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## The Regulars

- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** -Food Bank 1-2:30 Community Centre
- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers, 7:30pm Community Centre -Cribbage, Quadra Legion 7:30pm (member & guests welcome)
- **Every Wednesday** -Community Kitchen Lunch noon - 1:30
- **Every Thursday** -Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre - Motorcycle Club meet 5pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- **Every Friday** -Duffy and Friends 8:30pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- **First Friday** -Open Stage 7:30 pm Yak Shack Heriot Bay
- **Every Saturday** -Farmers' Market 10-2 behind Q. Credit Union -Meat Draw 5-6:30 pm Quadra Legion (members & guests welcome)
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw. Quadra Legion 6:30pm members & guests welcome
- **Every Sunday** - Centre for Positive Living Prayer Service, 7 PM Community Centre Rm 3, 285-3224  
- Buddhist Meditation, 10 a.m. Inner Garden
- **First Sunday** -"Family & Friends Day" Quadra Legion, 11:30 am. Bring a lunch, play sports, "Dry" bar. members & guests welcome
- **Every 4th Sunday** - dinner & jazz Annie Siegel Trio 6-9 PM @HBI

## Day to day

- October 10, Friday**  
-Friday Flicks 'the Way Home' Community Centre  
7:45pm
- October 12, Sunday**  
-Geshe YongDong on "The Tibetan Wheel of Life" Inner Garden  
10 a.m. to Noon  
-Parkanyi String Quartet Community Centre  
7:00 pm
- October 16, Thursday**  
-Kereoke with "Sound Machine" Quadra Legion  
9pm-1am members & guests welcome
- October 17, Friday**  
-Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society Community Centre  
8.00 pm
- October 20, Monday**  
- Quadra Island Garden Club Community Centre  
7.00 pm
- October 23, Thursday**  
-Kereoke with "Sound Machine" Quadra Legion  
9pm-1am Members & guests welcome
- October 24, Friday**  
-Friday Flicks 'To Be And To Have' Community Centre  
7:45pm
- October 28, Tuesday**  
-"Mystic Poetry, Drums & Trumpet Sounds" Inner Garden  
7:30 p.m.
- October 31, Friday**  
-Halloween Dance Quadra Legion  
9pm-1:00am, music by "Quadra Sonics", \$5  
-Salmon BBQ Children's Centre  
6pm

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## Friday Flicks Tonight!!

The Way Home Doors 7:30-Showtime 7:45 Adm: \$4.50 - \$3.50 students & snrs. The Korean film, 'The Way Home' stars young Seung-Ho Yoo as Sang-woo. A completely spoiled 7 year-old from Seoul, Sang-woo is sent by his mother to live with his Grandmother in the mountains of rural Korea for an extended period of time. With his Game Boy and other beloved toys in tow, Sang-woo is confronted with isolation and outdated ways for the first time in his life. He is none too pleased.

## Halloween BBQ

In a hurry getting the kids trick or treating? Looking to relax and dine before the Fun Night Festivities? Join us at Quadra Children's Centre for our 3rd annual Halloween Night Salmon BBQ. Starts 6pm Friday October 31, \$8 per person \$5 children 12 and under.

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## Halloween Dance

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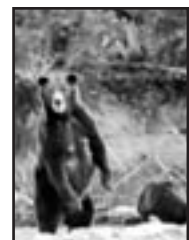
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## Help with Quadra's Trails

It has been a beautiful summer and many islanders and visitors have enjoyed Quadra's numerous trails. During the fall and spring the Quadra Island Trails Committee organizes work parties to maintain these trails. **Volunteers are needed for both weekdays and weekends.** If you would like to help, please call 285-2192 to get on our volunteer list. Not only will your efforts help to keep our trails safe and enjoyable but it's also a great way to enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise.

## Geshe YongDong Speaks

Geshe YongDon, a Tibetan Buddhist Monk, will be speaking on the six causes of suffering and the six liberations from suffering. These important teachings designed to increase human happiness are known as the "The Tibetan Wheel of Life." There will be a short meditation followed by a talk and questions from the audience. 10 a.m. to Noon, Sunday morning at the Inner Garden on October 12. Suggested donation is \$10 (or give what you can or come for free) Call Steve or Danielle for more information at 285-3323

## Community Kitchen Lunch

The Community Kitchen Lunch is a pleasurable community event for people of all ages - and after our summer break it's happening again at the Quadra Community Centre, every Wednesday from noon to 1:30. Delicious home made soup and desserts! Drop in and try us out - bring a friend, have a lunch meeting, treat an elder or someone who's car-less. New volunteers are welcome - call volunteer coordinator Sheri McGlenister 285-2660

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## Mystic Poetry & Music

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Maureen Fox and Sunday Dennis read Rumi & Hafiz, two sufi mystic poets. Danielle Girard reads Ellen Bass and Mary Oliver, a contemporary prize winning American poet. Steve Moore reads from Gibran's

"The Prophet" and Walt Whitman's "Open Road." Liam Grimm blows horn & members of BeatRoot drum & a discussion follows. 7:30 p.m. Inner Garden, Tuesday, October 28, Free. Call Steve at 285-3323

## Reunion

The 48th Reunion for all Ex-Servicewomen will take place May 4, 5 & 6/04 at the Executive Inn, 405 North Road, Coquitlam B.C. This reunion is being hosted by the Ridge Meadows Ex-Servicewomen. Registration deadline is Mar. 17/04. Please contact Janet Morrison at (604) 467-6556 or Margaret Kury at (604) 467-4082



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# Parkanyi String Quartet



On Sunday Oct 12th at 7p.m. the Quadra Island Recreation Society presents a concert by the Parkanyi String Quartet. This distinguished group of musicians, based in the Netherlands, is made up of Istvan Parkanyi, Heinz Oberdorfer, Ferdinand Erbllich, and Michael Mfller.

Violinist Istvan Parkanyi, born in Leipzig of Hungarian descent, grew up in Budapest and studied at the Bla Bartk Conservatory. In 1970 he continued his studies with Max Rostal in Cologne, becoming the concertmaster of the Beethovenhalle Orchestra in Bonn and of the Cologne Chamber Orchestra. In 1975 he became concertmaster of the Dutch Radio Chamber orchestra, and later concertmaster of the Dutch Chamber Orchestra. In addition to frequent performances as soloist he is a professor at the Amsterdam Conservatory.

Violinist Heinz Oberdorfer was born in Mfnchen, studied at the Richard Strauss Conservatory there, and later at the Vienna Academy of Music. In 1972 he became a concertmaster of the Nuremburg Philharmonic Orchestra and later of the Saarl...ndische Statsorchester. In 1976 he moved to the Netherlands where he was leader of the Residentie Orkest and concertmaster of the Dutch Radio Orchestra. He is a professor at the Arnhem Conservatory.

Violist Ferdinand Erbllich grew up in Vienna and began his training as a violinist at the Academy of Music there, later changing to Viola. One of his most important teachers was Peter Schidloff, the Viola player of the

renowned Amadeus Quartet. In 1971 he became principal Viola of the Mfnchen Radio Orchestra and later the Gfrzenich Orchestra in Cologne. He is a professor at the Royal Conservatory in The Hague and the Brabant Conservatory.

Cellist Michael Mfller studied at the Mfnchen Musichochschule and the Academy of Arts in Berlin. He trained as chamber musician with the Amadeus Quartet in Cologne and Sandor Vegh in Salzburg. He has played in string quartets since 1977. In 1977 he became principal cellist with the Kammerphilharmonie in Frankfurt and in 1995 with the Dutch Radio Symphony Orchestra. He frequently appears as soloist and chamber musician across Europe and in International Festivals, and is a professor at the Royal Conservatory in the Hague and the Brabant Conservatory.

The first three were founding members of the Orlando String Quartet, which was formed in 1976, and earned a reputation as one of the world's top quartets, touring the world and twice being awarded the 'Grand Prix du

Disque" for recordings on the Philips label. The quartet broke up in 1984 but these three came together again in 1998 with cellist Michael Mfller, to form the ParkAnyi String Quartet.

They will be playing the Haydn String Quartet Op3 #5, Schubert Quartettsatz, and Debussy String Quartet.

Advanced tickets are \$15, available at Quadra Crafts (Heriot Bay), Hummingbird Office and Art Supplies (Quathiaski Cove) and Page 11 Books (Shopper's Row, Campbell River), or at the door for \$18. Youths 16 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.



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## Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society.

News of eelgrass is everywhere - on the radio and tv and in the newspapers. Why? Seems these wonderful meadows of the sea that give refuge to all manner of creatures and fish are fast disappearing because of us humans. Upland owners clearcut their property for view and add silt to these fragile oases or they construct docks that shade out the eelgrass. Even boaters and kayakers carelessly dredge channels through the beds. Septic tanks leak toxins onto tidflats where eelgrass is growing. To add insult to an already injurious situation our government hands out foreshore leases for resorts and aquaculture licences without determining whether the particular area has better uses.

Fortunately there is some good news. It is now illegal to build docks or anchor floating structures and fishpens over eelgrass meadows and the federal government is providing funds for communities to do things like eelgrass mapping and restoration work. And then there is Nikki Wright and her organization, "Sea Changes" which is all about eelgrass. If you don't find Nikki talking to government types or the general public about eelgrass, you'll find her in her diving gear down among the fishes doing restoration work. Already Greenways Land Trust in Campbell River is undertaking a mapping project, thanks to a recent workshop given by "Sea Changes" and Cortes is already aboard. Mitlenatch Field Naturalists Society needs more volunteers for mapping our local eelgrass beds next spring during low tides. It has been said that "without eelgrass it is questionable whether there would have been such abundance in the Georgia Strait and whether we would have been living as high off the hog (salmon)!"

We're lucky to have Nikki Wright coming to give us a presentation on Friday, October 17 at 8 pm in the Quadra Community Centre.



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## Quadra Is. Garden Club

As the cooler days of fall bring reminders of the winter that is yet to come, it is time to think of spring. The garden stores are full of a wonderful selection of bulbs, both faithful old timers and some wonderful new varieties begging to be planted. Our guest speaker on Monday, October 20 is Nigel Lambeth from Campbell River Nurseries. Nigel will be talking about Bulbs with an emphasis on the less common varieties. What everyone needs to get us through the dull days of winter is the thought of spring and a garden bursting with bloom as the longer hours of daylight arrive. From the old favourites snowdrops and crocuses in February to the Camassia in late May, bulbs bring a succession of colour, fragrance and beauty to the garden with a minimum of care. Daffodils and snowdrops are free from browsing deer although tulips are another story altogether.

October is also a great month for lifting and dividing perennials. Bring any extras to the Bring and Buy table as well as samples of garden produce and flowers to the Show Table. It has been a wonderful warm summer and it is time to show off some of that great produce although it would be nice if the tomatoes finally slowed down a bit. New members are always welcome as are drop-ins

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## Art Show at Ramada

Catherine Temple, Campbell River Snorkel Tours and leanne Hodges, West Coast Wild Art are teaming up to promote local artists at the Campbell River Ramada Inn. the Ramada Inn has offered their walls to exhibiting local art, and we need to fill those walls! Our first promotional event will be a Christmas open house from mid-November to mid-December with a low consignment fee of 35%. Please contact Leanne at 285-3152

## Thank You from Cenotaph Committee

The Quadra Island cenotaph committee extends a big "thank you" to Bill & Edith Nutting and all their volunteer helpers for holding a most successful Sept. 27 "spud gun shoot". Thanks also to Quadra Foods, Heriot Bay Store and all who took part in a great day of activities. We also gratefully acknowledge all private donations made to date. Future donations may be made to the Quadra Island Cenotaph Fund" and deposited in the account for same at the Quadra Credit Union.

## Thanks for "Bonus Draw"

The Quadra Island Legion extends thanks to Mr. Spud and Fat Cat Emporium for being the corporate sponsors of their Sept. \$50 "bonus draw". Next draw to be Oct. 25 sponsored by Quadra Island Builders.

## Tour Operators Unite!

West Coast Wild Art and Outdoor Services would like to invite any commercial recreation operators and guides within the North Central Island, Discovery Islands and beyond, to form an Adventure Tourism Association. Equally encouraging any concerned public/crown land users to discuss and develop a strong independent voice that will ensure proper and long term marine and land use management initiatives meet economic, professional and public use concerns within our jurisdiction.

Does it seem to you that the Liberal government is attempting to overwhelm, intimidate and ultimately shackle, tourism related economies by prohibiting or restricting local government influence with amendments to Agricultural Land Reserve policies that favour on industry, or exorbitant permit fees for crown land tenure rights? recent 'Working Forest' policies to the development of the Johnstone/Bute Coastal Planning have accelerated the possibility of resource extraction dominated policy implementation, so let's ensure we, adventure tourism / commercial recreation is on the map and that our investments are secure.

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## Report on the 2003 Phillipines Connection Garage Sale!



THE CHILDREN OF IPIL AND LACNOG DAYCARES THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SALE! This year's response to the Quadra-Philippine Connection's Giant Garage Sale was truly overwhelming! Never have we received so much stuff (including clothing galore!). We are especially grateful to those who chose not to use our sale as a disposal for garbage but rather put care into the selection of their donations. Through their thoughtfulness and the purchases of more than 100 people, we managed to raise almost \$3,300!

This will directly effect the lives of the Philippines daycare children by providing them with financial support for another year. As always, this sale demands many hours of volunteer time from a great number of people. Advertising includes a variety of different aspects and we thank Lois from Hummingbird for offering free photocopy

services. Due to the large volume of items for sale, we are also most grateful for the loan of extra tables from the Cape Mudge Hall.

The time involved from set-up on Saturday morning until clean-up at the end of Sunday is almost 24 hours. Heartfelt appreciation is extended to Lise, Chris, Frank, Elenore and Alan for their constant support and ongoing energy from almost beginning to end over this 2-day period, as well as to the many, many others who generously offered their help.

Thank-you to We-Wai-Kai Daycare and the families who again allowed their homes to be used as drop-off locations (some of you have done this for 9 years now!), for their willingness to answer endless phone-calls and requests for assistance with unloading donations. The service provided by many drivers who transported the goods to and from the sale was also invaluable. This event always brings home the fact that we are most

certainly a society of plenty!

Following the sale we tried to recycle as much as possible by separating plastics from glass, metal, cardboard and burnables. Left-over books (and there were lots of them!) were taken to Robin King who will distribute them appropriately in Campbell River as she is able to. Robert Mason provided a dumpster again this year which lessened the need for so many extra trips to the dump.

We thank Peter Rousseau for the loan of his truck which driven by Michael Foort, made 2 of the 3 remaining dump runs. Because of their own surplus, thrift stores in C. River were unable to accommodate our request to accept our surplus following the sale. A trip to Nanaimo was being considered, but thankfully, several individuals filled up their vehicles and offered to distribute the contents a little at a time over the next while.

We can't possibly thank everyone who helped but you know who you are! It is rewarding to know that our Giant Garage Sale effects the lives of so many. This year at the end of the sale, cotton clothing was separated to send to children in Africa via two Campbell River churches. As well, a couple of local Quadra volunteers shared with us the impact that this event has had on their lives. One was helped last year and another this year to get through a particularly stressful time. The sale was able to provide basic, essential household goods and furniture at a time when they were desperately needed. Both of these individuals said that our sale had been a life-saver! So once again, thank-you, thank-you Quadra community!

- Carol Foort

*Editor's Note: last issue's Garage Sale report was submitted and printed in error. Our apologies for our part. Here's the correct report.*



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Happily, Doug Edwards and Ron Miller of Phoenix Firesigns are planning a fireworks display again this year. Could this be the 17th? We need to fund-raise \$2500 so if your business or family would like to contribute, please send a cheque to Box 10 Q.Cove. Tax receipts are available. Call the Quadra Community Centre at 285 3243 for more information.

Community Kitchen Lunch is happening at noon every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to come out, socialize and have delicious soup and goodies, prepared by volunteers. Groups, why not call your next meeting for noon Wednesday at the QCC and 'do lunch'.

There are a few craft tables left for rental on the Friday night (November 28) of the Christmas Craft Fair. If you know of off-island crafters who would like to be part of it, please tell them to phone the QCC.

Juggling, yoga, karate, bellydancing, aerobics, folk dancing, peer support, parent and tots, singing, badminton and more are happening now.

Participate and enjoy the many benefits of recreation in this community!

-Sandra Spearing,  
285 3243 Mon-Fri 8-2p.m.

## Empowerment

### A Science of Mind Column

by Jill Brocklehurst R.Sc.P.

"Have a great day!"

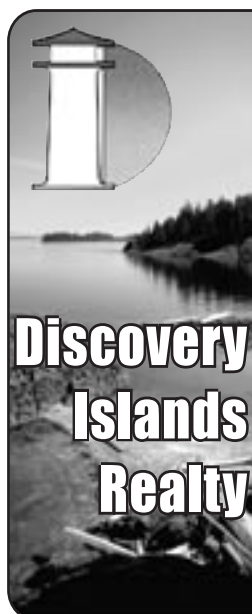
"How can I have a good day when I was awakened this morning an hour early by a barking dog. I get downstairs to make my coffee only to discover I have run out of my Dark French Roast beans and all I can find is no-name instant that has coagulated into a hard ball. I get in the car to drive to work and discover the kids have left the window open and it poured rain on my seat. I arrive at the ferry dock five minutes early and wonder why the ferry isn't there. There was an ambulance emergency and it left 8 minutes ago. Have a great day? Whatever!!"

Does this sound familiar? It does to me. I was planting trees on our woodlot and growing an increasing dislike for pine trees. Pine trees? What's wrong with pine trees? As I was ranting in my head I suddenly become conscious of what I was thinking and realized that my attitude was completely a reflection of my perspective. Pine trees are fine trees but this day they were in my way. Someone had planted before me and I was having to find each itty bitty tree before I could figure out where to plant a cedar or fir tree. It was making my job difficult! It was? That innocent pine tree was making my day difficult?

I concluded that my life is often clouded by my individual perceptions. Events are the same for everyone but how we experience them is up to us. This is where we have power in our life. We have the power to choose how we will react to each and every circumstance. Just this week I was gifted with that extra hour

on Quadra where, after conscious conviction, I created an opportunity and spent the time reconnecting with a good friend.

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Thank you for your cooperation during this fall, winter and early spring closure period.

Warm Regards,  
Carl Anne Terreberry, AAT  
General Manager/Accountant

## Dear Islanders,

By the time you read this it may be officially too late, but this is exactly why I'm writing, Please read on and respond anyway. I suspect that many of you are unaware of the latest developments and timetable of the Rockfish Conservation Strategy. I believe DFO has an obligation to make ann adequate effort to hear from everyone. Look up [www.comm.pac.dfo.mpo.gc.ca/pages/consultations/fisheriesmgmt/rockfish/default\\_e.htm](http://www.comm.pac.dfo.mpo.gc.ca/pages/consultations/fisheriesmgmt/rockfish/default_e.htm) You might be surprised (I was) to see what is about to be closed to all fishing. Examples: All of Granite Bay/Kanish Bay, the near side of Cortez Island from Read Island, including Marina Island to Sutil Point, Bute Inlet and much more. These closures, even with alterations, will be a milestone in the history of this region and the coast in general. Rick Hackinin

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## **Zoning By-Laws Threatens Economic Diversity**

**Dear Editor,**

I have written this letter to the editor because I am riled enough to defend the economic diversity of Quadra Island. This topic makes me speak up more than any other. I was born on the BC Coast and have lived 21 years on this great island. We are privileged to live here, and most of us appreciate the quality of life we have. I chose Quadra because it is a working island. It is not a suburb like some of the southern Gulf Islands, but a rural community where many people do basic resource jobs and are proud of their lifestyles.

We do not all feel that way. Like everywhere else, Quadra is in the process of change. The Regional District is beginning an 'Issues Assessment Study' - in plain English, Regional Growth Management. It will be the CSRSD Planning Department's job to tell us what the future holds and how they plan to 'control' it. These are important decisions for the future of our community. To the independent entrepreneurial spirit of a long-time Quadra Islander the 'control' word is enough to fight about. But change is coming. In the last year there have been several properties sold for more than \$1 million and this increases the value of everyone's property - much to the delight of the tax assessor, but a hardship to the underemployed.

Jim Abram has represented us at the CSRSD Board for many years. He has a tough job ahead trying to understand what the community would like the 'future Quadra' to be. The Regional District is trying to enforce changes to how we live and work (our culture) with new zoning bylaws. After attending the last meeting, it is unclear to me who is designing these zoning changes. Is

it the APC, Jim Abram, Judy Johnson (Deputy Regional Director) or the CSRSD Planning Department staff? The changes are being presented as fulfilling the mandate of the Official Community Plan (OCP). Both aquaculture and lumber processing will be negatively affected by the new bylaws. This interpretation of the OCP suggests we remove the legal right of many Islanders to earn a living from resource industries. Surely the OCP would like to encourage economic diversity.

Jim's last report in the Discovery Islander, states 100-110 participants attended the two sessions on the bylaw changes. That is 4% of our community. A very few spoke in support of the draft bylaw. The majority of attendees were trying to understand if their occupations were suddenly in jeopardy. It is interesting that Jim never mentions in his report to the DI, the concerns of so many at these meetings. He only apologizes for the error of Greenhouses being prohibited. My understanding of the issues for aquaculture is that the bylaws will prohibit them from mechanically upgrading their facilities due to noise issues. There are eight farms on Quadra's coast, most far removed from residential areas. The issues for lumber processing are again noise. The bylaw requires anyone using, on a permanent basis, any sawmill (12 on Quadra), kiln or planer to attempt a zoning change for their property to Wood Processing One. The equipment must be situated in the centre of a 10 acre parcel. This eliminates most of the small operators from working legally. These people run home businesses and are an integral part of our economic community.

I am not attempting to further the polarization of the island. We have spent years discussing and fighting about resource extraction versus protection of a pristine wilderness. We would like to find some consensus about the protection of the wilderness around us. We are all biased toward our conception of what Quadra should be. It is hard work to remain friends in such an atmosphere. If the bylaw changes are really concerned about noise, why not bring in a noise bylaw that is enforced when neighbours complain. The Regional District is taking TimberWest to court over noncompliance with a zoning change on a property which has been used for many years as a dry land sort. There is power to the bylaws. 96% of us do not care or are uninformed about these changes which will affect dozens of jobs on this island.

Perhaps the planners at CSRSD do know more than we do about the future. Is Quadra changing from a rural community to a suburb? We have been asking this question for years. We need to review the OCP and evaluate whether resource extraction is an acceptable occupation in this community. Please take a look at the next draft of the bylaws and make sure it is where you would like to see our community headed. If you do not agree, then support your neighbours who are feeling so vulnerable about their homes and occupations. The CSRSD is making decisions based on the complaints of a few, so speak up. The alternative is that we become the homogenous culture that many of us have moved here to avoid.

Val Barr

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**Next deadline 7pm Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2003**



# More than just exercise.

Dear Editor

I am writing to give my take on the recent changes to the Zoning Bylaws on Quadra Island. For a very many years I have stayed out of local politics. We live at Bold Point, and most of the excitement has been on South Quadra. My thoughts have been "Let those directly affected have their say and mind your own business".

I would not be writing this now were it not for a statement made in the last issue of the Discovery Islander by Jim Abram, our Regional Director, concerning the recent Public Meetings held concerning the Draft Bylaw 2538. To quote Jim: "All in all it was a very good exercise to have the public present their views on the Draft Bylaw".

I'm sorry to say Jim, but I don't consider the public's right to present their views on something that affects us all to merely an "exercise". That implies to me that it was inconsequential and really just the Regional District being nice to us peasants.

What I saw and heard at the two meetings were people genuinely concerned about how their lives were going to be altered and changed by decisions that we really had no say in prior to those two meetings.

What I saw and heard were many long time residents, mostly self-employed, who felt they had not had the opportunity for input before the First Draft became public.

Most of the Quadra residents who spoke of their concerns at the meetings were small business people who employ themselves and where possible other residents of area J. They included woodlot operators, farmers, sawmill owners, greenhouse operators, oyster growers, auto recyclers and other self-employed residents of Quadra who help keep the economy of this Island going summer and winter, in good times and bad. From my viewpoint they represent the heart of Quadra, independent spirits who have contributed to what makes Quadra special.

If they are to be considered "dissidents" because they do not aspire to the new vision held by some for the future of Quadra, so be it. Personally, I am proud to know them.

This Island needs all the opportunities for employment we can imagine. Young people are leaving due to lack of employment. Seasonal tourism jobs will not fill the gap. Yes, we need to encourage tourism because it will help more small business people make an independent living here. However, we also need woodlot operators and farmers and oyster growers and loggers and fisherfolk and everybody else who can employ themselves and others. Diversity in human economics is as important to a

healthy society as biodiversity is important to a healthy environment.

Greenhouse operators on Quadra have been assured repeatedly in print, at the public meetings, in phone discussions with the Regional District, and in private discussions with Jim Abrams that the advertisements were all a big mistake, and that our businesses will not be affected by the bylaw changes. I trust that will be the case. I have to ask though, where did the original "Mistake" come from?

I was disappointed that more members of the A.P.C. were not present at the meetings. I was appreciative of those members that were present and spoke of their concerns about the process. Since the A.P.C. is an appointed group of Area J residents that advise our Regional Director as to what the rest of us want, I expected to see more of them there willing to explain the proposed changes to our Bylaws.

I believe Democracy exists because of "dissidents". I believe that a democratically elected Government serves the people best when it has an opposition. To have the right to oppose that which we disagree with makes a Democracy worthwhile. If unelected individuals can make decisions that define how I live my life and make up my livelihood on my property then I believe Democracy is being abused. Where is the accountability? Where is the COMPASSION?

From a call to the Regional District Planner this past week, we were informed there will be no more meetings on the subject. The next Draft of the Bylaws comes out on November 7th. The community has one month to make further submissions. First and Second Readings of the new Bylaws are scheduled at the Regional District early in the New Year. As to 'How' Greenhouse Operators and other small businesses will be accommodated in the new Draft, no information is available to the public at this time.

L.W. Ballard

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By Claire Voyent

# Identity Crisis

A question arrived in my psychic *In Box* the other day that I thought I would share with the rest of the world. Bob, a worker in a toilet manufacturing plant, recently received a Dear John letter. His ex-sweetie has gone, he said, to find herself. Bob has never felt the need to find himself, and even his friends agree that this is a good thing, but he wonders where people go when they want to find themselves. This is not the type of question I would usually answer but as I explained to Bob, she hasn't actually gone to find herself she has gone to lose Bob. There are people who do need to find themselves, however, and for their benefit I will tell you about the six places of power scattered around the world where such a thing can be done.

1. Sometimes the real you is trapped in another dimension. In order to find yourself you have to find a door into this world. The door itself exists in all dimensions but in order to pass through the door you have to bend your mind a bit. Peyote or magic mushrooms are your best bet. Don't take them yet though. First you have to travel to England and wander over to Stoned Hinge. Many people think the great Monoliths are laid out as a Mother Goddess kind of thing and that the place of power is inside. The people that think this tend to be men who think the Goddess would be happy to have all sorts of men inside her special place. Wrong!!!! It's just a hinge. If I remember correctly the door opens to the right. I can't tell you what to do to find yourself once you've entered the other dimension as it varies from person to person. If you want some information, you might consult the great Rock and Roll Band Bio book *The Tibetan book of the Grateful dead*.

2. Speaking of Tibet...near the border is Mount Kai Lash. As it's name would suggest this is the place to find yourself if you think you need to be punished before you can continue your journey. A Kai Lash is a lash made from wool and soaked in tea. You crawl around the mountain on your hands and knees stopping periodically to whip yourself into a frenzy. This is a little strong for me. I like my Buddah lite.

3. Have you been living someone else's life? Usually a domineering parent's but it might be some sort of twisted Karma thing. Perhaps you think your whole life up till now has been a big mistake. Errors Rock in Australia is where you want to go. Essentially a big rock in the middle of nowhere, Errors Rock can help you reclaim your real life. After you fast for three days make the slow climb to the top and wait for the little green man, Gnome de Plume, to tell you who you really are.

4. For people struggling with their sexual identity, there are two places located in South America where you can get things straight. For men, there is Lake Titicaca. Hey, I'm not making this up. The lake is kind of a big place and you might have to do a lot of paddling before you find just the right place. An offering of oysters is traditional. For women there is Man Chu Pinch You, named after the god who lives up there. Remember, the temples were built by men who don't know a place of power from a tall building, so give the temples a miss. You'll find what you want in a cave nearby. No offering is necessary but the goddess likes a good goose now and then.

5. For the artistic person who has lost themselves there is Mesa Verdi in the United States. Named after the composer who was writing oompah marches for the boys clubs before finding himself at this spot, Mesa Verdi caters to artists of all stripes. The goddess in charge of the site is Anna Sawzi - potter, painter, dancer and a magician famous for her disappearing trick.

6. For those of you who are looking for something closer to home, we suggest a ticket to the centre of Canada. Although Winnipeg is not a place of power, nor is it a place where you can find yourself it does have one benefit. Once you've found yourself at the corner of Portage and Main any step you take will be a step in the right direction.





by Steven Halliday

Canada is cool, says The Economist magazine (27/09/03). Cited is our enviable federal financial condition, our excellent record of providing a societal safety net, our welcoming attitude to immigrants, and our forward thinking social policies (specifying the upcoming marijuana decriminalization and recognizing same-sex marriage). While none of the foregoing is any surprise to Canadians, being recognized for them by such a widely read and respected publication is a noteworthy achievement. Only 4 years prior The Economist fretted that Canada was "on the brink of a bust-up". Now they write "Today's Canada is neither boring nor so exciting that it is on the brink of disintegration. Indeed, a cautious case can be made that Canada is now rather cool". But there is an aspect of Canada that the piece did not mention, and that is the fact that Canadians are far and away the most prolific "adapters" to new banking technology, making us the most "wired" country in the world, in an e-commerce sense.

Canadians love their ATM's and their telephone and computer banking, but boy do we love our debit cards. Most Canadians use their debit cards more often, at more locations, for more money than any other modern society. I have written before on the subject, and I continue to be amazed at the rapid ascendancy of Interac® as a form of payment over cheques or other instruments. But Canada's bankers, more particularly our Credit Unions, are continuing to pioneer new and more efficient banking processes, and one of them is about to come to the Discovery Islands, perhaps as soon as the end of this year. The name of the process is called cheque imaging, and it has largely been developed by western Canadian Credit Unions. The Canadian Payments Association (CPA), Canada's central financial clearing centre, has announced they will adopt the process as a national standard, and it will arrive at many Canadian banks by mid 2005.

Clearing cheques is a very complex, time consuming and expensive process. The process has not undergone any significant change in over 20 years. And it is vulnerable. Millions upon millions of

# Cool Stuff!

cheques are shipped here and there via air and ground, and these simple pieces of paper are transactions within themselves, transactions that are not yet complete. Their loss is at the least very inconvenient, and at worst a disaster. Simply handling the paper is a complex and expensive proposition, so it easy to see how a reduction in the amount of handling will translate into added efficiencies and security. The idea is to move the cheques only once, to the clearing house for the drawer of that particular cheque. They then electronically image the front and back of the item, and record the image in a digital form. The cheques are then stored for a proscribed (and as yet undetermined) length of time. From that point on, the item is processed electronically, including being the means through which you will view the item – on your PC, via your financial institution's website. If you currently receive your cheques back with your statement, they will be replaced by letter sized pages containing images of your cleared cheques, usually at 8 or 10 cheques to the page.

The system works, and it is working well at numerous Credit Unions in western Canada, and research to date on people using the system indicates a very high level of satisfaction. Benefits to consumers include the ability to see an item within 72 hours of it clearing, faster statement delivery and no bulky packages of cheques to store. Research conducted by the Canadian Bankers Association indicates that we are indeed enthusiastic adopters of electronic banking technology. An offshoot of this is that we write far less cheques – 85% of retail banking transactions are now conducted electronically, and 88% of Canadians surveyed indicate they want their financial institution to adopt or expand electronic service delivery. Another benefit that comes with cheque imaging is that signatures can be compared on every single item, a task

that is presently impossible, resulting in a much better level of fraud detection. That's why the CPA is anxious to see it evolve as the national standard. With full national adoption of the system expected by 2006, Canada will have the most electronically adapted banking system in the world, though Japan is making rapid strides as well. Pretty cool, eh?

Referring again to the profile of Canada in The Economist, the sentiments expressed about our nation were not entirely positive. They fret about our dependence on the US economically, and feel Mr. Martin must do a better job of communicating with Mr. Bush. While on the surface this is correct, I think it more important that Mr. Martin communicate well with Mr. Bush's successor, whomever that may be. The Economist also finds fault in the domination of Canadian politics by the Federal Liberals. I find this an odd observation, inasmuch as we elected them. Whether or not one agrees with their policies, it is this same party that has largely gotten us through the trials and tribulations of the years since they took power 3 elections ago; those very policies have afforded us the enviable position The Economist lauds a few paragraphs back in their profile. But, I do not argue with their assertion that the federal treasury only *appears* so healthy largely by putting fiscal problems on the backs of the provinces, who correspondingly pass it on down to the consumer, you and me. The simple fact is that we now pay more in taxes for less government services, with more previously tax-funded services now being downloaded that require us to pay user fees. The recent doubling of our health insurance premiums is an example of this process. But, after weighing our pluses and minuses The Economist feels we Canadians are cool, and in my book that is a cool thing, and its been obvious to most of the world for years.

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# QUADRA ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

by Murray Johnson

## WILDFIRE DANGER AND BURNING BAN

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At the time of writing this, there is still a ban on open burning in effect. Please note that the Fire Department does *not* determine when any burning bans will be imposed or lifted, this is up to the Ministry of Forests. If you have any questions about burning, bans, or wildfire, an excellent source of information is the Ministry of Forests Protection Branch web site at [www.for.gov.bc.ca/protect](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/protect), or you can call 1-888-797-1717.

## THANK YOU TO PETRO-CANADA AND OTHERS

A while ago Petro-Canada closed the Quathiaski Cove Bulk Plant, and in the past few weeks has been demolishing it. Three of the big steel fuel storage tanks that made up the tank farm were slated to be cut up for their scrap value, but with a little persuasion the people at Petro-Canada agreed to donate them to the Fire Department for water storage tanks, cleaned and ready to use. We would like to thank them for this community-minded gesture, which has given us an extra 45,000 gallons of the best kind of water storage - fixed tanks that don't go dry during the summer...We have moved two of the tanks to the #1 Fire Hall and the other to the #2 Fire Hall, and will fill them and put them into service soon. They will be painted when the weather allows and will then look better! We also wish to thank Discovery Crane (Ed, Bruce, & Ken Visser) for the generous donation of crane time, Beard Construction (Matt Knoedler) for interrupting other work to help prepare spots for the tanks, Bob and Bette Binnersley for giving us access through their property to place the Heriot Bay tank, and Jim, Coleen, Sharon, and Mel for all the volunteer help in moving the tanks.



*The old #1 hall at its Grand Opening in 1965*

## ORIGINAL #1 FIRE HALL

The original #1 Fire Hall, across from the school on Anderson Road, was opened in 1965 with just the southern two bays and the upper meeting room constructed at first. The land was provided as a long-term lease at a dollar a year by BC Packers Ltd. Several years later two bays were added to the north, and the building served its noble purpose well until the new #1 Fire Hall was built on Heriot Bay Road in 2002. The leased land on Anderson Road has now been turned back to the landowner, BC Packers (now owned by Weston Foods). This past week they demolished the old fire hall, as part of their overall site cleanup of their lands in the Cove. On behalf of the community, the Fire Department would like to thank BC Packers for some 40 years of the free use of the land!

## DISASTER PLANNING

We have been working with the Regional District towards the goal of establishing an Emergency Coordinator position, which will be the first step towards developing a formal Emergency Plan for Quadra Island. This past summer's wildfires in the BC Interior are a reminder that disasters come in many forms and that pre-planning to be prepared to meet and deal with them is vital. We are preparing a joint article on the process to be followed, which will hopefully be in the next issue of the Discovery Islander.

*This column appears in the Discovery Islander every now and then, and we thank Philip & Sheahan 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 285-3262 Fax 285-3273. You may also contact this writer at email [murray@island.net](mailto:murray@island.net) if you like.*

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# *Island Report*

## **Bible Church Welcomes New Pastor**

by Tanya Storr

Quadra Island Bible Church's new pastor, Roy Zimmerman, and his family are impressed by the warm welcome they have received since arriving on the island in July.

"People are very friendly and welcoming here. The transition from Regina, Saskatchewan to Quadra Island has been much more seamless than we imagined," said Pastor Roy.

I met with Roy and his wife, Sherree, in the pastor's office on the church's lower floor. Their enthusiasm about their move to Quadra was immediately apparent.

Sherree and their two daughters, Amanda (16) and Kaitlyn (12), had never been to BC before this spring. They are in awe of the natural beauty and vibrant green colours in the landscape.

"When we arrived in Comox it was raining. The first thing that hit me was how clean and fresh everything smelled," Sherree recalled.

The Zimmermans pointed out that life in a small community offers the chance to integrate with others in a way that isn't possible in a big city.

"We've lived in a small locale before and found that there was less of a separation between the Christian and non-Christian communities," Sherree observed.

Ron went on to say that for Christianity to have relevance in our culture today, it has to be involved in the lives of its people.

"One thing that has always been important to Sherree and me is being involved in other people's lives and allowing them to share ours," he continued.

Roy officially started as pastor on August 1. He said that he and Sherree chose to accept the position on Quadra because "it appeared to be the right match for the church's needs and the gifts that God has given us."

Before moving to Quadra, Roy was in

seminary for three years, completing his pastoral training in Regina. He decided to become a pastor after several years working in the information technology (I.T.) industry.

I asked Roy why he decided to make a career change from computer systems to the Ministry. He explained that after a long period working for a variety of employers in I.T.—including government, corporations, and small business—he felt a strong calling to his current role.

"Lots of things contributed to our development, but one very important factor was our children," Roy told me.

Both daughters were born premature, Amanda at seven months and Kaitlyn at six months. Kaitlyn weighed just 1 pound, 13 ounces at birth and spent her first five months in hospital.

"Having been through that, we believed God was indicating a purpose behind it but we weren't sure what it was," said Roy.

Offered an I.T. position with the government of the Northwest Territories, Roy and family moved to Yellowknife from their home province of Saskatchewan. During this time Roy and Sherree began to feel drawn to work in the Church.

"There were things related to work and our involvement in the Church that really started to indicate a move to the Ministry," Roy remembered.

After five years in Yellowknife, the



*Quadra Bible Church Pastor Roy Zimmerman with wife Sherree.  
photo: Tanya Storr*

Zimmermans moved to Spruce Grove, Alberta. During this period their role in the Church became greater and Roy decided to become a pastor.

Roy wanted to complete his Biblical undergraduate degree before beginning his pastoral training. He had originally started his Bachelor of Religious Education before switching to a major in I.T.

Taking one or two classes per semester, Roy finished his undergraduate degree in two years while continuing to work full time. The family moved to Regina for Roy's pastoral training, where he earned Master



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"I was in classes full time and worked at a funeral home part time," said Roy, observing that working at the funeral home was a valuable experience.

"It was rewarding to be able to help people through a very difficult time," he said.

While Roy was doing his training, Sherree was also taking classes and working at the seminary. She has a background in administrative positions in government and small business, and is now halfway through a Masters Diploma in Christian Education.

During his last year in seminary Roy served as an Associate Pastor, preaching once a month in a Nazarene Church in Regina. Having trained in the Alliance denomination and now working in the Evangelical Free Church of Canada, Roy has the benefit of three perspectives.

"The Evangelical Free Church allows for fairly significant differences among the churches within the denomination. For example, congregations are given more freedom to determine their position on baptism," said Roy.

The Zimmermans are looking forward to becoming involved in the community. Their future plans include buying a house on Quadra and setting down roots here.

Roy stressed that the Quadra Island Bible Church is a church for the island.

"In introducing ourselves to people, we have discovered some interesting perceptions of the Bible Church. There are some people who didn't know it existed and others who assumed it's a part of Camp Homewood, which it isn't. This is a church for the community, not for a select group of people."

The church's involvement in the community is important to Roy and Sherree. Upcoming events at the Bible Church include a special Christmas program.

"We're putting on a musical we're hoping the whole community will enjoy," Sherree announced.

Once a month the church serves a hot lunch after the Sunday service. Everyone who attends the service is invited to stay for the free meal made by members of the congregation.

Other activities at the church include Friday night youth group (open to all youth), Thursday night prayer meetings, and Sunday School classes for preschoolers to adults.

For more information about Quadra Island Bible Church, give Pastor Roy Zimmerman a call at 285-2020 or drop by his office on Monday-Wednesday from 8-noon or 1-3:30.

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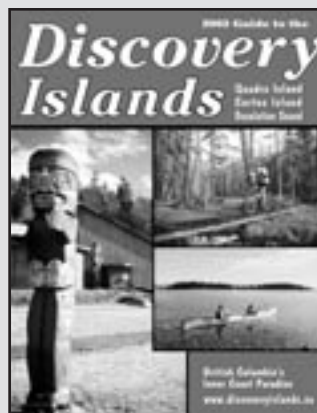
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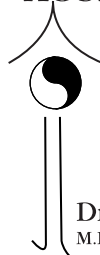
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	1720	12.8	3.9
13	0015	4.9	1.5
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