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Island Calendar

• Every Monday- Positive Living Support Group 7:30 pm 285-2804

•Every Wednesday-Jam with Moe, Landing Pub

• Every Friday Night – Ron Hadley Jazz Pianist TsaKwaLuten Lodge 6 to 9 pm

•1st Friday of every month-Open stage @ Yak Shak Coffee House 7:30-10 pm

Sept 15, Sun -Sierra Club Potluck 4:30 pm Sept 20, Friday

-Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society 8:00-10:00 pm

**September 22, Sun** -Quadra Philippines Giant Garage Sale

#### Sept 25, Wednesday

-Arts & Cultural Highway with Karl Schutz TsaKwaLuten Lodge 7:00 pm

#### Sept 28, Saturday

-Children's Centre Goods-Services Auction Community Centre Doors Open at 5:30 pm

-Comedy Night with Chris Molineux TsaKwaLuten Lodge Dinner at 7:00 pm ~ \$ 28.95 ~ Show at 8:00 pm \$8.00 show only

#### Sept 29, Sunday

-Quadrathon Multi Sport Race starts 9:30 am sharp! **Community Centre** 

**Rebecca Spit** 

**Community Centre** 

**Community Centre** 

Island Calendar is a list of <u>on island events</u>. Please submit seperately 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 Sailblazers

The Sailblazers dinghies will be available on Sundays at the Spit in the summer. Anyone interested in having the use of them can call Frank Wallace at 285-2297.

#### Juggleclub

Every Tuesday - Juggleclub (all welcome) Community Center 4:00-6:00pm. (Oct. thru June)

#### Auction Returns

The Quadra Children's Centre (a.k.a. Quadra Daycare) bi-annual Goods and Services auction is returning to Quadra Community Centre Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>. Every two years The Children's Centre gathers donations of goods and services kindly donated for auction by local businesses and private citizens.

Highlights of this years auction will include a Kid's Raffle Auction, a Chinese Auction, Silent Auction, a Raffle Auction and of course the main event the Goods & Services Auction.

Some of the great items up for grabs include: carpentry, plumbing services, body work sessions, antique oak table & chairs, tree service, accommodation at local resorts, excavating, computer tutoring and so mush more.

Join us on Septmber 28th, doors open at 5:30 pm and the Goods & Services auction begins at 9:00 pm, see you there!



#### **Quadra Singers**

Quadra Singers practices begin Wednesday nights Sept 11, 7 PM at QICC Director John Montgomery Everyone welcome!

#### Arts & Cultural Highway

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce invites interested islanders to an evening with renowned tourism innovator Karl Schutz as he presents his latest initiative the "Arts & Cultural Highway". Schutz earned acclaim as the driving force behind the Island community of Chemainus' world famous murals. The huge painted murals turned a declining logging town into a bustling tourist attraction worth over 26 million annually.

Now Schutz has put his energy into the Arts & Cultural Highway, which aims to package and promote art and culture on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Sunshine Coast to an international market. Quadra and the Discovery Islands are home to many world-class artists, artisans and rich with First Nations and transplanted culture. The Arts & Cultural Highway web site, which includes a vacation planner, is an ideal way to reach an increasing audience of world travelers seeking cultural elements to their vacations.

Join Karl at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge on Wednesday September 25th at 7 pm to hear more about this exciting project. Admission is \$5 at the door and tea, coffee and hors d'oeuvres will be served.



#### Pre-Screening for Irlen Syndrome

Imagine how hard it is to concentrate if the words on a page are constantly moving around as you try to read.

Irlen Syndrome is a visual perception dysfunction which has been found to be the root of reading difficulties for many people. It is a sensitivity to certain wavelengths of light that may cause distortions on the printed page, as well as symptoms of strain and frustration, such as migraines/ headaches, ADHD, daydreaming, dizziness or nausea etc.

Beginning in 1980, research directed by Helen Irlen studied methods of helping children and adults with reading and learning disabilities. One important discovery was that some of the individuals showed marked improvement in reading ability when pages were covered by coloured acetate sheets. This method has been hailed as a breakthrough and has been reported in text books on learning disabilities. A recent Irlen Institute report states 'millions of children world-wide use coloured overlays and that 5000 school districts have implemented Irlen screening'.

There can be a remarkable difference between the reading ability of students after they use an overlay. Several years ago, I screened a former Quadra Island Elementary School student who would not be reading now without the use of overlays. For him the white page was iall blurry and the words were moving apartî. With the overlay he could see the page quite clearly and the words were motionless, and consequently he was able to read them.

Many children with this problem have difficulty verbalizing what they see, believing it to be normal. They consider themselves idumbî when others read the same material fluently.

Reading is an essential part of learning and later life skills. Ifeel it is extremely important to give every child the opportunity to enjoy reading. To further this aim, I am willing, without charge, to pre-screen Quadra Island children from Grade 3 up, whether in the school system or home-schooled. Every child in New Zealand and Tasmania has this chance, and many schools in Australia and several of the states in United States have implemented this screening to advantage.

Children may be able to read yet still suffer other symptoms when doing so. Pre-screening only takes 15 -20 minutes and can reveal whether overlays may help, so please phone 285-3648, to arrange a convenient time.

Eve Phillips

#### **Giant Garage Sale!**

Come one, come all ! to the Quadra/Philippine

Connection's 8TH ANNUAL GIANT FUND-RAISING GARAGE SALE to be held at the Quadra Community Centre between 10 am and 2 pm on Sunday, September 22nd, This event provides a wonderful opportunity to find that previously enjoyed appliance, piece of furniture or kitchen accessory that you've been searching for. It's the perfect place to stock up on good books as well as games and toys to entice and occupy your children during those rainy winter months. Need a new fall or winter outfit? The giant garage sale provides endless choices! All proceeds go to Quadra's continuing support of the Ipil preschool/daycare program in the northern Philippines and to our recent sponsorship of the a morning and afternoon preschool program in the village of Lacnog.

Drop-off centres for your donations have been listed in the last Discovery Islander as well as on posters around the island . Direct drop-off is available at the community centre on Saturday, September 21st between 10 am and 3 pm. We will be sorting through goods at that time, so feel free to join us. Bring bags, boxes, hangers and a joyful spirit!

This year David and Petra Durrance from the International Association for Transformation (IAT) will be coming to Quadra to help us on our set-up day as well as during the day of the sale. This is Quadra's 9th year of supporting remote village daycares through IAT. David and Petra's visit will provide us with an opportunity to meet the founders, ask questions and get feed-back about these preschool programs as well as about IAT's child sponsorship program.

Be sure to write SEPTEMBER 21ST and 22nd on your calendar NOW! Prepare to contribute to a worthy cause by volunteering your time and donating or purchasing goods. If you would like to help out in any way (people with trucks are still needed!) or would like further information, call Carol at 285-3035.

The following letter comes from IAT's local Philippines daycare coordinator:

#### Dear Carol and Quadra Island Community,

Happy Greetings from the Philippines! As we informed you last year, we have now transferred Mabato's support to another village. We have accommodated the Lacnog community. It is quite near and easy to supervise. They now have 2 classes, morning and afternoon. Their teachers, Elena and Emma are IAT graduates but since they were not accommodated by the government, they have been volunteering to teach the young ones in their community until now. They have 27 children in the morning and 22 in the afternnoon. Last June they spent a week in the school making their visual aids and some materials for their teaching aids. I already gave them notebooks, pencils, papers, crayons for the children to use.

These two teachers come from the same tribe and hopefully will give their best in teaching the children.

As for Magdalena from Ipil Daycare Center, she started her classes last June 10/2002 with 27 children. We just renovated her center last month since the bamboo wall collapsed. It has been cemented as well as the flooring.

Included in my letter are pictures of the children in Ipil and Lacnog and the letters of the daycare teachers. A million thanks again for your continuing support to our program here. May God double His blessings to all of you.

Elena Malindao





#### **Fundraisers in CR**

The Beacon Club Needs Your Help!!!

On September 27 & 28th The Beacon Club will be hosting a Hot Dog Fundraiser in front of Overwaitea.

Sept. 26 & 27th. Tomeli's Fish & Chips Bistro at 151G Dogwood Street will be donating all coffee proceeds to the North Island Survivors Healing Society, which operates the Women,s Sexual Assault Centre. Your generous donations will assist us to make a difference in the lives of those that come to us for help.

#### First Flick Of Fall!! TOGETHER

(Sweden 2000)

September 27th - rated "R" Doors 7: 30 - Showtime 7:45, \$4.50 adults - \$3.50 students/seniors

After seeing Lukas Moodysson's 1997 premier feature aShow Me Love" Ingmar Bergman said, "We are witnessing the birth of a master." Moodysson's new movie, "Together" is even more beautifully made, suggesting that Bergman's original instincts about him were on the money.

"Together" takes place in a commune in the heart of Stockholm, founded much earlier but still going strong in 1975, long after America's youth culture have abandoned communal and anti-materialistic notions favor of discos and TV sitcoms. There, a group of diverse and offbeat characters try to live by the rule that there are no rules, but all this freedom is creating tension. Goran, the non-assertive leader, asserts he doesn't mind if his girlfriend, Lena, sleeps with someone else. Meanwhile, her promiscuity is tearing him apart inside. While homegrown veggies, open relationships and anti-bourgeois ideals prevail, the central question remains: Who is going to do the chores? Responsibility is not high on anyone's list of priorities.

We come to know every one of the commune members - who they are, why they're there and whether their needs are being met. Moodyssonâs touch as a filmmaker has 'the roughness of a mother cat's tongue, tender and assertive at the same time'. The foibles of each character make up the most vivid colors in his palette and he doesn't allow superiority or smugness to muddy them. By the end of the movie, you feel you've moved in.



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#### Marc Atkinson Trio

On Sunday, September 29, 2002 at 7:00 pm at the Quadra Community Centre, The Marc Atkinson Trio will be kicking off a wonderful new season of concerts sponsored by Quadra Island Recreation. If you've enjoyed Marc in the Billhilly Band, you'll be delighted by this different incarnation of a consummate musician with his carefully chosen, experienced backup of Chris Frye (rhythm guitar) and Joey Smith (acoustic base). They have been dazzling audiences at Jazz Festivals across Canada, including the Montreal International Jazz Festival, the Jazz City International Music Festival in Edmonton and the Vancouver International Jazz Festival.

Since the trio released their first CD in 2000 they have been in high demand, maturing and melding as a musical unit through their many gigs and shared adventures. Developing closeness as friends and musicians has taken the band to a new level and resulted in a second CD. 'the marc atkinson trio II'. released to acclaim in Victoria, March 2002.

This is jazz that is original, complex and challenging in its conception and delivery but remains accessible and absorbing. The music of The Marc Atkinson Trio good-naturedly welcomes all listeners aboard for an intriguing, exhilarating and unforgettable ride. Advance tickets are available at Page 11 books in Campbell River, at Hummingbird Office Supply in Quathiaski Cove, and at Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay. Tickets prices are \$12.00 advance and \$15.00 at the door.

These remarkable musicians use the crackling fire of Gypsy Jazz to heat a melting pot of old and new musical traditions from a gentle simmer to the boiling point!'



#### **Quadra Island Golf Tournament Update**

As mentioned in the previous Islander our tournament will be held at Storey Creek Golf Course on Sept. 21 with tee times between 12 noon and 1 pm This tournament is a 4 person per team best ball format. The cost per person in \$62.00 and includes greens fees, hamburger dinner and prizes. As of Sept. 9th we have filled 14 of the 36 positions available. Please phone Rod Clark at 285-3849 for registration and further information. Registration is on a first come first serve basis.

#### Quadra Island Homeschoolers

Quadra Island Homeschoolers would like to thank Quadra Foods for the donated tables, and the Mansons Community Hall on Cortes for the chairs. We have moved our meeting location to Mary Turners Loft and the furniture has come in handy. Your generosity is appreciated.

EVENTS - Tuesdays - Drawing and Painting with Pippa (age 12 & under) outside or at The Loft, 3 - 5 PM. Call Pippa for more information at 285-2126.

Thursdays - Canadian History Story Telling with Mary at The Loft, 9:30 - 10:30 AM.

Fridays - Drawing and Painting with Pippa (age 12 & over) outside or at The Loft, 9-11 AM. Call Pippa for more information at 285-2126.

Rhythm class with Sunday - TBA

Karate with Brian in November

If you would like to get on the homeschool list please contact Jill at wildjem@telus.net or 285-2804.



# Writing for Publication

Do you enjoy writing? Would you like to hone your skills, perhaps write for publication? If so, this class is for you. "*Writing for Publication*" covers topics such as composing query letters, studying the market, self-editing, finding ideas, turning interviews into articles, and writing personal experience articles. Geared for beginner to intermediate writers.

Grace Fox, published writer for more than a dozen major magazines including Reader's Digest, will be teaching the class at the Quadra Community Center each Tuesday in October from 7:00-8:30 pm. Cost is \$45. Deadline for registration is September 25. For more information and to register, call Grace at 285-3036 or e-mail at gfox@island.net.

#### Town Hall Meeting,

Quadra Island Ratepayers, and Residents.

Do Quadra Islanders wish to incorporate and establish a municipality? This topic was the foremost choice of assembled Ratepayers and Residents at the June meeting, and will be discussed at the next meeting 7.15pm on Tuesday 24th September at the Community Hall.

Bruce Kempling will lead this discussion and will provide information about the process. Are we ready for such development? Can we, as a municipality, control development on Quadra Island? What will be Quadra Island's future? Are there concerns about the way Quadra Island is currently developing? Come to the next meeting and voice your views.

Come prepared to question, inform, or just listen to the presentation. This is a very important discussion, and everyone should have their say and be informed about just what municipal incorporation means and what it can do for us on Quadra Island.

#### Quadrathon 2002

The Quadrathon is a team relay or solo event with 4 stages including mountain biking, cross country running, road biking and kayaking. The event focuses on outdoor recreation, fun and charity. The 2002 Quadrathon is raising money for the Quadra Island Firefighters. Last year, the Quadrathon show cased a wide variety of ages in the competitive and noncompetitive categories to earn money for the Quadra Island O.A.P. Housing Project. The youngest participant was 6 years old and the oldest competitor was 62 years young ! Most of the prizes are awarded by 'draw' instead of the finish line position. The most important line in the event is the 'Starting Line' The event takes place on Quadra Island and starts on Saturday, September 28, 2002 with a Course orientation and Practice and the main event starts at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 23, 2001. Great fun for families and sports enthusiasts! Over \$1500 worth of prizes to be given away!!

Registration Fee \$25 per team member , Solo & Pairs \$40, Student & Family Teams \$15 per person (Fee includes a T-shirt & Salmon BBQ Luch after the event)

Entry Categories include : Men, Women, Coed, Solo,Pairs, Student, Family

For Q4 Information: Jack Mar 285-3627 (Email-bicycle@oberon.ark.com) or Chief Registar - Heather Van der Est 285 - 3509 (Email - hvander@oberon.ark.com)

Special features of the Quadrathon

\* raises money for non-profit groups and charities \* fall outdoor festival \* open air fun for families and friends \* designed for non-competive and competive teams and individuals \* encourages tourism during 'shoulder months\* advocates healthy living & outdoor recreation \* promotes community spirit





#### **Postcard Readings**

On Sat., Sept. 21 at the Yak Shak, the Quadra Arts Alliance will be hosting Postcard Contest readings. Come and hear a diverse selection of short works by Island residents who entered the postcard contest. Winners will be announced to the public that night. The evening starts at 7:30ish sharp. The head Yak will be serving his unusual assortment of goodies and there will be a surprise musical interlude. Admission by donation.

#### Quadra Seniors

Our September 4th Picnic, was great fun, and the weather was wonderful. we had a scrumptious pot-luck lunch. Guests were Valerie and Allard Van Veen, whom are now members, Congratulations'.

Jin Thomson, gave us a talk, on how we faired with the Tourist Booth. Also about Environmental issues and Trails for Hiking.

On September 18th, we are meeting at Tsa -kwa-luten, at 9:30am, for an Ancient Archaelogical site walk, with Marcy Wolter, pointing out petroglyphs at low-tide. 11:30am lunch at the Lodge, and a walk with Joy Inglis and Marcy to Capt. Vancouver's, Landing Site at 12:30pm. Please wear good shoes. Some Senior members may want to only take in half of the trip, if they wish. Those taking part must be agile and well-shod to climb along the beach rocks, with Marcy.

We are planning a Fall Fair, on Oct 2, 2002 , at 10;30a;m , with a mini market, for the Seniors. We'll have Floral Displays, Unique Displays, Preserves. Baking, Vegetables and Fruit, There will be judges with Ribbons too.

In October, (around Thanksgiving), we are visiting Hamiltons Cranberry Farm, the cost will be \$2.00 each, and you recieve a bag of Cranberrys free. This is a very interesting Farm Beth Hamilton points out all the living creatures that live at the farm and their usefulness.

Our General meetings are on the 1st Wed. of every month, at 10:30 a:m.

Tai-Chi at 10:00, Carpet Bowling 10:30 am - other Wed. - at the Legion Hall in Heriot Bay.

Computer Groups meet on Thurs. at designated homes. Joy Inglis is busy now teaching sketching and water-colors. Walk on Sundays with the Gang, at Rebecca Spit, 11:00 a:m either from the launch ramp or the parking lot.

Welcome to all Seniors'. Young or Experienced , to join us. Contact people are Ruth Amiabel 285-3801-- Robert Brown-285-2907-Bob Lasby- 285-3501- Jean Carefoot 285-3740

#### 2002 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS

#### **NOTICE OF NOMINATION**

Comox-Strathcona

REGIONAL DISTRICT

**Public Notice** is given to the Electors of the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona that a general local election will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2002 to elect the following for a three year term (December 2002 to December 2005):

Area		OFFICE
Electoral Area 'A'	Baynes Sound	Director
Electoral Area 'B'	Comox North	Director
Electoral Area 'C'	Black Creek/Puntledge	Director
Electoral Area 'D'	Oyster River/Buttle Lake	Director
Electoral Area 'G'	West Coast/Nootka	Director
Electoral Area 'H'	Sayward/Bloedel	Director
Electoral Area 'I'	Cortes	Director
Electoral Area 'J'	Coast/Discovery	Director
Electoral Area 'K'	Denman/Hornby	Director

Nominations for qualified candidates will be received during the following times at the office of the Chief Election Officer located at the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona, 350 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Courtenay, B.C.

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1st , 2002

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding holidays, from October 2<sup>nd</sup> to October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002

#### 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 11th, 2002

Nominations for qualified candidates will also be received during the above-noted times at the offices of the District of Campbell River, the Village of Gold River and the Village of Sayward.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE**

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to, or holding office.

Nomination documents are available at the Regional District offices, 350 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Courtenay, B.C. (Telephone 334-6000 or toll free 1-800-331-6007) during regular business hours.

#### NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 2002

Barbra Randall Chief Election Officer



The DeMills Quathiaski Cove

#### The Editor, Discovery Islander

The DeMills are deeply moved by the support extended

by the Quadra Island community to Ken and his family during his illness, and will always be grateful.

The DeMills

#### **Dear Friends:**

We regret to tell you all that Benjamin, Michelle and Roy Lowe are leaving Quadra Island due to a sudden change in employment.

We cannot possible put into words all that this community has and will always mean to us. As of mid September we will be residing at 6997 Peterson Rd. Lantzville, B.C.

We would like to extend a heartfelt and open invitation to all of our friends- "Please come and visit us!" We miss you already.

We feel very fortunate to have experienced all the special relationships we have had on beautiful Quadra Island.

With love and appreciation,

Benjamin, Simba, Michelle and Roy Lowe

#### *'Heartfelt Thanks'* to the People of Quadra Island / Campbell River

Every summer, our family vacations on Rebecca Spit. This year, as usual, we camped on the beach the first two weeks of July at Wee Wai Kai campsite operated by the Cape Mudge Band. We've become friends with Wendy and Colleen, our hosts over the years, and enjoy the fantastic job they do in manning and maintaining the campsite.

This year, our party consisted of thirteen people (five of which were children) plus three dogs. The very first day we arrived, my 24-year old daughter Stephanie had an unfortunate accident in which she was tripped by one of her dog's tethers and dislocated and broke her ankle.

We extend thanks to Wendy, Colleen and their competent staff who reacted quickly in coming to Stephanie's aid; in particular, Anthony, who administered first aid, stabilizing and treating her for shock.

Neighbouring campers also were very helpful in coming to the rescue. An ambulance was called, which responded in record time, and later we discovered that the ambulance attendants are volunteers who drop whatever they are doing and rush to the scene (a few of them probably learned some new and colorful expletives, as Stephanie was experiencing excruciating pain). We are grateful to these very dedicated people.

She was then rushed by ambulance to Campbell River Hospital where she had emergency surgery that night (within two hours of arrival), requiring a steel plate with six screws on one side of her ankle and a two-inch steel pin on the other side.

Stephanie sends special thanks to the nursing staff and Dr. Botsford at Campbell River Hospital for such excellent surgical work. Due to his surgical expertise, she healed so well in seven weeks, that she can now walk with just a trace of a limp - no cast, no cane, no physiotherapy required.

Other surgeons at Royal Columbian Hospital serving our home area, also complimented Dr. Botsford's surgical skills. Fortunately for Stephanie, a physiotherapist named David, just happened to be working that weekend, and the next afternoon he took her to the hospital gym, where he taught her how to maneuver with crutches up and down stairs and allowed us to borrow a wheelchair from the Red Cross office on site.

We had Stephanie back in camp 24 hours later and I can testify that the wheelchair received the 'workout of a lifetime' for the following two weeks.

Our family is very grateful to the people of Quadra Island and Campbell River for such professional and personal attention during her crisis. A special acknowledgement goes to Debbie who has a small shop called Batoche on Quadra Island - her thoughtful and generous gifts to each of Stephanie's five children were very much appreciated.

Carole Newman & Dave Mitchell

Stephanie & Adam Boucher & Family

Coquitlam, BC

#### The Editor, Discovery Islander

How very fitting that Quadra Island's first bold new steps toward prosperity in this post-NDP era of unfettered hope are generously taken by our children

-- trudging further through sludge and snow to fewer bus stops, no longer overseen by their parents' and neighbours' watchful eyes; a n d trekking all the way from the ferry terminal on the Campbell River side to school and back -- so that we and one day they can wrestle more of our earnings from the collective need to invest more wisely the way we choose in the betterment of the unburdened un-regulated and Bre-Exs, Enrons, and Aaron Acceptance Corporations of our boundless future.

If enhancing freeenterprise is the reason for this seemingly vengeful, petty and vexing bullying of the least able to fight back, it makes far more business sense to expand the school bus system to carry paying commuters before and after the school runs, and shoppers mid-day.

Don DeMille

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*Next deadline 7pm Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2002* 

#### **Dear Editor;**

When I first started writing "Money Matters" 5 years (or 131 columns) ago, I thought it would not be too challenging to come up with an economic topic every 10 days or so. I have since discovered two things – it <u>is</u> quite difficult to come up with an economic commentary on a regular basis, at least one that is entertaining and informative. Secondly, I found that I really enjoy the process of writing a regular column, and have no end of subjects I would love to comment upon. However, a recent critical call from a reader has prompted me to review my options.

The reader complained that many of my recent columns did not fit the label Money Matters, and that I was making too many comments about the USA. I responded that at least 95% of my columns were economic in nature, and since I focus on a global scale the USA is naturally a common component, as they provide the lions share of economic activity and data. The reader also suggested that if I wished to comment on political matters I should write a letter to the editor. Lastly, I was advised that the reader did very little business with my employer, specifically because of my column. When I pointed out that the column is strictly a personal effort and has no relationship to my employer, I was informed that everyone knows I am the bank manager, which implies a connection between the column and my employer. Of course I was very disturbed by this comment, as I make very effort to ensure a clear separation between the two.

After speaking with the editor I have decided to continue writing and submitting for publication a column as long as it continues to be accepted, but will no longer write under the "Money Matters" heading. Secondly, every column will contain a clear disclaimer that the views expressed are those of the author only. I believe that I have the same right as everyone else to freedom of expression, and take great care to ensure all of my private activities do not reflect poorly on my employer. I take special pains when writing a column to avoid alienating or angering anyone, but that is obviously a very elusive goal.

I welcome your comments – please write me at Box 428, Q. Cove or email me at *shallida@island.net* 

Sincerely,

Steven Halliday

#### **Dear Editor**

I am writing this letter in response to the article in your August 30th issue by Steven Halliday. In his bashing of President George W. Bush, Halliday first expressed that he does not want to "get any readers dander up, as he has the greatest respect and admiration for the vast majority of his southern neighbours and has no wish to offend any of them". In this respect he has failed as my wife and I were tremendously offended by his remarks.

We are summer residents of your wonderful country, Canada, and feel fortunate to be able to spend time in this most beautiful part of the world. We try to be good guests and feel we return the hospitality by paying considerable taxes and employing Canadians in our business and development endeavours.

After the events of September 11th, the free world was in shock; not just the United States. Citizens from around the world were killed in the attack on the World Trade Centre in New York and a new nemesis to freedom became evident to all civilised peoples. President Bush, with great conviction and grace, united not only Americans, but most of the free world in a fight against those who would destroy freedom, Christianity, and our western way of life.

Halliday mocks Mr. Bush for being born into wealth. Would he also consider Churchill, the Roosevelts, Washington, JFK, Jefferson, Wellington, and others born into privilege as not qualified for leadership? He also mocks Bush's service in the Texas Air National Guard as being cowardly. Has Halliday ever flown or landed a supersonic jet fighter plane? Does h know that in the U.S. that National Guard units have been called up to fight in most conflicts? Or does he prefer the acts of Clinton who lied about dodging the draft and spent time in London and Moscow leading and participating in anti U.S. war protests?

As a former USMC officer I am extremely proud of our President for his leadership and for putting together the great team he did that has been so successful in fighting terrorism and freeing the people in Afghanistan from the tyranny of the Taliban and Al Queda. The women and children there can now go to school, sing, listen to the radio and watch TV. The pride our service people have in the Commander in Chief has been restored. No longer do they have to salute in shame a man who sullied the White House and expressed his loathing of the military. After Clinton, it is laughable that Halliday questions Bush's morality.

In summary, I find Mr. Halliday laughable as well!

Robert J. Johnston





#### To the Editor,

In his letter in the August 30<sup>th</sup> edition, J. David Cox wrote, "In the Vancouver Sun recently it was reported that the only school in a little town was being closed because the population had dropped..." This was obviously in reference to the Wells Elementary School, as it has been in the news lately. However, the reasons leading to its closure were more complex than a dwindling population, and your readers may be interested in them because they could apply to other communities as well.

Wells, near Barkerville, was founded as a gold-mining town in the 1930s. It once had a large population, but for a number of years now it has averaged between two to three hundred residents. It is a small, friendly place that seems to expand in the busy summer season when Barkerville workers and visitors appear in droves, and then settles back down again once they all leave. In that way, it is much like Quadra Island, except that it is surrounded by wilderness instead of ocean and the nearest city is an hour away by a winding road instead of fifteen minutes by a ferry.

That is where the school district offices are, in Quesnel, and that has been part of the problem. The Wells school was built to accommodate two hundred students, but the projected enrolment for this year was only twelve to eighteen pupils in the grades from Kindergarten to Seven. The school board looked at those numbers and decided to close the building, which costs \$112,000 to maintain, and bus the children 80 km. to another school.

This created a controversial issue because the drive takes an hour each way, on a highway that goes through mountainous terrain in a heavy-snowfall area. Emotions have been running high in Wells since the decision was announced and at this late date, September 1<sup>st</sup>, the school board and parents are still trying to find a solution that would be acceptable to both sides.



The most cogent explanation of the situation was provided by Don Cunningham, in an article that he wrote for the August 28<sup>th</sup> edition of The Quesnel Cariboo Observer, under the heading, "Keep the school open? Great, but we just don't have enough money." As a trustee of the school board, he attributes their financial problems to the provincial government, which gave teachers a 2.5 per cent increase but did not provide the funding to pay it.

As a result, the Quesnel school district faces an additional expenditure of \$800,000 now and \$1.2 million next year. It has been forced to make cuts that will increase class sizes and reduce the funds available for textbooks and other essential material. He states, "To keep the Wells school open may result in still larger class sizes in Quesnel and less money for the capital and replacement items that all quality schools need."

I have been living in Wells this summer and it has been disturbing to watch events unfold and to see parents try to decide whether to sell their homes and move, or to home-school their children. The effect on the community has been calamitous for other reasons as well, because the now-locked school building was used for a number of activities.

It was also the only place in town large enough to accommodate the groups of school children who come from all across British Columbia with their teachers in May and June, to participate in the Barkerville School Program and learn about their province's history at its largest heritage site. Without a place to stay at a reasonable cost, their long-awaited visits may have to be cancelled by their schools. And so it goes...

As a former Quadra Islander, with a grandson still in the school there, I hope that it has not been affected by these kinds of financial problems and the changes that result from them. People in the rural communities of British Columbia should be aware of what is happening to others in similar types of situations, to be prepared if it becomes their turn. Wells may seem like an extreme case, but the provision of education should not be based solely on monetary considerations, no matter where a school is located.

Look after Quadra Elementary and guard it carefully.

Sincerely, *Jean Macdonald* 

#### Island Generosity...

With the bright, warm summer behind us, it's time to again acknowledge the ongoing generosity of many islanders who continue to support the Quadra Community Centre.

Thank you to Steven Halliday, Quadra Credit Union, who generously donated paper and duplicating of the 2002 Quadra visitors' map; the tourist booth alone sold 624 maps, thank to the seniors who staffed the booth all summer. A big thank you to Margaret Heald for so willingly running off quantities of maps whenever they were needed - sometimes in a hurry And to Lois at Hummingbird who, when the Credit Union was closed, xeroxed and donated a quantity of maps to fill the immediate need.

Warm thanks to the many commercial outlets and resorts who sold the maps with no profit to themselves. Thanks also to the Kilbys of Village Gifts, Heidi of Quadra Crafts and Lois of Hummingbird, outlets for the children's colouring book "COLOUR ME QUADRA". Additional thanks to Village Gifts, plus Whiskey Point Lodge, for donating \$5 from each of the Quadra Island map t-shirts.

Finally, thank you to Chris Thompson of Castle Printing, Quadra Credit Union and Lois - once again - whose generosity made possible a re-run of the Quadra Island wildlife note cards which have proved to be so popular.

All of the above items will continue to be available through the fall and winter,

bring in ongoing support for our Community Centre. The building may look finished but there are still areas and details to be completed.

With appreciation for all the above generosity,

**Community Centre Additions Project Committee** 

#### **Dear Residents**

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# **No-Name Bandits**

#### by Steven Halliday

n a recent edition of the Hungry Eye (a weekly advertising flyer distributed on Quadra), owner/publisher Carol Gray made a useful observation regarding independent (so-called "white label") automated teller machines. I admit to feeling somewhat remiss in failing to point out the situation on this page (honest, I had great intentions) but will remedy that now, particularly as the H-Eye doesn't reach our other Islands readers. These machines are popping up everywhere, and we now have two here on Quadra. While it is very true that these machines offer a convenient service, users should note that they charge a fee over and above the charge your financial institution would normally levy. This fee, usually \$1.50 or \$1.75, can make the cost of a transaction as high as \$4.00, depending on the type of account you have and where you bank. If you have no other choice for getting cash, these things can be very handy. However, if you can use a financial institution's ATM (preferably your own institution's network) you will pay only the normal fee with no other surcharges. Carol made a great suggestion - if you have to use them, at least use them wisely and get enough cash that you will have to use the machines on minimal basis.

Another way to save a few dollars on your routine banking transactions is to review your spending habits. In almost all cases using your Interac® Direct Payment card for purchases is cheaper than writing a cheque. If you perform a lot of banking transactions, it might be a good idea to enquire about a package account. These bundled packages allow you a set number of transactions per month for a fixed monthly fee, usually at a cost 50% less than paying per transaction. As a bonus, these package accounts usually include free access to a variety of services for which you would otherwise have to pay. Of course, in a never-ending initiative to cut costs most financial institutions are pricing everything at a discount....provided you give up personal service. Using the computer and/ or telephone banking can save you some money on a select number of services. While my employer does not follow the practise, most financial institutions now charge a fee of some sort for counter service, and one can expect that trend to continue. Many people have several small bank accounts. for one reason or another, and most financial institutions will levy a charge for small and/ or inactive accounts. Consolidating all your accounts may be a way to save some money. As with most types of business, the more business you give a supplier the more likely the supplier is to give you a better deal. This may be a reduction in service charges or a better interest rate on your deposits and loans.

Have you reviewed the interest rate on your credit card lately? If you are still using a retail store card (e.g. Sears, The Bay, Canadian Tire, etc.) you are paying just shy of 30% for the privilege. The average credit card rate is about 16%, yet I get constant solicitations offering me a new card at much lower rates. Of course, most of them are for a short term only, and then revert back to the full rate, but if you shop around you should be able to find a no frills card with a standard rate of less than 11%. I recently dealt with a couple who were so pleased with themselves over the great deal they had made on purchasing some new home furnishings. Though they had more than enough in cash to pay for the purchase, the salesman convinced them to sign up for the 12 month interest free plan – that way they could earn more interest on their savings! I regretfully pointed out that had they paid cash they could have received a discount on the purchase price that would far exceed any interest they would earn on their savings. These interest free plans are underwritten for the dealers by finance companies such as Trans Canada, Avco and HFC, and we all know how great their rates are! In <u>not</u> paying the discounted interest cost to the finance company, the dealer can knock off a fair chunk for those that pay cash.

There are many ways to save money on your banking costs, but you will have to make the effort yourself to unearth the savings. Avoiding white label ATM's is a good start. I learned about them in a particularly nasty fashion. Back when I was young and single I tooled around the western USA in my folk's motorhome, and made my first visit to a casino in a great little town called Carson City. It was fabulous, as I had the place almost to myself, and all the free beer I could drink. I happened to enjoy Blackjack, and had a table to myself as well. For a while I simply couldn't lose, and then I hit a spell of bad luck. Fortunately, there was a machine directly behind me that allowed me to use my credit cards to get more gambling loot. How handy! You can probably guess the rest of the story - that machine cost me in excess of \$50 US in transaction fees, then my credit card companies charged a usurious rate of exchange to convert the transactions to Canadian dollars. This only added insult to injury, as my betting losses were painfully high. I learned several valuable lessons from the incident, and avoiding white label ATM's was the least of them. Avoiding casinos was the most valuable one, and it has stuck with me for almost 20 years.



#### Identity Crisis Darlene Booth RNC

This really has been a most interesting summer for me. It seems that the universe is really starting to listen to me. It's almost like God and I are hooked up on some kind of high speed Internet access or something. I no sooner have a thought and the "lesson de jour" is on its way! It's getting kind of eerie but wonderful and exciting at the same time...

I will give you a taste of what has been coming my way for the past few months. A few weeks ago I was having an extremely whimsical moment. I have had a kind of love hate relationship with my name most of my life. In fact I remember as a young child thinking that my Mother really did not have much of an imagination when it came to naming me. Inever really felt like a "Darlene", although I can't really tell you what I do feel like either! So on this particular day a few weeks ago I said to a friend that I wished I had a new name. I had in mind something less conservative, more fun perhaps with just a hint of mystique. I put the intent out there that if I should have a new name, then one would surely come my way, and then of course I forgot all about it.

Well, Universe never forgets. That is the first lesson. Be very careful what you wish for. That is the second lesson! Near the end of August I was excited to be attending a Healing Touch workshop at the Bethleham Retreat Center in Nanaimo. This is the fourth such workshop in a series of five and the first one that I have attended in retreat setting. What a treat. No meals to cook, no house to clean, no laundry to wash and fold! [until I got home that is!].

It does not seem to matter which teacher we have, or what setting we are in. The Healing Touch workshops always begin the same way. "Be sure to wear your name tag at all times." With about 40 of us milling around at any given time, it makes sense! And I diligently did wear mine every day except on the morning of the last day when it had seemed to vanish into thin air...

At first I panicked and then in quiet meditation I remembered my recent request for a new name. My heart lightened and I anticipated that soon my new name would come to me! I ran into a fellow student and laughingly joked that due to my loss of name tag, I was suffering from an identity crisis. "No problem," she replied, "We'll just call you... Joanne!"

#### **"HUH?"**

Well I don't mean to offend anyone named Joanne but this wasn't exactly what I had in mind! And it did not get any better throughout the morning! Someone else decided to call me "Dolly"....another called me "Spot?" They were having far too much fun but the element of mystique was certainly not in the air. I yearned to reconnect with my name tag. I realized I really did miss my own name. I feared that I would be subjected to wander the planet in a nameless fog all the rest of my days. I had another wee conversation with God. "Okay, I get it!" I said. "This is another one of those grass is always greener lessons eh? Another one of those gratitude deals right?" I knew I had it pegged because God just smiled that all knowing kind of smile that really says it all without words...

I visualized getting my name tag back and at lunch of course, I found it. With a smile and great satisfaction, I put it around my neck and walked to class. On route I was handed the name tag of a colleague that had been found at lunch, so I put that around my neck as well. And on entering the classroom I found yet another one! It was getting a tad out of hand. It was time for another one of our wee chats.....





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# Art Show at April Point

Artwork by Bettina Sluzki Lewis will be shown at a special event at April Point Lodge, September 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. It will feature an extensive collection of original work by this distinguished painter. The show is entitled 'The Art of Compassion'.

Amongst the variety of work to be on exhibit and sale are her signature pieces, human figures that arise from the subconscious and are given substance in glowing colours of acrylic and pastels.

Bettina has lived and worked on Quadra Island and in Courtenay for the past several years. Her work has been exhibited widely, and she is a well-known teacher. In 1999, the Campbell River Art Gallery exhibited her paintings in a show entitled 'Bearing Witness'.

Bettina was born in Belgium, and raised in Argentina. Her studies have taken her to Italy and New York. She is an honours graduate of the Emily Carr School of Art in Vancouver.

All paintings at the April Point event, on the last Sunday in September, will be sold on an offer basis, with no fixed prices. Bettina has recently undergone surgery, and is in recovery. Funds raised by the sale of her work will assist her through this period.

Bettina helped old and young around her to take joy in painting, and lectured and published on delight in drawing.

Three of her students on Quadra Island are planning ' The Art of Compassion' exhibition. For information please contact Judy Campbell (285 3359), Joy Inglis (285 3193) and Diane Kogel285 3990).

Watch for additional information of the plans developing for a great day at April Point.

The show and sale promises to be a delightful event and an opportunity to honour a gifted artist and teacher.

#### Regional Director's Urgent Notice

Hello everyone. I wanted to let you know that I have just been notified by the CSRD that we have a meeting with Premier Gordon Campbell and with Ministers of Health Hawkins and Hanson at the UBCM convention, which I will be attending the third week in Sept.

This is very timely in that we are faced with a situation that could see Quadra without a doctor later in the spring. I would invite all of those that are interested in helping to insure that Quadra Island is an attractive place to practice medicine to send your submissions to me so that I can present them to the Premier and the Ministers in person and urge them to continue the Rural subsidy for doctors on this island.

I need good solid information and also need heartfelt letters of support for our island community and the continuation of medical services on the island. Please take the time to put something on paper as soon as possible. I will need all submissions prior to Sept. 19th (Ileave on the 20th for the Convention). This is a golden opportunity, folks, so let's not let it pass us by.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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# <u>Island Report</u> Quadra Resident Makes Dog Show First

#### by Tanya Storr

uadra resident Carol Sutherland-Scott made dog show history this summer by being the first handler in North America ever to compete using a motorized disability scooter.

Carol and her husband, Dave Scott, had been enjoying training and showing their Afghan hounds for three years when Carol was diagnosed with cardio myopathy in 1998. Cardio myopathy is a disease affecting the function of the heart's ventricles, often culminating in heart failure.

"I was hit by a very rare virus that caused cardio myopathy. It didn't come gradually. I was in congestive heart failure and given four months to live," said Carol, as she reflected back on that traumatic time.

The surgeons she and Dave spoke to were unwilling to operate due to the high risk factors associated with Carol's case. However, after some searching, they found a heart specialist in Vancouver who agreed to take the chance. Carol had two open heart surgeries in 1998 and 1999.

"The first one didn't work, but the second one did," she told me.

During her ordeal, Carol thought she wouldn't live to see another dog show. By summer 2001 she was well enough to attend a show as a spectator.

"It was amazing just to be able to watch a show," she recalled.

However, being able to compete again seemed totally out of the question because Carol's illness left her unable to run.

"I can walk, but I can't run. To show an Afghan you have to run at full speed beside the dog. You are running hard because you want your dog to stretch out and show his best gait and movement," Carol explained.

Enter Carol's friend Gail Mofford. Gail is a professional handler from Victoria who holds the distinction of being tied for winning the most dog show championships



Dave and Carol with their prizewinning Afghan hounds Huckleberry and Jazz.

in the world. While on a visit to Quadra, Gail suggested that Carol consider showing her dogs again.

"My first reaction was 'That's impossible!"" remembered Carol.

Gail responded, "No, it's not. Ask permission to show your dogs using a motorized scooter."

After some deliberation, Carol decided to phone the president of the Canadian Kennel Club to see what he thought of the idea.

"I told him I am handicapped and I would like permission to show my dog using a

motorized handicapped scooter," Carol recounted. "I really wasn't sure how he'd react, as I knew this had never been done before in North America. I found him to be very supportive and enthusiastic. He gave me his blessing and contacted the president of the BC division."

The BC president was equally encouraging, personally making sure there were no hitches as Carol prepared for her first show since her illness.

Carol and her dog Jazz set their sights on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Afghan Specialty

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Show, the largest Afghan show in Canada this year. The specialty show was part of the all breeds show held at the Saanich Fairgrounds on August 10.

Practicing in their driveway, Carol in her scooter and Jazz alongside, the pair paid special attention to their turns.

'The turns are the most challenging part in the scooter. You have to do tight turns without breaking stride," Carol noted.

As the big day approached, Carol became very apprehensive. She wondered if she and Jazz would be able to pull off this feat that no one had ever attempted before.

"I was really nervous going in. I was so worried we wouldn't be able to do it," she remembered.

When they arrived at the Saanich Fairgrounds, Carol found most of the other handlers to be very supportive of her in her scooter.

"One woman complained that my scooter was scaring her dog, so I went to the back of the line. Later somebody told me her dog is skittish anyway. Everyone else was great," Carol said.

As Carol explained, judges look for numerous qualities in a show dog's performance. Gait, stride, ease of movement, attitude, showiness, beauty, overall condition, and proper placement of eyes and teeth are some of the criteria judges use to determine a winner.

When it was their turn to compete, Carol and Jazz performed so well they won five trophies, including the coveted 'Best of Breed', the top prize for the Afghan Specialty Show. Other prizes awarded to Carol and Jazz included First in Veterans (for dogs 7 years old and up-Jazz is 8), Veterans' Sweepstakes, and Winner's Dog.

"I was so amazed. Everyone was cheering. I had already started to leave the show and I was called back to accept the big prize. It was so neat because that was the first time a scooter had ever been used to show a dog in North America," said Carol.

The show was judged by internationally recognized Chris Kaiser, who lives in Southern California and has owned and showed Afghans for 36 years. He told Carol he really liked Jazz because he is solid structurally and close to the Afghan standard.

"I was lucky the judge wasn't into beautiful long hair because I had trimmed Jazz." Carol observed.

It turned out to be a great day for the whole family. Dave showed Huckleberry, their other Afghan, who won second prize in Veterans.

The repercussions of Carol and Jazz's groundbreaking performance using a scooter continue to be felt. The show photographer described the pair as "ambassadors for the breed."

Carol has received invitations from people in Washington State, asking her to compete in their shows next year. And the largest magazine for dog enthusiasts in Canada, Canine Review, is planning to feature Carol and Jazz in an upcoming issue.

Perhaps best of all, the scooter has enabled Carol to exercise her dogs once again. If you are walking the trails at Rebecca Spit, look for Carol in her red scooter with Jazz running alongside.





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25 WE	0045 0720 1215 1825	6.2 11.8 9.2 12.5	1.9 3.6 2.8 3.8	
26 ГН	0125 0825 1245 1840	5.6 11.8 9.8 12.5	1.7 3.6 3.0 3.8	
27 FR	0205 0935 1325 1905	5.2 11.8 10.8 12.5	1.6 3.6 3.3 3.8	
28 SA	0250 1050 1600 1935	4.9 12.1 11.5 12.1	1.5 3.7 3.5 3.7	
29 SU	0345 1200 1735 2010	4.9 12.5 11.5 11.8	1.5 3.8 3.5 3.6	

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