Discovery Islander

for commuters to refrain from parking in front of people’s houses, the establishment of ‘No Parking’ signs adjacent to the houses on the west side of Green Road could be an option for the Ministry of Transportation and the RCMP to consider.”

However, Wright stated that these signs would apply to residents and non-residents equally.

“I have only seen ‘Resident Only’ parking signs in very large municipalities where there is an agency to issue the resident permits and enforce the bylaw. Enforcement and sign maintenance costs are paid for by the Province of B.C.”

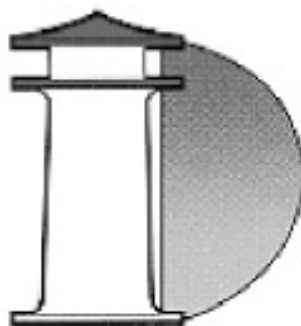
He added that pay parking at BC Ferries terminals is not new.

Area ‘J’ director Jim Abram said the only way the regional district could provide money to the harbour authority’s parking lot, spreading the cost of parking over the tax base, would be through a lease.

“The harbour authority was not agreeable to leasing that property to the regional district. If they want to come back to the table to talk about other options, that’s up to them.”

Abram went on to say that the parking situation is quite a dilemma.

“I don’t really know what the answer is. The changes in the fee structure that the harbour authority made seemed to have no effect on eliminating the problem. In the end the solution is going to have to come from discussion between all the parties involved.”



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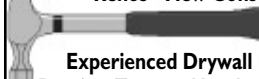
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| | 1900 | 3.3 | 1.0 |
| 10 | 0225 | 11.5 | 3.5 |
| SU | 0745 | 8.9 | 2.7 |
| | 1240 | 11.5 | 3.5 |
| | 1940 | 3.3 | 1.0 |
| 11 | 0245 | 11.8 | 3.6 |
| MO | 0805 | 8.2 | 2.5 |
| | 1325 | 11.8 | 3.6 |
| | 2015 | 3.3 | 1.0 |
| 12 | 0255 | 11.8 | 3.6 |
| TU | 0825 | 7.5 | 2.3 |
| | 1400 | 12.1 | 3.7 |
| | 2040 | 3.3 | 1.0 |
| 13 | 0310 | 11.8 | 3.6 |
| WE | 0850 | 6.9 | 2.1 |
| | 1435 | 12.1 | 3.7 |
| | 2135 | 4.3 | 1.3 |
| 14 | 0330 | 12.1 | 3.7 |
| TH | 0925 | 6.2 | 1.9 |
| | 1510 | 12.1 | 3.7 |
| | 2135 | 4.3 | 1.3 |

For March 3-10 While Supplies Last

HERIOT BAY STORE

SHOP AND SAVE

GROCERY

Kellogg's
Corn Flakes **\$3.19**
750g

Dad's
Cookies **\$3.79**
700g

Island Farms
2% Yogurt **\$2.29**
750g

Casa Fiesta
Refried
Beans **\$1.49**
398ml

Sunrype
Drink
Boxes **\$1.29**
5 Pak

9-Lives
Dry
Cat Food **\$1.79**
1kg

PRODUCE

B.C. Organic
Royal Gala
Apples **99¢**
lb
\$2.18/kg

Spaghetti
or Acorn
Squash **89¢**
lb
\$1.96/kg

B.C. Crop
Potatoes **\$2.99**
10lb Bag

Buck Brand
Melogolds **\$1.29**
Each

MEAT

Prime Rib
Steak **\$5.89**
lb
\$12.99/kg

Whole
Frying
Chicken **\$1.99**
lb
\$4.39/kg

Made In Store
Italian
Sausage **\$3.49**
lb
\$7.69/kg

DELI

Balderson
Medium
Cheddar **\$1.29**
100g

Black
Forest
Ham **89¢**
100g

Store Hours Sunday to Saturday 9 am to 8 pm

