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Publishers' Notes

Firstly a very happy May Day to Quadra Islanders and our island guests.

Here's crossing fingers on Wednesday afternoon that the sun will pull through and bless us with a warm dry day for the festivities on Saturday. Regardless I'm sure it will prove as always to be a great event.

On the subject of events you'll notice in this issue a big splash promoting the first annual Quadra Island Canada Day Celebration. This initiative has been sparked by the Chamber of Commerce with Ron Millar, Doug Edwards and Barry Hatelt bringing their fireworks expertise to the event.

It is felt this event could become a regular fixture on the calendar and unlike our more community oriented May Day and Halloween celebrations grow to encourage visitors from Campbell River and further afield to join us. Such an event can't happen without wide support from the community at large so if you are able to help by making a small or large donation or assisting with volunteer time don't hesitate to contact the

Chamber by phone at 285-2724 or email to chamber@discoveryislands.ca

This issue marks something of a milestone for the *Discovery Islander*. It was Issue #133 in March of 1997 that Sheahan and I began our watch as publishers of the then *Discovery Advertiser*. As this is Issue #266 that means the paper has now spent more issues in print as the *Discovery Islander* than *Advertiser* and we can truly feel that we have 'done our time' at the helm. It could also mean that for those that still refer to the paper as the *Advertiser* it is time to make the switch!

Lastly many will have noticed erratic type glitches in the last few issues of the *Discovery Islander*. This has been a thorn in our side and is caused by compatibility issues between new software and aging hardware. We hope to iron out the problem as soon as possible. Hopefully this issue will show fewer incidents as we track them all down. In the meantime thanks for your patience, and remember - computers are our friends. Or so I've been told.

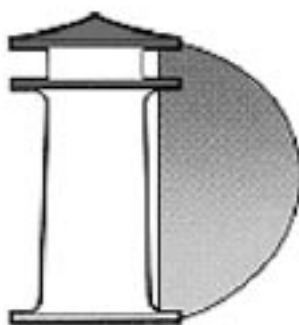
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Island Calendar

- **Every Thursday** - Jam with Moe, Quadra Legion 8pm
- **Every Friday Night** - Ron Hadley Jazz Pianist TsaKwaLuten Lodge 6 to 9pm
- **1st Friday of every month** - Open stage @ Yak Shak Coffee House 7:30-10pm
- Every Monday & Wednesday - Slo-Pitch nights 4-9 pm HBI Pub

May 25th, Saturday

- May Day! 10am Rebecca Spit
- May Day Dance with Alpha YaYa Diallo Community Centre doors open at 8pm

May 26, Sunday,

- Exploring Quadra hike - Maude Island 10 am Heriot Bay Store
- Full Moon Drum 8:30 pm Rebecca Spit

May 28, Tuesday,

- Town Hall Forum 7:30 pm Community Centre

June 5, Wednesday

- "Four Yogas" talk by Steve Moore 7:30 p.m. Inner Garden

June 11, Tuesday

- Quadra Quilters 9:30 am Community Centre

June 16th, Sunday

- Father's Day Brunch One Sitting 11:00am TsaKwaLuten Lodge

June 19, Wednesday

- Quadra Singer's AGM & Potluck Picnic 6pm Rebecca Spit

June 22 & 23, Sat & Sun

- Quadra Island Garden Tour, "The Quilted Garden Tour" 10:00 am to 4:00pm, \$12 ticket/map includes 2 days

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.



Quadra Singers Picnic Potluck & AGM.

Please join us for some fun, food, and talk. Maybe song? All past, future & present Singers or just interested. Wednesday eve at Rebecca Spit, June 19, 2002, 6 PM. Welcome John back! For info call Nancy at 285-3800 or Nanci 285-3105.

May Day Sail Race

The May Day Sailboat Race on Saturday, May 25, is divided into two groups. To avoid sounding pretentious we call them the Big Boats and the Small Boats. Big Boats start at 1 PM. (Call Brian, 285-3128 or Rob 285-3204). Small Boats start at 1:30. (Call Frank or Shirley Wallace at 285-2297). There is a sailors' pot luck at the Spit at 5:30. Course sheets are available from Brian Simmons or from the committee boat on the day of the race.

QI Food Bank

The Quadra Island Food Bank will be changing it's days of operation beginning in June 2002. We will be open for distribution on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. The hours will remain the same, 1.00to 2.30pm.

Billets Needed

Scala, a wonderful girls youth (13 - 21 yrs.) choir from Belgium will be performing here on Quadra on Sunday, July 7, 2002. So billets are needed for 46 youth, in pairs, for one night only. You would be responsible for bringing a potluck dish for a fun, group picnic at Rebecca Spit upon their arrival that afternoon, dinner, transport to and enjoy their concert, accommodation overnite, then breakfast before delivering your billet with a bag lunch to the 10: 00 a.m ferry to Campbell River on Monday, July 8th. It's a rare opportunity to open your heart as well as your home. (They do speak English.) If you have any questions or want to share in this unique experience, pls call Carol @ 3737.

Drum Up the Full Moon....

at Rebecca Spit, around a fire. Sunday, May 26th, about 8: 30 p.m. Bring your drum or any percussion or other instrument and join in. No drum? - just beat on a log or come and listen. All ages.

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Yak Shack Coffee House

This month, Friday, June 7th, we are featuring Julie, Duffy and Roy Lowe in support of the North Island Therapeutic Riding Society. Come early if you want to perform, The open stage will be limited to the first half. Doors open 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. Admission \$4- Performers & Students \$6- adults. Location Yak Shack Coffee House, downtown Heriot Bay. Should be a great evening. Dress warmly, we may be outside.

Overcome Barriers to Employment

Are you looking for work? Do you need help with your job search? Attend the Overcoming Barriers to Employment Workshop at Opportunities Career Services on Thursday May 30 from 9 – noon.

Perhaps there are some stumbling blocks that are preventing you from finding success in your job search. For some people a barrier to employment might be a lack of confidence when meeting with employers. For others, it might be the need for more training or work experience.

“The purpose of this workshop is to learn how to create solutions to overcome barriers to employment,” said Debbie Leger, a Facilitator/Employment Advisor at Opportunities Career Services.

Workshop participants will identify any barriers that they feel present a challenge in their job search. Next, using a Ten Step Process for Overcoming Barriers to Employment, they will brainstorm methods to minimize and/or redefine these obstacles.

“By the end of the workshop participants will feel more confident about their ability to identify and address their barriers to employment. This will allow them to be more proactive about surmounting challenges and moving forward,” Leger noted.

Opportunities Career Services is funded by HRDC for individuals over 30 and non-resource industry based workers, and for clients of the Ministry of Human Resources. Services are prioritized for these clients.

Overcoming Barriers to Employment is one in a series of Fast Tracking to Work Search Success Workshops offered by Opportunities Career Services this spring/summer. Watch for announcements of other upcoming workshops.

Call 286-3436 or drop by 210 Beech Street in Campbell River to reserve a seat today!

Calling Pet Owners & Animal Lovers!

The Campbell River Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals needs your help. The shelter is caring for a great many animals these days, and needs supplies: old towels and blankets, dog shampoo, dry kibble for dogs and cats (Technical of lams only, please), dog toys such as kongs or play cubes, and cat toys. As always financial assistance would be welcome.

Your donations can be dropped off at the D. Young residence, 633 Fox Road. Please phone before you come - leave a message if you get the recording and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

The shelter also needs volunteer “dog walkers”. If you would like to do this, please make the necessary arrangements through the Campbell River Volunteer Centre, 287-8111.

There are many adoptable animals currently at the shelter – everyone is welcome to visit and maybe adopt a new friend. For information call 286-6131.

Quilted Garden Tour

Date: June 22 & 23 Saturday and Sunday
‘The Quilted Garden Tour’ Time:
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Cost: Ticket/Map
\$12.00 (good for both days)

Mark your calendar June 22nd and 23rd for the 2002 Quadra Island Garden Tour.

This year we present ‘The Quilted Garden Tour’. The success of quilts in the garden last year has led to a second year of flowers and fabric. Members of the Quadra Island Quilters Guild will display their quilts in selected gardens. There are two quilts to be raffled and as well quilts will be offered for sale.

There are 11 gardens on the Tour. Gardens, some old favorites and some delightful new additions, will be open for viewing from 10 AM to 4 PM both days. The price is \$12 per ticket/map, which includes a list of descriptions of the gardens. All proceeds go to the Community Centre Additions Project.

The Tour can be done in one day or two, so feel welcome to reserve a space at one of Quadra’s many resorts, B&B’s or the excellent camp ground at Rebecca Spit. On the days of the Tour, discounts or a special menu will be offered at many of the local restaurants.

Tickets are available prior to Tour days at outlets on Quadra, in Campbell River and in Courtenay. On Tour days tickets are available at the Visitors Booth which is located close to the ferry dock. For further information about the Garden Tour please call Joan at (250) 285-3665

Celebrate Canada Day Quadra Style

Once a year, on July 1 we celebrate our country on Canada Day with family, friends and neighbours. This summer the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce invites one and all to join us in celebrating as a community! Festivities will include an opening parade, cake decorating contest, performances and a spectacular fireworks display to cap it all.

Any performers wishing to stage their talents can contact John Waibel at 285-2121 for more information. Donations are being accepted to help fund the fireworks display and can be sent to DICC- Canada Fund, Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce c/o PO Box 190, Quathiaski Cove BVC V0P 1N0 your contribution of \$25 or \$50 can greatly assist this event becoming reality. Donations of prizes for a silent auction also welcome.

"Exploring Quadra" Hikes

Quadra Islanders and visitors are invited to join the Sierra Club on their "Exploring Quadra" hikes.

Our first hike of the season will be to **Maude Island on Sunday May 26**. This all day hike is timed to arrive at Maude Island when the current is running at maximum through Seymour Narrows. The trail starts from Morte Lake, then heads west to Saltwater Lagoon and up to the south slopes of Mt. Lolo for a view over Discovery Passage. We will then continue south to Maude Island stopping to look at the remains of the construction camp. In 1956 this camp was established to build a tunnel under Seymour Narrows in order to blow up Ripple Rock. Hikers should meet at the Heriot Bay Store Parking Lot at 10:00 am to carpool. The hike will be over by approximately 5:00 p.m. Bring a lunch. Wear good hiking/walking shoes. Dogs are discouraged. For more information contact Richard at 285-2922.

Mark your calendar for all our scheduled hikes this summer. All times are listed and the meeting place is at the Heriot Bay Store parking lot.

Sunday, May 26 Maude Island

Sunday, June 16 Blindman's Bluff

Sunday, July 14 Main Lake & Yeatman Bay

Sunday, August 4 Small Inlet/ Waiatt Bay

Sunday, September 8 Shellalligan Pass

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Campbell River-Quadra Island-Cortes Island Ferry Advisory Committee

The Regional District of Comox-Strathcona and the District of Campbell River have agreed to assist in the establishment of the Campbell River-Quadra Island-Cortes Island Ferry Advisory Committee to BC Ferries. The mandate of the committee is to advise BC Ferries on local ferry service issues in relation to the Campbell River to Quadra Island route and the Quadra Island to Cortes Island route; and to advise on inter-dependent ferry service and policy issues that may arise from time to time.

The local governments request citizens, groups and organizations interested in representing their communities on the Ferry Advisory Committee write to Doug Raines at the District of Campbell River, advising of their interest in being members of the committee and outlining their previous experience in serving in voluntary and interest based activities in the community. A maximum of 15 persons will be appointed to the Committee to represent Campbell River (5), Quadra Island (5), and Cortes Island (5). The Committee will meet a minimum of two times each year.

Once the Ferry Advisory Committee is formed, two members will be chosen by the Committee to represent the Campbell River - Quadra Island - Cortes Island committee on the Coastal Council to BC Ferries. The Coastal Council is made up of representatives of each of the 12 Ferry Advisory Committees and its mandate is to advise BC Ferries on inter-dependent ferry service and policy issues. The Coastal Council may meet up to four times each year.

There is no remuneration paid for service on the Ferry Advisory Committee. However, BC Ferries pays approved expenses incurred by members participating on the Committee. Interested citizens, groups, and organizations are requested to express their interest in writing, by May 31, 2002, to:

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May Day Dance

Quadra Islanders are celebrating our 104th May Day on Saturday the 25th with the usual parade and Maypole celebrations at Rebecca Spit.

At the Community Centre that night we are honoured and excited to present the much celebrated Alpha YaYa Diallo and his high-energy Afro-funk band Bafing, who are bound to get us dancing.

Guitarist and singer Diallo, from Guinea in West Africa, is one of the hottest acts on the current world music scene. Now based in Vancouver, he's earned a matchless reputation internationally for the excellence of his musicianship and the excitement of his live shows, whether performing solo or with band Bafing.

Diallo is a uniquely multi-talented artist. His dexterous acoustic and electric guitar playing, with its fluid melodic lines and compelling grooves, places him in the front ranks of African axemen. In addition he is a skilled and experienced performer on a variety of percussion instruments including the balafon, a wooden xylophone. To complete the embarrassment of riches, Diallo writes his own songs, and his voice has a beautifully modulated edge.

Writing about Diallo's latest album "The Journey," the Toronto Star's Geoff Chapman said that Diallo "achieves with this release what most African musicians have failed to do: he has created a classy Afro-pop synthesis of the continent's musical forms with western technology that won't infuriate the purist."

Hot off the press: Alpha YaYa Diallo just won the 2002 JUNO award for Best Global Recording for his album "The Journey." In 1999 his album "The Message" won both a JUNO Award for Best Global Recording and a West Coast Music Award for Best World Music.

Dance to Alpha YaYa Diallo and his band and dancers at the Quadra Community Centre at 970 West Road on Saturday, May 25th. Doors open at 8:00. Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$12 advance from Quadra Crafts and Explore Gallery. Phone 285-3243 for more info.

Then on Sunday the 26th at the Community Centre, Diallo and friends present workshops on drumming and dancing, from 10am to 2pm. Cost will be \$20 for each workshop or \$30 for both. Phone Michelle at 285-2294 to register.

Volunteers are still sought, as is someone to do food for the concession.

Alpha YaYa Diallo

**When the day is done
it's time for evening fun!**

**Alpha YaYa Diallo and band Bafing
8 pm at Quadra Community Centre.**

Dance with Whirlwind

Whirlwind the Celtic Band made up of several Quadra Islander (and Sonora Islanders) will again perform at the Cape Mudge Hall on Saturday, June 8 for a family dance. This dance will be a fundraiser put on by the Quadra Island United Church. Refreshments and deserts will be provided. A door prize will be offered. Come and join us for fun and merriment Tickets available at the door. Call Mimi at 285-3163 for more information

Quadra Island United Church

The board of stewards at Quadra Island United Church welcomes Minnie Hornidge from Campbell River.. Minnie will act as the supply minister and will preside over the Sunday morning services during the summer months. Services will continue to be at 10:30 on Sunday mornings starting May 25. Everyone is welcome to attend. On June 2 we will celebrate Minnie's arrival with refreshments after the service.

We are also happy to announce that Nancy Wilson, now Rev. Nancy Wilson, the student minister who presided over Quadra United last year, is coming on June 3 for a week long visit. Nancy will offer a communion service on June 9 at 10:30 followed by a luncheon afterward. Call Mimi at 285-3163 for more information.

Lightkeeper's Retirement Party

This Spring Wendy and Jim Abram retired after being lightkeepers for 24 years. Seventeen of those years were spent living and working at the Cape Mudge Lighthouse. Being lightkeepers is a lifestyle that involves the whole family – especially at remote sites such as Chatham Point and Boat Bluff where Jim and Wendy worked before their move to Quadra in 1985. Of course many will know Jim who continues serving the community in his other capacity as our Regional Director.

In celebration of their retirement from lightkeeping, Islanders are invited to a potluck dinner on **Saturday, June 15th**. The event will be held at the **Community Centre** with doors open at 6:00, supper at **6:30 pm**. Bring food, plates and cutlery. If you would like to help or need more information call 285-3648.



Things are happening at Quadra Credit Union!

Ann Bown, Senior MSR at our Cortes office, has joined us at the Quadra office to replace Cheryl Cartwright, who is taking an extended leave. Jennifer Hansen has joined the staff at the Cortes office.

We are pleased to welcome Lynne Jurgens to the senior management team at QCU. Lynne joins us after several years as Risk Manager with another Credit Union, and as has many years of experience in the financial services industry. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Canadian Bankers, and is an active participant with the River City Players in her spare time. Lynne assumes responsibility for Lending and Risk Management for the Credit Union.

At our Annual General Meeting on May8, 2002, the following members were re-elected to our Board of Directors:

Jim Evans
Steven Swanson
Richard Swanson
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Quadra Island RCMP

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Under the Canada Shipping Act Boating Regulations, no person shall operate a power driven vessel or a vessel driven by electrical propulsion that has an engine power greater than 10 hp or 7.5 kw in the above noted waters.

The exception to the rule is a person who occupies a waterfront cottage that is only accessible by water and who operates a vessel solely for the purpose of reaching that cottage. Every person who contravenes theses Regulations is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.00.

Quadra Quilters

The May meeting was a busy one with the executive for next year determined and the beginning of next year's programming underway. The completed raffle quilts were shown and are now on display in the QI Credit Union. The first prize is a quilt based on a design by Better Homes and Gardens (Custom Design Collection 1981) called "On the Go" with a few blocks designed by Quadra Quilters to reflect life on the Island. Heather van der Est and Teresa Tate in particular have put innumerable hours into the details and arranging of this quilt. It is machine and hand appliqued and hand quilted. Each block was sewn and quilted by an individual in the guild and this quilt is truly a group effort. The second prize is a Quillow. made using the Mile a Minute technique. A Quillow is a quilt which folds into its own cover, forming a pillow. It is great for carrying in the car or camper for use during long ferry waits on cold nights, or sending off with a student for her/his new accommodation. This quilt was designed by Laurie Ann Williamson and Teresa Tate and sewn by a number of member of the Tuesday Tortoises, a sub-group of the guild. Raffle tickets for the quilts are now on sale from guild members - \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The June meeting will be our final for this season. Quilters from Campbell River and Cortes will be visiting and we will have our annual sharing of quilts from the 3 groups and our June potluck

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Regional Director's Report

First of all, I would like to thank all of the people that have been phoning me to reinforce my support for the Churchouse rezoning for a fish farm that will keep about 30 to 40 jobs in place at Walcan seafoods. I have been supporting this since day one and continue to fight on your behalf with the Area J APC also in support as were the representatives of different sectors in Area J in the consultation meetings that took place over a period of about a year. It would be nice if the community would come out more often in support of the tough decisions that I have to make on your behalf at the board level. This is not an easy job, and I appreciate your confidence in my ability, but I also need your support when push comes to shove...

The final decision will be made at the Board meeting on May 27.

While we are on the subject of supporting our community, I would ask **EVERYONE** in Area J to attend the major Public Meeting at the **Surge Narrows school at 10:30 on June 14th** to support the continued operation of the school. As you have probably heard the School Board is in the process of making a decision on the closure. **THE CLOSURE OF THIS SCHOOL WILL BE VERY DETRIMENTAL TO THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF OUR OUTER ISLAND RESIDENTS AND THEIR ECONOMY!** So, I expect to see all of the people on this island

that profess to want to see diversification and expansion of the economy as being of benefit to all, at that meeting. It is your choice, folks. If you don't show up, the school will close!!! Let's see some solidarity with the people that pay taxes into the system and get virtually nothing back except a very economical school. Boat-pooling can be arranged if necessary.

Last but not least, for those of you that have seen the ads from BC Ferry Corp. about the choosing of new members for the advisory committee for Quadra/Cortes/Campbell River, I will be holding a Regional District Public Meeting on June 5th at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre to review the names of those that have submitted their names and from which I am supposed to choose 4 members in addition to myself. The same numbers will be chosen by the Cortes rep. and the Campbell River rep. and that will make up a committee of 15 people

I want to make this as democratic as possible, but the way it has been designed makes it difficult logistically and really only provides for me to choose from the names that have been submitted. So, if you have day allows... So, I'll see you at the next three meetings!

Jim Abram

Director, Area J

Quadra School of Philosophy

Join us at the Inner Garden on Wednesday, June 5 at 7:30 pm for a talk by Steve Moore on "The Four Yogas & The Path to Enlightenment in The Lives of Socrates, Buddha, Jesus & Mother Teresa." Steve is the author of several books, including The Meaning of Life, a book of philosophical poems. Currently, he is researching a book called "Socrates, Buddha, Jesus & Lao Tzu: A Kitchen Table Discussion." All talks are free.

The Quadra School of Philosophy is planning a lecture series and a course on "world religions" in the fall. We will start things rolling with a day long mindfulness meditation retreat with Robert Beatty on Sunday, Sept. 15. Call Steve at 285-3323 for further information.

Notice

Boat Ramp User Group Meeting

The Quadra Island Harbour Authority intends to apply user fees to both boat ramps starting in June and July.

Interested parties are invited to attend a meeting to provide information and discuss user fees. The meeting will be held on Thursday May 30th at The Quadra Island Community Centre at 7pm. Please use the South entrance and take the stairs to the upstairs room. Those who are not able to attend the meeting can provide submissions to the Harbour Authority by sending a fax to 285-3623 or sending an email to qiha@island.net.

WOODLOT 25 – PROPOSED FOREST DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Alex Hartford will hold a public viewing of the 2002-2007 Forest Development Plan (FDP) for Woodlot License 25. This FDP includes four blocks of crown forest land: 1) Smith Road / Haskin Farm, 2) Across West Road from Camp Homewood, 3) Valdez Road, and 4) Open Bay, as well as one parcel of private land located along the Surge Narrows Road.

The FDP shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting, road development, and basic silviculture between 2002 and 2007. The FDP also includes information on the maintenance and protection of other resource values in the area. The FDP is available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests. Current approved operational and Management Plans that encompass the FDP area will be made available for viewing at this time.

The FDP will be available for public viewing and comments at Room 1, Quadra Island Community Hall, on Thursday, May 30 between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Please use the south entrance when entering the building. In addition to the public viewing, a copy of the FDP will be available at the Vancouver Island Regional Library – Quadra Island Branch, or at the Licensee office at 1525 West Road. Please contact Alex Hartford at 285-3148 or at 287-6540 to arrange a convenient viewing time. In order to receive consideration prior to FDP approval, comments must be received in writing by June 29, 2002 although comments regarding this FDP are appreciated at any time throughout the year.

**BOARD OF SCHOOL
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.
72 (CAMPBELL RIVER)**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
COMMUNITY MEETING**

**TO DISCUSS THE
PROPOSED CLOSURE OF
SURGE NARROWS SCHOOL**

June 14, 2002
10:30 a.m.
Surge Narrows School

The deadline for written submissions in connection with this school closure proposal is May 31, 2002 and should be addressed to Barb Sharpe, Chairperson, Board of School Trustees, 425 Pinecrest Road, Campbell River, BC V9W 3P2.

The Board will also be discussing this proposal at its regular scheduled public meetings of May 14, June 4 and June 25, with the final decision being made on June 25, 2002.

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Marcia's work, on exhibition at the gallery from May 17 – June 15, is primarily landscape images done in oils. What makes her work unique is that it is all done on location. Marcia will be at the opening reception for her "Reflections" exhibition on Friday May 17th, where her work will be on display, and will be available to answer any questions regarding this workshop.

Marcia's summer workshop will introduce participants to the pleasures of "plein air" (or "on the spot") painting, and will provide instruction on how to make your studio supplies portable, and provide tips on staying warm and dealing with the changing light.

Take this opportunity to learn some of the techniques needed to create a painting out of doors. Following a brief introduction, participants will travel to an outdoor location to begin creating a "plein air" painting. Marcia will provide instruction for students working in oil or watercolour media (focus will be divided between these two days on the different mediums).

This workshop works well for all skill levels. A supply list is available. Students have the option of bringing their own supplies (easels needed), or paying a supply fee at the time of registration. Students are responsible for their own transportation to the site (carpooling is an option).

As class attendance is limited, register early to avoid disappointment. The fee for the class is \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members, with a \$10 fee for supplies. For more information, please contact the Campbell River and District Art Gallery at 287-2261. The deadline for registration is Thursday, May 30th.

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View the site of the famous Ripple Rock explosion from a new vantage-point and have a first-hand look at local history with the Museum at Campbell River on Sunday, May 26th, 2002.

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Discover History

The following is an extract from a book being written by local historian, Jeanette Taylor, covering the islands and inlets from Quadra to Malcolm Island. Jeanette is currently writing about Quadra Island and looks forward to your feedback and memories.

The Lekwiltok (including the We-Wai-Kai of Cape Mudge) continued taking slaves from among the people of the south until the 1840s when the Salish organized retaliatory raids. Salish groups launched several attacks in the Discovery Passage region, followed by a massive counter-attack near Duncan in about 1850. The latter did not come out well for the Lekwiltok.

An important Lekwiltok chief led his people during this intense period of warfare. James Douglas of the Hudsons Bay Company met Nick-ayazi (French anthropologist Marie Mauze suggests this may be an alternate spelling for Negedzi, a name handed down in a Lekwiltok family) while trading just to the south of Cape Mudge in 1841.

The chief's striking appearance impressed the trader. Nick-ayazi had a high forehead, wrote Douglas, and a mild expression in his black eyes. His nose was strait and small, and his mouth and chin were well formed. His cheekbones were slightly prominent and he had a strong, bushy beard and mustache that was neatly trimmed. His long black hair was swept back towards the crown of his head, exposing his forehead and temples, which were covered in red ochre paint.

These few details are all that is known of Nick-ayazi, but if his name was passed down through the male line then his son (or nephew) was Wamish, who also became an important chief. Wamish was born in 1831 and died in 1903 at Cape Mudge. He would have been about 10 years old when Douglas met Nick-ayazi. Young Wamish must have watched Nick-ayazi's comings and goings with a mixture of fear and pride. Many Lekwiltok men died in the wars with the federated Salish bands. But the losses that were to follow during Wamish's adult years in the 1860s were even more devastating.



Billy Assu. Courtesy Museum at Campbell River

Thousands of First Nations people died in BC during a smallpox epidemic that spread to all parts of the coast when Native people encamped near Victoria were sent home. With their numbers depleted and wage labour concentrated in Nanaimo and Victoria it was time to make peace with the Salish people to the south, a cause that became Wamish's primary focus. His eldest daughter remembered travelling with Wamish on many occasions to visit the Salish tribes, culminating in a major potlatch to which all the Lekwiltok's former enemies were invited. Suspicions that his invitation may be a trick were overcome and new ties were forged among the bands. Wamish expected to pass his hereditary rights and names on to his eldest son but when the young man died prematurely these rights, including the name Negedzi, were passed to a nephew, Billy Assu. He, in turn passed the name, meaning great mountain (denoting immense generosity in potlatching), to his son, Harry Assu. Late in his life Harry's friends recommended this important name be assigned to a new trail on the island. The Negedzi Lake trail is a fitting reminder of a long line of great chiefs, with its climb through first growth forest to sweeping views of Lekwiltok territory.



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Monday, July 1st at 8-11pm

Rebecca Spit

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Can I help make it happen?

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Island Forum

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter to address some concerns I have regarding the proposed golf course on Quadra Island. While I support the idea of a recreational facility such as a golf course, as a property owner adjacent to this proposed development, I feel the need to ask some questions for the public record.

It would appear to me that a string of bogs on the proposed golf course property run parallel to the back road and down through the properties on Animal Farm Road. These bog lands then continue along properties on Milton Road, finally draining into the ocean at the base of Milford Road. Numerous ecosystems depend on this surface water flow and many residents tap this water in shallow wells for domestic purposes.

Obviously any herbicides, pesticides and fertilisers placed on the ground and heavily watered will eventually enter these existing, ground water systems, polluting wells and affecting plant and animal life. Likewise, any water diversion will have a detrimental impact on wells and eco systems that rely on seasonal, surface flow.

Golf courses, by their very nature, consume a great deal of water during dry months. Many properties surrounding the proposed golf course have drilled wells and rely on this water source for domestic, garden and, in the case of farms and greenhouse operations, business uses. There is a finite supply to any supply of underground water. Aquifers have been pumped dry or have been polluted by salt water seepage through overuse.

These questions I address to the golf course interests.

1. How do you intend to guarantee that existing, surface water flows will not be affected by development?

2. What guarantee will be put into place that assures quantity and quality of water sources available to residents neighbouring this development will not be affected?

3. Is the proposed golf course prepared to use proven safe, organic and manual pest and weed controls and proven safe, organic fertilizing methods?

These questions I address to the Regional Board.

1. Is the Board prepared to protect the existing water sources, both surface and sub-surface, that supply properties neighbouring this proposal and how will this be done?

2. Will provisions be placed in any rezoning proposal that restrict the use of pesticides and herbicides and monitor the environmental impact of fertilizer use?

3. Is the Board prepared to grant rezoning for this development on a conditional basis to ensure the future integrity of water systems and ecosystems in the neighbourhood?

I welcome a public response to these questions as I believe that all Quadra residents should have a stake in their water protection. There can be no compromise when it comes to our primary, natural resource. I have heard of too many examples of misuse, error and poor management of water that have resulted in significant, negative and often long term impact. I believe the issues I have touched on deserve nothing less than complete and satisfactory resolution by all parties involved, especially those whose water sources might be compromised, before any rezoning is considered.

With all due respect, David Oldroyd

Dear Editor,

Regarding the fibreglass sailboat that has been moored in Heriot Bay for numerous years. I would like to know who owns this boat. It is fibreglass, about 26 feet long, has a mustard-coloured hull, and a tattered brown canopy over the cabin hatchway. It is moored to a buoy, towards Heriot Island, and has, over the years, been washed onto the rocks a few times.

There is a beach clean-up of old hulls and boat pieces going on in Heriot Bay. This sailboat should not end up as another wreck on the beach. I have asked the harbourmaster, Paul Ryan, and many other people who frequent Heriot Bay Harbour, about this boat; but so far nobody knows who owns the sailboat. I'd like to get in touch with the owner of this sailboat. Can anyone tell me the owner's name, phone number, e-mail, or relevant information. Thanks. Please e-mail me at alpinewriting@mailcity.com or phone me at 204-1278.

Thanks very much. Greg Ross

Dear Islanders:

I can't understand why we're allowing the BC Ferry Corporation to wreck that gorgeous woods, to demolish the hill and to replace them with a retaining wall, more pavement and white lines. Destruction is supposed to occur in July but will probably begin sooner. Absolutely no one I've talked with thinks it is a good idea. I know I'm not the only person who looks at the hill and the trees and bushes and tries to imagine how it is going to look as concrete and asphalt. Orderly, like on the blueprint.

The parking area is a busy place from 4:00 to 6:00 during the week. In the morning cars are often lined up the hill for the 9:00 and 11:00 sailings though rarely to the corner. Sometimes in the summer cars are lined up the hill, rarely as far as the corner. So What. That section of road has two lanes on the north side. Is the traffic really a problem? A traffic hazard? No. Most of the time, most of the entire day, and all weekend the traffic is very light and usually not at all. If BC Ferries insists that congested periods must be controlled they can hire additional workers which is easier on the earth and stimulates the economy.

Ferry rates are definitely going to increase, not solely because of this improvement, but partly so. It's going to cost a million dollars to complete a project that few of us want. During a time of extreme budgetary restraint such an unnecessary expenditure seems obscene. So also does cutting down the woods, levelling the hill, paving it and painting it. To further insult us the Corporation is going to construct a nice little picnic area under one of the few remaining trees, though it won't be allowed to remain for long because it's a Maple with dead branches that just might crash down on someone's car or baby or dog. To add further insult the oil from the tar is going to leech into the Harbour for years.

While walking up the hill to your vehicles I'm sure you've seen the very

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Next deadline 7pm Monday, June 3rd 2002

Mystery Wall of Chains

The Berlin Wall
Had a purpose:
To keep the people
In their place

large wild cherry tree now in bloom. As well as the cherry tree, the alders, conifers and old maples there are probably a dozen smaller maples and as many young cherries that in time will also be giants. That woods provides support for at least twenty species of birds. In the shade at the top of the excavator cut there is a large patch of blue wildflowers. Is there anybody reading this who knows anybody who doesn't know the Joni Mitchell song 'Pave Paradise Put In A Parking Lot'? Don't disregard it as hokey crap. Look Around. It is both tragic and pathetic that, in the name of budget and order, the woods is gone and the asphalt and white lines stay. Imagine what the hill will look like then.

Planners from the Regional District and people from UBC or UVIC spent considerable time and resources over the last couple of years on What Do We Want Our Island To Be, How Do We Want It To Look? Lots of meetings. I don't know what has become of it all, nobody came back. But the question remains – How Do We Want Our Island To Look? That question is also asking us who we are and how we want to care for Quadra.

You've seen the excavator trail marking the boundary. That is going to be a very large wall. If we are able to stop the Project the clearing will grow back, or we could use it as a trail to our cars and the shopping area. A trail through the woods would be a very attractive addition to the Harbour Authority's improvement plans.

To be successful we must act now. We've been up against the Corporation before and we won. We can win again. Are the results worth the effort? What do you picture when the Powell River Queen rounds Whiskey Point, Maple and Cherry trees or a retaining wall?

We don't have any time so the meeting you must attend is at 7:00 pm Sunday May 26th at the Community Centre, Room 3, use the south entrance. When you come bring someone with you.

Sincerely yours,
Michael Stahnke

We know who built it
& the reasons why

The new chain fence
At the QC. ferry dock
Allows only two people
To walk abreast
To and From the ferry,
A bit of a crunch
When people are coming & going
& a potential hazard
For emergency exits

Who built it
And what are the reasons why?

Is it the Harbour Authority
Another surprise folks
Another in your face, this is our parking lot
No Trespassing unless you pay kinoa thing?

Is it B.C. Ferries
Trying to control the flow
By concentrating it
In just a five foot wide strip,
Herding humans like sheep
To the green pastures
Of Ferry Land?
But why do that?

Is it a temporary
Fence to protect people
From a future construction zone?
If so, what's being built
On the parking lot & why?

I talked to a lot of people on Quadra
Who don't like being
Fenced in.

Especially when
We don't know
Why or who
Is doing the fencing in


Especially when
One has to walk
Around the fence
Just to use the bathroom
Or make a phone call or buy a coffee

& we don't even mind that,
If there's a god reason why?

At least the Berlin Wall
Was no mystery,
But mystery or not
Sooner or latter
The people took it down

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Dear School Board District #72

Once again the Campbell River School District is threatening to close the Surge Narrows Elementary School as part of an attempt to deal with an enormous budget shortfall. As a parent of two of the eleven students at Surge School and as a Maurelle Island taxpayer I ask you to reconsider this action.

There seems to be much misinformation circulating regarding enrolment at the school. There are eleven students this year ranging from kindergarten to grade five. As far as I know they will all be returning in September 2002. No decline in enrolment here! There are also a handful of pre-schoolers here at the moment who visit regularly and who are planning to join the school when the time comes. Not all the students live on Read Island. Our community also includes residents of Maurelle, Sonora, Stuart, Sturt, Raza and the Rendezvous Islands, as well as the north eastern part of Quadra Island. We are a growing and evolving coastal community, not one in decline as was recently and erroneously reported in the Campbell River Mirror. The School Board's apparent policy of determining school enrolment based on students' postal codes would show that only six students are enrolled at Surge School. Not all of us collect our mail at Surge Narrows for a variety of reasons. We do live here year round and pay taxes here, operate businesses here and contribute to the economy of Surge Narrows, Quadra Island, Campbell River and beyond. Just about everything we earn goes straight back into the community.

Our children attend school only part time. We live quite a distance by sea from the school and daily travel is prohibitively expensive as well as weather dependent. We also happen to believe that children should not be cooped up all day long. We are lucky enough to have time to spend with our children therefore we are not in need of a day-care facility. We have chosen to do mostly home-schooling with occasional visits to school. We use the Surge School as a part time resource centre, library and social network yet the school district collects the full amount of funding for our two registered children. If Surge School were to close we would have to register with North Island Distance education (N.I.D.E.S.) and the nearly \$6,000 per student funding would go there instead. It would still have to be paid, so no saving there. The point is that this funding is provided to help give our children (and future adults by the way) a basic education to which they are entitled as citizens of this country. Sadly, funding

is not provided for home schooling - if it were perhaps we would all be getting our money's worth.

Apart from any funding issues, the Surge Narrows School is the heartbeat of our small community. It is physically connected to our community hall and provides a focal point for gatherings of the community at large.

Without the school it will be difficult to attract young families to and back to the area. Property values may diminish if the only visible government service in our community closes.

I do agree that money needs to be saved and I can see a few always that might be achieved. The school is overheated. A 45 kilowatt generator roars away all day long when a more efficient system with a bank of batteries and inverter could be installed. The federal government wasted thousands of dollars installing an internet hook-up which has never worked properly. How could it when there isn't even a basic telephone system? The money would have been better spent on pencils and paper or replacing the expensive Autotel system that services the school.

This brings me to the library at Surge School. Over the past two years a lot of volunteer effort has gone into establishing the library. It now stands as a great example of what volunteers can accomplish. What a shame if it is to be packed and stored when there are eager students hungry for the knowledge it contains.

As a young teen I attended St Ann's Academy in Victoria. That school was forced to close because of a lack of funds despite protests including marching at the legislature in Victoria. The students, myself included felt abandoned and undervalued. Now the same discussion is effecting my children. What message are we giving these children? That they are not as worthy to have access to the education system as children living in town.

Recently my six year old daughter said to me "I hope our school won't close because it's where I come to see my friends." I reassured her we would continue to see our friends whether the school closes or not. But what a shame to have it all sitting there in moth balls, so close and yet so far away. There must be other ways to reduce costs besides simply closing our school. We all have to get creative and learn to think outside the box.

Sincerely

Claudia Lake

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Lend A Helping Hand

Steven Halliday

I recently returned from a short journey to Mayne Island (one of the southern Gulf Islands) to attend the unveiling of a descriptive plaque. The plaque was erected in honour of three volunteers who devoted an inordinate amount of their time to the establishment of what is unquestionably one of the nicest regional parks in BC, and I'm very proud to say that one of those founders was my father.

In fact, the location of the plaque is on a high ridge, affording views similar to those obtained from Chinese Mountains, named Halliday Viewpoint. My family used the occasion for an extremely enjoyable reunion, marred only by my mother's slip and fall on the viewpoint trail, resulting in a broken arm. But she's fine, and this column is not a reminiscence.

The aforementioned volunteers gave gladly of their time and energy with no thought of reward, yet were rewarded with a permanent acknowledgement of their efforts. And society enjoys the benefits of their labours, which makes the whole project an entirely worthy undertaking. But lately a new trend has been developing, whereby people seem far more averse to volunteering their services to society, at least certain sectors. This is disturbing.

Fortunately for us, we have a strong level of commitment from a small group of folks manning our emergency services, for in those areas we can afford no compromise.

But on Mayne Island, they are having a serious problem in recruiting emergency service volunteers, at a time when the average age of the population is going down dramatically.

Paradoxically, the need for the service is growing, with the former volunteers now reaching their 70's and older. But this represents the critical end of the spectrum. At the other end, we have the sort of volunteerism that is more entertaining, such as organised sports and May Day celebrations. It seems of late that these voluntary social activities are also experiencing difficulty attracting volunteers, at least on Quadra. But I also know that many other different volunteer groups are having difficulty attracting volunteers, such as the Cemetery Society, the Ferry Users Committee and the Chamber of Commerce, to name a few. Even the Credit Union experiences a close call every annual meeting in attracting sufficient members (or volunteers) to constitute a quorum. There is no question that fewer people either have the time or the inclination to volunteer.

Coming at a time when our provincial government is embarking on a program of fiscal cuts unprecedented in our history, this trend is troubling. Program cuts will inevitably lead to more downloading of services previously provided by the government. Recent campground closures are an example – if a community fails to adopt the park it adjoins or contains, the park will close. More serious examples are a result of the closure of regional hospitals, the impact of which the government proposes to mitigate by increasing ambulance services. Trouble is, most of us rely on volunteer ambulance attendants, and if there is trouble recruiting volunteers...well, ambulances don't drive themselves. In some instances a community will have no option but to hire people to fill the positions, an action that

necessitates increasing local taxes, thus completing the downloading cycle. There is no question that volunteer activities affect the economic wellbeing of a community in addition to giving a community its true essence of community, if not it's soul. The spirit of volunteerism is a critical component of our way of life - always has been and always will be. Provided people continue to volunteer.

When my father moved to Mayne, he was 53 years old and had taken an early retirement with a disability pension. Fortunately Dad's disability did not preclude him from volunteering on a massive scale. If memory serves, at one time or another (but with many, many overlaps) he was an ambulance attendant, fire fighter (later Chief), Legion President, Lions President and Parks Commissioner. In each of the social clubs he inevitably ended up chairing many committees, and Mayne boasts many fine improvements courtesy of the volunteer members of these organisations. Sadly both the Legion and the Lions are experiencing steadily declining memberships. And he was by no means alone in his dedication – most retired folk on Mayne were and are avid participants. But as the community grows, it is growing by a larger number of people with far less connection to the community, such as week-enders, summer residents, tele-commuters and busy professionals who spend little time in the community. In most instances they have little or no time available to volunteer. I fear this trend is spreading to the northern Gulf Islands, and remind everyone that your community needs your help. The Discovery Islands virtually functions by way of volunteer groups – please try to do your part.

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The lovely kayak route travels through a myriad of connecting bays of north Quadra Island. This is a route of eventful First Nations history where you will encounter 3 interesting archeological sites, one with a 10 foot midden bearing witness to a significant population. Local historian, Jeanette Taylor reveals the stories of these past settlements as well as tales of early European encounters.

Following a gourmet lunch, participants hike through a mature forest to visit Waiatt Bay, an old village site overlooking Octopus Islands Marine Park. Besides the evidence of First Nations villages, there are remains of early logging operations such as the Hastings Sawmill and early Finnish homesteads at Granite Bay dating from the turn of the century. The old Lucky Jim Gold Mine can be visited on the return drive from Granite Bay.

This schedule consists of two kayak sessions of about two hours each, plus a short hike of one to two hours, interspersed with beach walks and a lunch break. Experienced guides and outfitters, Christine Portmann and John Waibel have designed the trip to accommodate all levels of kayaking experience and include all kayaks, gear, safety equipment, and instruction, plus a great lunch!

Please pre-register at the Museum to pick up your program information well in advance. The Museum at Campbell River is now open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday; noon to 5:00 on Sundays. Cost is \$110.00 adults and the trip is open to participants aged 10 and over, if accompanied by adults. Call 287-3103 for more information.

Happy Wanderer's

Are hosting a 50+ Social Dance at the Community Centre on May 25 and June 22 from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Enjoy the great dancing music of Norm's combo. Partners and singles welcome to come to listen and dance. \$5.00 at the door. More info 286-1161.

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The 5th annual Sayward Garden Tour is back. This year it is bigger and better than ever. It will be held on July 7, 2002 rain or shine. We have lots of wonderful gardens to share, plus really nice garden baskets will be raffled off throughout the day. The garden tour is in conjunction with the Artist in the Park, crafters and artists mixed through out the park and a wood carving contest – always a treat to see. You can also look forward to hearing a special garden guest speaker at noon while having lunch in the park. Then wrap up the day listening to the Old Time Fiddlers. Sounds like fun so far, right? Well that's only half the fun, just wait until you find yourself in a 100 plus David Austin rose bed, and a flower filled hillside with a variety of flora to satisfy even the most demanding flower gardener's expectations. If this doesn't catch your eye than nothing will.

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Business Profile

Fat Travys Takeout

by Tanya Storr

For Renée Paquin and Helen Wassner, opening Fat Travys was the fulfillment of a long held dream.

"I've wanted to operate this mobile kitchen for five years," said Renée, as she prepared a chicken souvlaki pita roll for a customer. On the day I visited, Fat Travys had just opened for business and there were already two customers at the window. Prep cook Rhys Harrop was busy chopping garlic, its pungent aroma wafting through the well-organized kitchen.

Renée, who truly enjoys cooking, met the previous owners of the mobile kitchen formerly known as 'Little Zorba's' in Courtenay a few years ago. When she found out they wanted to sell the converted 25-foot trailer, she began researching the possibility of bringing the mobile kitchen to Quadra.

In the meantime, Renée operated the Lunch Truck, which served hot food at various locations on the island. She went on to cook brunches and dinners at the Legion and then brunches at Aroma, and also worked at Lovin' Oven. Although she was busy with other culinary pursuits, Renée was still keen to pursue her goal of operating a Greek food takeout business.

Helen Wassner, who started Images of Hair Design on Quadra six years ago, returned to the island last year after being away for three years. Renée approached her with the business idea for Fat Travys and Helen enthusiastically agreed to be her partner.



"Helen was really excited about it and saw the potential," Renée stated.

Helen has an entrepreneurial background which includes the hair salon, a wilderness tours business, and real estate.

Renée and Helen purchased the mobile kitchen in January and kept busy for the next few months looking for a good location for the business and acquiring the necessary permits. They ended up renting a very visible and convenient spot from the Cove Centre at the end of its parking lot. As soon as the weather brightened, Fat Travys flung

open its takeout window for the first time on April 27.

Renée and Helen said the reaction from both islanders and visitors has been very encouraging.

"It's been very busy so far—quite a lot busier than we expected it to be. We've gone from doubling to tripling our food supply order. The overall response has been really positive, and we've had lots of repeat business," Renée observed.

Helen noted that people on Quadra are very supportive of new ventures.

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"The people here are fantastic. It was the same when I opened my salon," she said.

Painted blue and white with a red door, Fat Travys' décor is distinctively Greek. The colourful Fat Travys sign, designed and painted by Lesley Matthews, adds to the Mediterranean feel.

When asked why she and Helen decided to serve Greek food, Renée replied that it's her favourite food and it's not available anywhere else on Quadra.

"I couldn't buy my favourite food here and that made me start thinking what other people on the island might like. People are very happy to get Greek salads and other healthy choices," she noted.

Fat Travys offers a range of meal options, including spanikopita; chicken, lamb, or vegetarian pita rolls; chicken or lamb souvlaki dinner; barbecued back ribs; smoked salmon or falafel burgers; and deep fried items including the combo platter featuring fish, calamari, prawns, and scallops.

"Our goal is to provide the service of having hot meals available on Quadra until late in the evening as well as all day. We're trying to present healthy choices and generous portions at convenient hours. Over the next two months we plan to expand our menu, depending on demand, space, etc." Renée said.

Renée pointed out that spring through fall is the best time of the year for Greek food, as the ingredients are in season and people tend to eat lighter food in the summer. She and Helen plan to open Fat Travys from mid-April to mid-November each year, but may stay open longer if there is sufficient demand.

In order to promote healthy choices, Renée and Helen are cooking with olive oil and butter, and buying all BC grown produce including on-the-vine tomatoes. All their Greek food is homemade, right down to the tzatziki, hummus, and barbecue sauce.

"We have a top secret barbecue sauce recipe," Renée confided.

For dessert, Fat Travys offers Eva Patten's

home baked butter tarts and pies.

When asked how they came up with the name 'Fat Travys', Renée laughed.

"It's named after my boyfriend, Travis Matheson, who is Helen's son. Travis isn't fat at all—but maybe we'll make him fat with all this good food!" she said.

Fat Travys has five employees in addition to Renée and Helen. Helen said it's great to be able to create employment on the island with their new business.

"We've been able to hire people because we've been so busy and we're open long hours seven days a week," she noted.

Regular customer Brandi Moir and her sister Cyan were enjoying chicken souvlaki pita rolls at the picnic table outside Fat Travys when I dropped by to take photos. Brandi said her family has become fast aficionados of the takeout restaurant.

"Since they opened I think I've come every day for a chicken pita. My daughter Sierra, who is four-and-a-half years old, really likes the barbecued back ribs, and her dad Shane likes everything. We enjoy supporting the local takeout. It's very convenient and I like the fact that it's open late," she told me.

Fat Travys now sells t-shirts depicting their logo designed by Lesley Matthews, and every weekend they have a draw for a free t-shirt (put your name in the olive jar). Future plans include a possible delivery service during the summer months.

When asked what she likes best about operating Fat Travys, Renée said she is enjoying serving local people and seeing her goal become reality.

"It's very satisfying getting this business up and running because it has been my dream for so long."

Helen said her favourite part is interacting with all the customers. "It's great getting to know everyone."

Fat Travys is open seven days per week, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday – Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information stop by the takeout window or call 203-7494 (cell).

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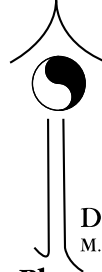
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