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Community News and Events from Quadra Island, Cortes Island and the Outer Discovery Islands



# Ferry Schedules

## Campbell River - Quadra Island

Crossing Time: 10 minutes

### Leave Quadra Island

6:15 am	3:05 pm
†7:05 am	** 4:00 pm
8:00 am	5:00 pm
9:00 am	5:50 pm
10:00 am	7:00 pm
11:00 am	8:00 pm
12:00 pm	9:00 pm
1:00 pm	10:00 pm
2:00 pm	*11:00 pm

### Leave Campbell River

6:40 am	3:30 pm
†7:30 am	4:30 pm
8:30 am	5:25 pm
9:30 am	6:15 pm
**10:30 am	7:30 pm
11:30 am	8:30 pm
12:30 pm	9:30 pm
1:30 pm	10:30 pm
2:30 pm	*11:30 pm

## Quadra Island - Cortes Island

Crossing Time: 45 minutes

### Leave Quadra Island

† 9:05 am
**11:05 am
1:05 pm
3:05 pm
5:05 pm
6:45 pm

### Leave Cortes Island

† 7:50 am
9:50 am
11:50 am
**1:50 pm
3:50 pm
5:50 pm

\* - Fridays and Saturdays only. † - Daily except Sundays.  
 \*\* - Tuesday sailings are for Dangerous Cargo - No passengers.

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Peak local traffic are during morning and evening commutes. On Monday and Thursday Quadra - CR 9 am sailings, Cortes Island traffic has priority.

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# Island Calendar

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## The Regulars

- **Every Day** - Quadra Legion - New Hours! Now Open at 3:30 pm until 1:00 am
- **Every Monday** - Badminton, 7:30 Cape Mudge Hall
- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers -QCC, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Sept.to Apr.
  - Sketching group at Firesign Studio 10 am-12:00 pm
  - Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Childrens Centre
- **Every Wednesday** -Yoga 9:30 am and 7:00 pm Community Centre
  - Badminton, 7:30 pm Cape Mudge Hall
  - Prime Rib Night at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Every Thursday** - Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
  - Rib Night at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Every Friday** - Yoga 9:30 am and 4:00 pm Community Centre
  - Seafood Dinner with Rod Hadley Jazz Pianist 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm
- **Every Sunday** - Sunday Service QI United Church 10:30
  - Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
  - Buddhist Meditation 10:00 am Upper Realm
  - Sunday Celebration, Centre for Positive Living - CRCC 10:20 - 11:20 am
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre
- **3rd Sunday of Month** - Raw Food Pot Luck 5 - 7pm 285-3827
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw or gift certificate. Quadra Legion 6:30 pm

**Next Deadline: Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2006**

## Day by day

### Wednesday, September 6

- Quadra Seniors Annual Picnic Rebecca Spit or at Legion if Rain 10:00 am on

### Sunday, September 10

- Quadra Island "Paint Out" Rebecca Spit 285-3390

### Monday, September 11

- Quadra Garden Club wi Nigel Lambeth Q.C.C. 7 pm 'How to build beautiful winter planters'

### Wednesday, September 13

- Quadra Singers First Rehearsal Q.C.C. 7pm

### Friday, September 15 - Sunday, September 17

- Remembering My Goddess Connection Retreat Register by August 15th 285-2963.

### Sunday, September 24

- Quadra/Philippines Connection Giant Garage Sale Q.C.C. 10-2:00

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## On the cover



*Joy Inglis in her garden  
Photo by Ruth Amiabel*

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## Next Deadline

7 pm. Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>



# Island Forum

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## Dear Islanders,

Recently I received a letter from the Child Protection Agency informing me that "someone" contacted their office in regard to my son's education. Apparently they were concerned that Max was not receiving a "proper" education because he is homeschooled. The letter assured me it was perfectly legal to homeschool in Canada, and that my children's safety and well-being was not being questioned. Needless to say, our family was stunned by such a letter.

Since the anonymously concerned individual did not feel the need to question us directly, I would like to address their concern, as well as to perhaps shed a little light on the homeschool option.

Max began homeschool permanently half way through grade 3, after careful research, family discussion, discussion with his school's principal, as well discussion with the Department of Education in Nova Scotia. Collectively, we agreed that Max's gifted intellect would be best served by the recognized homeschool option. This was the beginning of our homeschool journey.

Three years later, I am delighted to say that Max is flourishing as a student as well as an individual, and is well on his way to becoming a fine contribution to society.

Years of research, networking, and effort has shown our family that homeschool not only benefits the child, but benefits the family unit, and therefore society as a whole. Many wonderful resources are available and, in our experience, the public school system is eager to help any way it can. By the way, many universities actually recruit homeschooled students with scholarships because they excel in academics.

I speak on behalf of Max and our entire family when I say homeschool is a wonderful option, and we give thanks to all those who made it legal, as well as to those who dedicate(d) time and effort to sharing resources and encouragement.

Sincerely,

Denise Johnson

## Dear Editor,

"One of my favourite columnist, not only in the "Islander" but in general, is Steven Halliday. I find him informative and insightful, able to cut through much of the rhetoric of the news to get to the human, fundamental aspects of most issues. I always look forward to issues of the "Islander" for that reason.

Last week's response to his "Bad Behaviour" column seemed a little extreme in its assumption that Mr. Halliday's comments somehow indicate he considered himself a member of American society. As an American and a proud Native American from the Ute Mountain People of Colorado, I'm doubly not proud of what my country is doing on the world stage, I feel Mr. Halliday's comments on American politics and behaviour would not be relevant if the United States was not THE SUPERPOWER whose actions affect every country on the globe. By virtue of that standing, most everything the President and his cronies do reverberates in other societies, for the most part, to the detriment of others.

The writer's reference to Adam Smith was interesting and informative, but the only connection I can make between his observations on The Wealth of Nations and Mr. Halliday's column is that the "laboring poor" and the "stupefied masses" are considered a political base by George W. Bush and are part of the reason he is in power.

Lynda Unterthiner



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# Alice in Forestryland

by Carol Lewis

Alice awoke to the sound of falling trees. She gathered up her indignation and set off down the rabbit hole of the new forestry regulations. They were cutting down the trees the Cheshire Cat lived in. The trees beside the Queen's croquet court. Alice dashed over to see the Dormouse. When Alice explained what was going on the Dormouse told her he hadn't heard anything and went back to sleep.

Alice pulled the Dormouse off the couch, "We have to go see Gord and stop this madness." She was hoping to find more allies on her way through the forest, but when they got to the clearing it was just the two of them. In the clearing was a table. At the far end sat a hatter. He was quite mad...so mad, in fact, that he had begun calling himself the Premier hatter in all of Forestryland. It was he who had come up with the new forestry regulations.

"You're cutting down all the trees in Cheshire Woods!"

That's what trees are for. We cut down the trees in the country to pay for all the things in the city."

"The cat's an endangered species. He needs the woods"

"The cat's been vanishing for years."

Alice slapped down a glossy, expensive piece of propaganda the ministry of forest had produced saying how much they valued public input, "I'm ready to give you my input now."

Gord stuck his fingers in his ears, "na na na na naaaaaaaa. Can't hear you."

Alice elbowed the dormouse. He woke up and when he saw Gord he rolled onto his back so Gord could rub his stomach. Alice watched in horror as Gord stole money from the Dormouse when his eyes were closed. Alice unsuccessfully tried to get the Dormouse to react but then turned to Gord, "The March Hare, the Gryphon, the Lobster, the Mock Turtle all wrote to you about the Cheshire Cat and some of the drinking holes."

"Sorry. It's all right here. The

district manager has to give us a heads up four months prior to our plan coming out."

"How can we tell the district manager in time to give you four months notice if you don't give us at least six months notice?"

"That's not my problem."

"What about the woodlots owned by Tweedledum and Tweedledee. We gave you six months notice of our concerns there."

"We invited the public," said Gord filching more of the Dormouse's cash.

"But you didn't do anything."

"Ah, but there's a catch."

"Catch 22?" scoffed Alice.

"No, this is a catch all. You see it says in the new code that we can ignore anything you say if it unduly reduces the supply of timber."

"What does unduly mean?"

"It means what we want it to mean. Hey, we let you see the

plans. What more do you want."

"The plans didn't have any roads or cut blocks marked out. How are we supposed to make an assessment if you don't give us the facts."

"The fact is that the Crazier Institute says I'm doing a great job," and Gord plucked a couple of hundreds from the Dormouse.

"The Crazier Institute only cares about money. What about the Old Growth trees."

"What about them. They're protected ..... O.k. some of them are protected. The old hippies complained so much we made it law that a certain amount land is set aside as old growth management areas."

"You've put your Old Growth management areas largely in parks where you can't log anyway or on the sides of cliffs where there aren't any trees or you can't get at them. You know, there are more people than just forestry people

who have an interest in trees"

"We know all about the whining of the greens and the tourist people. That's why we put in draconian measures vis a vis visually sensitive areas. Look at this wording: Very small in scale; easy to see vs. difficult to see. What could be plainer or more stringent wording. I could stay and chat with you Little People all day but there's a big, Greek, salmon farm company called Horse Enterprises that wants to gift our wild ocean fishery with a couple of hundred farms and I have to get the media to ridicule Cassandra Morton She makes a big enough stink that even the Dormouse wakes up and takes notice." With that, Gord stole another five hundred dollars from the Dormouse before waking him up and handing him back five dollars."

"He just gave me five bucks! Is he the best? I'm going to vote for him again for sure .....didn't there used to be some trees here?"



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# Area J Regional Director's Report

August 28, 2006

**W**aking at 5:30 am this morning to the faint smell of wood smoke was a bit of a surprise. Then the sounds of far off fire trucks getting closer aroused our curiosity... upon further inspection, it turned out the fire was across the road and in full swing. The fire trucks arrived to a burning converted school bus and some accessory sheds along with the surrounding trees. All of our neighbours turned out with garden hoses and stood by as our trusty volunteer fire fighters brought the blaze under control and eventually put it out. Quite the wake up call on how helpless we as individuals are in the case of even a moderate fire. We thank our fire department for the speedy response and efficient work. Without it we might have faced loss of the forested area and a number of houses. We were all fortunate that there was no wind to speak of at the time, since it had been blowing northwest for many days. I heard later on the ferry that it was the ferry crew that reported the first puff of smoke since they saw it happen from the Campbell River terminal as they were preparing for the first sailing. My point.... we all need to take a serious look at emergency preparedness especially where fire is concerned in these recent summers of endless heat waves. How will you deal with it when it strikes in your neighbourhood? Get ready. Participate in the emergency planning that is ongoing on Quadra. We all depend on each other.

And now on to my report!

## Recycling Depot News

Now that I have your attention, I must tell you, folks, that I am really having a hard time understanding some of the behaviour at the depot. I have lobbied long and hard to get the depot that we have so that we can all do our part to recycle materials. It is becoming a real nightmare. I have asked that the frequency of pick up increase so as to keep up with the need and they have. Maybe still more pick ups are needed. However.... the rules have been stated so many times.. only the appropriate materials, as marked on the bins, are to be left at the depot. Not styrofoam, not toilets, in pieces, not computers, not lamps, not misc. electronic items, not toys, not canning jars with old pickles in them, not garbage cans, nor anything else that does not belong in the bins. Someone has to be paid to take away all of these items and it looks awful!. Please keep your non-recyclable items at home for your next garage sale or put an ad in the local papers for the items to be given away for free. I know you mean well, but it is not working. End of lecture.

## Granite Bay community issues meeting

I attended a meeting in Granite Bay along with a representative from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways and one from

Emcon Services (the contractor). The purpose was so that members of the community could express their concerns directly to the two departments that actually have jurisdiction over road and safety issues. I have been trying for years to advocate on your behalf to get issues dealt with regarding our roads. I have had many successes but we now have more people with more concerns and a department with fewer resources and less staff. So I must turn this over to them. I will continue to lobby. However, the first line of defence is to call Emcon Services on Quadra (in the book) and tell them of your problem. If that does not work, call Emcon in Campbell River and if that fails then call the Ministry in Courtenay and ask for Dan Olson. If all of the above fails, then please call me.

## Granite Bay Hydro

I am still waiting to hear from the engineers in Campbell River to find out if hydro is feasible to service the Granite Bay community. I am told that they have surveyed the area and now have to do the study to see if it will work and what it will cost. I will let you know as soon as I know.

## Granite Bay Park

The sign will be up soon to welcome you to our newest community accomplishment. The boat ramp is in, the wharf is finished except for a few finishing touches and the parking lot is being slowly revamped to accommodate more parking area for both vehicles and trailers. There is currently one porta-potty and we may need to increase that number to two due to the increase in use of the area. There are fees in place for day, month and annual use at the wharf and a fee to launch boats on the ramp. This is necessary to help pay for the ongoing maintenance of the facilities. If we can do without in future years we will consider it. But for now, it is a necessary evil. I think you will find the experience well worth the fee. This is another example of what the regional district can do in partnership with the local community and local businesses. Have a look for yourselves.

## Open Bay future meeting

I have been approached by members of the Open Bay community to arrange a similar meeting with appropriate ministries to deal with their local issues. I will be doing this as soon as it can be arranged.

## Heriot Bay sewer and Q. Cove sewer discussions

I have met with staff at the RD once again to discuss the possibility/feasibility of a sewer system in Heriot Bay and an extension to the Q. Cove system. I will be bringing staff to a meeting in Heriot Bay in September to fill them in on the latest and arranging a meeting in Q. Cove as soon after that as possible.

## OCP and LAP issues

I met with senior staff today to go over upcoming meetings on Quadra to deal with a look at certain aspects of our community plan (OCP). The issues that they feel that we can deal with in this year are issues around Rural / Residential in a few areas of the island that are experiencing growth, the Local Area Planning (LAP) process that we started in the Cove and one for Heriot Bay, some policy work on Tourism and lastly some policies around environmentally sensitive areas. All of the above have been short listed as "doable" and necessary to help bring our plan up to date with island needs. More can be done in the next cycle, but this is a start and I have insisted that we get on with it. The first public process meetings will be in October, with a target deadline of June, 2007 for completion.

## Lucky Jim Mine

Once again, I am dealing with the safety issues around the mine site at Lucky Jim, near Granite Bay. I have enlisted the help of Rory Annett of the BC Forest Service and he has been very helpful in providing some much needed assistance. This will also need to be a community volunteer situation, since no government or department wants to take responsibility and would rather see it filled in. So, if we want to see this part of our local heritage preserved we will need to do it ourselves. I would hate to see this vital part of the BC economy that has now become a part of our tourist economy, filled in and forgotten. I hope to hear from you on this one. Some simple concrete footings to mount some steel grating to, is what will be required. Give me a call!

## Kanish View Drive

I am still trying to find a way to get this road brought up to Highways standards so that the residents of Kanish Bay can have basic Highways services. The Ministry is still offering \$10,000.00 towards the project but we need buy in by others such as Timber West, to get this job done. I hope to be in contact with T-W very soon to try to make some progress. This is one issue I really want to see go away and get it back into highways hands where it belongs!

## Public Hearing

There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 5th, at the Heritage Community Hall in Sayward at 7:00 pm to consider two rezonings to allow two new fish farm sites near Sayward, but in Area J. the hearing is being held there since the community felt they were the most effected by the proposal and they requested that the hearing be held in Sayward. This is our normal Board practice, to hold hearings as close to the effected community as possible.





# Quadra News & Events

## Working together

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how pleased I am with the way that things have been going in our community. In the past year we have undertaken a number of major initiatives on the ground and they are all coming to fruition. This is very satisfying for me as your representative. It is very difficult to just always be dealing with the meetings and the paperwork. I decided some time ago to adopt a "just do it" approach wherever possible and it seems to be working for the operational issues with a great deal of help from members of the community and businesses.

For example, a top notch recycling depot in the Cove, the continuing (yet unfinished) Evans Bay Wharf on Read Island, the acquisition of and development of the Hoskyn Channel Landing site for access to the outer islands, the multi year process to acquire and develop the Granite Bay Park, boat ramp and wharf, the possible Lucky Jim Mine "rescue", and eventually the Kanish View Drive completion. These are all major issues that, with cooperation from the community, the RD, through your elected representative has been able to actually work on your behalf. I know that we all like to know that our tax dollars are going for something that will benefit those that pay (that would be us!). I feel confident in saying that we are getting good return on our investment and I intend to make sure that we continue to benefit further.

But really the main message here is, that we can accomplish most anything by working together and respecting the diversity of each others talents and views, and "just doing it". Let's keep it up! Let's continue to work together.

Well, that should do it for this issue. Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me at anytime at [abramfam@oberon.ark.com](mailto:abramfam@oberon.ark.com), or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, VOP 1N0

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Abram  
Director, Discovery Islands -  
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## Quadra Island Tennis Tournament

Our yearly tournament is planned for 9 and 10 September 2006. Everybody welcome to sign up.

\$10,- per person. There is limited place for players, so please sign up as soon as you can (close date 22 August 2006).

For more info call Doris 3610 or Rita 3678.

## Terri Martin's Photographs at Explore

Explore is pleased to feature Local Photographer Terri Martin. Terri's photos of Quadra Loop, Kay Dubois trail and Wood Lot 42 will be on exhibit at Explore between September 1<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Support your local artists, drop in and browse. Store hours Mon. through Sat 10-5pm closed Sundays.

## Golf Tournament

27th Annual Quadra Island Golf Tournament—September 23rd at Storey Creek G.C. Please watch for more information in upcoming editions of the Discovery Islander

## CSRD Web Site Makeover

As part of our continuing effort to create a consistent look for the regional district and to heighten awareness among the public about the range of services we provide, we have updated the look and feel of the CSRD website. Visually, the new site is more appealing, easier to navigate, written with the user more in mind (avoiding jargon and internal terms as much as possible) and generally presents a "cleaner" face. There is some background work going on to finalize the changeover but by Monday morning you should all be seeing the new look of [www.comoxstrathcona.ca](http://www.comoxstrathcona.ca).



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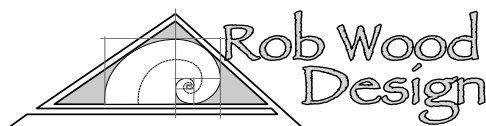
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## Friday Flicks Revs Up for Fall

Friday Flicks has confirmed their Fall series of films for Island moviegoers. Mark September 22nd on your calendar, and every second Friday till December 1st and get ready to enjoy a marvelous melange of big screen storytelling. We begin in cross-cultural Canada with *SABAH*, a story that enters the Arab-Canadian community through one woman's life, then we travel to West Africa with the gutsy and moving story of *MOOLAADE*. Vancouver is the setting of *EVE AND THE FIREHORSE*, a story told through the eyes and imaginations of two sisters, intent on changing the fortune of their family. The fate of one boy's life changes dramatically when he leaves a refugee camp in Sudan and is adopted into family from Israel in *LIVE AND BECOME*.

From these exotic locales we return to the heart of Canada with Douglas Coupland's study of Canadian-ness in *SOUVENIR OF CANADA*. Finally, we wrap up with *QUILL*, a story set in Japan that follows the transformative power of the relationship between humans and animals.

Check your recreation brochure for more information about these flicks, and upcoming issues of the Discovery Islander for in-depth previews. See you at the movies!

## Garden Club Out of Hibernation

September is like a new beginning in the garden. After a summer that has been great for a sun lover but hard on our landscapes, Quadra gardens are ready for the cooler temperatures of September when the grass grows green, perennials put on new growth and some flowers pop up to inspire us. We will be ready soon to try again, learning which plants are the toughest and most drought tolerant. Go ahead and buy those special plants, on sale in the fall. Plant the beautiful evergreens that you can not resist in containers. Add Spring bulbs, grasses and other attractive non flowering plants to build a beautiful tapestry to be admired at your door all winter long. Winter planters can be gorgeous and need very little care. You will not have to water them often and maybe not at all - for some of us that will be a great relief after this summer of 2006.

Nigel Lambeth from Campbell River Garden Centre will give us the first talk of the season, Monday September 11, on planting containers for winter display. The Club meets at the Community Centre at 7pm, first Mondays of the month (with exceptions) from September to April. We share plants, magazines, and garden knowledge. Bring something beautiful, practical or curiously interesting for the show and tell table. Annual membership is \$10 which gives a discount at many local nurseries. Drop Ins \$2.

## Free Lunch

Now I have your attention, here's some good news.

### Who is almost four years old?

Our wonderful, mid-week Quadra Island social eatery, "The Community Lunch", served its first bowls of delicious, homemade soups along with crusty, homemade breads, and platters of fresh veggies and fruits, followed by to-die-for dessert-time delicacies on Jan. 15, 2003, almost four years ago, and the tradition will continue.

### Who is invited and is it really a free lunch?

YOU are invited. I don't like to think of this warm and fuzzy event as being a soup event for those Quadra Islanders who are "down on their luck". I think of it as a special occasion where all of us can come together, old and young, rich and poor, and enjoy eating a lunch together. Bring your friends along. Tell your neighbours to check it out. If you can afford it, we hope you will drop a little money into the donation box which always sits on the serving-window shelf - but if cash flow is down to a very thin trickle, put some money in the box another time. Okay, so maybe it's not a free lunch for everybody, but it is pretty reasonably priced. Lunch on a sliding scale?

### How do we do what we do?

All the workers - musicians, cooks, prep-cooks, bakers, set-up and clean-up crews - are volunteers, and the Recreation Society donates the space and electricity. The donation box pays for the soup ingredients, and a few other things. Our talented bakers donate their time, labour, oven energy and ingredients. Our soup cooks and their assistants are happy to donate several hours on Wednesday mornings breathing steamy, fragrant air while creating the hearty soups that soothe the souls of 80 to 120 people every week. The lunch happens because we are a community.

### Want to help it happen?

We do our best to orient new volunteers. Don't be shy. Musicians, hall set-up people, kitchen workers, clean-up crew members and bakers are always welcome. Please call Wayne at 285-3264 if you'd like to get involved or talk to him at the lunch.

### When is it?

Mark it on your calendar - 12:00 Noon - Wednesday, September 20 and every Wednesday thereafter until next summer.

### Is the food safe to eat?

The Foodsafe, Level One course will be available at the Community Centre on Sept. 18 and 19. This course is for volunteers working in the Community Kitchen project. There is no cost to students taking the course, thanks to provincial government funding and the Quadra Island Recreation Society's support. The course has been set up for 15 people and there are still 2 seats left. Call Wayne before Sept. 7th at 285-3264 if you are interested in doing the course and being a Foodsafe-certified volunteer in our Community Kitchen.



# Old News

by Wayne Langman

As an old person, you'd think I'd have lots of time on my hands. Not so! I seem to be busier than I ever was during the "bad old days" when I had to commute to Campbell River or farther to work for a living every day. I'm happy to be able to spend my time closer to home now, and, yes, I am old. Hmmmm. I was chastised a few weeks ago for using that word - old. The chastiser was a certain marine captain who shall remain nameless (perhaps). He had just taken about 10 of us out for a delightful, open-boat excursion which included freshly caught prawns, delicious homemade fruit salad, good conversation and varied and interesting visual treats, as well as very hospitable weather. Now, you need to know that all but two of us were B.C. OLD-Aged-Pensioners from Quadra Island's Branch 91. Anyway, on our return to the dock at Taku, we were happy to be told that there were "washrooms" not far away. Our not-as-elastic-as-they-formerly-were bladders were tight full and our grimaces could probably have been mistaken for smiles. You see, we hadn't had a pot to pee in during the entire voyage. Actually, in spite of the pressure in our nether regions, we were happy, oh yes, and old.

Just at that moment, Carol Harling-Bleeks and her partner, Terry Hale, came across the dock to help us with our packs and bags of "stuff" that old people take everywhere we go. They (the youngsters I just mentioned) were preparing to go out in a couple of skookum-looking kayaks for a little adventure as we were returning from ours, and I thought it was very considerate of them to delay their departure a bit in order to help us beat a speedy retreat to the "facilities" which were located just up the hill from the dock. I suppose my mistake was that I thanked them for coming across the dock to help us OLD people get out of the boat. That seemed to be what triggered our up-'til-then-very-charming marine captain to launch into his mini tirade objecting to my use of that simple, little, normally harmless, three-letter word. His sincerity took me a little by surprise, and I was at a loss, temporarily, for words.

Now, just so that you don't misunderstand me, I haven't come easily to this - this, being my old age. In fact, I kicked and screamed all the way through my middle age, delusional I guess; nevertheless, I was sure that I was still young. Having just endured twenty years of kicking and screaming, perhaps you can imagine what a shock it was for me to turn 60 and realize that I could retire and "smell the flowers." These were not the activities of middle age. I quickly did the math. Sixty plus sixty added up to one hundred and twenty - way past my expected demise. Oh my stars! (I'm keeping my language polite here, maybe because I'm old but more likely because tender minds might read this little rant

section.) This was full-fledged, undeniable, old age that faced me, square on. What was I to do? I decided that it would be prudent to take that hoary old face by the horns and get on with my life. I quit my job, built a garden, allowed a middle-aged cat to move in with me, applied for my College Pension and my CPP, joined a singing group and the Quadra Island OAP group and started spending more time sniffing flowers. In other words, I decided to go with the flow. Luckily I have found some like-minded people who seem to be quite satisfied to be old along with me. On the particular day I describe here, we oldies had just had a fun day, and yes, Jack, I am only teasing.

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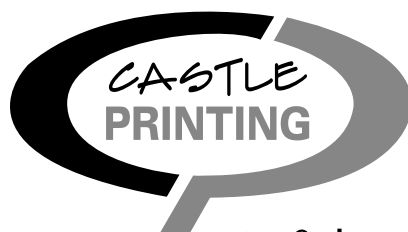
Quadra Singers is beginning rehearsals for fall season September 13th at 7 pm at the Quadra Community Centre: no auditions required.

This session, Quadra Singers will perform selections from Handel's Messiah and other songs in concert with Campbell River Singers. If you love to sing and can come to weekly Wednesday night rehearsals leading to concert performances in December, this is for you. Come to the first couple of rehearsals and check it out, no charge! Then fees are \$80 for the season and may be paid in installments.

We perform December 9th at the Tidemark Theatre in Campbell River and again at the Quadra Community Centre December 16th. It is very exciting singing in such a large group with so many different voices under the enthusiastic direction of John Montgomery, along with the inspiring piano accompaniment of Mary-Ellen Wilkins.

We hope to see you Sept. 13th, and if you have any questions call Nancy@ 285-3800.

## Mentoring the Emerging Artist

Do you want to make the transition from dabbling in your art on weekends to exhibiting finished pieces in galleries? Kristen Scholfield-Sweet, PhD in Art Education is an exhibiting artist, curator, gallery exhibitions selection officer and art school faculty member. Firesign Studio is offering an intensive 4-day workshop that covers the steps you need to know to help you transition from amateur towards professional artist. Kristen will guide you in developing a CV, preparing a portfolio, writing a proposal for an exhibition, one-on-one mentoring in your chosen media, and art-making style. Contact Nanci 285-3390 or check website [www.firesignartanddesign.com](http://www.firesignartanddesign.com) for more info about Kirsten and Firesign Studio..

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## We Need Your Stuff!

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Drop-off directly to the Community Centre will be available on Saturday, September 23rd between 10 and 3:00. We need trucks and drivers to transport goods from drop-off Centres to the community Centre on that day.. If you would like to help sort through items on that day or wish to cashier on the day of the sale or to help with packing up or driving left-over items to various thrift stores following the sale, please call Carol at 285-3035. All of these services are invaluable and will contribute to making this another rewarding, successful event!

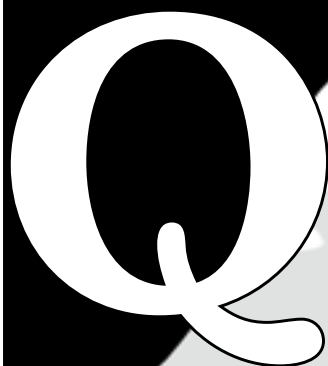
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## Quadra Island "Paint Out" Sept 10

"Art adds to a community, attracts a core of people who are intelligent, creative and bring new ideas. They have a lot of energy, which is a really wonderful thing for a community to have."

This is the first year Quadra Island has been registered as a location in the 4th Annual International Plein Air Painters WORLDWIDE PAINT OUT! with the support of International Plein Air Painters and Firesign Art & Design Studio and B&B.

The global event is held September 8, 9, 10. On Quadra Island, we invite people to paint at Rebecca Spit Provincial Park on Sunday, September 10 and meet at 4:30 PM in the picnic area to show the results of our efforts. Please join us!

Plein air painting developed in France in the mid 19th century and is becoming increasingly popular. Plein air artists seek the quality of natural light and atmosphere outdoors. Their art work is in direct response to the beauty they find in nature. They use a variety of media, from oils, through watercolors and pastels

IPAP, who has members who reside throughout the World, is the blanket organization for individual plein air groups and was created for the sole purpose of advancing the execution and enjoyment of plein air painting without limitations of borders or regions. Its members share inspiration and encouragement both on the Internet and at "paint outs". They encourage other artists to get out and do it, to paint with other artists and share ideas.

This event is happening simultaneously in international locations and Quadra Island is part of this 4th WORLDWIDE group event hosted by International Plein Air Painters. For more information contact Nanci at Firesign Studio 285-3390, [www.firesignartanddesign.com](http://www.firesignartanddesign.com). You can join IPAP or learn more about the group and see some of the many events happening posted on the website [www.i-p-a-p.com](http://www.i-p-a-p.com)

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## Quadra Seniors BR. 91—B.C.O.A.P.O.

Our Seniors had a terrific open boat trip on August 23rd, with Quadra Island Tours, hosted by the one and only Jack Mar, with a friendly diver, with much expertise, and skill, Severn Suzuki. They all had a delicious lunch of Prawns and Fruit Salad. Thanks for the Kindness, Smiles, and Joy, for a fun time, which all our Seniors love.

Well our Fall starts up, with our Annual Picnic at Rebecca Spit, on Wed. Sept. 6th at 10:00 a.m, by the big Parking lot. If the wind is blowing too strong, we'll be on the East side past the gate. Look for the signs. If it pours and is cold we'll be at the Legion.

This year bottled water will be provided, only. Please bring, your own beverage, utensils, dishes and chairs. The lunch will be "Pot-Luck".

Our business meeting, with a Convention Report, will start at 10:00 a.m promptly.

There will be many games, before and after lunch.

"Have you ever thrown 3 Rubber Chickens, in a Stew pot"?

Or can you still drive nails. Or bounce water filled Balloons with beach towels. Bocce and many more Games will be played.

Come and join us all you Experienced Citizens or Young Seniors, we'll see you all there.

Also "Thank-You" - to all the hard working Seniors who assisted our Tourists at the Information Centre. A Special "Thanks" to our Manager Stephanie Webster, who did a wonderful job manning the booth with workers.

Also a "Huge" Thank-you to all our Supporters.



## New Historic Boat Cruises



*New Historic Boat Cruises Added at the Museum at Campbell River Aboard the Lasqueti Star on Sept. 9 and Sept. 10*

Back by popular demand! Due to the overwhelming response to the Museum at Campbell River's Summer Historic Boat Tours, the Museum has added two new boat cruises.

On September 9 at 12 noon, the Museum will circumnavigate Quadra Island. And then on September 10 at 1 pm, the Museum offers another chance to travel around Sonora Island.

Both of these summer cruises sold out the first time, so this is a great opportunity to witness perhaps the most amazing waters on the coast. "September is a beautiful time to be on the water" according to Ken Blackburn, Program Coordinator for the Museum. "Feedback from the public for these cruises has been fantastic!"

The Quadra tour offers an opportunity to get a first hand look at such sights as the surging tides at Upper Rapids, Seymour Narrows (site of the Ripple Rock explosion in 1958), Hole-In-The-Wall channel and the Octopus Islands.

The Sonora trip will travel north from Campbell River through the Discovery Passage to Nodales Channel and around the top end of Sonora, returning via Hole in the Wall, Surge Narrows, Hoskyn Channel and along the southern tip of Quadra. Three sides of Sonora are surrounded by rapids, with currents reaching speeds of 10 miles an hour, often with an overfall of 2-4 feet. These rapids proved very challenging to the early explorers, notably the Yaculta Rapids on the eastern shore of Sonora. The sheer cliffs of Sonora, combined with the confusing cross and counter currents of the waterways, make this cruise an unforgettable experience.

Both trips will be dinner cruises. Lloyd Heskinn's famous BBQ wild salmon will be served. And on-board historic interpretation will be provided by local interpreters who grew up in the area. The cost is only \$99.00 per person. These trips will fill up fast so please register early by calling the Museum at Campbell River at 287-3103. The Summer of Discovery continues!

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## September Super Saturdays at CR Art Gallery

The Campbell River Art Gallery invites you to Super Saturdays 1 p.m.- 3 p.m.

September 16 and 30. The program is a family event with supplies included on a drop in basis, with admission by donation. An adult must accompany all children under 12

On Sept 16 the theme is "It's Only My Imagination." We'll play with an abstract art theme, to compliment the current exhibition, playing with creatures that don't exist - like purple gaffuffles and slimy gibberwart.

The theme on Sept 30 is "The 3 R's n' Art" We reflect on River Day (Sept. 24) by making a mural from things that we "reduce, re-use and recycle. So come and see what you can create from "trash".

Thank you to our sponsor Marna Disbrow and the support of volunteer artists such as Luise Grav.



## Campbell River Support Group for Women

This on-going group will assist women in increasing their personal awareness, emotional integrity and capacity for intimacy. In addition, group members will improve their interpersonal communication skills and be supported in practicing behavioral changes that will make a positive difference in their lives.

When: Group meets on Tuesday 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Where: 2-964 Shoppers Row, Campbell River.  
Cost: \$20 / week

Group Facilitated by Catriona O'Curry, M.A., A.B.S., experienced counselor, teacher and group facilitator. In collective work we learn about the beliefs, assumptions and behavioral patterns that limit our capacity to be who we really are and keep us from living fuller lives of courage, compassion, vision and action. It is my intention that this group serve as a vibrant container that will foster and nourish each woman's growth. Personal interview required for admission to the group.

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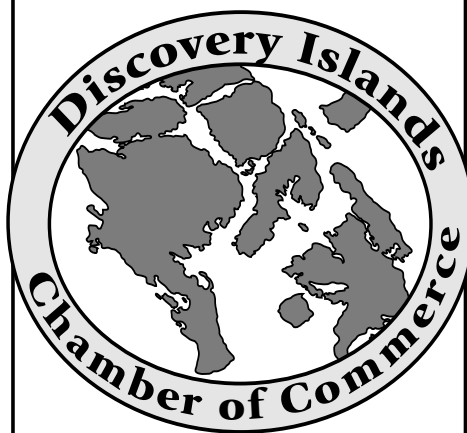
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# Regional District May Supply Water To Baynes Sound

The Comox Strathcona Regional District (CSRD) is proposing the establishment of a bylaw to enable the regional district to enter into a partnership that may see potable water supplied from Cumberland to that portion of Baynes Sound (Area 'A') that is in the Kensington Island Properties (KIP) development proposal area. The establishment of a regional district water supply service is another step forward in securing public ownership of water for the residents.

The Village of Cumberland holds three water licenses for lakes southwest of the village and provides its residents, as well as residents in the Royston Improvement District, with potable water from that source. Discussions between Cumberland and the CSRD have resulted in a potential partnership that would allow the CSRD to provide water to other portions of Baynes Sound. The CSRD board will consider this bylaw at its August 28 meeting; and if it receives third reading it will go to the Ministry of Community Services for approval before returning to the regional district for adoption.

"Increased demand for water and need for infrastructure improvement means a regional water supply service makes sense," said Jim Abram, CSRD chair.

"Cumberland has agreed to work with the regional district to find a regional solution to water supply for the southern portion of the Comox Valley," said Fred Bates, mayor of Cumberland. "The licenses we hold could benefit village residents and regional district residents under a water supply partnership."

The Vancouver Island Health Authority's Medical Health Officer Dr. Charmaine

Enns is also the Drinking Water Officer responsible for ensuring a community water system supplies potable water. "As the Drinking Water Officer my approval of a water system is based on its ability to meet the requirements of the Drinking Water Protection Act to provide safe, potable water for its users" said Dr. Enns. "While I do not participate in the selection of a water source it would be my preference that the water system be supplied from a source that can sustain the needs of a growing population well into the future."

The CSRD bylaw addresses supply only; water distribution will be addressed in future service bylaws for new developments. Cumberland and the Royston and Union Bay Improvement Districts already administer water distribution for their residents. Discussions will continue with both Royston and the Union Bay Improvement Districts on the issue of water supply.

The CSRD is a partnership of nine electoral areas and eight municipalities providing nearly 100,000 residents with over 145 services - from parks to full-service sports facilities to regional solid waste systems.

## Thank You

Alan Ribikoff and Explore. The evening with Larry Maraviglia was pure bliss. Larry enchanted his audience and wooed their ears and imaginations with a wide variety of poems, songs and stories. Thank you Larry for such a riveting performance and for donating your time for this event. Thank you to Alan Ribikoff and Explore for hosting the event and for donating all of the proceeds to Quadra Children's Centre.



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by Steven Halliday

## Need it be War?

A newly unveiled portrait of retired Canadian General Lewis Mackenzie is giving high military brass heartburn, since the picture prominently features the phrase "KEEP THE PEACE OR I'LL KILL YOU" and is intended for display at Headquarters. Mackenzie, well known for candour, commented in the August 28<sup>th</sup> Globe and Mail - "I used that phrase today when I did a BBC interview and said "Peacekeeping is: Please, we're here to help. But *peacemaking* means that: Keep the peace or I'll kill you". And make no mistake about it - our soldiers in Afghanistan *are* there as peacemakers, not peacekeepers. I was in the audience to a talk on leadership Mackenzie gave at a conference last year, and he used that same phrase then, and it is apt. With that in mind, it becomes easy to understand how our previous "blue-beret" missions were a much different kettle of fish than the present mission in Afghanistan; ostensibly to wipeout the remaining Taliban forces, secure Afghanistan and do our part in the War on Terrorism. Granted, our mission does entail some peacekeeping and humanitarian elements, but the vast majority of the Canadian contingent are fighting forces, which is how the average Afghani views their presence - as foreign fighters.

Nobody can escape the costs of the War on Terrorism - the price of that last litre of gas you purchased is significantly higher than it should be due to this war. If you happen to fly frequently, that once simple and often pleasant experience now certainly thrusts you into the war on terror's forefront, with the act of pre-screening and boarding an aircraft becoming so intrusive and intimidating. In regards to this particular arena of the war, it could be argued that the terrorists have won this battle. Though no aircraft has been used as a weapon since 9/11, and the few attempts since have been either lame (a la Richard Reid, the "Shoe Bomber") or largely circumstantial (as the recent London arrests now appear) the terrorists have succeeded in disrupting hundreds of millions of innocent travelers and cost government and industry billions upon billions in added costs. James Fallows, writing in the Atlantic Online (August 11/06 - *Can We Still Declare Victory?*) notes that "the greatest threat posed by these groups is not the damage they can do directly, but rather the self-defeating, irrational, or excessive responses they can goad a target country into making". The August

arrests in London led to a worldwide response of mandated dumping of liquids, gels and creams; a further result was the near elimination of business for airport shops relying on sales of such items. It since turns out the formula the Metropolitan Police speculated the terrorists of concocting using hair gel was implausible, but you still can't carry gel onto an aircraft, though your booze and perfume are OK again.

Fallows, in the same article, also points out another irony of the situation. "Osama bin Laden has boasted that the attack of 9/11 cost at most \$500,000 to launch and provoked more than \$500 billion in military and security spending by the United States; a million-to-one "payoff". Note that figure is the cost to the US alone - globally it must run into the trillions. Unfortunately, there is another horrible "blowback" effect of the current situation - the rise of racial stereotyping and even worse - profiling.

Here are two recent examples: on August 23<sup>rd</sup> the UK Daily Mail reported a "mutiny" by several British passengers on a Monarch Airlines Airbus A320 bound from Malaga to Manchester. Apparently these passengers became "suspicious" of two "Arabic looking" men on the flight, and complained vociferously and so sufficiently that the two men were removed from the flight. The plane departed 3 hours late. After the two men were security cleared again (no doubt even more thoroughly this time) the airline put them up for the night and flew them home (to Manchester) the very next day, with very sincere apologies I'm sure. A British MP later commented - "This is a victory for terrorists. These people on the flight have been terrorized into behaving irrationally." The War on Terrorism is bad news for untold millions of people of a certain hue, particularly when coupled with irrational behavior.

The second incident involves a Canadian doctor who suffered similar treatment only two weeks ago, this time in the US. CBC News reported August 18<sup>th</sup> that Dr. Ahmed Farooq, a Winnipeg radiologist, and his two companions were returning from a conference in San Francisco when they were asked to de-plane at a Denver stopover. It seems a passenger had complained that Farooq's actions while onboard seemed suspicious - it turned out Farooq, a devout Muslim, had been reciting his evening

prayers. Again, he (and his companions) were obliged to remain overnight (at their expense in this instance) and catch a flight home the next day. Farooq termed the treatment "institutionalized discrimination" and said the accusing passenger was both drunk and verbally abusive to him. He is now - understandably - seeking an apology and compensation from United Airlines. Sure, it's not the fault of the airlines, who have been forced into this position by misguided government policy - indeed, flawed government policy. War on terrorism isn't the answer to terrorism.

Responsible officials need to understand that a lengthy military offensive against terrorists just will not work - they need only ask French soldiers who served in Vietnam or Algeria, or British soldiers who served in Malaysia. Better yet, they should listen a US soldier who served in three wars, such as Representative John Murtha, Democratic Congressman for Pennsylvania, who has roundly condemned the Bush administration for almost all of their actions since 9/11. He, among others such as John Kerry, argue it is a certainty that terrorists will continue to exist; somewhere right now they are planning, they are going to seek a variety of targets, and sooner or later will succeed with another attack. Governments cannot protect *everything* all the time, nor can they defeat terrorists using conventional military forces: clearly Al-Qaida has only been wounded - not destroyed - by military action to date, yet the War on Terrorism has now gone on longer than World War II.

But government can initiate, facilitate and expand relationships with other like-minded governments to share information gleaned by police and intelligence forces, and intercept or disrupt the purported terrorists before an attack. This, in fact, is what is reported to have occurred in London - excellent and open multi-agency cooperation - and this type of response will likely yield far better results than what we see coming out of Afghanistan today, presumably at a much lower cost in innocent lives, civilian or otherwise. Reallocating anti-terrorism resources for intelligent and focused police work would be using the sharp point of the sword rather than the flat of the blade, as is now the case. Rather more like peacekeeping.



# Island Report

by Tanya Storr

## Farmers' Market Enjoys a Rewarding Season

**W**ith only two more weekends to go, the Quadra Island Farmers' Market is almost a wrap for 2006. Thanks to the fine summer weather and generous patronage of locals and visitors, this has been an excellent season.

"The market has been fantastic this year. I don't know what's going on but it has been really good," said Paul Bishop, when I dropped by his stall on August 26.

Paul sells handcrafted jewellery and other artwork, but said the market is about much more than selling for him. The positive interactions he has with people from all over the world are a real plus.

Paul operates his stall on a trust basis. If someone is interested in a piece of jewellery but not prepared to pay for it that day, he lets them take it home and mail him a cheque at a later date.

Asked how this arrangement is working for him, Paul smiled and reported that he receives cheques all the time. One fellow who bought some earrings for his wife attached a note saying Paul's approach had made his day.

"I used to use it as a business method, but now I see it as an introduction to talking about trust. They go home with the jewellery and my trust, and I let go of it. I don't hold on to it," Paul said.

One of Paul's most popular items are earrings made from 100% stone ground pennies.

"I do the initial pounding at the beach and they have a very interesting rough look."



*Pauline Lansdall with some of her colourful hanging baskets at the Farmers' Market.  
Photo by Tanya Storr.*

His jigsaw puzzles made from coins are a big hit as well.

Paul described this year as his best at the market to date, and puts it down to positive energy. "I think people pick up on energy. They tend to gravitate towards it," he observed.

Sue Anderson's table is just down from Paul's. Her display includes living colour art cards (a fundraiser for the Quadra Children's Centre) as well as hand knit and hand felted gift items. She, too, said the season has been a good one.

"I've just done a few markets this year but they've been super. It has been really busy today."

It's easy to find Pauline Lansdall at the market. She's surrounded by colourful hanging baskets and other plants from her Milton Road Greenhouse.

"Hanging baskets are my most popular item," she told me. "I also have a good mix of annuals and vegetable starts earlier in the season."

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Depending on one's product, the market has different rhythms for different vendors. While craft and food vendors are usually busiest in the peak tourist season, Pauline and the other plant vendors are hopping in the spring and early summer.

"My busiest time is from May - July. This is my down time," said Pauline.

Pauline is one of the three women who have been organizing the market for several years. Pauline, Dalyce Dogterom, and Linda Juraschka have done all the behind the scenes tasks to keep the market flourishing. At the end of this season they are handing over the reins to Susan Trayler, Carmen McCluskey, and Alma Zandvliet.

Linda Juraschka noted that it's time to pass on the torch. Dalyce was one of the founders of the market when it began more than 16 years ago at the community centre. Pauline has been involved for at least 10 years and Linda for close to 10.

The organizers work on a volunteer basis to keep the price low for vendors. They organize the set up, enforce the market rules, and collect the fees (\$4 for adults and \$1 for kids under 16).

Quadra Credit Union provides the space free of charge, and the Farmers' Market organizers take care of the mowing and clean up. The cost of the port-a-potty is shared with the Tourist Info Booth.



*Carmen McCluskey and Susan Trayler at the Farmers' Market. Photo by Tanya Storr.*

Vendors are from Quadra or the Outer Islands, and food vendors are welcome as long as the food is not prepared onsite (to meet Vancouver Island Health Authority guidelines). Linda noted that it has been good to see people selling their extra garden produce at the market this year.

Excess funds generated by the market fees are donated to a worthy local cause. Each year the vendors determine by ballot where the money will go.

"The Farmers' Market provides a place for the vendors to make some money for themselves over the summer, and it also supports community causes. We do it because we love it. The three of us want to thank everybody for their support over the years and

Susan, Carmen, and Alma for taking it over. It has been great to see the market grow," said Linda.

From his vantage point inside the Tourist Info Booth, Malcolm Campbell observed that on market days the booth is very busy. On August 26 the booth had seen 104 visitors by 2:30 p.m. Staffed on a volunteer basis by Quadra Seniors, the info booth provides brochures and advice to any who stop by.

"I've answered a lot of questions, sold about 15 maps of various types, and given away a lot of Quadra maps," Malcolm reported. "It's a lot of fun."

Just then a tourist glided up to the booth on his BMW motorbike to enquire about bed and breakfasts, and Malcolm waved goodbye as he got back to work.

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## Dear Editor

I would like to address some of the points of objection that have been made to the request by Argosy Sea Farms for a subtidal geoduck aquaculture tenure along the Squirrel Cove shoreline.

The first point I would like to address is the concept that the individuals objecting to this request are spokespersons representing the Cortisians. My information leads me to believe that the majority of the islanders don't much care one way or the other. It has also become my understanding that the vast majority of the individuals who have submitted letters of protest have been misled by disinformation and persuasions of erroneous reasoning. It now seems to me that the number of individuals that could rightfully be held responsible for attempting to prevent Argosy Sea Foods Ltd. from being granted this tenure is actually quite small.

I would like to examine for the moment the apparent concern that these individuals have for the environment. To the best of my knowledge the Argosy operation will be using the most environmentally sound aquaculture technology in the world. We will be adding natural life, in an organic manner, at a low density, that will fit into the ecology of the area, in a neat, clean, quiet, manner using technology that will be invisible to the eye, and as benign to the environment as you will find anywhere on land or sea. Compare that for a moment to the impact that the Cortisians themselves have had upon their island. Hundreds of thousands of trees, and tens of millions of life forms, have been destroyed to create the paved road systems, parking lots, and long winding driveways into often grossly oversized houses. If these individuals objecting to the Argosy operation were that truly interested in protecting the pristine wilderness of Cortes Island the first thing that they would have done is not move there.

When I first came over to Cortes I thought the ferry was more than adequate for such a small island. But on the way back, as I waited in the overload line up for three hours, I did not see one hybrid, smart car, or mini. I saw no scooters, or motorized bicycles. There was only one motorcycle going on the ferry, and only one lone man on a bicycle coming off. It seems to me that the environmental objectors to the Argosy operation are like a small

collection of cast iron pots trying to call the stainless steel frying pan black.

As to the point about Argosy needing to rezone prior to beginning its aquaculture operation, this appears to me to be an attempt to misuse the island's regulations. The Argosy operation will be more benign, and less offensive to the eye or the ear, than most of the existing shellfish aquaculture operations presently working under the same zoning that now exists where the Argosy tenure will be located. I think a judge would probably rule that these individual Cortisians, attempting this ploy of Misdefinition of Regulation, are guilty of being in violation of both the spirit and the letter of the island's regulations.

The next point I would like to address concerns accountability. Argosy intends to create a low density concentration of five adult geoducks per square meter. This is a comfortable density easily supported by the surrounding ecology. These clams weigh about two pounds apiece. That's ten pounds per square meter. The clams sell for about ten dollars a pound. There are ten thousand square meters to a hectare, with twenty hectares in the Argosy tenure. This means there will be about 20 million dollars worth of geoducks on the site once it is fully developed. It will take about seven years for the animals to grow to market size. There are 84 months in a seven year period. Twenty million dollars divided by 84 months is about \$238,000.00 per month. Running costs on the operation are expected to be about \$30,000.00 per month. This leaves a net profit of a little over \$200,000.00 per month that can be produced from the tenure in a sustainable manner for as long as the market holds to its present price.

This is the kind of financial damage that will be done to our company for every month that we are delayed by a small handful of individuals acting from motives that can be impugned. I'm not so wise as the lawyer guys but strictly between us two Argosy would suffer an inexcusable amount of damage for unjustifiable reasons creating a legal accountability that could result in some individuals being wiped out financially several times over.

Speaking of finances, Argosy's operation will add to the financial well being of the island in many ways. We would naturally be looking for workers and executives that

live close to the farm site. There are ways to use the farm site to enhance tourism. Another financial aspect to consider is that subtidal geoduck farms around Cortes Island will become an invisible financial barrier protecting the ecological quality of life surrounding the island. Because these farms are organic they depend upon the ecological health of the surrounding waters. If a passing oil tanker was to dump part of its load along the island's shoreline, it would not only kill much of the bird life, it would also make our product unmarketable. We could walk into a court room shoulder to shoulder with the rest of the Cortisians and present to the judge hard numbers of financial loss that would add tens of millions of dollars to a class action law suit.

These are just a few of the points that I ask that you to consider in your evaluation of Argosy's request for a subtidal geoduck tenure along the Cortes Island shoreline.

Eric Gant  
Treasurer Argosy Sea Farms Ltd.

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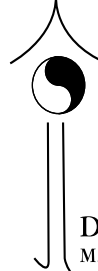
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	21:55	3.8	12.5
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	22:43	3.8	12.5
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Lean Ground Beef  
**\$2.68** lb \$5.91/kg

**Fresh - Boneless**  
Chicken Breast  
**\$4.98** lb \$10.98/kg

**BULK**

**Smoked**  
Almonds  
**\$1.68** / 100g

**Ju Jubes**  
**38¢** / 100g

**PRODUCE**

**ORGANIC**  
**Okanagan Grown**  
Musk Melons  
**98¢** lb \$2.16/kg

**Okanagan Grown**  
Field Tomatoes  
**98¢** lb \$2.16/kg

**Fresh Kaiser Buns**  
Baked in Store  
**\$1.98** 6 pack

**Glazed**  
Donuts  
**\$2.48** 6 pack

**Farmers Best**  
Beef  
**\$2.48** lb \$5.47/kg

**Fresh - Boneless**  
Porkloin Chops  
**\$3.98** lb \$8.77/kg

**Crystalized**  
Ginger  
**98¢** / 100g

**Deluxe**  
Fruit 7 Nut Muesli  
**28¢** / 100g

**Okanagan Grown**  
Bartlett Pears  
**98¢** lb \$2.16/kg

**Okanagan Grown**  
Prune Plums  
**98¢** lb \$2.16/kg

**Specials in effect September 3 - 9 while quantities last**



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(Liquor Store opens at 9 am)