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7 pm. Monday, May 7th

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- **Quadra Legion** - Now Open Fridays & Saturdays 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** - Community Kitchen 12:00 noon Community Centre
 - Badminton, 7:30 pm Cape Mudge Hall
- **Every Thursday** - Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
 - 7-9:30 PM: Life drawing sessions at Firesign Studio 285-3390
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- **Every Saturday** - Legion Meat Draw 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- **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
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Next Deadline: Monday, May 7th 2007



#3 Dolphin at the Campbell River ferry terminal caught fire Monday April 23rd. This shot captured by eye witness freelancer Francois Charron.

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Day by day

Saturday, April 28

- General Meeting for LAP revisions to the OFF 10 am to 4 pm Q.C.C.
- 2nd Annual Broom Bash 10:30 am - 1 pm Bring: loppers, pruning saws, clippers and gloves Rebecca Spit
- World Tai Chi and Qigong Day meet at 9:45 am Q.C.C.
- Aroma Music Night Hal Douglas & Friends 7:30 - 9:30 pm \$5 cover, door opens at 6:30 p.m. Café Aroma

Monday, April 30

- South Quadra Fire Protection District AGM 7:00 pm #1 Firehall Heriot Bay Rd
- Affordable Housing - Community Land Trust? 7:00 pm All Welcome QCC - Green Room

Friday, May 4

- Deadline for donations drop-off for Annual Garage Sale fundraiser Quadra Children's Centre (back deck)
- Hal Douglas Blues Band 9 pm to 1 am HBI

Saturday May 5

- Children's Centre Annual Garage Sale 10am-2pm Quadra Children's Centre

Sunday, May 13

- Celebrate Mother's Day with Jazz Berry Jam 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm HBI

Monday, May 14

- Meeting to brainstorm seniors' programming 9:30 - 11:30 am Q.C.C.

Monday - Friday, May 14-18

- 5-day Colour Workshop with Marjorie Turnbull at Firesign Studio 285-3390

May 25-27

- Mentoring the Emerging Artist Workshop with Kristen Scholfield-Sweet at Firesign Studio 285-3390

Island Calendar online: www.discoveryislands.ca/news

No Dinner Jazz May 6 at HBI

Apologies to all dinner jazz lovers, but Take Three, the dinner jazz band scheduled for **Sunday May 6** in Herons at the HBI, has cancelled.

Dinner jazz returns Sunday May 13 for Mother's Day!

On the cover



Geoff MacDonald and Pamela Harrison MacDonald and canine companion Tag rest up and resupply in Granite Bay on their way across Canada by canoe with a little help from Amelia Nimmon. Photo: Philip Stone

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May 7th

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C.S.R.D. Local Area Plans 2007

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank the steering committees for the time and effort they have devoted to grappling with the tasks set before them by the C.S.R.D., namely the "O.C.P Update"/L.A.P.(Local Area Plan) designations currently being proposed on Quadra Island. However having said that, I have serious concerns regarding this process.

Although the areas being considered in the L.A.Ps are all on the south end of the island every resident of this island will be affected by the densities being proposed. Many residents not in the four areas being discussed are feeling disenfranchised by the process.

The main concern that I have is that the L.A.P. designations being proposed are a direct challenge to our Official Community Plan. The O.C.P. developed by the community in 1996 is the C.S.R.D. guide to future Bylaw considerations. The most important section of this document is in the Community Values and Objectives which then sets the tone for the content of the O.C.P. Our current O.C.P. endorses a strong rural community, affordable housing, a diversity of lifestyles, sensitivity to groundwater from inappropriate development, and the facilitation of the island community in local government decisions. If the proposed designations are implemented at this time it will compromise and threaten the credibility of our current O.C.P.

Do you recall the controversial Bylaw Review introduced to the island in 2003 that turned out to be a Bylaw re-write which threatened the community? Since many of the Bylaw changes were not supported by the O.C.P., the community was able to oppose the Bylaw and have it withdrawn. The only real protection and legal recourse this community has from inappropriate development is what the community has established through the O.C.P.

I believe that the process currently underway should continue with affordable housing being the primary goal, but all areas of the island need to be participating. If higher density is what is desired by the community as a whole, please do not call it affordable housing. For anyone to believe that affordable housing will be created by increasing density is to be either naive or blind to the realities of today's world. The internet has made real estate an international commodity. Properties are selling on Quadra today sight unseen because of the internet. This pressure will increase land prices not decrease them. This is a global marketplace.

The implementation clock is ticking in the C.S.R.D. office regarding the L.A.P. designation proposals and the planners hope to have this implemented in Our O.C.P. by June.

Ultimately the C.S.R.D. will make the decision, not the residents of Quadra Is. If we do not express our true wishes for the future of our community. This entire community has a right to an accountable and democratic process, Anything less is unacceptable.

Sincerely,
Dalyce Dogterom

It's All of Our Community

Dear Islanders,

At the last local area planning meeting for south of Heriot Bay, much ado was made of whether "NON" property owners had the right to be involved in decisions regarding the Quadra Island community plan. It was suggested that only property owners should vote on issues regarding this plan.

I ask, does the property owner who is absent for most of the year, who leaves their house vacant, who contributes little to the year round functions of the Island have more rights than the renter who was born to the island, who attended the school, who is employed or who employs, whose children attend the school, who pays taxes indirectly through their rent. Well?

Lets not think in the way of the middle ages, where we had property owners and....serfs, peasants, peons....who had no rights in the say of their community, we all are part of the community called Quadra Island. Let's behave that way.

Respectfully
David Oldroyd

Dear Islanders,

Mr. Oldroyd's letter prompts me to review that the matter of 'voting' rights of community members that rent property in relation to those that own property on Quadra Island was rigorously discussed during the evolution of the Quadra Community Association. It was agreed that the QCA's activities and mandate were to address the interests of ALL Quadra Islanders.

As, in part, the LAP Steering Committees are envisaged to be precursors to a future Regional Director advisory committee to replace the QCA I believe it is essential that the LAP discussions also weights the interests of ALL Quadra residents equally.

Sincerely
Philip Stone
President - Quadra Community Association

Dear Editor,

The future of Quadra Island will be decided in the next 60 days by the Comox Strathcona Regional District.

A small group of landowners and potential developers want to amend the Official Community Plan to allow for the building of high density suburban village cluster housing. They want a "maximum of eight units per acre."

With other suggested island wide subdivisions, this means around 800 new family homes. With three people in each home, that's 2,400 new residents. Therefore, there is a potential to double our population in the next ten years.

This, in turn, raises issues of more cars, more air pollution, potential water shortages, reduced access to ferries, increased crime, fewer open spaces, possible sewage overflows going into the ocean and a "hot" real estate market, which may increase our property taxes.

Jim Abram says the 20 members of the Comox Strathcona Regional District Council will decide for or against this high density housing proposal in the next 60 days. Community input is important. It's now or never folks? Come to the meeting this Saturday, April 28, 2007 at the Quadra Community Centre at 10 a.m. to noon for large group discussions. The small group discussions start after lunch at 1 p.m.

Don't be passive listeners! Come & speak out! After all, there has never been a "silent majority" on Quadra Island.

Let democracy prevail!

I am urging Quadra residents to come to the meeting because I am concerned about the speed at which the process is moving & the lack of island-wide well attended 300 to 400 people "town hall" meetings to discuss the possible effects of amending the Official Community Plan. Up to this point, most meetings have focused entirely on a particular neighbourhood & not on the "whole" island.

Steve Moore

The Official Community Plan: Quadra's Charter

Quadra's Official Community Plan (OCP) should be thought of as our charter, our constitution, the foundational document that gives direction to all land use and planning on the island. It is essentially a philosophical statement defining the community's aspirations, directing the course of change and preserving Quadra's collective values. All zoning and by-laws should conform to the OCP.

The prominent status of this document is reflected in provincial law, and its importance in community affairs has recently been highlighted by a visit to Campbell River of Bill Buholzer, an internationally recognized expert on municipal planning.

Buholzer's credentials are impeccable. He is a member of numerous international planning associations, the International Municipal Lawyer's Association, the Planning Institute of BC, and the author of BC Planning Law and Practice, considered a definitive handbook and manual for municipal legal practice.

As Buholzer contends, "The concept of an Official (Community) Plan is that it's supposed to have some kind of constitutional status" (Courier-Islander, Mar. 7/07). By implication, it is Quadra's equivalent of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms. In our case, it must be reviewed every 10 years, and that review needs to be careful and thoughtful.

And herein lies the concern of the present OCP/LAP (Local Area Plan) process.

To begin with, the process is being hurried by the Regional District. The time allocated to planners for the review process is being constrained by budget considerations what took 5 years of community effort in 1996 is now being hurried through in a few months.

But everyone's time and energy is not being consumed by the OCP but by the LAPs. Indeed, the Comox-Strathcona Regional District planners and the Regional Director have contended that the OCP will not be changed, except to make it conform to new provincial laws. Quadra Islanders were directed to work on the LAPs, not the OCP. Not even the mandatory conforming adjustments are being made during this planning process. So the LAPs are proceeding without reference to their guiding document.

Since the LAPs are being developed

without reference to the OCP, what happens if the LAPs do not conform to the OCP? Should this happen, the conflicting LAPs would be noted as appendices in the OCP, and the LAPs would be given primacy the equivalent of the famous Notwithstanding Clause in Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms. While the OCP would not literally be changed, except to concur with provincial law, the added LAP appendices would override it. If the OCP, for example, does not allow trailer parks on Quadra Island, any LAP could allow trailer parks as exceptions. Not only does the authority given to the LAP process compartmentalize the planning on Quadra Island into so-called "neighbourhoods", it effectively subverts the guiding principles of the OCP without claiming to do so.

The same kind of strategy is being used with "designation" and "zoning" in the LAP process. Planners insist that areas of the island are not being zoned for greater density, they are being designated. But designation allows actually, invites zoning. Designation is being promoted as harmless, just as LAPs are being promoted as inconsequential to the OCP.

Worse still, because the Regional District planners are not even adjusting the OCP during the present planning process so that it meet its mandatory legal requirement to conform with current provincial law, the OCP cannot even be consulted for guidance in developing the LAPs. Even if the LAP groups wanted to consult the OCP for direction, they have no reference document that is technically correct, even in draft form. The authority of Quadra's OCP as our "charter" is being bypassed.

Is the whole OCP/LAP process a nefarious plot to develop Quadra without saying so? Is it a strategic mistake in the planning process that has gone badly awry? Or maybe the process is supposed to work at the very last moment, in the heat of intense bargaining and brinkmanship as all concerned Quadra Islanders meet to integrate the four LAPs into some semblance of wise planning.

If this integration does not happen during the day-long meeting on April 28th, then the whole LAP process should be scrapped before it does irreparable harm to Quadra's future. Then we can return to the slow and thoughtful process of updating our OCP.

Ray Grigg

Smart Growth on Quadra Island

Dear Editor:

Many countries and hundreds of cities are taking intelligent and comprehensive measures to reduce the impact of human activity on our environmentally stressed planet. Quadra Islanders can also help by using smart community planning. Indeed, since our global environmental problems are solved through the cumulative effect of many small measures, Quadra Island's Official Community Plan and Local Area Plans can contribute to this beneficial effort.

We could begin, for example, by recognizing that "smart growth" and "eco density" concepts would direct most of Quadra's anticipated population growth to Quathiaski Cove where amenities such as groceries, doctors, prescriptions, postal and many other services are within easy walking distance. The Cove also offers ready pedestrian access to the ferry and Campbell River where additional services and off island jobs are available.

Residency in Quathiaski Cove reduces the daily use of a car from remote locations on Quadra. This saves money, decreases carbon dioxide emissions (2.4 kilograms per litre of gasoline burned), takes capacity pressure off the ferry, provides regular exercise, and increases the village vitality of the Cove. Such villages, when they achieve a critical size, become self-sustaining social centres for the community and sites for increased local employment. To illustrate the efficiency of living in such densities, the annual weekday per capita greenhouse gas emissions of people living in Langley are more than three times higher than those living in Vancouver's West End 6,700 kg compared to 2,100 kg.

Ecological considerations suggest that the rest of Quadra should remain as rural as possible. Any encouragement by planning to increase rural densities, particularly a change from 5 and 10 acre zoning to smaller lots, will create Quadra's equivalent of suburban sprawl. The

result will be the loss of existing greenspace, a further fracturing of natural habitats, displaced wildlife, more trees cut down for house sites and driveways, added road traffic, and a general increase in the size of our "ecological footprint" on the planet. The same ecological considerations should apply to waterfront properties, where shorelines, beaches and adjacent marine habitats are particularly sensitive to run-off, sewage and other disturbances.

On a planet where environmental issues are assuming a new urgency we should be asking fundamental questions and searching for the wisest ways to live on our little island. Do we really want growth? Do we have enough water for our future needs? Should we recognize the threat of climate change and begin planning for rising sea levels, increased winter rain, and longer summers that are hotter and drier.

The population of Quadra Island will continue to grow. Our wisest strategy is to accommodate that growth cautiously rather than encourage it imprudently, to guide it to existing densities rather than create new ones. We have the history of the southern Gulf Islands to remind us of the folly of inviting too much growth. Should we ever ruin the rural charm of Quadra Island, we will never be able to recover it. Maintaining it for as long as possible can be our small contribution to a healthier planet.

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Next deadline 7pm May 7th

Dear Editor,

I would like to address the proposed LAP for Quadra Island East (South of Heriot Bay) and propose some specific changes.

A number of points came up at the meeting on April 18. Firstly it was obvious that there was *not* a consensus on the allowable lot size for Rural Residential zoning. Secondly it was not mentioned clearly that the Rural zone currently existing (north of golf course) being eliminated (except for ALR land). Lastly it was repeated several times that the present 5 acre lots with two dwellings are equivalent to two 2.5 acre lots with one dwelling. I don't believe this is correct. As presently developed, 5 acre lots have a principle dwelling and a size restricted secondary dwelling. This secondary dwelling is often rented and provides a type of affordable housing. These properties generally have one driveway and may have one shop, a home business, one garden, one garage etc. Two 2.5 acre lots can have two houses of unrestricted size, two home business, two shops, two garages, two driveways etc. The impact is much greater and the affordable rental has been eliminated.

I feel the LAP as proposed does not reflect well the stated objectives and policies. I refer specifically to

1. Goals i. "To promote a strong rural community that reflects a diversity of lifestyles, demographics, economics and recreational opportunities"

2. Goals iii. "To permit flexibility within the land designations to incorporate affordable housing options."

3. Objectives ii "Encourage a variety of housing for a variety of people and of various levels of income."

4. Policies 8. "Encourage the clustering of development to ensure the protection of the environment and rural values of the Island."

The LAP reduces the diversity by eliminating the existing rural zone (except for ALR land). This is a contradiction to #1 and #3. By also allowing division down to 2.5 acres for the whole area the plan contradicts #4. Most people also agree that this will not achieve truly affordable housing thus not achieving #2.

I would like to propose a compromise that would come closer to achieving #1 to #4 above. These changes will maintain the variety of available properties, will allow for some development and will keep some secondary rental units.

1. The area currently zone rural (RU) (north of golf course) in the present OCP should be kept as such. However I would also propose a reduction in the lot size for this rural zone to 5 acres with a principle and a secondary dwelling allowed.

2. For the area south of the golf course which is currently Residential Rural (R-RU) I propose allowing 2.5 acre lots with one dwelling allowed.

3. We should also think about designating an area for denser development. Perhaps this area could be adjacent to Quadra Loop so that a sewer and water system could eventually be established. Or maybe the denser areas should be kept closer to Heriot Bay and Quathiaski Cove.

We need to work together to find a plan that works for everyone. This is the future of Quadra Island we are discussing. Let us not rush to complete a seriously flawed LAP process without a thorough discussion that includes all islanders.

Ken Roxburgh

Dear Editor,

At the April 18, 2007 Local Area Plan meeting for South of Heriot Bay, a consensus could not be reached. The members of the "steering committee" (all those present) were roughly split down the middle on how small any subdivision should be. It was decided that a non-binding straw vote should be held with four options to vote on. People could vote more than once.

Option #1. Stay with 10 acre lots even though a number of them had already been divided into five acre lots.

Option #2. Go to five acre lots with two dwellings allowed.

Option #3. Go to two and a half acre lots with one dwelling allowed.

Option #4. Go to two and a half acre lots with two dwellings allowed.

The results of the straw were:

Option #1- 22 votes

Option #2- 34 votes

Option #3- 30 votes

Option #4- 19 votes

As a result of these numbers a person who seemed to have some official capacity in the process stated that two and a half acres with one dwelling was the way to proceed. To say that these numbers indicate this, violates both principles of democracy and logic. Twenty-two and thirty-four is fifty-six. This is the number of votes for keeping the lot size at five acres or larger. Thirty and nineteen is forty-nine. This is the number of votes for going to a two and a half acre lot size.

I understand that reason has returned to the situation and that the LAP for this area will propose a lot size of five acres.

David T. Scott

Then There's the Hospital...

Dear Editor,

There were remarkably few Quadra types at the town hall meeting of April 18, 2007, at the Campbell River Sportsplex, to help defeat the proposed relocation of the Campbell River acute care facilities to the Dove Creek area, at the Mount Washington turnoff along the Inland Island Highway. Think about what this will mean for us if it comes to pass: 30 minutes more in the ambulance in any emergency, no more leaving your car on Quadra when going to the hospital, more pollution and fuel use, suburban spread into what is now ALR and Managed Forest lands, etc.

With the complete re-write of the Official Community Plan, we have a severe epidemic of meeting-itis on Quadra these days, but think carefully about what the proposed move of the hospital could do to you, and please help defeat it if you agree that it would have severe negative effects on Quadra liveability. The "BC Conversation on Health" is an obvious place to make your views known. The Regional Meeting for northern Vancouver Island is scheduled for April 28, the same day as a major OCP meeting, but you can submit things in writing. Check out www.bcconversationonhealth.ca, or call 1-866-884-2055 for info.

Rolf Kellerhals

Dear Islanders,

I would like to extend my thanks to Bailey Hawkins, Emily McCabe, Aquilina Mitchell, Anna Nickoloff, Gina Nickoloff, Jane Nighswander, Taylor Overton, Dynah Parlee, Isabella Thurston and Sophie Whittingham for your extraordinary presentation of "The Mitten", and your efforts in raising funds for the new Blenkin Park playground.

Thank you to all of the parents for all of your assistance and time in putting together the presentation. Thank you to Terri Smith and Carrie Bridges for all of your help back stage, your commitment, and your wonderful ideas. Thank you Madlyn Andres for your donation of time and supplies in providing the posters and thank you to Hummingbird for the printing of the programs. Thank you Kelly Maddison at Explore Gallery for donating the beautiful print for the raffle and thank you to the Quadra Community Centre for the facility to hold our presentation.

The children, the parents and myself would like to thank everyone in the community who came out to support our fund raising event, with our collective efforts we raised \$372.00. Thank you Quadra.

Many Blessings,
Angela Thurston

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Notice of Public Working Meeting

When: Saturday April 28, 2007
 10am to 12pm for presentations
 1pm to 4pm for group sessions

Where: Quadra Community Center
 Main Hall

Why: To review the proposed Local Area Plans for Quathiaski Cove, Heriot Bay, South of Heriot Bay, and Southeast of the Island. To work together to ensure everyone's input is incorporated.

Additional Information:



Please bring an open mind and be willing to work as a community. Maps of the proposed local areas and plans will be posted in the community center Monday evening on April 23, 2007.

The difference between an Official Community Plan (OCP) vs. a Local Area Plan (LAP):

Both an OCP and a LAP are bylaws that provide a vision for Quadra Island. The LAP is a more detailed plan focusing on a particular area of Quadra Island. These four areas are Quathiaski Cove, Heriot Bay, South of Heriot Bay, and the Southeast of the Island.

The Main Changes:

Countless meetings and comments since October 2006 have led to the proposed draft plans, which will be presented on April 28th.

Quathiaski Cove would like to obtain a village atmosphere and create a welcoming gateway to Quadra Island. The proposed plan is mixed commercial and residential along the east side of Harper Road, with the surrounding area comprised of Village Residential (half acre lots), Cluster Residential (still being discussed), and Multiple Unit Residential (Maximum of 8 units/acre). To encourage a walkable community in the cove, extensive proposed trails and green space have been incorporated into the plan, including a foreshore market place near the ferry terminal.

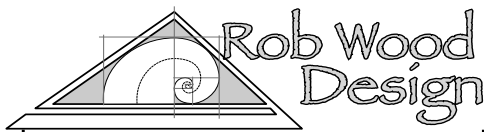


The **Heriot Bay** plan expands the commercial center along West Road and Cramer Road. The residential development in the area remains as stated in the 1996 OCP, except the possibility of Multiple Unit if community water and sewer are achieved. Like the Q Cove plan, commercial, industrial and multiple unit development is subject to the proposed development area guidelines. This will ensure this more intense development considers the surrounding community, infrastructure and character the community would like to retain.

All four plans have extensive trail networks and have protected land within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) by keeping the designation rural. Land within the **South of Heriot Bay** and the **Southeast** local areas not within the ALR have been designated Residential Rural, which permits 2 units per 5 acres. This will help properties that are already 5 acres become legally conforming.

As the LAP's are visions for residential development within the four areas, they do not automatically permit property owners to subdivide or develop their property. All properties that the LAP's vision potential for further development may require a rezoning. All rezonings go through a public process, which gives the public a chance to ensure their Island develops in an appropriate manner.





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Dear Editor,

WAS THAT AN OFFICIAL MEETING? The South of Heriot Bay LAP met last Wed. eve Apr. 18 to discuss their Draft Plan and hear from a member with an Alternate Plan. Planner Kate chaired the mtg. with District Planner Carlos in attendance. Many standard mtg. protocols were absent: no speaker's list was kept; Carlos and many attenders interrupted (with long points and even with a motion) the member who had been given the floor to present the alternate plan; a straw vote was taken with instructions that attenders could have as many votes as they wished after the first option had already been counted; and the straw vote was then used by Carlos to support his biased opinion for increased density to accommodate growth. Carlos talked openly about his preferences, seeming to forget that this is our plan, not his. He undermined the use of the current OCP as a basis for any plans, and dismissed the validity of a petition representing the landowners of one area within this LAP.

I feel this LAP process was foisted upon us. It is tearing the Island apart, pitting neighbour against neighbour and causing inconsistencies from area to area that will supercede our OCP wherever there are differences.

If we want to regain harmony in our wonderful community, I think the LAP drafts should be made consistent with our OCP, and with the help of the planners, we should correct the parts of the OCP that no longer fit provincial law. If we don't do this, then all we will have done with the LAP process is divide developers from non-developers and create much animosity.

Will you come out and help say this at the Community Meeting Sat. Apr. 28, 10 am to 4 pm?

Yours truly,
Joyce Baker

Dear Islander,

I have a comment regarding Halliday's Viewpoint piece "A Reflection on War". He [Steven Halliday] says that the British learned the hard way in Malaysia that unconventional warfare has been more successful than conventional since the end of the Korean War. Is he suggesting that the British and Malaysian forces lost an unconventional war (communist insurgency in the late fifties and sixties)?

In 1970 I took a trip up the Mukah River with a student in the Borneo part of Malaysia. I wanted to climb a cleared hillside up to the edge of the tropical forest but was told it was unsafe as there was a slight chance some insurgents might be operating in the area. It seems that the insurgency was stopped as today Malaysia seems to be a reasonably functioning parliamentary democracy. of course to bring this about the British and the Malaysians had to stand up and fight.

Yours sincerely
David T. Scott

From Shakespeare's Hamlet, 1603:

LORD POLONIUS

This business is well ended.
My liege, and madam, to expostulate
What majesty should be, what duty is,
Why day is day, night night, and time is time,
Were nothing but to waste night, day and time.
Therefore, since brevity is the soul of wit,
And tediousness the limbs and outward flourishes,
I will be brief: your noble son is mad:
Mad call I it; for, to define true madness,
What is't but to be nothing else but mad?
But let that go.

We're all a little crazy at times
but keep in mind: an ideal length
for a submission to the D.I. is 300-
350 words. A long item might run
to 500 words. -Editor

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Dear Editor,

Re: Quathiaski Cove LAP

Regarding the Quathiaski Cove LAP, I agree that the Cove is the logical place for some growth because of the ferry and facilities there. However, many people have expressed concerns regarding the water supply and before the proposed designations are made I believe that the following questions need to be answered.

1. Is the Quathiaski Cove water supply from wells sustainable with an increase of 400 dwellings? Assuming water usage of 1000 litres per day per dwelling, that would mean an extra 400,000 litres per day drawn from the water table, plus water for lawns, gardens, car-wash etc.

2. What is the back-up plan if the water table should drop? This could be influenced by hot dry summers as well as increased dwellings. Mort Lake has been mentioned as a water supply but this may not be at all suitable due to its value to the community and its tendency for water levels to go down during hot summers. If not Mort Lake, then what???

3. What would a community water system cost if a means could be found for providing it, and who would pay for it? How large a population would it take to make any type of water system affordable?

4. Developers or others who sub-divide only have to assure water at the time of their sub-division application. How do we avoid a situation where multiple units are built and sold, the developer(s) long gone and the water table drops or the water quality is impaired?

Protection for existing wells should be of utmost importance. Perhaps if re-zoning applications could be restricted to a certain number of dwellings every 2 or 3 years there would be the opportunity to see how development is affecting the water table and so protect the existing wells.

Joan Sell

If You Are (Un)happy With The Existing Quadra Plan – Then Say So!!

At the Thursday South of Heriot Bay meeting there was a straw vote taken to indicate to the planners what the community feeling was at the meeting for the neighbourhood planning. The fundamental issue was defined as being lot size.

The committee is in favour of a blanket 2.5 acre lot size to non-ALR lands. Others who are not on the committee wish to see either the status quo which is a mixture of 5 and 10 acre lot sizes or a minimum lot size of 5 acres with the ability to vary size with an application to re-zone at a public meeting.

The straw vote (where people could vote for more than one option) of the 60 people in the room was: 22 for the existing plan; 36 for 5 acres with two houses; 19 for 2.5 acres with 2 houses; and 34 for 2.5 acres with 1 house.

The implications of lot sizes have an impact on not just the area south of Heriot Bay but also the whole island in terms of services, recreation, fishing, clam digging, ferries, rules....etc. To voice your wishes, email or phone both, Jim Abram (regional director): abramfam@oberon.arc.com or 285-3355; Kate Cruickshank (planner): KCruickshank@rdfs.bc.ca 1 (800) 331-6007. Also attend the meeting on Saturday at the QCC. 10:00 am.

Michael Mascal

Dear Editor,

I appeal to all residents of Quadra, Cortes, and all those who use BC Ferries on a regular basis.

As John Sprungman has pointed out in the previous Discovery Islanders, we face another four years of increases to ferry fares at more than three times the Consumer Price Index. Will islanders' incomes rise at the same rate as ferry fares? No way!

Between now and the end of June, the government will be deciding how much funding it will provide for our ferry service between 2008 and 2012. We need to tell Premier Gordon Campbell and Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon that our fares should not go up at a greater rate than CPI, which has averaged 2% per year over the last five years.

You may not know how the Coastal Ferry Act removed two sources of ferry users' protection. When the Campbell government passed enabling legislation in 2003 to turn what was a Crown corporation into British Columbia Ferry Services Inc., it quietly eradicated the financial connection between the provincial highway system and the "new" quasi-independent ferry company. In other words, ferries no longer qualify as highways. Highways are funded by every taxpayer in BC.

Previously, tax money allocated to BC highways went in part to support the ferry system while the Government of British Columbia made up differences between the operating and capital expenses and revenues. The Coastal Ferry Act clearly states its purpose is to transform ferry services into a for-profit company with increased user pay.

Over the past 4-year period, the BC Government has systematically decreased subsidization of ferry fares on the smaller routes by increasing fares in each of these four years, plus instituting fuel charges to the price of a ticket. The Act also blocked BC Ferries from using income from the major ferry routes (between the BC mainland and Vancouver Island) to pay for expenses on the smaller routes. We lost these financial supports by the way the Coastal Ferry Act was constructed. Ferry users on the minor routes already have two strikes against them. Can we afford this third strike?

Costs of using the ferries and purchases on our islands will continue to escalate well beyond the costs of living elsewhere in B.C. unless we speak out. I urge and encourage everyone who feels the effects of the current increasing ferry fares to communicate their concerns to the government immediately. The deadline is the end of June.

You can email Premier Campbell at premier@gov.bc.ca and Minister Falcon at kevin.falcon.mla@leg.bc.ca or write to them at Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4. Copy your message to North Island MLA Claire Trevena at claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca. On the mantel of my great-grandfather's home is the quotation "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty?" I believe that our responsibility must be to act assertively for reasonable ferry costs.

Connie Burns
Campbell River-Quadra-Cortes
Ferry Advisory Committee

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Giant Book Giveaway

The Giant Book Giveaway is coming. You can get high quality books at below thrift store prices all day on Saturday, May 5th on tables located downstaris from the Upper Realm at Q. Cove from 11 a.m to 5 p.m. Just 50 cents for pocket books and a loonie for bigger books, even hard covers. This is clearly a non-profit giveaway by Steve's Spirit Books. And if your short of cash, the books are free!! call Steve at 285-3323

At Explore

Explore proudly presents feature artist Zachary Zamisky. The multimedia exhibit will run May 2nd through May 26th. Please join Zachary at Explore May 2,3,4,5 and 8th between 12 noon and 3pm where he will be facilitating a live multimedia event. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Partridge Palliative Care Centre. Everyone welcome! Store hours Tues - Saturday 10-5pm

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No Dinner Jazz May 6 at HBI

Apologies to all dinner jazz lovers, but Take Three, the dinner jazz band scheduled for Sunday May 6 in Herons at the Heriot Bay Inn, has cancelled. One of their members has gone tree planting and they were unable to find a suitable substitute musician. Dinner jazz returns Sunday May 13 for Mother's Day!

Elder-Programs?

Attention community elders and friends: Interested in establishing elder-focused programming anchored at your Community Centre? Please bring your ideas to an organizing meeting in Room 1 at QCC on Monday May 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Questions? Call Wayne 285-3264.

Hal Douglas At Cafe Aroma

Hal Douglas & Friends, featuring Julie Frank, will be playing music from 7:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m.. The cafe will be open at 6:30 p.m. for gourmet sandwiches and drinks. Come down to enjoy an evening of music, food and drink, and meet the new owners.

Posies, Passions And Pathways

Mark down **June 23 & 24** on your calendars for the 2007 Quadra Island Quilt and Garden Tour. Once again the quilters are quilting and the gardeners are weeding and sprucing up their yards for you to visit. At least the quilters can work out of the rain. This year's tour has many new gardens and some favourites from the past that people will enjoy revisiting to see what's new. Now is the time to invite your friends and relatives to visit Quadra for this special weekend in June. Tickets are still only \$12.00 per person for the two days . More highlights will follow. For information 285-3897

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Beach Cleanup a Big Success

Thanks to all the volunteers and the generosity of local businesses the 10th annual Earth Day Beach Cleanup was a huge success. Three tandem dump trucks and a tandem with pup were filled with plastic, tires, rope, styrofoam, styrofoam and more styrofoam. This year we had the biggest object we have ever collected on a beach – a large blue septic tank! It is sad to find so much garbage on our beaches but great to get it out of the marine environment.

We could not put on this event without the wonderful volunteer support of many local businesses. So many thanks to the following:

The tandem trucks were supplied by: G. Roy Dahlnas Excavating, On Track Excavating (Chris Phillips), Seamar Industries (Ron Miller) and Upland Excavating (Fred Dahlman).

John Toelle Construction Ltd. supplied a flat bed truck to create a stage for the entertainment and everyone enjoyed the great music supplied by Shane Philip. Thanks Shirley and Frank Wallace for the generator.

BC Ferries supplied free passage for the trucks and The Regional District of Comox-Strathcona provided free dumping privileges. Thanks B.C. Parks for the use of Rebecca Spit and the Quadra Credit Union for their display window.

Pick up trucks for carrying garbage from the beaches to the Spit were supplied by: Carol Woods, Burton Wohl, Michael and Jean Stahnke, John Schmidt, Julie and Randy Mellanby, Allard and Valerie Van Veen, John and Cherie Hemmingsen, Claude and Hanna Plouffe and RTL Painting (Richard Leicester). John Barclay did the great boat work.

Thanks to the following businesses, our volunteers were supplied with free food as a reward for all their hard work: Amped on Nutrition, Café Aroma, Heriot Bay Tru Value Foods, Lovin' Oven II, Quadra Foods, and Thrifty Foods.

Garbage bags were supplied by Pitch-In Canada and Save on Foods.

The unpredictable weather had us concerned for a while so thanks to Teresa Tate and Wendy Richardson for supplying tents.

However, none of this would be possible without all the volunteers that filled bags and hauled garbage to the pickup points. **IT IS ALL OF YOU THAT MAKE THIS SUCH A SUCCESS EVERY YEAR.** Thank you from Sierra Quadra.



Brighten Your Colours at Firesign

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn about Colour with Vancouver artist, Marjorie Turnbull, in a 5-day painting workshop, May 14-18, on Quadra Island. Born in Edmonton, Alberta, Marjorie studied at the Banff School of Fine Arts, Universities of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and Emily Carr College of Art and Design in B.C. Past president and Signature member of the Federation of Canadian Artists (AFCA), Marjorie's work is held in many private and corporate collections throughout the world. For more details call Nanci at Firesign Studio 285-3390 or check her website at www.firesignartanddesign.com



News From the Quadra Recreation Society

We were treated to a lovely concert by Allison Crowe on the weekend. What a dynamic voice that woman has! Appreciations to everyone who had a part in the production and to the audience who turned out to support the playground. We made over \$1000 for our efforts.

Additionally, businesses and individual folks are contributing to the playground fund. Murray Johnson of M.M. Johnson Structural Engineers, once more has been very generous with a donation of \$500. Yeah, Murray! The big push is about getting enough money to then, write for grants of "matching funds". Every donation counts and we need to keep up the momentum. Picture a bright, shiny fun attraction for children in Blenkin Park; structures where kids can enjoy physical adventures, while parents are confident there are no safety issues. Write a cheque to Quadra Recreation Society, Box 10, Quathiaski Cove, B.C. VOP 1N0, and receive a tax deductible receipt, and a warm heart, knowing you brought smiles to kids' faces.

You have seen the May Day suggestion boxes out in the food stores. We are looking for a catchy theme that will inspire great costumes and floats. Some past themes have been, "In the Circus", "Visitors from Outer Space", "Medieval", "Western Frontier", "Mardi Gras". You get the picture.

May Day is Saturday, May 26 with the parade starting at 10 a.m. at the beginning of Rebecca Spit. The "official ceremony" is in the grassy area beyond the parking lot, where the May Queen is crowned uniting our present to our ancestral past, in celebration of Spring. (Don't fight it, on Quadra we have been doing this since 1898. It's in the blood now.) And just to bring this back to the first paragraph, we need people to work in the concession and guess what, the money is going to the new playground in Blenkin Park. So ya see, we got ya surrounded.

Cheers,
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Children's Centre Annual Garage Sale

On Saturday May 5 come to the Quadra Children's Centre for our Annual Garage Sale! This springtime fundraiser is more essential than ever, with recent government cutbacks in place, so come on out and treat yourself to Quadra's very best bargains! All sales are by donation, and there'll be great stuff to pore through. The Garage Sale starts at 10am and closes at 2pm. In case of rain the tables will be moved to the back deck.

Donations for the Garage Sale can be dropped off at the Centre's back deck until the end of the day on Friday May 4. Bring your previously loved treasures (but no clothing, please) and show your support for the Children's Centre. See you all there!

Drawing Room

Drawing Room Art Works is re-opening a new Studio/Gallery in May with a Group Art Show. Among the inspiring talents of local artists featured are Paul Bishop; Bob Cameron; Nanci Cook; Luise Grav; Leanne Hodges; Joy Inglis; Lambert; Ann McLean; d.oram; Rhonda Richmond; Anne Wilson; and many more.

DRAW is a studio/gallery designed by artists for artists, a group that creates opportunities to share ideas and skills. Artist' openings each month expand horizons and expose their talents. Featuring exciting new works in visual, Sculptural, Music or the Performing Arts.

The Drawing Room is located behind Village Square, upstairs/rear, follow the signs. Drop by and see the show next time you are at Village Square. The exhibit runs from May 4 – May 26, 2007. Gallery Hours are Thursday thru Saturday 12 – 6pm. Please join us to celebrate the Opening of Quadra's newest Gallery. Reception on Friday May 4 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

News from Br. 91 BCOAPO

Work continues with the upgrading of Quadra Island's Tourist Information Centre. Any number of local residents have dropped by and complimented Kurt Hagen on his skilled craftsmanship and the pleasing appearance of the booth. Painting of the exterior is now well under way with the refurbishing of the interior next on the agenda. Judy Hagen, as operations manager, is presently contacting the many businesses on the island to see if they wish to have their leaflets on display in the racks, for which a small donation is requested. Quadra is fortunate to have such fine volunteers!

The booth is scheduled to re-open in time for the long weekend in May and then will be open for the Studio Tour at the beginning of June, and on through the summer until Labour Day. Seniors who volunteer to staff the booth are advised that the information and training session will be held on Tuesday morning May 15th in the Herons Restaurant at the Heriot Bay Inn. We would like to thank the management for their generosity in waiving the fee for the morning, and for the kind offer to provide lunch for the volunteers. Once again the spirit of community support on this island shines through.

In other news, the recent advocacy workshop in Cumberland was attended by 5 of our members who were made well aware of the need for the help some seniors may need in accessing government

programs. A most interesting hour was spent learning of the Falls Prevention Program being introduced by the Council of Senior Citizens Organization. A serious fall can have a most deleterious effect on the overall physical and emotional health of an individual, and many falls are avoidable.

A reminder to members that our next meeting is Wednesday May 2nd at The Legion commencing at 10:30 am sharp. Local landscape advisor and longtime Quadra resident Val Barr will be the guest speaker with her subject, Container Gardening, ideal for many seniors who may have cut back on more strenuous flower and vegetable gardening.

Affordable Housing – An Update

Six people from Quadra Island attended the Affordable Housing for Small Communities Conference on Hornby Island last Thursday and Friday. What Quadra is facing in terms of higher land prices, is no different than a lot of other great communities.

The community progression of land use is from Forestry, Fishing and Farming, to Community, Creativity and Conservation, to Retirement, Recreation and Resort. This has been going on for the last 25 years in a number of "desirable communities" in the US, on the coasts and in the Rockies. It has been happening at

Whistler for the last 15 years. It is now happening to the Islands in the Strait of Georgia, including Quadra.

Affordable housing is housing that is available for residents of the community who cannot afford the inflated land prices. These can be seniors, young people or just people living in the community. They would be selected by a board of the housing organization, reflecting community values.

Basically, to have affordable housing it is necessary to take centrally located land out of the market place. This can be done either by way of a Community Land Trust or a government Housing Authority. O'Connor has helped this happen on Quadra by donating 1 acre of land to the Seniors Housing project 10 years ago. It is time that this project gets going. There is also a need for land for our young people who wish to live on Quadra.

The affordable homes that have been constructed elsewhere, like Whistler, have been sold with 99 year renewable leases and with covenants so that the community has first right of purchase at the original price, or rented to people deemed suitable by the community. The homes are not ghettoized and fit right in with the community. The rents charged are in the range of \$1/sq. ft. per month.

This land for affordable housing can come from several sources: developers who want to sub-divide, employers who need places for their employees to work, donations, community purchases and the property transfer tax (which is already in existence in BC). This needs to be incorporated into our community plan.

People interested in hearing more are asked to attend a meeting on the subject at the QCC 7:00 pm Monday, April 30, in the Green Room.

- Michael Mascall,



Concert at Cape Mudge Church

Saturday, May 5, come and support local musicians playing at Quadra Island United Church. The Friends of Judy O'Dell are getting together to show us their talent. This is a great opportunity to listen to original home grown on Quadra Island music. Great vocals are backed by solid guitar and sax and piano. Concert starts at 7:30, and tickets, sold at the door, are \$10. Kids under 12 are half price. Family tickets are \$20. Call 285-2626 to reserve. This concert is a community fundraiser in support of Quadra Island United Church.



Mother's Day at the HBI

Celebrate Mother's day with Jazz Berry Jam at the HBI dining room on Sunday, May 13th. Jazz Berry Jam plays

relaxing, soft dinner jazz from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bring Mom down for dinner and music. Remember, if it wasn't for your Mom, you wouldn't even be here. There is no love comparable to a Mother's Love. Thank you Mothers of this world. Let it be proclaimed that there shall be no cooking and no dishes for Mom on Sunday, May 13th.

Quadra Island Studio Tour

June 2nd (10-5)
& 3rd (10-4), 2007

Over 30 Quadra Island Artists present their recent work during this popular annual event both at their studios around the island and at the large exhibition at the Quadra Community Centre. Painters, sculptors, potters, woodworkers, fabric artists, blacksmiths and even a glassblower show their work and many of them give demonstrations. See artists at work in their own environments.

Tickets \$5 available at Q.I. Tourist Info. and Hummingbird Office Supply.

For more information visit www.quadraislandarts.com

email: studiotour@quadraislandarts.com or call 250-285-3101.

The Pink Ladies

We are a team of Quadra Mums walking the Relay for Life in June to support the Canadian Cancer society. At various points in May you should see us dotted around the island asking for donations and support. To start with we have been kindly given the bottle drive at the Heriot Bay store for May so bring in all of your empties and the money will go to our cause.

look out for our team pic. in the next issue so you can see who we are and if you have questions about the relay you can call 285 2363 (Rachel) or just google relay for life and follow the prompts.

Thanks so much and we look forward to seeing you around.



'The Mitten' World Dance for Children performers take a bow at QCC on April 13. Photo by Tanya Storr.

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Duties will include recording dock moorage, general maintenance, some computer work, and collecting fees for moorage, parking and boat ramp usage. The position will involve a 35-hour week. Pay rates will be commensurate with experience.

Please send your resume with cover letter to Quadra Island Harbour Authority, P.O. Box 162, Quathiaski Cove, or email to qiha@island.net

For further information, please phone Paul Ryan at 285-3622 or 285-3555.

World Tai Chi and Qigong Day

On Saturday April 28, 2007 at 10 am beginning in Earth's earliest time zone, this peaceful event will unfold around the world in each time zone throughout the day. gently and effortlessly the world will breathe together in a tai chi and qigong relay of calm.

The founder and innovative tai chi teacher Bill Douglas created world tai chi and qigong day to acknowledge the healing traditions of China and bring tai chi and qigong practitioners worldwide together to promote and celebrate a healthier world. research indicates that tai chi and qigong can safely and effectively alleviate stress related diseases.

This annual event is in its 9th year with over 80 countries participating and thousands of groups of people in mass gatherings in public parks sending a positive wave of energy around the world.

Everyone is welcome to come and join the local gathering outside at the Quadra Community centre at 9:45 am in preparation to start at 10:00 am. if it rains we will be inside.

For more information call Denise at 285-3743.

2nd Annual Broom Bash

It's that time of year again! Come on out, bring your loppers and spend an hour cutting broom from Rebecca Spit.

Last year we completely cleared the one big patch just past the field. The two big patches near the boat launch were only half done and we'd like to clear them this year. Let's avoid one more year of seed production and preserve our native bio-diversity!

It's easy work and also rewarding as 95% of mature broom if cut about a foot above ground when it's starting to flower will die the same year. The stumps can be pulled or knocked over the following fall/winter.

A small chainsaw would deal nicely with the thick trunks of the very old broom.

Bring: loppers, pruning saws, clippers and gloves.

10:30 am Saturday, April 28, meet at the parking lot by the boat launch. For additional info contact Riki Vogt at 830-8329 or 287-3134

MJM Air Plane Crash upcoming Documentary

Tomorrow, Saturday April 28th at 7:00 PM, the CTV News program "W-Five" will air an episode detailing the story of the MJM Air DeHavilland Beaver that had disappeared in the waters near Quadra Island two years ago. The episode will also repeat the next day, Sunday April 29th at 1:00PM and will be made available at: www.ctv.ca/wfive for those who can't view it.

The families' quest for truth and justice is still going strong. Attempts at recovering the engine from the ocean's floor are still in progress in the hope of discovering what precipitated this accident and prevent other ones from occurring. Two years after the fatal accident the community still awaits proper investigation and answers.

A brief note for those who are new to this story:

On February 28th, 2005, the MJM Air Ltd DeHavilland Beaver (C-GAWQ) disappeared out of Campbell River, with five men on board. Two days later, the body of passenger Dave Stevens was found by hikers in Village Bay, on the shore of Quadra Island approximately five kilometers away. When authorities gave up the official search, families, friends and volunteers vowed to continue searching along with brother Kevin Decock.

On July 14th, 2005, the wreckage was located in Sutil Channel in over 800 feet of water. Two weeks later on July 28th, 2005 (exactly five months after the crash) the aircraft was recovered leaving the engine stuck in the mud. Pilot Arnie Feast and passengers, Fabian Bedard and brothers Doug and Trevor Decock have never been found. Determination and tenacity from a small group of volunteers brought results when all other agencies had given up. Not to mention the incredible financial burden taken on by the families and volunteers.

We are still lobbying for changes in regulations and protocols in order to ensure the safety of those who travel by floatplanes. For more information on the crash and the families' involvement in the investigation, please visit:

www.questforjustice.ca

Donations are still being gratefully accepted at any TD Canada Trust branch.

Transit # 9038, Acc. # 6259768, made to "Allison Decock In Trust". All funds raised will provide help to offset costs and related expenses. All remaining funds will go towards their children.

Once again we would like to thank all Quadra Islanders for their tremendous support and the many witnesses who provided their statements while W-Five was producing this documentary.

Hal Douglas @ HBI

The Hal Douglas Blues Band will be rocking the HBI on Friday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to closing. Old time favorites and home grown original songs will keep you dancing past midnight.

Hal Douglas sings & plays lead guitar in the blues tradition of B.B. King & other modern blues masters. Hal is also a songwriter and local music teacher. Dave Blinzinger Jr., well know for his sax playing, joins the band as a singer, organ & piano player. You don't need no doctor when you listen when you listen to Dave. Dave also teaches music on Quadra and Cortes and runs a music store in the Upper Realm of Q. Cove. Steve Moore, a poet & songwriter, plays drums and Adam McGuffie lays down a solid bass line. There is no cover charge for this event.

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April 27, 2007

by Jenny Hiebert

Brian, Autumn and my arrival the day before my mom's birthday was a complete surprise. A surprise birthday party followed several days later. The occasion was also a family reunion and I got to visit with cousins I had not seen since high school graduation. It was also my mom's first birthday party ever which made the occasion more special. My sister baked the cake complete with 80 pink roses and the requisite 80 candles. Being immersed in my extended family for a week allowed me to totally disconnect from the Regional Director role. It enabled me to return rested and relaxed and ready to carry on with my busy schedule.

AVICC Convention

After one day at home I was off to a meeting in Courtenay, followed by the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities convention in Qualicum Beach. This annual gathering gives elected representatives from coastal areas an opportunity to discuss common issues. A record number of resolutions were passed many of which have significance to life on the smaller islands. Here are two issues that were debated and will be brought to the attention of the Ministry of Transportation. Three resolutions regarding BC Ferries and the Coastal Ferry Act were brought forward—specifically the impact past and impending ferry fare increases have had on coastal communities. The AVICC Executive will be taking the concerns expressed to the Minister of Transportation. Likewise the Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs will be meeting with Minister Falcon to discuss the preliminary fare increases as released by Martin Crilly, Ferry commissioner. Another transportation issue of concern to some islanders is the lack of location markers every kilometer along the Inland highway north of Nanaimo. The lack of markers has left travelers have no easy means of describing their location thus impeding access to emergency assistance. MOT will be requested to reconsider its policy with a view to spacing highway location markers closer together.

Beach Accesses

It gives me great pleasure to announce the Cortes Island beach access agreements for Hayes, Seascope, Gnat, and Moon Roads have been signed! It's taken longer than originally hoped and anticipated to complete the agreements but correct wording was crucial. One of the greater outcomes of this process is that the "Cortes Template" can be utilized for other Comox Strathcona Regional District projects and the Ministry of Transportation.

Formal implementation of trail building will start in the near future. Park staff will be coming over to reassess the sites and discuss the necessary steps to develop the trails. Cortes is leading the way in this type of trail development. I look forward to the successful completion of some of the trails this year so folks can access to some of the lovely beaches surrounding our island. Many thanks for all the community support and patience on this project.

OCP Revision

The "kick-off" meeting for revision of the Official Community Plan will take place Tuesday, May 1 at Manson's Hall starting at 7pm. I suggest interested individuals read the existing document, which was adopted in 1995. The general objectives of the existing OCP may be of interest. The section that discusses the Planning History of Cortes as found in part C of Appendix A is also good background information. Hardcopies can be purchased from the Regional District Office or a digital version can be easily accessed by clicking on the Cortes Island OCP found in the Community Planning section of the RD website: www.comoxstrathcona.bc.ca. I look forward to extensive resident participation and hope to see you May 1.

Feel free to contact me about these or any other concerns at 935-6488 Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4 pm. (No early morning, late night or weekend calls, please.) If you get the answering machine try my cell phone -- 202-6488. You can also email me at brijen@oberon.ark.com anytime.

Respectfully Submitted by Jenny Hiebert—Regional Director

From Quadra RCMP

On April 9th, 2007 Quadra Island RCMP attended a wooded area off of Cutter Road in response to a complaint of found human remains.

Members of the Forensic Identification Section and Island District Major Crime Unit subsequently attended and examined the scene.

On April 12th a forensic autopsy was conducted in Vancouver, which confirmed the identity of the remains as that of Joseph SKOGAN.

As a result of the forensic evidence and the RCMP investigation, foul play has been ruled out as the cause of death.

Joseph SKOGAN had been missing since May 1st 2004.

Cpl Rick FRASER
Quadra Island RCMP

South Quadra Fire Protection District

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Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

A Window to the Past

Noting the recent anniversary of the Discovery Islander, Philip's cover collage of memorable back issues reminded me of some recent discoveries I have made on the web. As a self-professed devotee of Patrick O'Brian's 20-volume Aubrey/Maturin adventures (best known for the much abbreviated screen version, actually a melange of several books in the series, but titled after numbers 1 (*Master and Commander*) and 10 (*The Far Side of the World*), I undertook some research on the particular meaning of the term "gazetted", used frequently as a verb throughout the series. The term describes one's mention, by reason of valourous actions - or simply by earning promotion - in an issue of the British Empire's premier newspaper of its day, the London Gazette. By means of a relatively simple search I was able to locate an archive of some 300 years worth of the Gazette, with each (actually, I should say most) editions viewable as a PDF document.

Upon locating this treasure trove, I spent numerous long evenings, often to my wife's chagrin, poring over dozens of issues of the Gazette, covering a period from the mid 1600's to the early 19th century. It is fascinating to review the accounts of great naval battles told first-hand by the Commanders on the scene, or read the happenings of the Great Courts of Europe (with the news as fresh as 6 weeks old!), or most interesting of all, scanning the various legal notices, advertisements and general bits and pieces, much as a newspaper of today often carries. The legal notices are especially fascinating; here is one from July 8, 1790, issued by then Prime Minister W. W. Grenville, translated from Olde English but with spelling errors left intact:

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on the 2nd day of this instant July, George Dacre, jun., Esq.; Sheriff of the County of Southampton, did receive by the Post from Winchester, as appears by the Post Mark thereon, a threatening and incendiary Letter, without any name affixed thereto, and evidently written in a feigned Hand; and which Letter is contained in the Words following; that is to say,

Mr. Sheriff,

Let luse all the Men you have charged, or your life shall pay for it...you see Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Gantlit and Mr. Devrill is our good friends and God bless them for it - ; but as for you tho we cant manig you singly, more can; and if you dont stop appearing agin us we well know your way home and will bring you down at a long shot...besides if you skulk it up at home we will burn your house down...make it up

with us and nobody shant hurt you...if you dont we'll tackle you among us and see your harts blood before we give you up...now dont you go sware to the Mayor who joins you in anything, that this comes from them in Custody for it dont but from good one's for Harvis and Raffel.

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in writing the Letter aforementioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them (except the Person who wrote the said Letter)...and then goes on to offer an "Encouragement" of two hundred pounds, the equivalent today of 18,000 pounds, or many years wages for a labourer of the day. Surprisingly, most crimes reported offered such government incentives to snitch, but of course only for those committed against persons of a "certain class" or better.

The Gazette also contains all manner of official Government announcements, from tenders for provisions to the Royal Navy to incredibly detailed summaries of corn and barley production, by district, running 10 pages or more of very, very fine print. I particularly enjoyed the descriptive nature of this notice issued by the *Commissioners for erecting Light-Houses on the Northern Parts of Great Britain*, dated November 1805:

Notice to Mariners, of a Revolving Light on the Island of Sandy in Orkney.

The Beacon, or Tower of Masonry, erected in 1803, upon the Start Point of Sandy, situate in the County of Orkney, in north Lat. 59. Deg. 31 min. and West Long. 2 Deg. 15 min. not having been found to prevent numerous Wrecks which happen on the low Shores of the that Island, has been converted into a Light-House, which will be lighted upon the Night of Wednesday, the 18 Day of January, 1806, and thereafter each night, from the Expiration of Day-light in the Evening, until Day-light in the Morning...The Light will be from Oil, with Reflectors, visible from every Point of the Compass, and elevated above the Level of the Sea at high Water of Spring Tides, One Hundred Feet, of which Height the Building forms Ninety Feet; and that the Light may be distinguishable from all others on the Coast, the reflectors are made to revolve once in every Two Minutes, exhibiting Light One Minute, and disappearing the next, an effect fully sufficient for the Purpose, as the Light increases from Darkness to full Strength during one minute, and, during the next, declines in strength to total Darkness. *By Order of the Commissioners, etc, etc.*

Superfluously informative, and a fine example of that wonderful British originated dialect...bureaucratese.

On a similar note, some dredging through the data banks of the US Library of Congress has also provided me with endless hours of entertainment. With large collections of broadsheets, ephemera, menus and yes, newspapers, it is a fascinating time capsule, as the Library itself calls it. Under ephemera I found the self-published *Elegy of his Family Vault*, by Dr. Joseph Doddridge, dating from the late 1700's. Doddridge describes his father hacking out a new life from the virgin American forest, an obviously Herculean task that proved successful yet seemed unappreciated by the author's children, beneficiaries of the wealth created and who would later share their grandfather's tomb. Here he establishes the premise:

For him no splendid mansion rear'd its head,
And spread its furniture of gaudy forms,
His was the humble cot, of forest wood,
Made by his hands a shelter from the storms.

*No costly dress the work of foreign hands,
Nor silks from Indian, or Italian realms,
His clothing plain, the produce of his lands,
Nor shaped with modern skill, nor set with gems.*

*Simple his fare, obtained from fields and woods,
His drink, the crystal fountain's wholesome streams,
No fettered slave for him e'er shed his blood,
To swell in pomp, ambition's idle dreams.*

*Look back, ye gaudy sons of pride, and show,
To your forefather's humble, lowly state--
How much they suffered, much they toiled for you,
To leave their happier offspring, rich, and great.*

A few more verses in the same vein, then the fitting close...

*Soft be your rest, ye tenants of my tomb!
Exempt from toil, and bitter biting care;
Sacred your dust until the general doom,
Gives the reward of heavenly bliss to share.*

Today's issue of the Discovery Islander undoubtedly will, another 200 years from now, be read by someone doing research or simply exploring some future global database. I hope they enjoy the reading of today's life events as much as I do that provided by yesterday's writers. Unimaginable only 30 years ago, but today made competely accessible by the internet, these archives provide a magical window to the past, well worth the time it takes to google your way into them.



Business Profile

by Tanya Storr

Diggin' It—Real Food for Dogs and Cats



Dawn Crowley of Diggin' It—Real Food for Dogs and Cats with raw food eaters Sweet Pea and Ben. Photo by Tanya Storr.

time, where raw food for dogs and cats is readily available. She observed that many other pet owners had switched their animals to a natural diet.

When Dawn moved to Quadra, she had to drive to Courtenay to buy raw food for her pets. As this was very inconvenient, she decided to look into selling it herself. She opened her business in June of 2005.

“Raw pet food was already very popular in Vancouver, but most people didn't know about it here yet. I started to sell it on Quadra so that it would be available on the island. I wanted to introduce the concept of natural pet food

to the community.”

Diggin' It now has approximately 20 regular customers who truly appreciate having access to quality food for their pets. Dawn is happy to talk to people who are interested in learning more about raw pet food.

“I like to arrange a meeting with people so we can talk about raw food and look at the products. I'm also available to answer calls and help people transition their pets to the new diet.”

Dawn said some people are initially reluctant to feed their dogs and cats raw meat and bones because it isn't the norm for humans. Once they start their pets on the raw food diet, however, they realise it's superior for their health.

“There are several benefits to the diet. Pets have more energy, yet at the same time aggressive dogs tend to become calmer. Most dogs have an odour that emanates from their skin. It is drastically lessened. They have cleaner breath and teeth, and a shinier and smoother coat. Raw food reduces anal gland problems and eases digestion generally.”

Although Dawn is quick to point out she is not an expert, she has done quite a bit of research into the raw food diet for dogs and cats. Studies show that degenerative diseases in dogs started to manifest after processed pet food came on the market.

“Processed pet food is a result of the industrial revolution. The food processing giants were looking for a market for food that wasn't edible to humans. Ingredients in many of these pet foods include parts

Are you concerned about maintaining the health of your dogs or cats? Dawn Crowley of Diggin' It—Real Food for Dogs and Cats recommends switching them to a raw food diet. Her Quadra Island-based business offers a selection of natural, whole food options for canines and felines.

In recent weeks, some of the leading brands of processed pet food have been recalled from the market due to contamination. These scares have prompted many pet owners to take a closer look at the benefits of raw food.

“Dogs and cats are physiologically designed to eat raw food,” said Dawn. “Processing changes the molecular structure of food, destroying enzymes, probiotics, and many of the nutrients. This makes food harder to digest.”

As we chatted on her deck on April 21, Dawn's two dogs, golden retriever Ben and pug Sweet Pea, were active participants in the interview. Both are friendly and inquisitive with healthy fur, bright eyes, and distinct personalities.

For Dawn, the “proof was in the pudding” with raw food. She started Ben on a raw food diet on the recommendation of a holistic vet. At the time, Ben was suffering from hot spots and ear and eye infections.

“Holistic vets take additional years of training in animal nutrition and alternative healing. They look at the whole being when treating ailments, taking into account physiology, personality, and diet,” she said.

Dawn had great results with Ben. His ailments cleared up without having to treat the symptoms with antibiotics. Dawn was living in Vancouver at the www.discoveryislander.ca

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of animals and grains that humans cannot eat," Dawn noted.

She added that cats are carnivores (meat only) and dogs are opportunistic omnivores (meat and vegetables). Neither cats nor dogs are meant to eat grains.

Prior to the advent of processed dog and cat food, people were feeding kitchen and farm scraps to their pets. This was much better for the animals, as they were eating a whole food diet, even if it wasn't balanced.

Dawn equates many of the processed pet foods on the market with fast food for humans. "Feeding our dogs and cats these foods every day is the equivalent of taking our children to McDonalds for all of their meals."

Dawn purchases her raw pet foods from two suppliers: 'Island Fresh K-9' in Black Creek and 'Buddies Natural Pet Food' in Victoria. All of the meats used are "human grade" and free of hormones and antibiotics. They include chicken, turkey, duck, beef, lamb, bison, and tripe. Many of the meats are sourced from Vancouver Island farms.

Portions come frozen in convenient amounts for feeding. The quantity per meal depends on several factors, including the animal's weight, age, environment, and activity level.

An average sized dog weighing 40-50 pounds would eat approximately 1 pound of meat per day with ¼ pound of vegetables mixed in. Some

of the portions are meat only, for those who prefer to prepare the veggies themselves. Others are pre-mixed meat and veggies.

The four main ingredients in raw dog food are muscle, bone, organ, and vegetables. The cat food contains no veggies. Dawn explained that the muscle provides amino acids, the bone provides calcium, the organ provides Vitamin A, and the vegetables provide vitamins, minerals, and energy.

Dawn said although the raw food does cost a little more than processed pet food, people feeding it to their pets find they save on vet bills.

"The best form of promotion is when my customers share their experiences with their friends. People are very happy with the results."

If you are curious to learn more about Diggin' It—Real Food for Dogs and Cats, call Dawn at 202-0476. She also recommends this book as an excellent resource: 'Natural Nutrition for Dogs and Cats: The Ultimate Diet' by Kymthy Schultze, a certified clinical nutritionist and animal health instructor.

At the end of the interview, Ben and Sweet Pea, as well as Dawn's cat, kindly agreed to demonstrate how much they enjoy their raw food so I could take some photos. Ben finished first, licked his muzzle, and looked around hopefully in case there was more . . .

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	15:56	3.3	10.8
	21:10	2.5	8.2
29	03:37	4.0	13.1
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	21:42	2.7	8.9
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Beefsteak **ORGANIC**
Tomatoes
\$1.98 / lb \$4.37/kg

Beef and Chicken
Pies
\$1.98 4 inch

Vienna
Coleslaw
98¢ / 100g

Cranberry
Trail Mix
88¢ / 100g

Basmati
Rice **ORGANIC**
White or Brown
68¢ / 100g

Specials in effect April 29 - May 5 while quantities last

Spring Hours Sunday- Thursday 7 am to 8 pm Friday & Saturday 7 am to 9 pm

