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**APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2004**  
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Quadra Credit Union will be upgrading our computer system over the Easter Weekend.

**Our offices will be closed from**  
**Friday, April 9th through Monday, April 12th.**  
**We will re-open Tuesday, March 13th**  
(including our Cortes office).

During the conversion our MemberDirect PC Banking and MemberLink Telephone Banking systems will be unavailable. It is anticipated both of these systems will be functioning on April 12th.

*We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.*

Members will be able to access their accounts using Automatic Teller Machines, or using their MemberCard Debit Cards or MasterCard payment cards.

Members of Quadra Credit Union that may be interested in serving on our Board of Directors are asked to contact Steven Halliday at the Quadra office for more information. Elections will be held at our upcoming Annual General Meeting.

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# Island Calendar

## Submit your event:

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### The Regulars

- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** -Food Bank 1-2:30 Community Centre
- **Every Monday**- Movie Night, HBI Pub
- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers, 7:30pm Community Centre
- **Every Wednesday** -Community Kitchen Lunch noon - 1:30  
-Seafood Night, Heriot bay Inn Pub 5-8pm
- **Every Thursday** -Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre  
-Motorcycle Club meet 5pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub  
-Quadra Legion Jam, 9 - closing, everyone welcome  
-Prayer Meeting, 7:30pm at Quadra Island Bible Church  
-Pool Tournament 7:00pm HBI Pub
- **Every Friday** -Duffy and Friends 8:30pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub  
-Youth Group, 7:30pm, Quadra Island Bible Church
- **Every Saturday** -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** - Positive Living Service, 10:30am Community Centre  
-Landing Pub Meat Draw 3:00-5:30  
- Buddhist Meditation, 10 a.m. Upper Realm  
-Sunday School 9:45am, Worship Service 11:00am Quadra Island Bible Church

**Next Deadline: Monday, April 12th 2004**

### Announcement

Joel and Michelle Bridle are pleased to announce the safe and healthy arrival of Benjamin Theodore Crosby Bridle

to the Quadra community. Special thanks to Alison Barr, The midnight ferry and ambulance crews of Quadra Island

and the ladies on the Campbell River hospital maternity ward. Without your devotion and quick reponse in the middle of the night, "Benj" would have received a lifetime ferry pass! Thank you all !!!

### Interested in Juggling Food?

Food vendor(s) needed for juggling festival. Non profit groups preferred. Call Laura 285-2543 or Robyn 285-3465 to get all the details.

### RCMP Release

In the early morning hours of March 31st at approximately midnight someone ran into the "Binnersley's Hamburger and Hot Dog Stand on Cramer Rd in Heriot Bay. The stand sustained approx. \$700 damage to the porch. When fleeing the scene the suspect vehicle also backed into the flag pole and broke it as well.

Police are looking for a greenish teal coloured vehicle. If anyone has information regarding this offence please contact the local Quadra Island Detachment RCMP at 250-285-3631

### On the cover



*Betty Anderson rockin' on! Thanks for the inspiration and being a good sport Betty!  
photo: Philip Stone*

### Day by day

#### April 3, Saturday

-8th Annual Walk for the Elimination of Racism CR Comm. Centre 11:00 am  
-Karaoke with "Sound Machine" Quadra Legion 9:00pm free admission

#### April 4, Sunday

-Geshe YongDong on "Karma", 10 am Upper Realm, Q. Cove  
-Workshop-making herbal oils & salves Community Centre 2-5pm

#### April 5, Monday

-Quadra Island Garden Club 7pm Community Centre

#### April 6, Tuesday

-May Day Meeting Community Centre  
10 am All welcome

#### April 7, Wednesday

-Makin' Magic Carihi Gymnasium  
7 pm

#### April 9, Friday

-Good Friday Taize Service Q.I. United Church  
-Pavlo Community Centre  
8:00pm

#### April 10, Saturday

-Charlie Horse: Spoken Word & Music Cafe Aroma  
7:30 pm

#### April 11, Sunday

-Early Sunrise Easter Service on the Beach, Meet at the Church  
7:00am followed by breakfast

#### April 15, Thursday

-Quadra Conservancy Community Centre 3  
7.30 pm

#### April 16, Friday

-Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society Community Centre  
8 pm  
-Sports "Quadra-Thon" \$3/player Quadra Legion  
7:00pm

#### April 17, Saturday

-Karaoke with "Sound Machine" Quadra Legion  
9:00pm free admission

#### April 25th, Sunday

-Annual Beach Clean up Meet @ Rebecca Spit  
-Jazz 'n Blues Jam with the Annie Siegel Trio. Heriot Bay Inn Pub.  
6-9 pm 285-3539

#### May 1, Saturday

-"Virtual Elvis" Quadra Legion  
8:00pm  
-Rhys Thomas - Juggle Mania Community Centre

#### May 15-16, Saturday & Sunday

-Discover Quadra Tourism Tradeshow various venues  
all day, both days

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## Next Deadline

7 pm. Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

## Spiritual Seekers

An outdoor adventure program for children age 7 - 10, exploring spiritual principles as presented

in the book, "The Seven Spiritual Laws for Parents" by Deepak Chopra. Program starts Thursday,

April 8th, 2:45 PM. Call Rev. Jill to register 285-3224.

## Quadra Island Conservancy A.G.M.

Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 7.30 pm

In the Community Hall, room 3, upstairs, back door.

**On the Agenda:** Annual report, Financial report, Beavers flooding trail along Morte Lake, the new Quadra Atlas and logging around us.

**Elections**, with the impending retirement of some stewards we need to elect, re-elect and replace.

## Folk-Jazz Brunch Once a Month

The members of Raw Silk (Barb & Richard Desmarais & Matt Hodgson) would like to thank everyone who joined us for our first brunch performance at CAFE AROMA on March 14th. It was so much fun that we're making it a regular thing: The 2nd SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH starting with Easter. Drop in between 10AM and 1PM for some mellow, live music with your coffee and eggs benie!

## Island Voices Plus

Island Voices Chamber Choir, directed by Frances Keen, with guest conductor, Jo-Anne Preston, pianist, Sean Mooney and flutist, Lorraine Philippsen, will present a spring concert on Sun. Apr. 18 at 2:30 pm at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Campbell River, and on Fri. Apr. 23 at 8 pm at Comox United Church. Tickets are available at Campbell River Visitor Info Centre and Laughing Oyster and Blue Heron bookstores, or by calling Anne at 287-4236.

The Haig-Brown Institute is pleased to present:

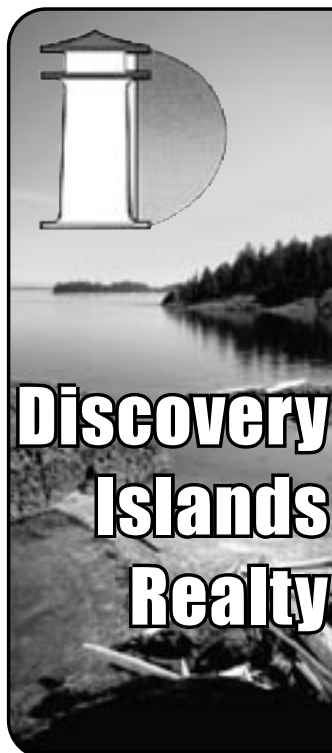
## Riverworld

Tuesday, April 6th, 7:30 at the Tidemark Theatre in Campbell River.

Join renowned river conservationist Mark Angelo on a visually stunning, around-the-world journey by river that makes an inspiring plea for the protection of the world's waterways. [www.riverworld.bcit.ca](http://www.riverworld.bcit.ca)

Tickets are available now! \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors at the Tidemark Theatre box office or phone 250 287 7465 or toll free - 1 800 994 0555.

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## Quadra Rec. Update

The community centre has been hopping this winter with events and classes. The 3rd session of Carol Foort's yoga classes are starting up April 7. There are a few spaces left in the Wednesday morning class at 9:30 to 11:30. Join up and experience what the rest of us junkies are raving about! Call Carol at 285 3035 to register.

The community kitchen continues to be a place for joy and laughter and good food, noon every Wednesday. Thank you all 2 dozen volunteers who keep it together and all the donors of those wonderful desserts! Over 80 people have been coming for lunch each week and the food bank has gained \$900 since January from this project. (Just a note from the the public health dept. : no custards, whipping cream or raw eggs should be donated from home based kitchens for public consumption.)

If you missed minor ball registration, call Melanie Jordan at 284 2103 to get your children on a team.

Also, there will be a Blenkin Field work bee for all ball players, April 3 and 4, Saturday and Sunday, 10 am to 3ish. Please come out and bring a shovel and rake, to prepare for the ball season. Ross McPhee has more details at 285 3472.

The Recreation Society is sponsoring a seminar on the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security for pre-retirement baby boomers. Circle Thursday, April 29 7-9pm on your calendar and phone QCC to register. Cost is \$2. Come and find out if you can ever stop working, and not eat cat food.

And last but not least, since the daffodils are up and the hummingbirds are back, it's time to say the "m" word. Yep, the very first May day meeting is April 6, 10 a.m. If you can't make it, call with your ideas and theme suggestions and contributions....and let's make it the very best May Day yet! May Day is Saturday, May 29 starting at Rebecca Spit at 10 a.m. There is going to be a fabulous dance with a 10 piece band from Vancouver at the community centre that night.

Sandy Spearing QCC coordinator  
285 3243 Mon-Fri 8am-2pm.

# News & Events

## Canadian Cancer Society

The Canadian Cancer Society is looking for your help in the upcoming door to door Cancer Campaign.

April 1 to 30th is Cancer month. If you could please spare a few hours to canvass on Quadra it would go a long way in our on-going fight to find a cure for cancer.

We have a very dedicated group of volunteers canvassing but we still have areas on Quadra that we do not reach.

If you can help, please call Mary Dennison at 285-3764.

## Beach Clean-Up

Quadra's 7<sup>th</sup> annual beach cleanup and Earth Day celebration, sponsored by the Sierra Club, will take place on Sunday April 25. This is a chance to beautify your favorite beach and have the garbage transported to the regional landfill. A cleaner environment is good for all living creatures and benefits many island businesses. If you have any suggestions or questions call Ken at 2580. Mark the date on your calendar and see the next Islander for all the details.

## Blenkin Park Playing Fields

Bids are now being sought for the mowing of the playing fields.

All interested parties please contact

**Ross McPhee at  
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## OysterFest '04

"Shellfish Industry promotes Tourism."

Last year the shellfish growers threw a party for the island of Cortes. Everyone pitched in to make it a smashing success; the weather cooperated, people turned out in droves, the music was fantastic, and the food... Ah, the food... Um-m-h!!! However, the greatest reward of all was to see everyone come together in true Island spirit simply to have fun and enjoy themselves... Let's do it again!

Saturday, May 22nd, Smelt Bay

Mark this date on your calendar – tell your friends – invite a friend.

This year we will once again bring fun and games, entertainment, raffles and auctions, displays and competitions, organized farm tours, a bandstand, dance and oyster bar, chefs and media personalities, and food... lots and lots of glorious seafood fresh from our pristine waters.

A word of caution: the Seafood Court can offer only a limited number of plates, so purchase your tickets in advance so as not to be disappointed. Early bird discounts of \$14.00/plate apply until May 15; OAP and group (5 or more) discount of \$13.00/plate; children under 12 years are \$10.00/plate.

Beneficiaries to this year's event include the CCHA Health Center and the Shellfish Interpretive Center – come help us support these two very worthwhile causes.

New this year: an OysterFest cookbook featuring recipes served up in the Seafood Court. Your name will be mentioned, so submit your favourite recipes in plenty of time (before April 15) to be included. Contact Brent.

Also, added this year, a bonfire on the beach. Come and listen to entertainers jamming around the campfire before wandering over to Mansons for another great dance where oyster shooters flow like water.

Contact: John Shook – phone 935-6464; e-mail [usualmagic@telus.net](mailto:usualmagic@telus.net)

Marcel Creurer – phone 935-6681; e-mail [jumarcortes@MSN.com](mailto:jumarcortes@MSN.com)

Brent Petkau – phone 287-0363; e-mail [oysterman@Telus.net](mailto:oysterman@Telus.net)

PS. – We are not seeking cash donations from growers this year, but would like each of you to be involved. If everyone would contribute 50 dozen medium oysters for the oyster BBQ, or 50 lbs of clams, mussels, scallops, prawns, or what ever in the way of seafood for the Seafood Court, we will once again present a gastronomic feast for everyone's pleasure.

- Those who wish to be part of the Oyster Bar, please contact Victor, 287-2313; [viksoysters@telus.net](mailto:viksoysters@telus.net)

- Anyone who wishes to contribute of their valuable time, or to present a dish in the Seafood Court please contact Marcel.

## Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society

On **Friday April 16 at 8.00pm** the Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society is delighted to show a beautiful film on the Wolves of the Great Bear Rainforest made by local Carihi graduate and well known film maker Twyla Roscovich. Now 25 years old, Twyla has been making films on the B.C. Coast since 1996. She started by filming whales for a BBC documentary and since has made many films on coastal BC including underwater marine life, documentaries and tourism films. For two years Twyla lived on the remote coast between Bella Bella and Prince Rupert. Living in a tent much of the time, and travelling by kayak, she found the wolves were not easy to locate. Keeping the camera gear dry in the rainforest was even more difficult, since she couldn't light fires as the smell would alert the wolves to her presence. Much of the film is based on the research of wildlife biologist Chester Darimont from the University of Victoria and wolf researcher Cheste Starr of the Heiltsuk Nation at Bella Bella. The research was commissioned by The Raincoast Conservation Society. Ian McAlliser and Chris Darimont also contributed much footage to the film. Together they have produced a visually stunning film.

The wolf packs of the Rainforest are a geographically isolated population which show some genetic distinctions from the general wolf populations. They appeared subtly different. They have compact, slim bodies and dense, short fur with red highlights. The genetic variation was confirmed by DNA analysis of wolf hair and scat gathered by the researchers. Rain wolves also demonstrate unusual behavioural adaptations to their wet, coastal environment. Although their diet is mainly comprised of deer, these wolves also rely heavily on marine resources. Many live on islands and have become skilled at fishing salmon. Initially, they eat only the salmon's brain leaving the creek banks littered with decapitated fish. But they eventually return to finish off their catch. After two years of effort, Twyla finally caught their fishing behaviour on film. One of the most captivating aspect of the film is the views of the Great Bear Rainforest. Enveloped in mists, the landscape seems so similar to parts of our own island but somehow enhanced by an untouched, wild, grace. In the film Twyla touches on the incursion of roads into this area and their potential impact on the rainwolves.

We are unsure at the moment whether Twyla will be able to attend the screening of her film as she is currently on location although we hope she can make it.

## At the QI Bible Church

April 9th - Good Friday Service at the church beginning at 7:30 p.m. A time of worship and reflection on the sacrifice of the cross.

April 11th - Sunrise gathering at Rebecca Spit. Please join us!

April 11th at 9:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast. You are welcome to join us for fruit salad, cinnamon buns and various breads. There is no charge!

11:00 a.m. - Easter Celebration Service... "Behold, He is Risen!" Join us for a special time of worship and celebration

## Quadra Island Garden Club

**Monday April 5** will be the last meeting for the 2003-2004 season. It is our special meeting where we bring in a well known speaker from across the water and have our giant plant sale. This year our guest speaker is Elaine Stevens, author, herbalist and gardener. Her illustrated presentation will be titled 'Creating and using a herbal garden'. Elaine will show us how to grow a wide variety of medicinal and culinary herbs and talk about some of her favourite wild and domestic herbs, talk about how to create beautiful garden spaces with them, and discuss some of the many uses of these plants for enhancing our health and wellbeing. It is a great time to divide and plant new treasures in your garden. The plant table will be loaded with all sorts of interesting things, all grown on Quadra. Prices are low and the selection will be eclectic. **Doors open at 6.30pm.** Non-members \$10, members free.

## Charlie Horse #5

Charlie Horse is a travelling show of story tellers, poets, drummers, fiddles, flutes & dijre Doos and well, you never know what happens next. #5 features a new mystery blues duo, a wild & crazy professional musician coming from the mainland, four local poets, some good old time gospel music and a surprise or two. The is Quadra homegrown original talent bringing forth creative renderings from the Heart. No cover. Creation is happening on this Wild Isle. Come assist in the birth of another new song, another new poem born into the public realm for the very first time. The secret is to remain "Fluid." First Quadra, then New York City. 7:30 to 10 p.m., Saturday Night, April 10 at the Cafe Aroma. Munchies available & rare blends of coffee & tea. For more information or to register a new birth, call Sunday Dennis at 204-2160 or Steve Moore at 285-3323

## Check You Karma

Geshe YongDong will be making his 6th journey to Quadra to discuss the most widely misunderstood concept of modern times: your Karma. Memories of the past, worries for the future keep on generating karma, some good, some bad. By truly living in the present moment, one can stop cultivating karma & get on with the "bliss."

Geshe will discuss the causes of Karma, the positive role that good karma plays in decreasing bad karma, and how to let go of Karma cultivation altogether.....The art of leaving no footprints behind.

Your Karma is your life in process. Come get a grip & let go. 10 a.m. to Noon at the Upper realm in Q. Cove on Sunday, April 4. Suggested Donation \$10. Free for those short on cash. Call Steve and Danielle for more information at 285-3323

## Quadra Seniors Update

A group of 16, enjoyed a day trip, to Cumberland. We were greeted by our guide Ron Bannerman at the Miner's Deli. During lunch he entertained us with the lively history of Cumberland and Coal Mining. Following, we were escorted to various Heritage sites: Comox Lake, Jumbo's cabin, No.6 Mine Site, etc. We viewed a now desolate Alder swamp, which was the location of a thriving Chinatown during the height of the Mining era. It boasted of a Masonic Hall and Theatre.

Other trips will be planned for our Seniors soon. We are having a Easter Party, on April 7th, Quadra's children with Judy O'Dell, will perform in a play. There will be other surprises too. Meeting starts at 10:30 am. Come early and visit. Usually every Wed. at 10:00 am Tai-Chi, Carpet Bowling 10:30 am Pool, Knitting, Cards and Musical Exercises, (armchair), 1:00 pm with Anne Lawrence. Thanks.' to all who participate.

A Special Thanks.' To Lois Taylor, who copies maps, for our trips. also the Credit Union, who, copies Hilarys Quadra Maps to sell at the Tourist Booth. Walk with the Gang, every Sunday on the Spit, meet at the Launch Ramp at 11:00 am. Welcome to all Seniors Young and Experienced—Contact persons are Jean 285-3740-Ruth 285-3801

## Discover Quadra

### ^ A Celebration of Island Hospitality

All local businesses are invited to participate in a promotional event called Discover Quadra ^ A Celebration of Island Hospitality. This event, which is taking place on the weekend of May 15 and 16, will be an opportunity for businesses to feature products and services to the public.

Each year there are more businesses involved in the tourism industry. As Quadra's population grows, we host more visitors. The Discovery Island Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an event that will showcase the contribution businesses make to our community. Discover Quadra will highlight recreational businesses such as kayak guide services, bed and breakfast facilities, tour operators, gift shops, caterers ^ and any small business or non-profit organization.

Businesses are invited to exhibit and demonstrate their work in participating venues. April Point is opening their conference rooms as an exhibiting facility for both days of the event. Tsa Kwa Lutén has exhibition space available on Sunday, May 16. Heriot Bay will have facilities for outdoor activities for both days of Discover Quadra.

The promotion of Discover Quadra will include newspaper and radio coverage. During the weekend we will showcase Quadra culture and recreation to the best of our abilities. We are aiming to show the local public and their visitors all that Quadra has to offer.

There are several ways your business can get involved. You can exhibit your product or service. An exhibiting space will cost \$35 for the whole weekend (less if you are a member of the (Discovery Island Chamber of Commerce). Or you can become a sponsor and your logo can be listed in the Discover Quadra brochure that will be passed out to all visitors attending. You can also hold an open house in your establishment (eg. B&B) so Quadra residents can come by for a visit and check you out! There are also opportunities to advertise in the brochure. Discover Quadra ^ A Celebration of Island Hospitality will give islanders a chance to be a visitor on their own turf and businesses an opportunity to promote their trades. The deadline for submission is April 21. Interested in exhibiting details? Call Mimi at 285-2626 for more.



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**Next deadline  
Monday, April 12th 7pm**

## **Magician Thrills for Carihi Grads**

Canada's outstanding illusionist, JOHN KAPLAN, is bringing his acclaimed "Makin' MAGIC!" show to Campbell River on April 7th, presented by the Carihi Grad Committee.

"Makin' MAGIC!" dazzles the senses with amazing illusions and spectacular special effects, brought to life with electrifying music and dance in an entertainment event that promises to thrill the whole family.

"Makin' MAGIC!" stars illusionist JOHN KAPLAN, who makes us believe in a world of fantasy through his original blend of magic and comedy with contemporary music, dance and special effects in this must-see theatrical experience.

It's a magical review show for all ages ... incredible illusions are mixed with side-splitting audience participation in a 90-minute program of spellbinding fun that parents can share with their children and grandparents.

Kaplan has been making magic across Canada on behalf of community organizations for over 20 years. The Makin' Magic show will be held April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Carihi Gymnasium at 7 pm.

Special advance tickets and family passes are now available at the Carihi School office, Georgia Park School office and outside Thrifty's Foods on March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tickets are \$5 for children & seniors, \$8 for adults, and \$20 for a family pass (max. 5).

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## **Assumptions**

**by Rev. Jill Brocklehurst**

Last Sunday I spoke about assumptions, part four of a five-week series based on a great little book, "The Four Agreements" written by Don Miguel Ruiz. Studying the 4th chapter titled, "Don't Make Assumptions," gave me opportunity to reflect on assumptions made about the Quadra Island Centre for Positive Living and the vision of the Centre, "A World Awakened to Its Spiritual Magnificence."

During Sunday service, spiritual principles are presented. The people regularly attending apply these tools to their life and are experiencing greater harmony, joy, clarity, prosperity, well-being and love. What is interesting, aside from my three gracious sons who love and support me, men are not attending. I asked my congregation why they think men don't attend Sunday service and this was the response. • too "touchy feely," • it is just for women, • didn't want to be the only man present.

Don Miguel Ruiz suggest it is always better to ask questions than to make an assumption because assumptions set us up for suffering. He says, "The tendency is when we don't understand something, we make an assumption about the meaning, and when the truth comes out, the bubble of our dream pops and we find out it was not what we thought it was at all."

I do not want to assume anything so here is my request. I would like to hear from the males in our community. What do you think? How do you like the column and for the few that have attended, what is your feedback regarding Sunday service? You could share your vision of a spiritual centre. What may the QICPL offer you in the form of Spiritual Community? Write me at PO Box 427, Heriot Bay or e-mail at [wildjem@telus.net](mailto:wildjem@telus.net). Ask for a reply if you wish.

There is a power for good in the Universe and you can use it now. Don't miss the final week of this series April 4th, 10:30 AM when we conclude the series on "The Four Agreements." Sunday, April 11th we will be presenting a metaphysical Easter.



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# Guitar Maestro Pavlo Plays Quadra



A November phone call from the Lower Mainland was the first clue; having witnessed Pavlo in action at Whistler, an excited fan demanded an April repeat on Quadra. The second clue was a listen to Pavlo's latest CD, *I Feel Love Again*, a powerful follow-up to his first two recordings which have sold in excess of 150,000 copies. The final clue was a visit to [www.livetourartists.com](http://www.livetourartists.com) and a quick perusal of his daunting 2004-2005 touring schedule. We had a winner on our hands and were facing a jam-packed, rompin' stompin' Good Friday full capacity performance at Quadra Community Centre.

Lovers of passionate "Mediterranean" music will already know who Pavlo is: a Greek kid from Toronto who has made it big on the international music scene. Others who are about to meet him will have their socks knocked off by his combination of flamenco, Latin, and classical guitar with a little Greek bouzouki thrown in. Pavlo does not appear alone; his all-male band of five cranks the finger-snapping, hip-swaying heat up in every delicious performance.

Pavlo is creating a stir as a composer, a performer, and a recording artist. His compositions have been showcased on *The Chris Isaak Show*, and he was commissioned to compose a work for Liona Boyd, with whom he shared a 60 city Canadian tour. In 2001, he was selected to perform for HRH Prince Charles, and his intense touring schedule reflects the ascending star of an enormous talent. His second gold CD, *Fantasia*, gained recognition with a 2000 Juno nomination for "Best Instrumental Album of the Year".

Like a Mediterranean wildfire, Pavlo's "sexy, joyous music" (*The Morning Star*) with its "vibrant, sizzling licks" (*Regina Leader Post*) leaps and burns from this "Greek God of the Guitar" (*News Leader*).

Liona Boyd calls him a "brilliant composer and guitarist who is a fabulous performer". She should know.

\$15 advance tickets will be available at Quadra Crafts, Hummingbird Office and Art Supply, and The Music Plant in Campbell River. Get them early. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door for \$18. Performance time is 8pm. April 9th. For more information, call 285-3560 or 285-3458.

## Quadra Singers Spring Concert

On April 27 at 8:00 p.m. we will be presenting our Spring concert at the Quadra Community Centre. We had a wonderful rehearsal last Saturday at the Voices of The Mid-Island. As well as practicing some of the songs that we will be singing for you at our concert, we had a lot of fun listening to, and getting to know the other choirs. We were joined by our old friends Campbell River Singers, Village Voices from Parksville, and Nova Voce Womens Choir and Nova Voce Mens' choir from Courtney.

Being surrounded by lots of men singing tenor and bass at this concert answered the age old question, "Do real men sing in choirs?". The answer is a resounding "YES" !!! Now that this issue is settled we look forward to seeing all you men who were secretly singing in the shower and the closet at our fall practices.

In the mean time we are eager to see you at our Spring Concert when we will present some light and lively show tunes, a little jazz, some folk songs from around the world, and some soulful spiritual numbers in honour of Easter.

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## Comox-Strathcona

### NOTICE OF REGIONAL DISTRICT MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona invites the public to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting to be held on:

Tuesday, April 27, 2004  
at the RDSCS Board Room  
550B Comox Road  
Courtenay, B.C.  
commencing at 9:00 a.m.

For the presentation of the following reports, pursuant to Section 329 of the Local Government Act:

- the Year 2003 audited Financial Statements, and
- the Year 2003 report of Director remuneration and expenses

A copy of these reports is available for public inspection at the RDSCS office located at 600 Comox Road, Courtenay, BC

Any questions or inquiries regarding this meeting should be directed to:

Beth Dunlop, CGA  
Assistant Manager of Financial Services  
Telephone: 334.6000  
or toll free 1.800.331.6007

## Quadra Island Preschool

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Fish Compost fundraiser. With your support, we sold all of our inventory so our success is in your ongoing commitment to this opportunity to shop locally while weaving together a strong community.

### "The King" to Quadra?

You bet! "virtual Elvis" is coming to the Quadra Legion on Saturday, May 1st. Performance begins at 8:00pm (sharp). For all you Elvis fans of every age, this will be a high energy night of dancing and first-class entertainment that you just will not want to miss.

In a series of four separate segments (complete with costume changes) "Virtual Elvis", Scott MacDonald, takes you on a musical journey to recapture the life and time of "The King". Portraying Elvis from the start of his career through to the era of the famous "white suit", Scott presents all your danceable Elvis favourites - country, gospel and, of course, rock 'n roll. Ranked as the third-best Elvis impersonator in North America, Scott makes you believe that, yes "The King" really does still live.

As a special feature, the show will also include the song stylings of jazz artist, Natalie Karine. Folks, this is one gal you just GOTTA hear - she is great!

Ticket prices are \$10.00 for paid-up Legion members and \$12.00 for all others. The tickets are limited in number so get yours today by calling Barb McDonald at 285-2258 (sorry, no tickets at the Legion bar).

### Quadra Island Quilters

It will be our pleasure to share with you an evening of creative expertise and insight into the works of quilt artist Judy Farrell. We will be hosting a slide show where Judy will present a chance to see her work while she is here to instruct a "Fractured Landscape" workshop. Admission is by donation (at the door). Come on out for this artistic display of how seemingly simple beginnings of thread and fabric can become an inspiring imagery of colour and nature.

Our next quilt meeting is Tuesday, April 13th at the Community Centre 9:30-2pm. New members are always welcome. This month we are learning the technique to complete a variation on a traditional pattern called Dancing Log Cabin. Let the unique, offset design showcase those bright Spring colours that we are starting to see with the return of our blossoms, birds and greenery.

## Quadra Island Conservancy A.G.M.

Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 7.30 pm In the Community Hall, room 3, upstairs, back door.

### On the Agenda

Annual report, Financial report, Beavers flooding trail along Morte Lake, the new Quadra Atlas and logging around us.

**Elections**, with the impending retirement of some stewards we need to elect, re-elect and replace.

### Quadra Artists Offer Annual Studio Tour

Treat yourself to some great art and enjoy a weekend away on Quadra Island

Join Quadra Island artists for their Studio Tour, Saturday June 5 and Sunday June 6, 2004 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Experience some of Canada's finest artists and enjoy some of the country's best scenery. Artists include potters, painters, sculptors, carvers, photographers, glass-blower, floral designer, fabric artists and jewelers. Many of the studios will be offering demonstrations and showing work in progress throughout the weekend.

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Quadra also offers many outdoor activities such as kayaking, hiking, fishing, whale watching and wildlife tours.

The island offers a variety of accommodations including bed and breakfasts, 4-star resorts, inns or campgrounds.

Tickets are \$5.00 per person (children under 13 free), and are available at:

Hummingbird Office and Art Supply, Quadra Island, Quadra Island Tourist Information Booth, Quadra Crafts, Heriot Bay, Quadra Island, Campbell River Public Art Gallery, Campbell River, Comox Valley Art Gallery, Courtenay. Plan now for a weekend of great relaxation, wonderful food, friendly locals and fabulous art!

Call today for more information (250) 285-2556 email: susan.wilson@crcc.net

## Attn: Canadian Veterans

The Quadra Legion had been advised that financial compensation is now available to Canadian Veterans who were involved in chemical warfare agent experiments in Suffield, Alberta (1941 to the mid 70's) or Chemical Warfare Laboratories, Ottawa (1941-45). eligible veterans are encouraged to contact Veterans Affairs Canada toll-free at 1-866-522-2122 (english) or 1-866-522-2022 (french).

### Cortes Priority Loading To Continue

#### Quadra - Campbell River

Following an extended trial period, the Cortes traffic priority loading initiative will be continued indefinitely. The initiative is intended to address a long-standing issue of Cortes access to Vancouver Island.

Data gathered on the 10 month trial period was reviewed at the Spring meeting of the Campbell River/Quadra/Cortes Ferry Advisory Committee. Since the procedure, which applies to only two of 119 public sailings each week, was put in place last year, results show a very positive impact on traffic efficiency with few negative effects.

Based upon both statistical data and input received from customers, the review concluded in favour of continuing Cortes priority loading.

Cortes traffic will be given priority loading on two sailings a week departing Quathiaski Cove, as follows:

- Mondays (except holiday Mondays) 9:00 a.m.
- Thursdays 9:00 a.m.

Passengers with flexible travel plans are encouraged to use sailings other than the 9:00 a.m. departing Quathiaski Cove on Mondays and Thursdays.

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## Legion Update

Our thanks go to Peoples Drug Mart for sponsoring our March \$50 bonus draw. The next draw will be Saturday, April 24 courtesy of QUADRA FITNESS.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNERS will begin on Sat., April 3 and be served from 6-8 pm. There will be a different menu each week with a special FAMILY EASTER DINNER on Saturday, April 10. All dinners will include salad, entree & dessert. Cost will be \$14.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children. Do come & enjoy!

Another Sports "Quadra-Thon" will be held on Friday, April 16 starting at 7:00pm. Come on out for "round robin" play in Shuffleboard, Pool, Darts & Cribbage. Never played any of these before? Not to worry - someone will be on hand to coach you. \$42.00 per player, per night.

"Virtual Elvis" is coming to the Legion on Saturday, May 1. Show begins at 8:00pm - entertainment & dancing all in one night. Tickets are \$10.00 for paid-up Legion members, \$12.00 for all others. Call 285-2258 to get yours today as seating is limited.

We hear there are many folks who do not know what activities the Legion is offering. The DISCOVERY ISLANDER, HUNGRY EYE & posters are our main publicity resources. If you do not read these well....you know the old saying, "You snooze, You lose". So don't lose out on our events - read about what is going on then chat things up with your family, friends & neighbours.

Until next time: If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving is not for you!

## Swimming Lessons At Strathcona Gardens

Quadra, Cortes and the Outer Islands

### "Put Water Safety First"

The Spring and Summer seasons will soon be here, so before heading to the local lake, river and ocean.....

Red Cross encourages everyone to take a moment to think about water safety.

Water surrounds the children of Quadra, Cortes and the Outer Islands, and unfortunately, this fascination can lead to tragedy.

Participating in the Drop In Learn to Swim Program will ensure greater safety and fun in all water-related activities.

This is a special offer to help accommodate island living.

When planning your trip to Campbell River you can now book a swim lesson for your child or family.

This new program is offered Saturdays from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm April 17 - June 12 (with the exception of May 22)

### Two Easy Steps:

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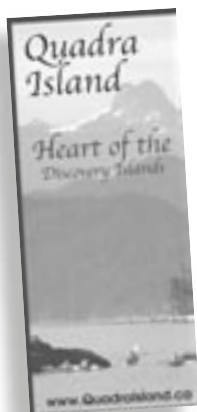
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## Have a say in the by-law process

It is your chance to start to have a say in what should be in Quadra's new zoning by law.

The Quadra Community Association is working hard at pulling together workable ideas.

The plan is to present the Regional District with a list of proposals which reflect how our community would like to see the Quadra's zoning by-law – passed in 1990 – brought into line with Quadra's Official Community Plan (1996) and with changes in provincial land-use legislation. Every effort will be made to come out with proposals which everyone on the Island has contributed to if s/he wants to.

Jim Abram, the Regional Director for Area J, addressed the last board meeting of the QCA and has again generously offered to help as a liaison with the Regional District and as a resource as the process moves ahead.

Currently, the QCA is drawing up a series of questionnaires on issues raised for the various land use sectors – agriculture, aquaculture, marine, tourism, silviculture, parks and heritage, residential and home occupation (home based business), commercial and industrial. They just one of the tools that will be used to gather community input. These will be available at the next general public meeting, in May where you will also have the opportunity to sign up to participate in one or more of the QCA's land use steering committees. All islanders are welcome and you can participate at any level you wish, so come out and do what you can.

To get the process going the QCA has drawn up a general questionnaire and wants responses from anyone who feels s/he has something to say. It is printed below and your response can be dropped off at the Gateway Café, Aroma Café or the DI office on Cape Mudge Road. It can also be

completed on-line at: [www.quadraisland.ca/community\\_association](http://www.quadraisland.ca/community_association).

The next board meeting will be held at the Community Centre on April 13th at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and a section of the meeting is given over to questions from the public. If you wish to address the meeting, please let Richard know ahead of time on: 3008 or by email at [randb@island.net](mailto:randb@island.net). The minutes of previous meetings are on line at: [www.quadraisland.ca/community\\_association](http://www.quadraisland.ca/community_association).

A general public meeting and steering committee open house will be held in the first week of May. Remember the widest possible range of constructive community input is being sought. So if you want a say, fear that you are not being represented by the QCA, come to the public meeting, join a steering group and/or fill out a questionnaire.

## QCA Zoning Bylaw Questionnaire:

What are the three most important things that you would like to see our Zoning Bylaws accomplish.

Are you negatively effected by the current bylaw (1213)\*? If so how?

Do you think that the bylaws should include a nuisance section? If so, list 3 things that you would consider a nuisance? Include how you would determine at what point (volume intensity, duration) each thing becomes a nuisance to you.

Should nuisance guidelines be less strict during the day? If so, what range of hours would you use to define day.

Should our bylaw include regulations or zones in areas that are already regulated by higher levels of government as in Provincial Parks, First Nations Lands, Agricultural Land Reserve...

If yes, which ones and why?

\*Note: we are no longer discussing the by law which was discarded last year. We are now reviewing the current bylaw which has been in place since 1990.

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# Island Forum

## A Mess of Roadside Garbage

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Drivers: please keep a garbage bag in your car for cigarette or candy wrappers and urge your passengers to use it.

Pick-up Drivers: please see there are no light-weight items in the back of your truck which will blow out.

Landowners: please walk your roadside once a week and keep it litter free.

Walkers: please take a garbage bag with you on your daily walk.

Everyone: reduce your garbage by refusing unnecessary packaging, reusing what you can, and recycling the rest.

Surely we Quadra Islanders can show more pride in our community without needing a "tidy town" contest.

J. Baker

**Certified Groomer of both Dogs and Cats is looking for feed-back on whether there would be enough interest on Quadra to set up shop once or twice a week. Please contact Diana at 923-8850.**

**Additionally, if anyone has a large tub or grooming sink (or something that would work as such - ie; restaurant sink) and/or facilities for one or two days a week, please call and discuss at above number. Thank-you.**

## Dear Editor

The trustees of the Quadra Island cemetery extend their sincere thanks to Bill Bradshaw, Ron Miller and Roy Dhalnas for their excellent co-operation with respect to our recent logging operation. Their contributions above and beyond the call of duty are very much appreciated.

It will take a minimum of five years before the new section of the cemetery can be readied for use. The disturbed land must properly settle and any remaining plant material (e.g. tree roots) must decompose before interment sites can be dug satisfactorily. We thank all Quadra Islanders for their patience and understanding during this process.

On another matter, the trustees have been approached in regards to having plantings along the fence perimeter and/or an "In Memoriam" garden. While we agree that such additions would be aesthetically pleasing, the reality is that neither is a practical option. Projects such as these require much time and effort, not only for installation but also for regular and continuous maintenance. Please remember that as cemetery trustees, we are all unpaid volunteers who do have other obligations in our lives. Thus we do what we can, when we can - weather permitting. Again, thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Barb McDonald, Secretary/Treasurer  
Board of Trustees

## Don't Forget

You can check in with the activities of the Quadra Community Association online at:  
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there you can find board members contact info, meeting minutes, links etc..

## Dear Editor

On behalf of the Quadra Island Preschool Board of Directors, I would like to thank Director Jim Abrams and the Comox-Strathcona Regional District for their generous support of the Quadra Island Preschool. Insurance costs for the Preschool rose from \$1700 in 2002-03 to \$2200 in 2003-04. A donation from the Regional-District covered this cost for us.

The board would like to extend its thanks for the past and present support of Branch #154 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Quadra Island Credit Union, Walcan Seafood, the Heriot Bay Store, Quadra Foods, Thrifty Foods, and Quadra Singers.

As is the case with other childcare and child education centre on Quadra Island, the Preschool has been struggling with low enrollment for the past two years. The community at large, and all our generous donors have allowed Quadra Preschool to keep its doors open during a time of low enrollment.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours truly,

Cindy Bukach

Chairperson

## The Vegans Were Right!

The vegans were right, our profit based animal husbandry habits have come back to bite us in the butt.

The recent diseases affecting our livestock are a direct result of the general population's wish to keep its hamburgers and chicken burgers under a buck fifty.

Greed is the mainstay of the agro-industry, more is better, quality and quantity are now confused, and most industrial farms have more chickens than there are people on Vancouver Island. This was never meant to be and has exactly the same result as packing people into a box to live and work, they inevitably get sick.

The argument against small family farms revolves around the cost to the consumer, the Mom and Pop chicken would cost you more, true, but it won't kill you either.

Robert Saint Amour

Surge Narrows

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## Do You Have The Urge to Shop???



### Dear Shopping Enthusiasts,

I was excited to read in the last *Discovery Islander* that lots of teenage girls still love to shop for clothes. Well of course! I know I certainly did and still do. I also remember what it was like to have limited means of transportation. Here on Quadra there are great places to shop, especially if you tend to need more than just 'normal' stuff. If you have spare time, money to spend and you need something to do, there is no need to head over to town to the local shopping mall. Soulo Design Studio has recently opened upstairs at the Upper Realm, above the Lovin Oven. No Vehicle Necessary! Your own two feet will do just fine. The stairs will give you that little bit of extra work, helping you to appreciate your shopping experience.

Soulo Design Studio is filled with beautiful, unique, one of a kind clothing. Prices are definitely reasonable, similar to what you would see in the mall chain stores, which sell clothing that is mass produced. Almost every piece of clothing at the Soulo Design Studio is one of kind and made right in the store. You don't have to worry about arriving at school with your new outfit only to see two other girls wearing the same thing.

So next time you get the urge, think one of a kind with Soulo Designs!



## Regional Director's Report

Hello to all. I promise to keep this one really short with one very good piece of good news that you need to know about.

After many years of trying to co-ordinate a transit bus that would meet the 7:05 am ferry when it arrives in Campbell River, I have finally had success! On March 23 rd, I met with Mayor Lynn Nash, Councillor Laird Ruelen, Darren Richards from BC Transit, two of the senior skippers of the BC Ferry Service (Jock Palmer and Jim Huffman) and our new administrator. We went over the long history of trying to make this work and all of the failed attempts at adjusting schedules, looking for alternative solutions and trying to get the school board to put a bus back on the route.

The issue is, that at 7:15 am there is no school bus to meet the kids that get off the ferry and then go to Phoenix, Carihi, Timberline and North Island College. They are going at that time to attend classes and take part in sports, band and leadership activities. In the late fall, winter and early spring, it is still dark at that time and often very lousy weather as you probably know. So, the trick was to get this service in place to allow safe passage for the kids and avoid unnecessary ferry trips with vehicles by parents.

What was agreed to was a dedicated Transit bus (not a school bus) to make the trip, thus making the ride open to all who might want to use it; e.g. kids, teachers, staff, college students, swimmers, and any others that might have reason to go along the Dogwood corridor (including the Hospital).

The service will be as a trial starting APRIL 15 th and go until the end of June. This is a "use it or lose it" trial. Heads will be counted to see if it will pay for itself. What is needed is about 20 or more passengers each

school day to make it work. The cost for the trial period will be \$2.00 per trip. This could be reduced if the trial is continued in the fall, when regular bus passes could be used, if the numbers work out. The return trip to the ferry works out very well throughout the day with plenty of time to catch most ferries. There would be the opportunity to use bus passes on any of the return trips and, of course, students can ride the school bus.

So, here is the deal... USE IT OR LOSE IT! Campbell River is willing to work with us to make this work. This is a major accomplishment in the way of co-operative effort. I am sure that it will go a long way to show that we are able to co-operate on other joint ventures that make sense for us: (like the Emergency Planning process).

If you are travelling by car on the 7:05 am ferry, please re-assess your transportation needs and see if you can somehow make this work for you and your family. It will go a long way to making it work for all of the riders of that sailing.

I will be on that first run to take the bus and I hope to see many other islanders doing the same to show support for the kids and adults that need to travel that route each school day. The Mayor will meet us on the other side for the inaugural run, so come out and be part of the fun!

I look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully,

Jim Abram, Director for the Discovery Islands and Mainland Inlets (Area J)

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# Abuse of Trust

by Steven Halliday

Time Magazine annually honours their pick for Person of The Year, with last year's selection being the American Soldier, a salute to the American fighting men and women for their blazing success in conquering Iraq in only 21 days. The prior year's choice was much less dramatic, being a salute to the whistleblower, focusing on three women who spoke out and caused deserved carnage at the top at corporate criminal enterprises Enron, Worldcom and even the FBI. It would seem that Time may have jumped the gun on that call, as 2004 is shaping up to be a whopper of a year for people blowing the whistle, very loudly, on both sides of the border and beyond.

Sadly, in Canada our top civil servants presently have no protection under law for exposing abuses by their superiors, a sure reason why no one came forward about the shocking abuses of the monies expended under the auspices of the Liberal's "Sponsorship" program. There was one notable exception, Olympic biathlete Myriam Bedard, who chose to expose the rampant corruption at the highest levels of Via Rail and is now testifying on the matter before the Commission established to investigate the entire sad mess. It is highly likely that Paul Martin and other senior Ministers will be severely damaged by the affair, something that will manifest itself at the ballot box some time in the near future. And, too late as usual, the Federal Government is proposing legislation to protect whistleblowers in the future.

But down south, there is a veritable cornucopia of whistleblowers emerging who are inflicting serious damage to the reputation of the Bush Administration, most of whom are no longer members of the administration and therefore unconstrained from telling all they know. We are talking some real heavyweights here, such as former White House counter-terrorism chief Richard Clarke, former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, and former Ambassador Joe Wilson. Even serving members of the administration are coming forward with tales of malfeasance – witness Richard Foster, Chief Actuary of the Medicare system

(the US's barebones version of socialized medicine) coming forward to decry the administration's cost estimate of the latest revisions to Medicare. The administration's published numbers indicated a 10 year cost of \$400 billion. Foster, the head honcho of preparing such estimates, says this is completely false, and his calculations, duly submitted to his superiors who in turn report to the White House, estimated the true cost to be some \$534 billion – a difference of *only* 33%. Foster, still a government employee, is testifying against his employers, but is protected by existing US legislation. Another, Greg Thielmann, served as Director of the Strategic Proliferation and Military Affairs Office of the US State Department. He resigned in disgust after protesting that the Bush Administration knowingly overstated the Iraqi threat, using evidence known to be questionable to the intelligence community, despite his repeatedly notifying Colin Powell that these intelligence claims were baseless.

Other whistleblowers have made their case while serving, only to be asked to submit their resignation immediately afterward. General Ed Shinseki, US Army Chief of Staff, testified before Congress that the then proposed US invasion of Iraq would require hundreds of thousands of troops and years of costly occupation thereafter, was immediately advised to turn in his papers by his boss Donald Rumsfeld. Another military commander, US Marine Corps General Anthony Zinni, spoke out immediately after retiring, testifying that while head of CentCom (US Central Command – responsible militarily for the global area including Iraq) that "In my time at CentCom, I watched the intelligence, and never, not once, did it say "he (Saddam) has WMD". He has since been a target of a great deal of discrediting and disparaging misinformation releases from the Bush administration.

Across the puddle, former high level British politicians such as Robin Cook (ex-Foreign Secretary) and Clare Short (ex-Blair Cabinet member) have both spoken out forcefully about the Blair government's misguided and misleading rationalizations

for participating in the US led invasion and occupation. Both have been dismissed by Her Majesty's government as crackpots, even though nothing they have said has been convincingly discredited. In Australia, Prime Minister John Howard has been censured by that country's Senate "for misleading the public in his justification for sending Australia to war with Iraq", due largely to anonymous testimony from government whistleblowers.

But Richard Clarke's (a 30 year senior civil servant) testimony to the 9/11 Commission has the potential to thoroughly discredit the Bush Administration, as well as completely derail Bush's re-election posturing as a "war president". His convincing and forceful testimony (and his recently released book "Against All Enemies – Inside the White House's War on Terror – What Really Happened") shows the Administration ignored repeated warnings that terrorist operations such as the 9/11 attack were imminent. To make matters worse, the Bush cabal re-directed the focus from pursuing Al-Queda in Afghanistan to carrying out a dubious and ill-advised war against Saddam Hussein. Moreover, he elevated himself to near hero status by being the first person associated with the Bush Administration to apologize to the families of victims of the World Trade Center attacks for failing to prevent it, accepting his own portion of blame with humility. Since his March 21<sup>st</sup> interview on "60 Minutes" he has been Public Enemy No. 1 of the White House, and has parried all of their desperate attacks with ease. It is obvious in witnessing his testimony that he knows of what he speaks, has nothing to hide, and is intent on righting the wrongs that he (by his own admission) regrettably participated in perpetrating. Depending on the outcome of the November presidential elections he may well be in line for the 2004 Time Person of the Year title, and deservedly so.

It is clear that the we, the Canadian public, have been far too lax in providing oversight of the people we elect to oversee our government, and it is high time we provide our civil servants with

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the protections necessary for them to speak out when abuses are detected either above or below their station. My employer has codified the obligation of employees to report any malfeasance by others by clearly enunciating the process within our Personnel Policy, and provides what is called a "Mayday" communications route should a whistleblower be thwarted by their superiors. It should be a simple matter to codify in law such a process for civil servants, and we, as electors, should demand legislation of same post-haste. Far from being "ratfinks", whistleblowers are heroes, and should be recognized and protected for having the common sense, courage and loyalty to their ultimate employers for doing so. After abusing our trust too many times, the time for trusting our government, sadly and perhaps belatedly, is over.

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By Claire Voyent

**E**verybody, at some time in their life, has sat on a fence waiting to make up their mind. What type of fence sitter you are says a lot about you. We will discuss the four major types.

**Picket fence:** They are complicated people who early on took the hypocritic oath. Sitting on a picket fence isn't easy, so as soon as no one is looking they are down off the fence for a little break. First one side and then the other. They are the opposite of the broken fence people. These people would bite off their nose to spite their face. The only reason they care what you think is so that they can take up the opposite position.

# Fence Sitters

They think of themselves as rebels but their rebels soon are ended. Their moral compass always points to themselves. They can work for Greenpeace on Monday and Shell Oil the next. When these people die nobody goes to their funeral.

**Ornamental Fence:** Some people will sit on a fence even if the fence doesn't separate anything. These people couldn't make up their mind even if they were given only one choice. They end up in the civil service where they can take refuge in rules. They are the most dangerous people in existence. Every great dictator first surrounds himself with people like this and tells them what to do. They are invariably deeply religious and nationalistic. They will kill and torture in god's and country's name without a thought.

**Great Wall of China:** The paranoids. These people never get off the fence. They have spent years building their fence and it's the only place they feel comfortable. They think of themselves as objective philosophers. No matter what is going on both sides are wrong. These people are dilettantes but who might one day be great artists if they ever get down off the wall. Unable to hold down jobs because their employers are too stupid to realize their great potential they hang out in coffee bars and criticize everything.

**Broken Fence:** These people are on the side of anyone who shows up. The only time they appear to be on the fence is if two people show up at the same time on different sides of the fence. These people can make up their minds but they are cheats and liars and will stab you in the back if you turn away from them. These people end up as lawyers or politicians or scientists working for the highest bidder. You can tell who these people are as early as high school as they always leave a party with a different person than they came with.





# Island Report

## New Landscaping at QCC Turns Heads

by Tanya Storr

The new landscaping at the south entrance to the Quadra Community Centre is turning heads, and not only human ones. While I was there taking photos on a recent sunny morning, a Rufous Hummingbird stopped by to sample the Red-flowering Currant.

"Our goal is to create a relaxing green space where people can gather," said Quadra Recreation Coordinator Sandy Spearing. "Landscaping this area is the final phase of the Community Centre Addition Project."

With plenty of sun and a view of tall trees, the south entrance to the community centre is an ideal place for a new garden.

"We think it will be a nice area for weddings and festivals. We're improving the outdoor ambiance of the community centre with that in mind," said Quadra Recreation Society board member Eileen Mackay.

The new garden will be largely filled with native plants. Val Barr and her apprentice, Ben Parkinson, are doing the finishing landscaping on the site.

"All the plants have been chosen for deer resistance and drought tolerance," Val noted. "After this first summer, the only area of the garden that will need watering is the lawn."



Ben Parkinson (L) and Val Barr working with the new landscaping at Quadra Community Centre

Saskatoon, Oregon grape, deer ferns, blue camas, hybrid bleeding heart, potentilla, and native heuchera are some of the many varieties in the new garden.

"I have worked with some native plants for years but am trying a few new ones in this garden. It's nice to use them. The main concern is if the deer will ignore the plants, native or not," said Val.

Eileen pointed out that as well as being a lovely spot for socializing, the new garden will be a good example of what can be grown on Quadra without fencing or watering. Island gardeners will be able to visit the site to get ideas for their own landscaping projects.

Several people have been involved in the landscaping effort. David Smith



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volunteered his time to engineer the site, ensuring that it would drain properly. He oversaw the shaping of the area and the positioning of the large boulders.

Doug Peters and G. Roy Dahlnas placed the boulders and moved soil from the old horse ring to the landscaping site. Don Doolittle installed a 2,000 square foot lawn sprinkler to keep the grass green in the summer.

A new concrete sidewalk leading to the south entrance was created by Matt Knoedler. Ian McEachern supervised the installation of a light at the end of the sidewalk, with the electrical work done by Emco.

"The new sidewalk makes the building much more accessible for people with disabilities," Sandy commented.

Funding for the landscaping project has come from the 2003 Quadra Garden Tour proceeds, as well as from CCAP monies.

Quadra Recreation Society is donating a bench to the garden in honour of Hilda Van Orden.

"Hilda is a very important community volunteer and the bench was given to her on the occasion of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. It will be placed near the doorway to the south entrance, a nice spot to socialize," said Sandy.

Paving stones and bark mulch add to the design and feel of the garden. Looking ahead, Sandy is visualizing a courtyard area for the next phase of the project.

"We're continuing to improve the building and the site, and we're getting lots of positive feedback. It feels very satisfying to see the addition project coming very close to completion. We're welcoming ideas from people for a courtyard concept to further enhance the outdoor space," she said.

David Smith said he thinks the new south entrance will be just as important as the other main doorway to the building.

"The landscaping project is a communal effort and it's coming together very well," he said.

David added that the soul of the Quadra Community Centre is volunteerism.

"When you look around the building and the site, what you see represents thousands of hours of volunteer effort."

Eileen Mackay said donations to the landscaping project are very welcome, either of a monetary nature or plants selected with the approval of the Recreation Society.

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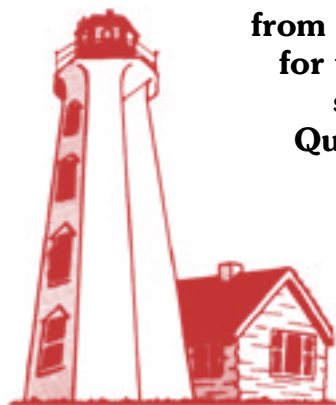
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