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Island Calendar

- **Every Monday**- Positive Living Support Group 7:30 pm 285-3224
- **Every Wednesday**- Jam with Moe, Landing Pub
- **Every Friday Night** – Ron Hadley Jazz Pianist TsaKwaLuten Lodge 6 to 9 pm
- **Every Sunday** - Buddhist Meditation Inner Garden 10 am

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

October 11th, Friday

-Friday Flicks - Soft Shell Man Community Centre 7:30 pm

October 13, Sun.

-Figure Theatre (Puppet Theatre) Community Centre 7:00pm

October 19, Sat

-Island Girls-Celtic Music Community Centre 7:30 pm

October 21, Monday

-Quadra Island Garden Club Community Centre 7.00 pm

October 23, Wednesday

-Adriane Carr-Green Party Leader Community Centre 7:00pm Rm#1

November 2, Saturday

-Coffeehouse Commuity Centre 8 pm

November 6, Wednesday

-Quadra Senior Meeting Quadra Legion 10:30am

-Health Nurse & Flu Shots Quadra Legion 12:00pm

November 12, Tuesday

-Quadra Island Quilters Community Centre 9:30 am

November 15, 16 Sat-Sun

-Christmas Craft Fair Community Centre 4-9pm Fri, 10am-3pm Sat

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.



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The 16th annual Quadra Island Community Centre Christmas Craft Fair will take place on Friday, November 15 (4PM - 9PM) and Saturday, November 16 (10AM - 3PM).

If you would like to participate, there are still a few tables available for Friday evening! To book one, please call 285-3888. Please note that all tables must be booked in advance...we will not be able to accommodate "drop-in" vendors, so to avoid disappointment, please be sure to book that table now!

Volunteers are still needed for setting up & decking the hall. So, if you'd like to help out in these areas, please call 285-3952 for more information.

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Juggleclub

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

Buddhist Meditation

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

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COST: A \$5.00 donation each week. (No one is ever turned away due to lack of funds.)

Contact: Jill Brocklehurst, Licensed Practitioner of Religious Science, for more information 285-3224

Jottings of a Giant Garage Sale Success.

At the stroke of ten, bodies stream into a transformed Community Center. Sale struck shoppers receive bags to fill with clothes and books for a mere two bucks! The doors have just opened and organizers are offering rock bottom clearance prices!

Book bugs scramble over volumes on Plato, Astrology, Taoism, and breastfeeding. Kids storm the stage for toys, games and costumes, mom's with babies on their backs rummage through clothing and dedicated bargain hunters, some working in pairs, make a strategic pass over the entire bonanza of goods, loading up as they go.

Two o'clock arrives. Shoulda got the electric hair rollers and the mini bar and the rubber suction bath mat and the giant pink tiger...sigh. There's always next year.

Again, volunteers get to work; sorting, separating, discarding, and recycling. Good quality items go to Transition House, Quadra Daycare and Birthright, and a shipment of cotton children's clothes are collected for the Philippines.

This year, great effort was made to recycle. Hard plastics, soft plastics, glass, metal and cardboard were sorted and delivered (thank you Alan Stevens and others). Surplus cotton fabric was bagged up as rags for various individuals and businesses. Salvation Army took excess clothes. There is always stuff that has

Q Is. United Church

Thanksgiving Service Sunday, October 13 at 10:30 'Giving Thanks' Children's program offered downstairs. Minister - Dale Estey Call 285-2141 for more information

Green Leader to Visit Quadra Island

Adriane Carr, Leader of the Green Party of BC will be on Quadra Island on October 23/02 at the Quadra Community Centre Room # 1 at 7:00 PM. for coffee, tea and dessert. Bring some dessert but also bring your ears, your questions, and your concerns. The Green Party has developed a detailed policy on Electoral Reform, Forestry, Energy, Healthcare and a host of other issues. Find out how the Greens would resolve the Canada/US Softwood lumber crisis. Come and find out why the Green Party is at 27% in Vancouver Island opinion polls.

reached the end of Usefulness Road. Thanks to Robert Mason and Coastal Waste for the supply of dumpsters and removal.

Finally, youngsters pitched in collapsing boxes and mopping the floor on rollerblades. Trucks were packed up (thank you drivers) and the Community Center, which had been bursting at the seams two hours previously, was empty. YAY for volunteers who make so many wonderful things happen on this island. (and to Aroma for supplying coffee for those in need).

The Giant Garage sale has become our single most successful fundraiser, supporting Montessori based preschool/daycares in remote Filipino villages for 9 years. The sale is a well-oiled machine with 50 volunteers making up the movable parts. Volunteers appear annually like migratory birds to perform their given tasks. They sort and display mountains of clothes, bushels of books, a range of children's articles which fill the entire stage... Carol Foort, able coordinator, is in awe at the growing efficiency of the event.

This year David and Petra Durrance, founders of the International Association for Transformation, and Myrna, who was visiting from the Philippines, helped with the sale. The commitment, cooperation and hard work they witnessed left a very strong impression on them. Gratitude to all for the hard work, and for donations of goods and money.

P.S. If the ten rolls of pennies in the bureau were not a financial gift, please call Carol Foort at 285-3035!

Coffeehouse

This Fall's Coffeehouse is a major community event to raise mega bucks for a new cork floor in the large upstairs room of the Quadra Community Centre. The floor may cost as much as \$ 7,000. The November Coffeehouse & raffle ticket sales have a goal of raising 50% of that money or \$3,500. Of course, we are always on the look out for a generous millionaire to match what we collect dollar for dollar so we can complete the floor.

So far there has been a wonderful response from Quadra Island performers. Smooth Edge will open with sweet harmonies. Quadra area prize winning writers in the Post Card Contest will read prose & poetry. Whirlwind will play roots folk music. Annette Yourk and Steve Moore will read poetry. Quadra Gospel Singers will shower us with spirit music. Duffy & Julie Frank & company will get us up and moving. Finally, BeatRoot Drummers will bring the rhythms of the world to your dancing feet. Beware of last minute surprises!

Before and after the Coffeehouse, there will be raffle tickets for sale in front of Quadra Foods & the Heriot Bay Store. First prize is an original wood carving of an eagle or a raven by Mike Balatti. Second & third prizes are beautiful handmade afghans for double beds by Shirley Wallace. Fourth prize is some handsome and useful pottery by master potter Gordon James. The draw for the winners will take place at the Christmas Craft Fair at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 16 at the Quadra Community Centre.

So come on down to the Coffeehouse at the Quadra Community Center at 8 p. m. on Saturday, November 2, 2002. Tickets are \$7 per person, & \$15 for the whole family. For further information or to volunteer your help, call Steve Moore at 285-3323.

Island Girls on Quadra



The Island Girls invite you to an exciting evening of traditional Celtic music suitable for the entire family. Be ready to tap your toes and clap your hands when this local group of young ladies ages 13-15 perform their entertaining mix of music. The Island Girls love to share their enthusiasm for music with the audience while singing, dancing and playing a large selection of instruments including the fiddle, mandolin, dulcimer, tin whistle, recorder, flute, guitar, bagpipes and keyboards.

The last year has been exciting with the group recording a cd, "Where The Trees Grow", which is due for release in late

October. Highlights of the last summer are a sold out concert at the Hornby Island Hall, a terrific afternoon on the lawn of the Filberg Center as well as a trip to White Rock where they were said to be "one of the big hits of the festival!"

Plan on attending the Quadra Community Centre on October 19 at 7 PM. Tickets, \$6.00 each with children 6 and under free, are available at Quadra Crafts and Explore on Quadra Island and CR Emporium and Page 11 Books in Campbell River.

These girls will show you that Celtic music is alive and well on the West Coast!

Art Lectures

The Campbell River Art Gallery is hosting a lecture series. Thursday Oct.10 at 7:30 p.m., Tracy Kobus will give a slide presentation on Jack Shadbolt, his personal journey as an artist and his struggles to be accepted in a culture that didn't understand modern art. On Thursday, Oct. 17th at 7:30 p.m. Sean George, an art educator from the Vancouver Art Gallery will speak on Tom Thomson and E.J. Hughes, two leading artists in the contemporary art scene. Fee for each evening lecture is \$5 at the door.

Call the Art Gallery at 287-2261 for more information.

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Alex, a professional diver/photographer is as empty as the wrecked vessels he sometimes explores. He spends his life charming people, scamming lovers and leaving when it's serious. After a near perilous dive in the Indian Ocean, which results in some memory loss, his tangle of relationships becomes unmanageable, threatening to put him in the deepest water yet!

The movie is beautifully photographed, with sequences that bring a sense of aimless urgency, not unlike the anti-hero himself, to a scene. Nominated for four Genies and a crowd-pleaser at Toronto International Film Festival, *Un Crabe Dans la Tête* is the sort of "eccentric, precisely realized oddity that gives Canadian filmmaking a good name." It has played to full houses in Quebec since last November and merits the attention of film fans across the country.

October 25th

In Praise of Love

Same place, Same time, Same price.

"Eloge de L'Amour (In Praise of Love) is set in present day Paris, where film director, Edgar and his crew are planning a new project (also titled *Eloge de L'Amour*); a film intended to study the four key moments of love: meeting, passion, separation, and reconciliation, as seen through the eyes of three couples: young, adult and elderly. Edgar finds himself under the spell of the mysterious actress, Elle, who is vying for a lead role in the film.

Touching upon everything from man's place in history to the marauding nature of Hollywood and popular culture, the film's structure and themes are complex. But it is a highly rewarding experience, which is further heightened by sumptuous music and

committed performances. "Eloge de L'Amour contains more ideas in a single frame than most films manage in their entirety."

The black-and-white first hour on 35mm stock represents the present and ends with the news of a tragic suicide, while the last half-hour represents the past and is shot on digital video in highly saturated colors. Besides scrutinizing life's temporal fluidity, Godard also brings what is essentially a tragedy to a note of bittersweet and hopeful uncertainty.

Film fans will certainly enjoy spotting his many literary, musical and cinematic references – a trademark of Godard's distinctive discourse. Everyone else will come away with a sense of his existential poignancy.

Local Book Launch

Explore and Raincoast Books invite you to celebrate the publication of *Tess* by Quadra Island author, Jocelyn Reekie!

The year is 1857. Thirteen-year-old Tess Macqueen and her father are given passage to the New World aboard a ship bound from Liverpool, England, to Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

In gripping detail, *Tess* tells the dramatic story of one young woman's journey to a new land and towards adulthood.

Sunday, October 20, 2002 4:00 p.m.
Quadra Island Community Centre Call 250-285-3293 for more information

Elections 2002

Regional District Of Comox-strathcona information and List of nominations received is now available on our website www.rdcx.bc.ca/election2002

Quadra Island RCMP News Release

Break, Enter and Theft

File 2002-649

On Thursday September 5th 2002, the Quadra Island RCMP attended a break, enter and theft at the log sort dump located on North Gowlland Harbour Rd. Several items were taken which include a 1600 Honda generator, two Husky chain saws, model 288 and 372, Stihl cut off saws, two cases of anti freeze, new size 9 leather/ rubber cork boots and Haley Hansen XL raincoat and bib pants.

Anyone with information about this is asked to call the Quadra Island RCMP @ 285-3631 or call Crimestoppers @ 287-8477

Recovered Property

File 2002-701

On Thursday September 26th 2002, a small cell phone and case were turned into the Quadra Island RCMP. The cell phone had been found at the end of Surge Narrows Rd. The owner is asked to contact the police office to have the phone returned.

Break, Enter & Attempted Theft

File 2002-728

On October 6th, 2002 at 11:50p.m. a thief was interrupted during a break in to a local business by the business owner. The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 5'5 to 5'8, in his early 20's with short brown hair. Note to person responsible. Due to the highly likely possibility of your identification on this small island, it is in your best interest to turn yourself into the police. If you have any information about this crime, please contact Quadra Island RCMP at (250) 285-3631 or Crimestoppers at 287-TIPS.

Found Cell Phone

File 2002-729

A cellular phone found in the ditch along Hyacinthe Bay Road was turned into the Quadra Island detachment. If you are the owner and can describe your phone, please attend the office or call (250) 285-3631.

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See you at the Cove.

Missing Items

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Quadra Legion are asking anyone who has borrowed any of the following items to please return them

6 stainless steel copper bottomed stock pots with lids

4 extra large stainless steel bowls

3 medium stainless steel bowls

2 extra large (banquet size) plastic salad bowls

48 tea towels many with LA initials in the corner

6 large red table cloths

2 large metal meat serving platters

2 large white plastic serving platters

5 salad/serving glass bowls

We are missing about 70 small glass salad bowls

1 large square roasting pan

2 oval blue enamel roasting pans

These items disappear slowly being only borrowed to take things home after a dinner with the intent of bringing them back but, as you can see, over time these items add up. The tea towels are taken home to wash but never get back, the same happens to the table cloths. If you have any of the listed items please bring them back asap. We have a huge banquet for all the North Island Legions coming up and we need them. It takes a lot of bake sales to raise the money to replace these items. Thanks. Sharon Brereton

Quadra Rec. Update

Cheers to all those who are joining in with the Litter Pick Up week, Oct 7-14. Special thanks to the Brownies and school classes that are picking up around the QCC and school. Free bags are still available at the Community Centre for other neighbourhood teams.

If you love Halloween Fun Night, please donate to fireworks at Box10 Q.C. or phone the QCC and volunteer. We need help with the games, decorating, concession and a group to do the haunted house.

While the good weather lasts, check out the great trails through Blenkin park. Our dedicated trails committee has installed some beautiful signs and a lovely map in the parking lot, constructed by Richard Pielou, for guidance.

Lifetime family memberships in the Quadra Recreation Society are on sale now for \$20. Whadda deal! Phone 285 3243, Monday-Friday, 8-2 p.m. for more information on any of the above.

World Class

Puppeteer on Quadra

Put away any preconceptions you may have of what a puppet show is about, because Bernd Ogrodnik's Figure Theater will show you differently when he brings his amazing show to Quadra Island on October 13th. This is puppetry at its finest, this is definitely not the muppets, and it is definitely not just for kids!

Bernd Ogrodnik is a world class artist who's work is deeply influenced by his background as a classical musician, illustrator, woodcarver and martial artist. It is puppetry that combines all these loves and more.

Ogrodnik's solo show called "Puppet Serenade" presents a cast of intricate marionettes and unforgettable characters brought to life under his virtuoso manipulation. His traditionally woodcarved marionettes are wonders of imagination and construction, but even more fascinating might be his ability to turn simple objects into beings with a lively heartbeat. Ogrodnik has become an innovative force in the world of puppetry surprising his audiences with what Puppetry Journal U.S.A. describes as "...a maneuver of sheer magic..."

Figure theater's "Puppet Serenade" will be presented at the Quadra Island Community Center on Sunday October 13th. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. with an opening act by Quadra's own Harlequin Juggler with her very entertaining "Black and White Jazz" show, and promises to be a delight for children and adults alike. Advance tickets are \$12.00 for individual or \$25.00 family (parents & their dependant children) and can be purchased on Quadra at Hummingbird Office Supplies and Quadra Crafts, or in Campbell River at Page 11 Books.



Quadra Seniors

On Oct 2nd, Quadra Seniors celebrated Harvest Time, by entering, Produce they have grown and made over the last year.

Many entered Fruits & Vegetables, Flowers, Unique entrys as well, Bread & Cakes, Jellies and Pickles, also Arts and Crafts.

All entries were judged by non-members, local helpful Islanders Mia Frisholz, Joyce Johnson, & Valerie McGuffie. Ribbons were made by Rhonda Richmond. Decorations by Roseanna Taylor. Thank-you' for your generosity in making this a Special day for us Seniors.

Special Entrys where by Cliff Hand a vegetable Variety Box-Unique Carrot by Betty Thompson. Largest Squash -Donna Webster-Tallest Sunflower -Jean Carefoot-Beautiful Dahlias -Marg Lasby

Potted Bromeliad, Unique-Hilda Van Orden- Best Dill Pickles Helen Swanson-Tastiest Jalapeno Jelly Erika Zylstra,-Best Baquettes Bread Chris MacClean,-Best Monkey Bread Doris McKenzie,- Best Spice Cake- Shirley Saunders and Delicious European Poppy Cake Hanne Plouffe. Best Juice made by Smirfitts, and Plouffes. Arts & Crafts-Special Effort Awards - Wood Carving Displays- Jim Thomson and Marshall Toe. Painting & Sketching-Joy Inglis, Computer Sketches, Hilary Stewart, The Sunflower Sisters, Marcy Wolter. Weaving and Stitching- Marg Lasby and Hanne Moss.

We would like to thank, all the Seniors who contributed their wares, to make this day a such a huge success. and again a huge "Hug", to Mia, Joyce, Val, Roseanna & Rhonda, for your help.

Harvest Hat Winners- where Rogier Michel & John Zylstra-Grace Whitley & Marcy Wolter. Lucky man of the day was Gilbert Krook.

For Nov.6 meeting, We are having a talk with Betty Doak about Health, C.P.R. at 10:30am

After the meeting -the health nurse will be at the Legion at 12pm to administer flu shots'- all seniors welcome'

Our Christmas Party will be held at the Discovery Inn on Mon. Dec. 9th, 12:00p;m Entertainment will follow.

Quadra Seniors, Branch 91, B.C.O.A.P.O -meetings are held the first Wed of the month, until June Tai-chi am 10:00 Wed. Carpet Bowling 10:30 am. Walk with the Gang on Sundays at the Spit 11:00 am Meet at the Launch Ramp, or walk from the parking lot.-QUADRATHON HELPERS -where Hanne Moss, Hanne & Claude Plouffe, Ruth & Martin Amiabel

Contact people are Ruth Amiabel 285-3801- Bob Lasby 285-3501- Bob Brown 285-2907 all seniors 'welcome', young and experienced'.

Island Forum

Be Careful What You Wish For

The old saying: "The people get the government they deserve" has never been more true than it is today. We deserve this horrible government just as we deserved the last one. We voters are, as a group, stupid. Loyalty to party politics has never been logical and it is insane in the morally bankrupt party-based system in which we place our faith, our tax dollars and our freedoms. Our representatives support their party first and the voters themselves be damned. Clark favoured the unions, Campbell favours business and everyday citizens don't even warrant consideration. We are fodder, like the fish, the elderly, the poor and the ill.

The electorate has faithfully voted along party lines in this province for as long as I can remember and doing so has failed them miserably every time. We vote right or left and, seemingly, we'll die doing so - so will the fish - a statement literally true with this government. When will we learn to think as political independents with a valuable franchise to exercise?

Next time at the polls is the right time to take off the blinkers and vote for the 'right stuff'. Party politics be damned. Learn about the candidates running and vote for the most decent amongst them - not the one who goosesteps the highest for some photogenic ego maniac. Vote for a person of integrity, someone who puts their neighbours ahead of their party. Green? Christian? Liberal? Whatever. 'The independent' at least gets a voice. Don't vote along party lines, vote your conscience instead. Use your head. Because, if you don't wisely exercise your right to choose, you get sycophants and nincompoops who screw up royally.

Yours

J. David Cox

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Dear Sir,

I am asking for your help in publicizing the need for preservation of trees suitable for Bald Eagles nests; my special interest is the area around Quadra Island BC. These trees are part of old-growth shoreline forests, mostly on steep bedrock sea cliffs and are used by many wildlife species that forages in the ocean as well as providing nesting habitat for the Bald Eagle. I believe that the area's landscape and economic value for tourism is a good deal greater than the possible timber value. Viewing and photographing eagles is the bread and butter of the eco tourist organisation. They add tremendously to the wilderness experience of kayakers, sailors and vistors.

Since the guide lines for timber harvest and forestry practices are being reviewed, the specific regulations aimed at the preservation of eagle nest habitat calls for updating. Also, when releasing foreshore land for development guide lines are needed, as essential trees are often cut to improve water assess, to improve the view from houses or to forestall trees falling on new, badly sited houses.

The present law ([i]) protects only the tree that has a nest. One tree that remains after all the surrounding trees have been removed does not offer suitable nesting site for bald eagles. Isolated trees are more susceptible to windthrow, the nest becomes exposed to damaging storms and even if some hard-up pair of eagles were to use it, the fledgling young eagles trying their wings are likely to be swept out of the aerie ([ii]) with no smaller trees to safely perch on.

British Columbia and Alaska has the best eagle breeding populations because we still have the trees.

Although you are not my direct representative in the parliament, I am writing to you to ask for your help to preserve this nesting habitat. Please tell me if you are interested in supporting this project. I will be contacting all local businesses, organisations, etc that could benefit from protecting these areas, and if you wish I will keep you in touch.

Yours truly,

Dr. G M Barabas

Dear Editor;

Some of your readers may have heard that there have been numerous instances of counterfeit \$100 Canadian bills being circulated in our region. One such bill has surfaced here in the Discovery Islands, so I am writing to request that local merchants be particularly careful when accepting large denomination bills. When depositing, the Credit Union will be very carefully checking the bills, and should it be of a suspicious nature (ie. fail any of our checks) it will not be accepted.

Merchants should feel free to contact us if they require further information on identifying suspicious notes.

Yours truly,
Steven Halliday
Quadra Credit Union

Dear Editor,

One of my art instructors at Emily Carr College of Art once remarked: "making art is an act of love. What artists do is giving love". I've always remembered that although it took me decades to understand it.

He forgot to mention that those who appreciate art are also giving love. Artists and appreciators are all involved in a mutual labour of love.

Nowhere has this been more evident than in the recent show of some of my work, 'The Art of Compassion' at April Point Lodge, put together by my good friends Joy Inglis, Judy Campbell and Diane Thompson Kogel. The care, attention to every detail, the effort and time given has touched me deeply, and that on its own is more than enough.

Then there were many who so generously donated time and resources, many whose names I don't know (those names I do know are: Sue Anderson, Carolyn from Impressions, Joel Bridle manager at AP, John Kogel, Moss Sheurkogel, Hilary Stewart & Gordon James). Nothing is more valuable than being appreciated.

This show was by far and away my favourite even though I was unable to attend. Thank you Moss for the video which allowed me 'to be there'. Healthwise I am making good progress.

Lovingly Bettina Sluzki Lewis

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Points to Ponder

Did you know that you can write your B.C. driver's license exam in 9 languages? You do not have to be able to speak, read or understand spoken English or French to get the exam in Mandarin, Punjabi, Cantonese, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Croation and oh yes English and French. How come, I thought that the only two official government languages in this country were English and French I guess I was wrong.

Did you know that the Ministry of education gives School District #72 \$5308 per student in the public school system but gives \$6809 per student to the private school system plus, this year, grants that total \$158,000,000.00. I thought private schooling was a choice made by the parents with the expense born by the parents, apparently not.

Sharon Brereton

Letter to the Editor

The week-long program by the Gaden Jangtse monks at the Campbell River Art Gallery resulted in record-breaking attendance for the gallery. Over 3000 visitors stopped by to watch the progress of an intricate mandala created from brightly coloured sand. The mandala culminated in a ceremony at the Discovery Pier on August 27th when the sand was released into the ocean, viewed by residents of Campbell River and Quadra Island as well as people from up and down Vancouver Island.

The monks are on a year long tour of North America with Campbell River being one of four BC venues. Other stops in B.C. included the Surrey Art Gallery and the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. Additional details are available at www.monkstour.org.

The Gallery staff and board were overwhelmed by the tremendous outpouring of community support that made the monks' stay possible! Very special thanks go to Maha Price of the Inner Garden Meditation Centre on Quadra Island, Robert Saarikko and Steve Moore for acting as hosts. We'd also like to give special thanks to Campbell River restaurants for providing lunches, to the many individuals who donated funds for other food and lodging expenses and to the many volunteers who gave so generously of their time:

Valerie Andrews

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your shopping convenience.**

QUADRA ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

by Murray Johnson

OPEN BURNING

As of midnight, Sunday October 06, the Ministry of Forests has lifted the ban on open burning. If you want to burn woody debris on your land, you may do so provided you follow the rules laid out in the *Forest Fire Prevention and Suppression Regulation*.

For more information on burning regulations visit the Ministry of Forests Protection Branch web site at www.for.gov.bc.ca/protect

Please keep in mind that even if your fire is a Category 1 or 2 burn and you are not required to obtain a burn reference number, the law says that you must still comply with the *Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation under the Waste Management Act*. There is information on the above web site, or call 1-888-797-1717. In particular, please be aware that it is an offence to burn prohibited materials (tires, plastics, drywall, demolition waste, domestic waste, asphalt products, treated lumber, railway ties, manure, rubber, paint, tar paper, and fuel/lubricant containers). Burning closer than 100 metres from a neighbouring residence or business, or closer than 500 metres from a school in session, is also prohibited.

A number of people have called to ask when *we* are lifting *our* fire ban. Quadra Island does not have a local burning bylaw, and therefore we fall under the control of the B.C. Ministry of Forests, via the Coastal Fire Centre. The Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department does *not* determine when burning bans will be imposed or lifted; we simply take steps to enforce them when they are in place. The sign that we had in place on the Fire Danger Sign, to advise of a burning ban, was not removed by us some weeks ago; it was stolen! Anyone with any information about this is encouraged to call us...

NEW #1 FIRE HALL

We will be moving into the new #1 Fire Hall before the end of October. Many of our volunteers have been working harder than normal (this author included!) helping out with the finishing work as we near the end of construction. As a result we haven't had a chance to organize much for Fire Prevention Week, such as our traditional Open House, so we'll wait until we're in the new Fire Hall and then organize an opening celebration/ Open House, etc. Watch for news in the weeks ahead.

Anyone willing to donate some machine time (excavator/backhoe/bobcat) to help the volunteers with landscaping on the new Fire Hall site, please call me.

QUADRATHON

The organizers of this years Quadrathon arranged to have members of the Fire Dept. help out with food etc., and as a result we received the proceeds of the event. We haven't heard the final total yet, but we understand it to be about \$2500. This type of funding goes into a separate account that we have for the purchase of special equipment. Currently this account is earmarked for the purchase of a new hydraulic extrication tool ("Jaws of Life"), and the Quadrathon donation should see us reach the needed amount! Thanks very much to Jack Mar and his team at Quadrathon, and to the sponsors of the event, Marine Harvest Canada, Quadra Island Recreation Society, and many other businesses and individuals! Also special thanks to Coleen and Sharon who did the lion's share of the work on it for the Fire Dept.

NEW TRUSTEE

A Special General Meeting of the South Quadra Fire Protection District was held on 2002 Oct 02, for the purpose of electing a Trustee to replace Roy Matza, who has moved to Campbell River. Bob Brown was elected to fill the position: congratulations, Bob, and welcome!

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

We have a solid group of new recruits now undergoing training and we may soon be starting a waiting list for people wishing to join the Fire Dept. At the moment, though, we are still accepting applications. If you would like more information, please contact me, or show up at fire practice, Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., #1 Fire Hall.

This column appears in the Discovery Islander every now and then. Our thanks to the publishers for giving us this opportunity. If you ever have any topics that you would like covered regarding the Fire Department, fire safety, regulations, etc., or questions that we may be able to answer, please feel free to contact us: QIVFD, Box 80, Quathiaski Cove, BC, V0P 1N0, Attn: Fire Chief Phone 285-2281 Fax 285-2284. You may also contact this writer at email murray@island.net if you like.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello to everyone! There is so much to tell you in this issue, I am having a difficult time deciding where to start. So, first things first.

After extensive conversations with people from all sectors of this community, I have decided to let my name stand for re-election as your Director on the Comox-Strathcona Regional District Board. The consistent response to my question about running another term was, "We want you to run again." I am very pleased with this result and am very proud to have served you over these past years. We have been through a great deal together and I am sure that the next three years will be even more challenging than any of you can possibly imagine.

There are so many initiatives that have been undertaken by the provincial govt. since they took office that could have a serious impact on us locally, that I feel it is important to have a continuity in leadership in our community. If you choose to have me for another term, I can assure you that I will put all of my energy, enthusiasm, tenacity and experience to use on your behalf. I love this community and the area within which we all live and will do everything in my power to see that it remains beautiful and prosperous.

One of the first pieces of good news that I wanted to pass on to you is about recycling. As many of you know, I was successful in getting the CSRD to place the two large blue recycling bins on Quadra a number of years

ago as a pilot project. Due to community acceptance and use of the bins, they became a permanent program here on the island. I have never stopped lobbying the CSRD for expansion of the materials collected in the bins, with plastics and fine paper being the two most noticeably missing.

As of last Tuesday, the CSRD has informed me that they will be collecting fine paper and plastic (numbers 1 to 7) starting mid-October. The fine paper will be put in the same bin as the newspaper and the plastics will have their own large area. This is a major victory for our community and the efforts of the recycling group that have shown the need for plastic collection on the island have helped me to argue our case.

So I hope that this will encourage even more people to use the recycling facility behind the Cove Centre and Quadra Foods. The more we use it the more it will pay off and even lead the way to a further expanded service. This was the best news that I had all week!

Over the years many of us have talked about municipal status for Quadra Island. At the beginning of my last term I looked into the possibility and it seemed from my research with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that we would not be able to afford the added costs. Since then there has been further discussion on the island about revisiting this idea.

Not much has changed in the intervening years but I am certainly willing to go through the process to gather the needed information by which the community can then make an informed choice as to what direction they want to go. I have collected all of the newest information from the Ministry (some of it hot off the presses in draft form as late as this week). This is a discussion that will take place over a period of time and is not something that anyone can just jump into. It requires, in the end, Municipal Affairs consent and electors assent before it can actually happen. So, the research has begun, the costs are unknown and I will keep you informed as it happens.

Over the past few months you will have heard about the difficulties that the School District has been facing due to cuts to its budget by the provincial govt. Although this is technically the purview of your School District Rep., Lawrence Lewis, many people have come to me as the elected representative for Area J. I do refer people to Lawrence but also try to help where I can without interfering in S.D. 72 business.

The closure of the school at Sugre Narrows was one area that I have been involved in for the sake of the community. Jurisdictional lines become blurred when the effects of one governing body spill over

into the interests of another. In the end the school was saved. The other issue that has come up due to the provincial cuts is the issue of bussing. I rec'd many calls on the changes that were proposed and did refer people to Lawrence but also made calls to the Chair of the School District, the

Operations Manager and the Transportation Supervisor to express the effects that these changes would have on the kids and the families in Area J. In the end the Transportation committee, which Lawrence sits on, made positive recommendations to restore some of the services to our island. Many thanks, Lawrence, for all of your help in accomplishing this!

Another issue that has reached crisis proportions is the way in which we are being dealt with under new provincial gov't policy with regard to the referral of applications for disposition of crown land. Local gov't has been referred on a regular basis ever since we initiated the Shoreline Zoning By-Law in 1990. This has worked very well and has allowed what I have always seen as my greatest accomplishment in elected office: local control of local issues with the public making the decisions, not the provincial gov't. The province has, under its new policy to cut red tape, eliminated the process of referring applications to us and has moved straight to the issuance of tenure to applicants with no public process. This effectively eliminates our input and control and puts us into a reactive situation. This is not good, folks.

Acknowledging this, the Union of B.C. Municipalities (the body that represents all local gov'ts in B.C.) has appointed me to be one of the two local govt reps to sit at the table with the province and a mediator to try to resolve this situation. We had our first meeting in Richmond last Wed. and will meet again next week as well. We are making progress and have acknowledgment from the govt side that they may have made a mistake and need to rethink their approach. If I am re-elected, I will continue to put forward our collective argument that the best decisions are made at the local level.

The other committee that has rec'd an extension to its life is the Community Charter Council. This is one that UBCM appointed me to while I was the President of UBCM 13 months ago. I have continued to be appointed to the continuity. The government's goal is to replace the existing Local Government Act with the Community Charter and have this first version apply to Municipalities only. Phase Two (which I hope to sit on also) will apply to Regional Districts. These will be the new rules by which we will all be governed and it is really an honour for me to have been chosen to help make this work for all of our benefits.



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The other major initiative of the province that I learned of at the UBCM convention last week was the plan to download most of the costs of policing onto rural areas and small communities. As you can imagine, there was a collective groan of disbelief from the delegates and as I have pointed out many times to the province, we already pay policing costs through the Rural Tax line item on our tax bills. They want to disregard this fact and tell us that it just isn't enough and we need to pay more. This is one item that I hope I am around to fight vigorously over the next year. It is unfair and inequitable. In a joint study by UBCM and the Ministries in 1994, it was shown that we were, at that time, paying \$33.00 per person annually (in 1994 dollars)... A family of four would be paying approx. \$132.00/yr. on property taxes for rural policing and the province is saying that this is inconsequential. I disagree.

This will be a very heated debate province wide over the next year or two. If the province gets its way they are saying that our Rural Tax will go up between 4 and 12 per cent next year. This is totally unacceptable. I will need your assistance in fighting this one.

Another issue that I was able to deal with at the UBCM convention was the one on the rural subsidy for on-call pay for rural doctors. As you may recall from two issues prior to this one, I asked the community to send me letters of support for this subsidy due to the difficulty our doctors were having in finding replacements for when they departed. I met with Premier Campbell, Ministers of Health Hanson and Hawkins and Min. Hagen and MLA Visser to discuss this issue. I presented the letters that I had rec'd from health care professionals, emergency service deliverers, industry, seniors and families and explained what this means to our community and what it will mean to the province in increased costs for ferry call-outs and transportation and the

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cost in human lives if they decide to cancel the subsidy. They were receptive of the presentation and assured me that they were aware of the problem province wide and that it is part of the BC Medical Assoc. negotiations that are to be concluded before the end of Oct. and that we will know at that time if we are going to retain the subsidy.

As a result of a motion that I put forward many months ago to allow the participation of First Nations in an advisory capacity at our Board table, I am pleased to announce that Jim Wilson (a member of the Cape Mudge Band) has started attending our Board meetings as of Sept. 30th.

His comments and experience will be highly valued in our discussions.

One last thing on UBCM ... I held a press conference along with the BC Citizens for Public Power on Tues. of the convention. The intent was to get as many local gov't reps to sign on to the class action law suit against the provincial action to deregulate, break up and privatize BC Hydro. I have forms for anyone that would like to sign on to this suit (at no cost and no liability whatsoever) or you can go to the web site: www.citizensforpublicpower.ca and sign up there. This move by the govt. must be stopped. Since they won't listen to the public, perhaps they will listen to the courts.

So, I think that about covers the highlights since I last reported to you.... I hope you are all settling into the fall routines and I look forward to seeing all of you at upcoming meetings over the fall season.

Contact me between the hours of 8am and 6pm weekdays at: 285-3355, fax me anytime at: 285-3533 or email at abramfam@oberon.ark.com

Best of the season to all of you

Jim Abram

Director, Area J



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You Have to Laugh!

Darlene Booth RNC

Those of you reading my past few columns have become somewhat familiar with my journey of self-discovery so to speak. This has been a very interesting year for me. I have finally discovered who I am and what I am supposed to be doing. Wow, it only took me 44 years to grow up and we are asking our kids to do it in less than 20...hmm. We'll save that one for another day!

I guess most of my recent growth has been in accepting and recognizing that there is a higher purpose to our time on planet earth. Believe me when I tell you that I spent many years trying to prove just the opposite were true! It has meant finally developing a healthy relationship with myself as well as seeing the larger picture. Breaking through the walls that separate us from the animal, mineral and spirit kingdoms. The veil is slowly lifting and the occasional glimpse of enlightenment shines through.

Occasional - being the operative word. I am a fledgling on this journey, as perhaps even the most enlightened of Guru's still feel. It is exciting, expanding and at times very intense. I am passionate about my journey. It has transformed my life, my way of looking at my life as well as the way I live my life. There is so much more depth to this existence than I could have possibly imagined. Sometimes I am likely to get a little lost and sometimes when my wings spread and I start to soar, I am reminded of the more commonplace matters at hand.

I have become open to all possibilities lately. Apparently, just a tad too open I guess. There have been a couple occurrences in recent history that have served to remind me of just that. The first one, about a month ago when I was heading to bed. Puzzled by some apparent "crop circles" in our carpet, I awoke my husband from his slumber to shed some light on the "phenomenon". Right alongside our

bookshelf there were 29 circles of varying size, each one with a hole in the middle. "Maybe we have a critter" was all he could come up with before resuming his blissful sleep. I studied, I analyzed, I contemplated. I was uncertain yet somewhat excited as to how this mysterious pattern appeared. I vowed to document it in the morning...Well of course morning brought with it the dawn of reasoning. We were chatting about our mysterious circles over breakfast and my son started laughing. "I was doodling when I was on the phone!" He said. "I was bored...sorry!"

Oh but it gets even better! In an effort to document 100 healing touch sessions over the next year, friends and family are not safe if they are anywhere near my healing table! My friend was leaving after a particularly powerful session the other day, just as it was starting to rain. She had no sooner left when I looked on the deck and noticed a couple footprints with somewhat of a "halo" around them. They almost looked like they were burned by light into the wood. Dark prints with kind of a bleached area around them. It was as if the rain could not penetrate the "halo". Now, I was excited! I took pictures... I phoned my buddies...and again, I had no explanation just appreciation of the world of possibilities! It wasn't until much later in the afternoon when I remembered my son had just bought new shoes...and I told him to go outside and spray them. Now I know exactly where he did it!

Although Jason might well be oblivious to the fact, he has been one of my greatest teachers in the past and continues to do so today. We have great debates over physical and metaphysical issues. I rarely get his point and he rarely gets mine. He is science - I live by my intuition. He believes with certainty that he is right as we all did at his age and I respect him for that, because deep down I know that I am. We are cut from much of the same cloth! I wish to thank him for reminding me that the physical world exists and for keeping me grounded!

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by Steven Halliday

The title of this column paraphrases that of a piece appearing in the August 31/02 edition of The Economist. Historically, "safe as houses" is a phrase used when referring to the safety of an investment in comparison to the typically stable value of real estate, as has been accepted as a tenet of faith for many years.

However, the real estate market in most major centres has been rather hot lately, causing more than a few economists to query the possible existence of another bubble of exuberance. As a British-based publication, the subject is a matter of some concern to The Economist, as the change in value of real estate in Britain since March 2000 is plus 40%! Conversely, the Japanese saw their real estate values fall by 5%, continuing its downward trend of the last decade or so. Canada, on the other hand, has seen real estate values increase at a much more conservative rate over the long term. But recently? We're right up there, with the average house price in Canada increasing 9.9% on a year over year basis at July 2002. That is about the same rate of change Britain experienced a year before their market went wild, and represents the 4th highest level of gain after Britain, Australia and Spain. Are these high rates of growth sustainable?

Obviously, where one lives (or where one's investment property is located) is a major predictor of how it has performed as an investment. In British Columbia, virtually any property located in the lower mainland

Safe as Houses?

or Capital Region District has appreciated at a much higher rate than one located in most any other region, with the possible exception of the Okanagan. The last few years have seen hyperactive markets in BC's largest urban centres, causing actual bidding wars to break out over highly desirable properties. This certainly is not the case in other regions, which have seen either stagnation or deflation in real estate values over both the short and medium term. Heavily resource dependant communities have suffered the most, with values in communities such as Gold River falling 50% and more in some cases.

Here in the Discovery Islands, with the exception of waterfront properties, we have not seen much in the way of appreciation, but there has been a definite increase in demand and consequent firming of prices. Given the volatility of the markets today, one has to wonder whether this might be a good time to invest in real estate as an alternative to stocks or mutual funds. After all, an investment in real estate in Canada produced a 5% average annual gain over the last 22 years, and may have produced some tax advantages. Alternatively, stocks produced a return of about 7% over the same time frame. Neither offered a particularly smooth ride during that time.

Real estate as an investment has always had an attraction for me, in spite of the fact that it has never been a stellar performer by any stretch of the imagination. I think it is due to the sheer tangibility of the investment, its permanence and historic worth.

Our language is full of sayings and phrases regarding property and its importance to us. But changing demographics can create havoc, and that is one thing we presently face...in spades. This introduces a whole new element uncertainty to the mix. We have an ageing population and flat population growth. At the same time, we have the vast majority of our economic growth emanating from the cities, while the population seeks

to escape those same cities. In these circumstances, where is the best place to buy? City or country? Detached or attached? Waterfront or acreage? Not a simple decision by any means.

Another new development is the tendency of consumers to utilize their equity in their homes to finance their lifestyle. This trend is far more prevalent in the United States and Britain than here, and is another area of concern for some economists. Many people have extracted every penny of available equity in a rising market and booming economy. Now, the US economy has started sputter, and many people face the prospect of losing their jobs with no equity left in their homes. The cracks are starting to show, as delinquency levels are at heights unseen for decades in the States. A drop in real estate prices may not be far behind. And typically slowdowns in the US economy migrate to Canada very quickly, thereby possibly impacting our real estate markets. Fortunately for us rural dwellers, it is the fast rising urban values are the most vulnerable to a reversal.

So to answer the question first posed, it is highly unlikely real estate prices will continue to outperform in the hot spots – it is not sustainable. As for investing in real estate? Provided you are not looking for a quick gain, and understand there is risk involved, investing in real estate can provide a long term hedge against inflation, an income stream, and the potential of capital gains. In some cases there will be tax benefits as well. But as with everything else, do your research and make sure you understand what you are getting into. It has been said of real estate "their not making any more of it". That may once have been the case, but in Japan's Tokyo Bay they make more of "it" every day to fill their ever-growing need for space. So when someone tells you something is "as safe as houses", remember...houses do fall down once in a while.

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Early Childhood Education on Quadra

by Tanya Storr

With summer holidays now in the past and school back in full swing, there is a renewed focus on education for all ages. Many islanders, from children to adults, are immersed in educational pursuits these days. For the preschool set, this may mean taking part in one of the early childhood education (ECE) options available on Quadra.

Quadra currently has three ECE facilities: Quadra Island Preschool, Quadra Children's Centre, and We Wai Kai Nursery School/Daycare. All strive to offer quality early childhood education at an affordable price, each with its own format and approach.

Quadra Island Preschool

Quadra Island Preschool is celebrating its 25th anniversary of providing childcare in its current location in Heriot Bay. Teacher Baerbel Jaeckel said parental involvement is a huge part of the preschool.

"It's a parent cooperative preschool, run and administered by the volunteer board of directors. They employ the teacher and the teacher is responsible to the board," Baerbel noted.

As well as being active on the board, the parents work with Baerbel in providing childcare, contributing snacks, and maintaining the facility.

"The children experience a real sense of community because a regular group comes together and an emotional bond develops. There is a security there and out of that learning and experience can grow," said Baerbel.

The preschool is inspired by Reggio Emilia, a unique, child-centred approach to early childhood education developed over the last 50 years by a small group of educators in Italy.

"We focus on building relationships and nurturing a sense of beauty and harmony. We watch what the children are interested in and we follow and expand on that.



At the preschool.

Experiencing how we inspire and learn from one another is a big part of the preschool," said Baerbel.

Field trips, learning about other cultures, celebrating birthdays and major holidays, and an early literacy program with Quadra School teacher Bridget Walshe are all part of the preschool program.

The preschool is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-noon with a makeup day on the last Wednesday of the month. All preschool children can attend the makeup day if they wish. Drop-in is available. The preschool is open to children aged 2 years, 8 months (must be toilet trained) until they are kindergarten age.

Quadra Island Preschool used to be open four days a week, but due to a decline in enrollment this year the board decided to cut it back to two days. Chairperson Cheryl Jordan said the board

members are working hard and connect really well.

The preschool is funded by tuition, grants, and fund raising. The successful Island Cookery books have been an ongoing fund raiser for more than 20 years. The first one is now out of print and there are only 600 copies of the second one left. The preschool has dropped the price of the second cookbook from \$15.95 to \$10 in time for holiday gift buying.

Recently, preschool parents fund raised by washing dishes during an event at the Legion and holding a bulb sale. They will be selling refreshments at the Quadra Singers Christmas Concert, and are teaming up with Quadra School's PAC to co-organize the John Kapplan Magic Show for next March.

For more information, call Quadra Island Preschool at 285-3711, Baerbel Jaeckel at 285-3530, or Cheryl Jordan at 285-3689.

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Quadra Children's Centre

Quadra Children's Centre, formerly known as Quadra Daycare, also incorporates the Reggio Emilia approach. Administrative director Dee Conley said the teachers looked at the Reggio Emilia principles to see how they would fit best into the centre's culture.

"We've been working with Susan Fraser, adapting and applying some of the principles. We really admire the work they did in Italy," she told me.

The centre offers a daylong preschool program for children aged 2½ to 5 years and a school age program for 6 to 11 year olds. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. Quadra Children's Centre is administered by a volunteer board and employs six staff over the two programs.

Funding for the centre comes from tuition, provincial and regional district grants, a wage supplement for salaries from the BC government, and fund raising.

The centre's recent Goods and Services Auction raised \$6,750. The money will go towards general operating costs. Coming soon is the second annual salmon barbecue for Halloween.

Quadra Children's Centre is also raising funds through the sale of 2003 Quadra calendars featuring photos by board chairperson Philip Stone. Following the tourist season, the calendars have dropped to a new price of \$15.99.

Enrollment is down a bit at present, and the Quadra Children's Centre rates have dropped recently in order to remain competitive. Dee there are fewer children in the preschool age group on the island at present. Also, the provincial government has increased the income threshold for parents to qualify for the provincial childcare subsidy.

Although the centre is geared towards working parents needing full day or after school childcare, Dee said many people also use the facility on a drop-in basis to socialize their children.

To find out more, drop by Quadra Children's Centre on West Road or call 285-3511.

We Wai Kai Nursery School/Daycare

Located in Cape Mudge Village, We Wai Kai Nursery School/Daycare is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. The facility is open to all children aged 2½ to 12 years, with an out of school program for grades one and up.

The Cape Mudge Band Council administers the nursery school/daycare. We Wai Kai Nursery School/Daycare works as a team on some projects with Headstart, a Campbell River school readiness program for Native children.

Acting supervisor Heather Blackwood said the nursery school program takes place from 9-11 a.m. All the daycare kids take part too if they are at the centre during those hours.

"The nursery school program is a bit more structured. We have a specific circle time and we follow a theme for each month. This month's theme is Feelings, Fall, Thanksgiving, and Halloween," Heather stated.

The nursery school and daycare programs include Kwak'waka language instruction.

"We play games to teach them the names of colours, shapes, and animals. The language lessons are geared to all the children and they really enjoy taking part in it," Heather said.

The nursery school/daycare is funded by tuition, provincial grants, and fund raising. This summer the children enjoyed selling popcorn and Kool-Aid at the outdoor swimming pool in the village as a fund raiser. The staff run a continual bottle drive at the facility to help with costs.

We Wai Kai Nursery School/Daycare has two full time and two part time staff. Enrollment is slightly up since the school year started. The facility caters to working parents and others who use it to socialize their children.

"Our main goal is to help the children learn and have fun. We look at each child as an individual and try to foster their needs," said Heather.

For more information, call We Wai Kai Nursery School/Daycare at 285-2616.

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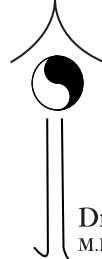
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