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Public Meeting on Bute
Inlet Run of River
February 2nd,
Quinsam Hall CR, 6 pm

Shane Philip
CD Release Party
at Herons, HBI
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The Regulars

- **Quadra Legion** - Now open Thurs & Fri at 7 pm and Saturdays at 4:00pm
- **Every Monday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
 - Sing for Pure Joy! 3 - 4:30 pm Room 3 Q.C.C. All Voices Welcome.
 - Kidz Klub 3 - 4:30 pm Quadra Island Bible Church, 1281 West Rd.
- **Every Tuesday** - Quadra Children's Song Circle - 3 - 4:00 p.m. Room 3 Q.C.C.
 - Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Children's Centre
 - Folkdancing QCC-7:30 pm Sept-April
- **Every Wednesday** - Moms and Babes 11 am - noon Q.C.C.
 - Life Drawing Sessions with model at Firesign Studio 7-9:30 pm
- **Every Thursday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
 - Yoga Classes 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM with Brenda Dempsey at the Upper Realm, QCove. 285-3054 or 203-1575 Drop ins welcome \$12.
 - Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
 - Quadra Singers 6:45 pm Thursdays starting Sept.11 QCC
- **Every Saturday** - Legion Meat Draw 5:00 pm, Steak Dinner at 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday** - QI United Church Service-11am, Set. - June Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
 - Buddhist Meditation 10:00 am Upper Realm
 - Live Jazz at HBI 6:30 pm
- **1st Monday** - Quadra writers group - 7:00 to 9:00 pm 285-3656
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre

Next Deadline: Monday, February 9th, 2009

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Day by day

Friday, January 30

- Friday Flicks - Brick Lane Q.I.C.C.
Doors open 7:30 pm Show starts 7:45 pm

Saturday, January 31st

- Sierra Quadra Film Festival Q.I.C.C.
Free event 10 am - 10 pm

Monday, February 2

- Public Meeting on Bute Inlet River Diversions Quinsam Hall - CR
6 pm Island Hwy and Willis Rd

Wednesday, February 4

- Community Garden Organisational Meeting QCC room 1.
7.30pm

Saturday, February 7

- Shane Philip CD Release Herons @ the HBI
- 8pm

Monday, February 9

- Quadra Island Garden Club Q.I.C.C.
7pm

Friday, February 13

- Friday Flicks - My Brother Is An Only Child Q.I.C.C.
Doors open 7:30 pm Show starts 7:45 pm

Sunday, February 15

- Nathaniel Dett Chorale Q.I.C.C.
Quadra Cultural Committee, Master Class 1-3 pm, Concert 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 21

- Quadra Island Wellness Fair Q.I.C.C.

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Area C Regional Director's Report

January 30, 2009

by Jim Abram

This will possibly be a longish article but please take the time to read it. There are so many things going on right now that you need to know about and in some cases, participate in. So I will just dive in and get started.

Snow removal

The issue of snow removal has been on the top of the list for the past month. It has been an incredible year for having back to back snow storms!

I would like to say thanks to our dedicated crew at Emcon for all of their hard work and long hours during the holiday season and acknowledge the sacrifices they made regarding being "home for the holidays". They had their challenges and faced them the best that they could. Equipment breakdowns at the worst possible times set them back considerably and made it very hard to begin to catch up. But they valiantly tried. I know that there are complaints out there by a number of people. Overall, our crew gave us great service and they should be congratulated for that.

In future snow events, I would encourage you to call the Emcon office directly at 285-3524 and leave a message of what your need is. Hugh will get back to you. If you call and cannot get through and there is a need for a specific service in a specific area, please call direct to the dispatch office at 1-866-353-3136. You will get an operator who can directly contact the crew by radio and deal with your concern. This is the very best method of dealing with a crisis, so please use it.

House numbers

As many of you may know, I was out removing snow for people with my tractor. I noted in many places that I worked that house numbers were either non-existent or were obscured or very hard to see. In my case, this was an inconvenience. In the case of an emergency it could be devastating to the resident. I supply, through the Regional District and the 911 Corporation, map books for all of our emergency service providers. They can find the area of your home. But let's not make them work at it to find specific houses. Identifying your driveway clearly, is for your own benefit. Please have a look at your house numbers and see if they need a bit of sprucing up.

Bute Inlet private power projects

This is the most important thing that you could possibly do this year. Please read on.

The terms of reference have been released by the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) and are at: http://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic_project_home_316.html

After many days of making phone calls and writing letters (right up to the Premier's office), a small group of us managed to get them to agree to hold a public meeting and open house in Campbell River. The only ones they had scheduled were on the Sunshine Coast, even though all of the project area is within Area C (the area that I represent) and the nearest centre is Campbell River. The meeting will be on Monday, February 2, 2009, from 4 to 8 pm at the Quinsam Hall which is up at Quinsam Crossing (Willis Rd. and the Inland Island Highway).

It is so very crucial for people to attend this meeting. This could be our one chance to express our views and concerns about a project that will see 17 run of the river facilities, a huge substation near the mouth of the Southgate River, miles and miles of associated access roads and associated works, along with 443 km's of high-voltage transmission lines running all over Bute Inlet. This project is massive to say the least. Many of my constituents have spent many years promoting and developing eco-tourism and recreation businesses in this area and are likely to be heavily impacted by this proposal. Your voice needs to be heard and your written comments need to be received. If the input warrants it, there could be a Federal Review Panel required which will be far more detailed and comprehensive with more public input. Your input at this stage will help to determine that need, so please make an effort to attend and to write comments. You can send comments directly to the Federal Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, attention Marie-France Therrien at bute.review@ceaa-acee.gc.ca and to the Provincial Environmental Assessment Office, attention Kathy Eichenberger, at eaoinfo@gov.bc.ca Please do send your comments to both.

I hope to see the hall packed with people from our area. We live here because of the natural beauty and Bute Inlet is a large contributor to the sustainability of our natural ecosystems and to the wild nature of where we live. Please attend. You can go to www.ButeInlet.net for more info from the local group.

Regional District Task Force

The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) (I was president 2000/2001) has struck a task force with the provincial government to look at what changes need to be made to RD's in the next few years. I have been asked to contribute through the members of the task force and I have been doing that by email and phone. They have an ambitious timeline and hope to have a report ready for local government review prior to our annual convention in September. I am doing my best to make suggestions that will make our rural governance system be as good as it can get.

Granite Bay wharf update

We are continuing to meet with the RD and with Marine Harvest, to finalize our plans to upgrade the floats at Granite Bay, using the model that I developed in past pursuits of local government, community and industry coming together to make things work for the community at little or no cost to the taxpayer. We had a very good meeting a couple of weeks ago and all have our "tasks" to perform. We will meet again on Feb. 3rd with final plans and tasks and then the work of assembling, shipping and installing will commence. A great deal of the material and services are being donated, the engineering drawings are done and now all that we need is to firm up the volunteer list. So, if you are willing to work on this very exciting addition to Granite Bay Park, please contact me as soon as possible. We will need some folks to work on assembly in CR and some to work on installation at Granite Bay. Don't be shy!

Village project update

I am not going to say much about this at this point. We are discussing the issue at the January board meeting on the 28th to deal with some issues. After we have done that I will be able to fill you in on where we are at on this exciting project for Quathiaski Cove. This is still at the top of the list.

continued...

Strathcona Regional District (SRD) organization

Well, we are getting settled in at the SRD. We now have a permanent Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and a great receptionist / secretary, that does everything right. I just had a two hour meeting with the CAO to discuss where we are going with the SRD. We are planning to have a facilitated strategic planning session and a number of goal setting sessions in the next two months. We are also getting some training, offered by the UBCM, so that we all know our roles, duties and procedures. We have a number of new people on the board that are a delight to work with.

My main focus in the organization of the SRD will be to make it small, focused and efficient. I will not accept a clone of the huge bureaucracy that had developed in the Comox Strathcona RD. We will hire those that we cannot do without and work it out from there. Our costs will go down and we will become an effective team that will be able to deal with our local issues and effectively lobby the provincial and federal governments concerning those issues that we do not control. I am optimistic and look forward to working with this new team in the coming year. We have many projects ongoing on Quadra Island and in the outer islands and I look forward to the support of our new organization.

Seniors' housing

It has come to my attention that the seniors' housing project in the Cove that has been underway for many years just hit a speed bump. All of the regulatory issues have been dealt with through the RD and I have ensured that the zoning and all siting permits, etc. went through smoothly in the past. It was brought to my attention recently that the development permit that the RD issued a number of years ago had an expiry date on it. So, a new one was required and the cost would be \$3,800.00. I was approached by Ken Duncan of the seniors' housing group and a grant in aid was requested. I have put

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that through to the SRD board and the cheque should be in the mail very soon. I hope this is the last bureaucratic hurdle that the group has to jump so that they can get on with construction.

Duck crossing clarification

I have saved the best for last. A few issues back I explained my involvement in getting the "duck crossing" sign across from the gas station in front of the school garden and pond. I did request the sign from the Ministry of Highways and they did agree to put one up. What I did not know was that at the very same

time Sierra Quadra had suggested to a teacher (Bridget Walshe) that the students make a sign to warn traffic of ducks crossing the road. As she was the sponsor teacher for the Naturalist club she asked Savannah Pare (grade 5) to design a sign. She drew the design and the naturalist club raised money to pay for the sign to be made by Sarah at Quadra building supply. Emcon Services then erected the sign. I guess that the Ministry of Highways still owes us a duck crossing sign! So there you go! My report can actually end on a happy note that demonstrates how community involvement can get things done.

There are many more things that I am working on and that are in progress but I think that is enough for this issue. I don't want to try your patience any more than I already have! 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 anytime at abramfam@oberon.ark.com, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices!

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Abram

Director, Discovery Islands -
Mainland Inlets (Area C), SRD

NOTICE OF PARCEL TAX ROLL REVIEW PANEL

Electoral Area "J" Streetlighting Service (Electoral Area "J" name was changed to Electoral Area "C" on December 8, 2008)

The Strathcona Regional District has prepared the 2009 parcel tax assessment roll as required by Section 202 of the Community Charter. Owners of properties located in the above service area may view the roll at the Strathcona Regional District office in Campbell River during regular office hours.

The parcel tax roll review panel will meet on February 26, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Maritime Heritage Centre, located at 621 Island Highway, Campbell River, B.C. to hear requests that the roll be amended.

In order for a request to be considered by the panel, it must be in writing and received at the above address at least 48 hours prior to the sitting of the parcel tax roll review panel.

Enquiries can be made by calling Mary MacDonald, recording secretary at 250-334-6033.

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Monday, February 9th

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Mary 'Max' Matthews

Max Matthews, neé Black,
passed away peacefully, at
eighty-nine years of age, on
Saturday, January 24th. Max'
rare gift was that she was liked
virtually instantly by everyone
whoever met her. Always
stylish, Max devoted her life to
family, gardening, dressmaking,
antiques, travel, and in later
years, her cats and dog.

Max, an auburn haired
beauty, born in Moffat,
southern Scotland, and often
compared to screen star
Greer Garson, married Doug
Matthews from Montreal, an
RAF pilot stationed at Heath
Hall in Dumfries, and came to
Canada soon after the Second
World War.

Max and Doug, loving
parents to three children, Glen,
Lesley, and Craig, moved to
Quadra Island from Montreal
in 1988 to be closer to Lesley
and grandchildren, Nora, Carla,
and Sonya Bingham.

Max quickly became a
Quadra favourite, and will be
fondly remembered for her
gracious smile, kind words, and
luminous spirit. Doug passed
away in 1990. Max is survived
by loving daughter Lesley, son
Craig, Nora, Carla, Sonya, and
great grandchild Taiya, who
will cherish her inspirational
memory always.

Who is
listening to
Channel
16?

Food Bank & Community Lunch

Free food is available at the
food bank on the first & third
Wednesdays of every month.
Wednesday is also a Community
Lunch day, where hot soups and
veggies & desserts are free or by
donation.

Triple P- Positive Parenting Program

Being offered by the trained
facilitators at CR Family Services
and Public Health, at the Quadra
Community Centre starting Mon.,
Feb. 16th, 10am-12pm for 5 weeks.
Triple P offers an approach to
parenting which aims to promote
children's development and
manage children's behavior in a
non-hurtful way.

The program is most suitable for
every parent of children aged 2-8
years. Childcare will be provided.
To register phone Wendy @Public
Health 850-2110 or Laurie @ CR
Family Services at 287-2421.

Plastic Bags

This issue of the Discovery
Islander comes out just as Quadra
Island gradually rids itself of
plastic bags, with absolutely no
governmental coercion or penalties.
Such is not the case in other parts
of the world.

The Globe & Mail on Saturday,
January 17, page A13, had a news
article called "India to Outlaw
Plastic Shopping Bags." The first
paragraph says: "The global battle
against plastic took a Draconian
turn yesterday when officials
in Delhi (India's capital city)
announced that the penalty for
carrying a polyethylene (plastic)
shopping bag would be five years
in prison."

According to the law the "use,
storage and sale" of plastic bags is
banned. There is also a 100,000
rupee fine and possible jail time for
shopkeepers, customers, etc.

No comment from the writer
of this article (Steve Moore)
about India, but I certainly prefer
Quadra's way of dealing with the
problem of plastic bags.

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Free Money

Free Money is available on "Free Day" Wednesday, January 21. The location is the South entrance door to the Quadra Community Centre. The time is from 11:30 a.m. to Noon, just before the Community Lunch. Free dog and cat food is also available.

QI United Church

From January 4, 2009 until the end of June, all weekly Sunday Services will begin at 11 am. Everyone is welcome! For information, call Mimi at 285-3163.

Steak Dinner

The Legion is open every Saturday at 4 p.m.. Complimentary pool, darts and shuffleboard. Meat draw from 5-6:30 p.m. with proceeds going to local non-profit organizations.

Steak dinners at 6:30 pm for just \$12. See you at the Legion!!!

Green Candidate Announced

The Green Party of BC confirmed Quadra Island's Philip Stone as candidate for the North Island riding in the upcoming May 12 provincial election.

"Philip speaks passionately and knowledgeably on the issues confronting our province. I'm proud to welcome him aboard our Green team in bringing forward a better plan for British Columbia" said Jane Sterk, Leader of the BC Greens.

Stone has run twice in the riding, provincially in 2005 and more recently in the October 2008 federal election. "There is no doubt that BC wants Green MLAs in Victoria" said Stone. "Time is short to build a truly sustainable future for our province and I'm trusting on May 12 North Islanders will make the right choice and vote Green".

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Free Firewood

Free firewood is available. Call Steve Moore at 285-3323 before January 21 or Zack at 1-250-218-8109 after January 21 for an appointment. Or come to the South entrance of the Quadra Community Centre for "Free Day" on Wednesday, January 21 from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., just after the community lunch.

Kidz Klub

Kidz Klub has started up again at Quadra Island Bible Church, 1281 West Road for children grades one to six. We meet Mondays from 3:00 to 4:30 pm for snacks, games, crafts, Bible stories and singing. New members are always welcome. For more information 285-2020

Geshe YongDong

Geshe YongDong, a Buddhist monk from Tibet, will be coming to Quadra Island soon. He will lead a meditation and speak on "Dzogchen Methods of Meditation." If you have made meditation a part of your regular practice, this is a "don't miss it" talk. Those who are interested in trying meditation will also obtain some beginners tips. The time is 11 a.m. on Sunday morning, January 18 in the Upper Realm at Q. Cove. Suggested donation is \$10 but pay what you can afford. Call Steve or Danielle for further information at 285-3323.

Monthly Meeting

The Legion Executive would like to remind all members that we need your support and that the monthly General Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of every month at 8:00 pm sharp. See you at the Legion!

New to Quadra?

Have you just moved to Quadra Island? Please call Judy at 285-2150 to receive your welcome package. This visit is sponsored by the Discovery Island Chamber of Commerce and Island businesses.

CD Release Party

Come on out to an Evening with Shane Philip at Herons in the Heriot Bay Inn. Shane will be launching his 3rd CD "Live at Baker Studios." Special guest Dave Oram will be painting live to the music and then a lucky draw prize winner will take his art home with them!

Shane Philip performs at Herons at the HBI on Saturday February 7. Food specials available for this licensed (19+), all ages event.

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Friday Flicks Tonight Brick Lane

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At 17, Nazneen enters an arranged marriage with Chanu and is flown from Bangladesh to London to live with her husband in Brick Lane, an East End immigrant community. Schooled in silent endurance, Nazneen accepts being sent from her home to a much older husband, but she considers marriage as a petty tyranny and longs for more in life. When she starts her own sewing business, Nazneen awakens to a sense of autonomy. Her husband begins to painfully recognize his own limitations.

The 9/11 terrorist attacks send the drama into political territory. As the rapidly changing racial politics of England take shape around her dingy housing estate, Nazneen tries to accept her fate. When she meets a young convert to radical Islam, her world is completely shaken.

BRICK LANE "achieves that rarest quality: nobility" (Baltimore Sun). It evokes Bangladeshi tradition and modernism colliding in the streets of London, and demands its characters carry the weight of this difficult balance, an act that "lies at the heart of every great migrant journey of the soul" (Village Voice).



Next At Friday Flicks

My Brother Is An Only Child

February 13th

Same place, same time, same price.

The period is the sixties and the place is Italy. MY BROTHER IS AN ONLY CHILD examines the intimate canvas of family, specifically the relationship between brothers. Sometimes, under a torrent of social pressures, water runs faster, if not thicker, than blood.



As the film opens in a small town outside Rome, Accio, the feisty youngest son, is busy exploring his first "ism" - Catholicism. His vigorous dedication to seminary school soon falls prey to puberty and the wiles of hormones. Back at home, the boy grows up and looks for ways to distinguish himself from his brother, the charismatic Manrico. A Casanova and a budding radical, Manrico employs his certainty and his charisma to unite the workers of the world.

The script plumbs the vulnerable emotions that lie behind ideological convictions; the human psychology hidden in the seams of any political uniform. As Accio's character develops, he eventually stumbles toward the final "ism" - humanism. With his ideological blinkers removed, Accio can see not only the frailties of others, but also his own.

The film beautifully evokes the existential loneliness of brothers locked in solitudes, each one an only child who dearly needs the other. Actor, Elio Germano's Accio electrifies the film with his hyper-reactive character. He flickers between brash, bashful, playful, and awkward. "A Swiss Army knife performance that's diverse and yet totally unified" (The Village Voice).

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Community Garden Organisational Meeting.

Wed. Feb.4th at 7.30pm QCC room 1.

We now have 3 possible sites for our first community garden. People interested in helping make Quadra more food self sufficient or who simply wants to grow their own organic vegetables but lack sufficient land or know how are invited to come and share their ideas and wishes at our first planning meeting or contact Mary at 285 3084. Suggestions include individual plots, growing crops together, children's garden or club, raised beds for those who cannot bend, workshops, mentoring by some of our senior gardeners, composting, even a greenhouse. Growing food together would help reduce our island's carbon emissions and be a wonderful shared experience. We need organisers and gardeners to make it happen.

Journey to Self-Realization

An 8 week creative arts group is being offered for the heroes and heroines out there that are in the process of transformation, discovering one's own SELF and forging one's own unique life. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone in a place of transition and/or spiritual development and will be aimed at accessing our inherent creativity and self-empowerment. The group will be based on the hero's journey which is a model for en-lightenment - lighting up from the inside. We will use art materials to access the unconscious and delve into topics based on the Journey. No art experience is required. The art media is used solely as tools for expression. The group will be held at Quadra Community Center (710 West Rd.), 7-9:30 pm on Thurs. evenings, Feb 5 - Mar. 26, and the cost is \$90. The group will be facilitated by Angela Granzberg (BA, Art Th Dip), art therapist living on Quadra who has experience working with spiritual issues, self-empowerment, transitions, and facilitating creative potential. If interested, please phone Angela to register, and can also phone for more info. at: #204-2486.

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Climbing Wall Open

The Quadra Vertical Climbing wall will be open January through April every Sunday from 1 pm through 3 pm. Exceptions are January 18, February 15 and February 30.

The drop in fee is \$5 and gets you a harness, belay instruction and lots of encouragement! If you are interested in volunteering or otherwise becoming involved (or donating old climbing shoes!) Contact Matthew at 285-2543 for more info.

Quadra Island Wellness Fair

The Quadra Island Recreation Society is sponsoring a Wellness Fair on March 21, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be exciting, interactive booths and information touching on all aspects of life wellness. Exhibitors will include practitioners from several different fields of health, as well as organizations and groups that benefit the health of our community. Door prizes and gift certificates will be awarded to fair attendees throughout the day.

Our wellbeing is enhanced through numerous avenues. From nutrition and exercise, creativity and play, spirituality and life purpose as well as work and finances, we hope to touch on all of these various aspects of Wellness at the fair.

If you are interested in exhibiting information about your business, group or organization please contact Tucker Dinnes at 285-2166 or Kelly Maddison at 285-2173.



Sierra Quadra Film Festival

Spend the whole day at the movies for free!

That's right. Sierra Quadra invites islanders to a full day of fabulous films. Its happening at the Community Centre on Saturday, January 31. A donation by Spirit of the West, as part of their corporate commitment to the environment, has helped offset costs and enabled us to offer a great selection of brand new (2007 - 2008) award winning documentaries at no charge.

These films, on a variety of subjects, each connected in some way to the climate change crisis, will inform and inspire, generate interest, outrage and hope. Among the topics covered are: food and energy issues, including the industrial agricultural system; the problems of energy consumption in the face of peak oil production; the "environmental sacrifice zone" of the tar sands development; and the latest breakthroughs in solar technology. Chosen carefully, almost all offer hope and solutions.

The festival will open with Garbage: The Revolution Starts at Home, a full length Canadian feature about how the family household has become one of the most ferocious environmental predators of our time. In Garbage, filmmaker Andrew Nisker, skillfully and succinctly puts all of the information in one place - shifting the movement from melting glaciers and oil slicks to our neighborhoods and into our homes, so that average people can connect the dots between their actions and the environment and be inspired to change their polluting ways.

For specific film descriptions and show times see the insert included in this issue of the DI. Doors open at 9:30 am, the first film will be shown at 10 and the festival runs until 9:30 pm with breaks for coffee, lunch and dinner. Refreshments will be available throughout the day, thanks to our fabulous island bakers and a tasty hot soup will be served for lunch.

Dinner specials at many Quadra restaurants will be offered to festival attendees, (look for specifics at the fair). So treat yourself to a whole day off!

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A History of the Women of the Discovery Islands

Women were in the extreme minority among the first Euro-Canadian settlers on the Discovery Islands. Their isolation imposed hardships not experienced by their urban counterparts, but it also opened new opportunities for self-determination. Jeanette Taylor will give a digital slide presentation about the women of the islands at Quadra Community Center at 7:00 p.m. on February 16.



Taylor's talk is based upon her new book, *Tidal Passages, a History of the Discovery Islands*. Following in the same vein as the book, she'll present cameo profiles of a dozen individuals to describe island life from ancient times among the First Nations people to World War II. Among them are women who conformed to the norm, says Taylor, running homesteads and raising children. But there noteworthy exceptions whose circumstances thrust them into unconventional roles or forced them to break the strict Victorian code of conduct. Among the latter are Gilean Douglas of Cortes Island, who insisted two of her four husbands take her last name, and Lilly Joy Ward who refused to marry because of the dictates of her Theosophist faith.

Taylor says there are many tales of endurance and hardihood among these women. Annie Hill, the daughter of a high-ranking Klahoose chief, chose to remain on an isolated reserve with her children after her husband was jailed for murder. Neither Florence Walker of Bute Inlet nor Alice Robertson of Cortes were raised on farms. While Alice embraced her new life, living off the land, Florence and her family left their fertile land in Bute Inlet within seven years, leaving behind the graves of three daughters.

Tidal Passages, released in hardcover by Harbour Publishing in November, includes all of the Discovery Islands save Quadra, which is the subject of a second volume to be released this fall. The hardcover edition of *Tidal Passages* sold out within weeks at Christmas. The paperback edition will be available at Taylor's talk, through Robin King of Book Bonanza. There will also be a coffee bar, with proceeds going to a young mother in Campbell River. Admission is by donation, as a benefit to the Community Center's playground project.

Museum at Campbell River Words, Music & Wine Valentine

It's been said that practice makes perfect, but it's passion that persuades. Without passion, there can be no meaningful life. This Valentines Day (Feb. 14), the Museum at Campbell River, in partnership with the Campbell River Arts Council, will host an afternoon of 'Words, Music and Wine' in celebration of our passionate human nature. From 1 pm to 4 pm at the Museum, writers, poets and musicians will address the theme of love and romance in all of its splendor, tumult, joy and tribulation. Noted poets Harold Rhenisch and Joanne Arnott will be featured. Rhenisch is a poet, novelist and essayist, who has written from British Columbia for thirty years. He has published 21 books, most recently his selected poems, "Return to Open Water", and his cultural history of B.C., "The Wolves at Evelyn: Journeys through a Dark Century," which won the 2007 George Ryga Prize for Social Responsibility in Literature. Joanne Arnott is Metis, an aboriginal love poet, mother to six, all born at home, and an arts/community organizer. Her poetry, essays and vignettes appear in anthologies and journals, and in her six books and single chapbook. In print: Steepy Mountain love poetry (Kegedonce Press), *Mother Time*: poems new & selected (Ronsdale Press), *Longing*: four poems on diverse matters (Rubicon Press).

Local celebrities have been invited to say a few words of their own on love. An open microphone session will be included for any community member wishing to present their own words on the subject. A wine bar will be available, as will coffee, tea and sweets. Come alone, bring a friend, bring a lover – love is for all. Who knows what chance encounters might occur? As Plato said "At the touch of love, everyone becomes a poet". The cost for the afternoon is \$7.00. Please call the Museum at 287-3103 or the Arts Council at 923-0213 to reserve a seat.



Metis Poet Joanne Arnott

Quadra Island Seniors B.C.O.A.P.O.-Branch 91

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to an early Spring. Especially the Seniors. We are making plans for more Excursions this year. Also the staffing of the Tourist Information Booth. We had to cancel our Jan. meetings, because of Snow, and illness. Our February meeting will be held on Wed. Feb. 04/09, starts at 10:30a:m come early and look at Peter Greggs books, to take home. Our meeting will have a Valentine theme, and will be a Pot-luck lunch, we will have easy games with prizes. And think of a Love Story or Poem to tell, or how you met your greatest love?

There are still a few renewals of memberships due. And a Big "Welcome" to new Members. We have no age Limit. Our weekly fun Should start up again in Feb. Armchair exercise At 10:00a:m, Carpet Bowling 11:00 a:m Glee Club. (Singing for fun) 1:pm, bring a snack—Walk with Peter and Lloyd on Sun. on the Spit, from the Launch Ramp, or meet them at the park lot. The Computer Group starts up in Feb. Membership call Muriel 3216-Marshall 3226 need help? Call Ruth 3801

Senior Housing News

Notice of next fundraiser February 20th at the Community Center 8 PM - an interesting and fun evening for all :-

Four Years and 32,000 Mile Sailing Adventure

Since the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step, discover what happens when a Quadra family encounters mad engine disease on the first day of a 32,000 mile journey. Join Ian, Mary Jane and Emma for a round the world presentation hosted by the Quadra Seniors Housing Society. Crocodile attacks, Komodo dragons, bubbling volcanoes and adventures with orang-utans are guaranteed to drive away the winter blues. Learn valuable tips for surviving a tsunami and slipping past pirates. Check out islandsynergy.com for more info. Doors open at 7:30 and admission is by donation.

A family event: goodies & beverages available.

submitted by Bob Lasby

The Nathaniel Dett Chorale

February is Black History Month in Canada, and what better way to celebrate than with the twenty-one voices of the Nathaniel Dett Chorale, Canada's first professional choral group dedicated to Afrocentric music of all styles. Founded and conducted by Brainerd Blyden-Taylor, and sponsored by the Quadra Cultural Committee, these fine young, Toronto-based singers will be on show twice at the Quadra Community Centre on Sunday, February 15: they will be working with Island Voices Chamber Choir in a master class from 1-3PM, to which audience/observers are welcome for admission of \$5; and they will be performing a full concert at 7 PM.

Although the name Nathaniel Dett may be unfamiliar to many Canadians, the internationally-renowned African-Canadian composer, R. Nathaniel Dett, was born in 1882 in Drummondville, Ontario (presently a part of Niagara Falls.) Composer, conductor, pianist, poet and teacher, Dett dedicated his life to the cause of Black music until his death in 1943. Among his many accomplishments, he performed at Carnegie Hall and won the Bowdoin and Frances Boott prizes in 1920 for his essay, "The Emancipation of Negro Music."

Brainerd Blyden-Taylor, conductor, clinician, adjudicator and music consultant, came to Canada from his native Trinidad in 1973. He joined the Orpheus Choir as assistant conductor in 1978, and became its musical director nine years later. When Blyden-Taylor founded the Dett Chorale in 1998, it was in response to what he considered a "musical void" in Canada. He wanted to start a professional choral group where persons of African heritage could see themselves represented in the majority and also draw attention to Nathaniel Dett's legacy and the wealth of Afrocentric choral

music of the past, present and future. Says Blyden-Taylor: "It's important for humanity to honour its heroes and share its culture. The chorale is seeking not only to honour Dett but to draw Canada's attention to the accomplishments of one of its native sons."

In memory of their namesake, the Dett Chorale released its first recording of the choral works of R. Nathaniel Dett in 2002 entitled: "Listen to the Lambs." In 2003, they went on to win a Gemini Award for their CD and accompanying documentary film, "Carry Me Home: the Story and Music of the Nathaniel Dett Chorale."

To critical acclaim, the Nathaniel Dett Chorale has performed throughout Canada and the United States. They have accepted invitations to world choral symposiums in France (2004) and Japan (2005); and have shared the stage with internationally recognized artists, world leaders and personalities like jazz pianist Joe Sealy, opera star Kathleen Battle, Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Muhammad Ali and Oscar Peterson.

The vision of the Dett Chorale is to build bridges of understanding, appreciation and acceptance between communities of people through the medium of music. This vision, combined with dynamic musical talent and a program of classical, spiritual, jazz, folk, blues and popular music will empower every listener. Master class admission is \$5 at the door. Advance tickets for the concert are \$17 for adults. Youth 16 and under listen for free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available at the usual outlets: Hummingbird Art and Office Supply in Quathiaski Cove; Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay; and the Music Plant in Campbell River. Tickets are \$20 at the door. For further information, call 285-3560 or visit www.nathanieldettchorale.org

Quadra Garden Club

Although winter seems unwilling to let go of its icy blast, the days are getting longer and some buds are beginning to swell. It is time to get the pruners and loppers sharpened and to begin the annual pruning for spring is on its way. This meeting we are pleased to welcome Stan Goodrich, one of the best rose growers in the North Island, to our meeting to talk about Rose Pruning. Although roses have been grown in gardens for over a thousand years, the bewildering number of new types now on the market can leave you somewhat bemused when it is time to prune them. Do you prune hard and hope for fewer but larger flowers or are you less aggressive and leave more of last year's wood? How much old wood should you cut out? Perhaps you give up altogether and just let nature take its course. Do this with certain roses and they may take over the garden with an impenetrable thorny mass rivaling that of blackberries. The rose is one of the most beautiful and beloved of all flowers and deserves to be pruned to show it at its best. Come and learn the techniques on February 9 at 7 pm at the Community Centre.

Search out some early flowering bulbs for the Show Bench or bring in some flowering branches you have forced into bloom. If the weather warms up, you may even have some perennial roots to share at the Bring and Buy table. There are loads of magazines full of plant pornography awaiting your perusal. Come and learn what garden chores should be done before March and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with a friend or new acquaintance while you talk about gardening, our favourite topic at this time of year. All gardeners from the experienced to the novice 'want-to-be' are warmly welcomed. Membership is \$10/year.

Quadra Island Recreation Society

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Visit the Campbell River Art Gallery on Saturday, January 24th for Super Saturday, a drop-in art program for the whole family. There is a brand new schedule of Saturday sessions for this program, beginning with making Art Trading Cards. We all know what hockey and baseball cards look like, so imagine making little works of art that same size which you can collect and trade with other ATC enthusiasts. The gallery is hosting an Art Trading Card Swap on Thursday, February 26th, so why not drop by the gallery this Saturday to start creating a few cards to trade. Spend the afternoon with Angela and her team of volunteers as they show you all the possibilities for making small-scale art.

Super Saturday is a family oriented, drop in art program made possible by gallery member Marna Disbrow. It takes place in the gallery's studio on Saturday afternoons from 1-3pm on a bi-monthly basis. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted. Children under the age of 12 years must be accompanied by an adult.

While you're there, be sure to visit our new exhibitions called "Will the Real Slim Shady Please Stand Up?" and Landscapes and Calligraphy" which open this weekend. For info about upcoming programs and exhibitions please call 250-287-2261 or visit www.crartgallery.ca. The gallery is located at 1235 Shoppers Row in the same building as the Visitor Info Centre.

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From our School Board Trustee

by Helen Moats

The worries, pressures, and easy entertainments of modern life can engender blindness to the wonder of what is right before us. Not seeing, not noticing the daily, weekly, and yearly efforts of those in our midst can be a side-effect of living too-busy lives. In the spirit of honouring the work of everyone involved in education in School District 72, I invite you to sit down, draw breath, and consider the work of those around us.

Let's begin with the children, of whom there are approximately 5,700 in 20 schools and e-blend homeschooling programs. Expressed simply, their daily work is to attend school and learn. These easy words, however, mask a complexity of thoughts, feelings, actions, and decisions that each student must address every day, at some level. They must take care of themselves, interact with other children and adults on a social, emotional, and intellectual level, listen, discuss, sing, read, write, play, think, and do. Engaged, active children end a school day that has hummed with energy and activity, feeling tired and hungry, needing down time and suitable nurturing from the adults who care for them. Depending on age and circumstance, some children return home to parents, some to after hours daycare, some to empty homes of working parents or guardians, and some continue the day with friends, employment, volunteer activities or team practices. Think about it.

Parents and caregivers provide the support to help children do their best. In SD 72, 84 % of families are dual parent, and 16 % are single parent: there are approximately 10,900 adults providing homes for school age youngsters. Not counted in this are grandparents, extended family, and friends. These are the folks who earn a living and keep the household organized so that kids are on time, fed, clean, and rested when they arrive for their workday. They are the ones who ask, "how was your day?", or "what was the most important thing that happened today?" and then take time to listen to the answer. They too are their children's teachers, laying the foundation for their children's futures in a thousand different ways. Some do a better job than others. Think about it.

We all know the power of an excellent teacher. Mrs. Oswald, my son's Grade 2 teacher, taught him, among other things, to love Math. I remember acknowledging her with the words, "I never thought I'd say this, but I could get down and kiss your feet". Teachers, too, live complex daily work lives, thinking, planning, teaching, assessing, troubleshooting, acting, reacting, and interacting, making literally hundreds of

decisions every day. Their work days continue after the children leave, with organizing and marking, in-service, parent and staff meetings, and a myriad of other professional duties. They are schooled in human development, learning styles, curriculum, assessment, and broad knowledge which must be thoughtfully woven together in both short and long term activities and goals to help their students develop and grow, whether in Kindergarten or Grade 12. They are ethically bound, based on the BC College of Teachers standards, to do their best. Think about it.

Other adults fulfill many other roles in SD72. From the Educational Assistant who helps a child adjust socially to the bus driver who learns the children's names and drives them safely there; the teacher of the hearing or visually impaired to the counsellor who listens and supports; the psychologist and learning assistance teacher who identifies learning problems and seeks solutions; the secretary, janitor, groundskeeper, painter, carpenter, electrician: all provide services which in the end, have as their goal, the education and safety of our children.

Perhaps the least understood or acknowledged role is that of administrators: principals and vice-principals who provide leadership and take overall responsibility for schools and the people who inhabit them every day; district administration who oversee it all: achievement, policy, strategic planning, employment issues, government directives, facilities, and budget. Although often invisible, their work is crucial to the vitality and forward thrust of education; anyone who doubts this might consult with a district which has experienced the mayhem that poor leadership causes.

And finally, there is the Board of Education, an elected body whose job is the governance of SD72: working with the support of all to keep its collective finger on the pulse of the district, managing a sometimes less than enviable task of being the interface between the Ministry of Education and the school district, walking the tightrope between reduced resources and increasing demands. And yet, there is that wonderful satisfaction of believing that with thoughtful decisions one can make a difference. Ultimately, isn't that what it's all about, for the some 12,000 parents, teachers, support workers, administrators, and trustees? Helping 6,000 young people make good lives for themselves and a better world for others. Think about it.

Until next time,

Helen Moats

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Chinese New Year: The Year of Niu

On January 26th 2009 it was Chinese new year 4706! Last year was a rat year and the first of a twelve year cycle. This year is commonly known as the year of the ox, pronounced Niu in Chinese language.



The word Niu is used for both genders as well as for different species of one kind. As an animal in general, Niu played the role of dragging a plough in field before the invention of modern industrialized farm tools. The image of Niu in Chinese culture is hard-working and down-to-earth and is highly respected. These days it is sometimes used as slang for a capable person. In the year of Niu it is said we gain prosperity through fortitude and hard work.

The Chinese calendar is largely based on the lunar calendar. This means the Chinese New Year does not occur on the same day each year and can vary by as much as 3 weeks. It does, however, always fall on a new moon and it's a great time to set goals and plan a course of action for the coming month and year.

According to one of the legends of the Chinese zodiac, the Jade Emperor organized a race inviting all the animals to take part. The big prize - a permanent place in the Zodiac - went to the first twelve to cross a swiftly flowing river and reach a designated spot on the opposite shore. Their order in the cycle would be decided by the order in which they finished the race. The race began as all the animals gathered at the river bank and jumped in. The ox came lumbering ashore before any other animal! Unknown to ox, the rat had jumped upon his back. As the ox was about to come ashore, the rat jumped off the ox's back, and won first place closely followed by the ox in second....

Steady and trustworthy, patient and ambitious, methodical and calm are a few of Ox's attributes and we can use them to our advantage this year in any new endeavors like changing

habits or starting new health plans. Next year will be the year of the tiger. Happy New Year from Silver Phoenix! May you be Niu (successful) in the year of Niu!

- Tanya Kuss-Stemaschuk



Shane Philip's newest release sure to be a crowd pleaser

Shane Philip has recently released his fourth album "Live at Baker Studios" which was recorded - as the title suggests - live off the floor at Baker Studios. After the three hours it took to set up and mic the instruments, the nine hours of recording and the additional 12 hours of mixing, the album, which is sure to be a success, was complete and the result truly emphasizes Philip's natural, seemingly effortless talent as a singer, songwriter and performer. Aside from playing the didgeridoo, djembe drums, kick drum, acoustic/electric six string guitars, weissen born and kona lap steel guitars, drums, and shakers, Philip produced the album with Joby Baker.



His soulful sound transcends musical borders ultimately producing a sound that can be associated with the elements: There are beautiful, natural, earth, tones; the flowing sounds of unique wind instruments; the cool, mellow sounds that provide relaxation properties similar to the gentle waves of the open ocean; the change of tempo creating fiery, upbeat and enjoyable melodies and lyrics, and the obvious heart, determination and dedication it takes to create an album of this magnitude.

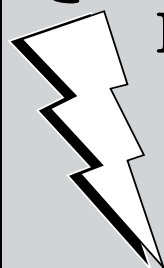
Listening to this album, especially the songs "Breakdown", "Sacred Garden" and "Skydance" was truly a treat.

Special guest, Dave Oram, (www.veniceissinking.com) who created the cover art for Philip's new CD will be painting a mural live to the music. At the end of the night a lucky draw prizewinner will take his art home with them!

Shane Philip plays Herons at the HBI on Saturday February 7. There will be food specials available for this **all ages**/ licensed 19+ event. Show starts at 8pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Herons and Cafe Aroma.

For more information call the Heriot Bay Inn at 250-285-3322. Visit www.shanephilip.com to hear new music from "Live at Baker Studios".

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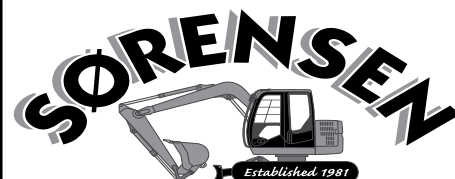


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Bute Inlet Wilderness Threatened

A mega-energy project is proposed for Bute Inlet by Plutonic Power and General Electric. It includes 17 river diversions and related hydroelectric facilities, many other structures, 85 km of penstock, 267 km of permanent roads and 443 km of high-voltage transmission lines through some of BC's most remote and beautiful coastal wilderness between Bute Inlet and Earl's Cove. A map is at <http://tinyurl.com/9ewa7w>.

The massive scale and long-term environmental impacts of this development proposal warrant the most thorough and transparent public and scientific scrutiny. The short-term and long term social and economic effects must also be carefully considered.

Related to this project are several highly important BC public policy issues that need to be revealed and discussed. These include the 2002 energy plan that prohibited BC Hydro from developing public power production facilities; 2006 provincial legislation (Bill C-30) which silenced communities' right to say "no" to development proposals; and the major question of whether there will be private profits or public benefits from BC's energy resources.

BC's Liberal government has designed the environmental assessment process to favour industry. Without high levels of public interest and involvement, this huge project will almost certainly go ahead as presented – also setting a precedent for further developments.

The BC Environmental Assessment Office is holding public meetings in Powell River January 27 and Sechelt January 28 and

- Campbell River: Monday February 2, Quinsam Hall (at Island Hwy and Willis Rd)

Open House 4-8 pm, with presentation at 6 pm.

This is one of very few public opportunities to influence what will happen to a significant part of BC's wilderness coast! A good turnout is vital to showing the government that we care, we want a fair process, and we want to be included. The level of public interest will dictate the possibility for expanding the public process. Local voices are especially potent, so come if you possibly can -- and bring some friends!

The 30-day period for written comments to the Draft Terms of Reference, and requests for public involvement ends February 18. Right now the most (and almost only) thing we can do is demand a more considered, more comprehensive, and truly fair process.

Please take time to write a quick letter to the following influential people and decision-makers.

(for your convenience, email addresses are also provided in a cut & paste format)

Address your letter to:

Marie-France Therrien, Panel Manager, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, 160 Elgin

Street, 22nd Fl., Place Bell Canada
Ottawa ON K1A 0H3 Phone:
613-957-0324 Fax: 613-
957-0941

Kathy Eichenberger, Project Assessment Director, BC Environmental Assessment Office, POB 9047 Stn Prov Govt. Victoria, BC V8W 9V1

Phone: 250-952-6501 Fax: 250-387-2208

Copy: Honourable Gordon Campbell, BC Premier

The Honourable Jim Prentice, Canada's Minister of the Environment

Hon Barry Penner, BC Minister of Environment

Blair Lekstrom BC Minister of Energy Mines and Resources

John Duncan, MP North Island

John Weston, MP Sunshine Coast

Claire Trevena, MLA North Island

Nicholas Simons, MLA Sunshine Coast,

Send To: marie-france.therrien@ceaa-acee.gc.ca; eaoinfo@gov.bc.ca

Cc: premier@gov.bc.ca; Prentice.J@parl.gc.ca; Barry.Penner@gov.bc.ca; EMPR@gov.bc.ca;

Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca; westoj@parl.gc.ca; claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca;

nicholas.simons.mla@leg.bc.ca

Bcc: ButeInlet@gmail.com
Friends of Bute Inlet

YOUR LETTER:

- Say (briefly) who you are and why you care.

- Urgent Request: That the Federal government refers the Bute Inlet project to a "Federal Review Panel and public hearings"

- Demand that the scientific studies are comprehensive, impartial, and peer-reviewed.

- Request fair public process, including meeting venues and timelines that offer realistic opportunities for public involvement.

- Express your concern about BC's fast-tracking huge private projects with major environmental impacts and social consequences.

Don't delay your response and please pass this on to your friends and relations!

- To find out more, please contact ButeInlet@gmail.com or phone 250-285-2846.

- Keep informed www.ButeInlet.net

- Join Friends of Bute Inlet on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=38393270841>

The draft terms of reference for the Bute Inlet Hydroelectric Project can be downloaded from the BC Environmental Assessment Office, at:

http://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic_project_home_316.html

Bute Inlet at the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency: www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/05/nominations-eng.cfm?cear_id=44825#documents

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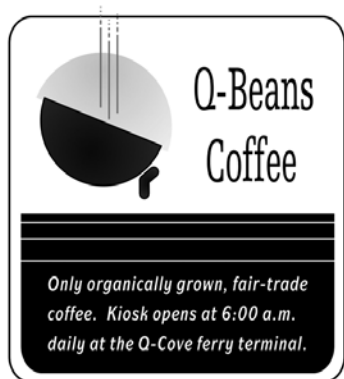
Carol Foort is the winner of the final Remember Your Bag draw.

We've had several months now to change our shopping habits and to remember those reusable shopping bags. For some of us it's been a struggle but our memories are getting better! This has been a wonderful community effort and we would like to thank all the islanders who have enthusiastically participated in this campaign to free Quadra from the single use plastic shopping bag. February 1st is the day when these bags will no longer be available. Congratulations Quadra, well done. We are amongst the first communities in BC to reach this goal.

All of the following Quadra businesses supported the campaign from the beginning and naturally any success would not have been possible without their help and participations.

Amped on Nutrition, Book Bonanza, Draw Gallery, Fat Cat Emporium, Feed the Fire, Fermentations, Fun Knits Yarn Shop, Gypsy Vibrations, Heriot Bay Inn, Heriot Bay Tru Value Foods, Hummingbird Office & Art Supply, Island Cycle, Landing Pub, Lovin' Oven II, On Root Green House, Peoples Drug Mart, Quadra Foods, Quadra Crafts, Quadra Island Builders, Quadra Island Kayaks, Sidelines on the Boardwalk, Yellow Dog Trading Company.

If you are one of those still having a difficult time remembering to stash your bags in the car or to take them into the store, ask the cashier for a Remember Your Bag decal.



Quadra-Philippines Connection News

The Quadra Philippines Connection extends greetings of peace and joy to the Quadra community for the year to come! As we ease our way into 2009 we will also be celebrating Quadra's 15th year of supporting preschool/daycare programs in the Kalinga area of the northern Philippines! The following is a financial accounting for the year 2008 as well as a letter received before Christmas from Remy Bainto, social worker from IAT Philippines. This year we have been able to extend some of our surplus funds to a variety of youth-based projects both locally and internationally.

Surplus from 2007 \$1,652.10
2008 Giant Garage Sale \$5,043.50
TOTAL income: \$6,695.60
DONATIONS from 2008: IAT Philippines: Annual contribution for Bugnay and Nambaran Daycares: \$2500, Christmas bonuses for IAT teachers and staff \$1000, Supplies for past daycares \$600, Tables and sleeping mats for sponsored students (dormitory) \$400, IAT Costa Rica Global Youth

Training Centre \$500, Quadra Children's Centre \$200, Recreation Playground \$100, MDV Institute for children with polio in north India \$150, Burma Relief Children's Fund \$150.

TOTAL DONATIONS \$5600
SURPLUS FOR 2009: Shares: \$95.60 Term deposit \$1,000.00

Dear Quadra Island Community,

Warm greetings from IAT-Philippines! Merry Christmas and a fruitful new year. You have been a generous IAT supporter for many years now and words cannot convey our gratitude for your ongoing support and help to IAT's programs and projects. We appreciate your community's willingness to think of our welfare and to share your resources with others, especially those here in the lowly and remote areas of Kalinga in the Philippines. This help has been so beneficial to the daycare teachers and children and we wish that you could be here to witness how happy and thankful they are for your continued effort. The programs of the Bugnay and

Nambaran daycares are going very well. Not only are the children happy and thriving but the teachers are learning much from the children they are teaching. We hope to be able to send some photos in the near future. We are so appreciative of the monetary gift you sent for Christmas which will be shared with all IAT employees and volunteers as well as the daycare teachers. They are all very happy to be able to use some of their portion for food expenses on Christmas day. Again, thanks for all you have done. May you enjoy the spirit of this yuletide season. In service of the underprivileged Filipino children, Remy Bainto This year the Quadra/Philippines Connection included a donation to an Eco-village and Global Youth Training Centre in Costa Rica, a project that IAT has been embarking on for the past decade. A synopsis of the Costa Rica initiative will be available in the next Discover Islander. Check out the display beginning in February at Quadra Credit Union that features Christmas cards from the Philippines in appreciation of our support!"

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January 30

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Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

Realization of a Dream

The words came late in the speech... just prior to its conclusion. It had been a long speech, one widely anticipated to surpass in brilliance that which he delivered some 50 months earlier in Boston. Finally the words came that set this man apart from every predecessor to the office – “This is the meaning of our liberty and creed, why men and women and children of every race and every faith can join in celebration across this magnificent mall. And why a man, whose father - less than 60 years ago - might not have been served at a local restaurant, can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath.” And the crowd went wild, as goes the old adage. As did I, since I had been predicting this event, for this man, since that speech to the 2004 Democratic National Convention, and am thrilled to see it happen 4 years earlier than my wildest hopes back in '04. Roll on, Obama.

Barack Obama's accession to President has been swift and impressive, and the fact that he is actually in office is the realization of a dream to so many, particularly those who have grown up conditioned to lower expectations. Obama is fortunate in that he was born at a time (1961) when racial inequality was being challenged on all fronts, and that his early upbringing in Indonesia and Hawaii (with a loving and intelligent mother and caring progressive grandparents) allowed him to develop hopes and ambitions that might have been crushed out of him had he been born a generation earlier. I've yet to read either of his books, but my impressions of Barack Obama include patience, quiet strength, wide intelligence and calm confidence. When I think of a US President sitting down to talk turkey with Vladimir Putin, I'm much happier McCain lost. Similarly, when I think of whom I would want talking the inevitable reconciliation with Cuba, I'm relieved it will be Obama. And now, as President, he has an opportunity to cement the inspiration he is providing to literally billions of people around the planet, of every colour.

Obama only entered federal politics in 2004, and has no dynasty, politically or otherwise, behind him. Like his predecessor Obama is a Harvard graduate, but there is no doubt he wasn't invited to join the Skull and Bones. Any political tainting he may bear will likely have been encountered over the last 4 years in his

quest for the presidency, or possibly during the preceding 7 years as an Illinois State Senator. Apparently no one found any significant skeletons in his closet during the election run-up - as thorough a vetting as he'll ever undergo - so presumably he's clean. The cynic in me tells me he has to be beholden to someone; no one reaches the White House without making some promises to the Washington powers that be. But the hope is strong that he is indeed different, and will do his supporters proud with his achievements.

He couldn't help notice that black people were moving closer to the centre of power, closer than he could ever have dreamed. He would tell Helene how proud it made him feel.” For most of his career at the White House, the people wearing nice clothes were almost uniformly white. “The history is not so uneven at the lower level, in the kitchen,” says Ted Sorenson, who served as counselor to President Kennedy. “In the kitchen, the folks have always been black. Even the folks at the door – black.”

The Post interviewer met with Gene and Helene the week before the November '08 election, and they speculated about what it would mean if Obama were elected. “It'd really be something”, said Mr. Allen. “We're pretty much past the going out stage,” his 86 year-old wife said, “but you never know. If he gets in there, it'd sure be nice to go over there again.” During

“The time has come... to choose our better history;”

the interview they discussed their Election Day plans, and how they would pray to help Barack Obama get to the White House. They would vote together before sitting down to one of Helene's special dinners in celebration of the occasion. On Monday November 3rd, Helene had a doctor's appointment scheduled. “Mr. Allen woke and nudged her once, then again. He shuffled around to her side of the bed. He nudged his wife again. He was all alone. “I woke up and my wife didn't,” he said later.” His wife of 65 years was buried on November 7th. “The butler cast his vote for Obama on Tuesday. He so missed telling his Helene about the black man bound for the Oval Office.”

Right after Obama secured the election I clipped an article from The Washington Post titled “A Butler Well Served by This Election” by Wil Haygood (Nov. 7/08). Eugene “Gene” Allen started working in the White House as a “pantry man” in 1952 at 33 years old, just as Truman was handing over the keys to Eisenhower. Gene (as nicknamed by “Ike”) served most Presidents as a butler, and retired in 1986 as Maitre d' to President Reagan. His wife, Helene, shared some of the wonder of the White House, often being invited to holiday parties. “Shook the hands of all the presidents I ever worked for,” recalled the now 89-year old Gene. “President Ford's birthday and my birthday were on the same day. He'd have a birthday party at the White House. Everybody would be there. And Mrs. Ford would say, “It's Gene's birthday, too.” And so they would sing a little ditty to the butler. And the butler, who wore a tuxedo to work every day, would blush.”

I don't know whether Gene Allen was able to attend the inauguration, but I do hope that one of Obama's eagle eyed staffers picked up the Post article and extended an invitation to the White House for some time soon. Nothing could be more fitting or emblematic of the tremendous change that has come to that house. As Obama said on January 20th – “We remain a young nation, but in the words of scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to measure their full measure of happiness.” Amen to that.

When the White House hired him, Gene Allen, like Barack Obama's father, could not use most public restrooms in his native Virginia. He was serving at the White House during the 1957 Little Rock bus crisis and the March on Washington in 1963. He was there during the Watts riots in 1965, and he was also present to see subsequent positive change in the White House. “The butler remembers seeing Mr. [Colin] Powell and Dr. [Condoleezza] Rice in the Oval Office. He was serving refreshments.



So Many Thanks

The YAAKKAAR PROJECT COFFEE HOUSE was a great success. As always such an event cannot succeed without the generosity of many people. We are taking these few lines to express our heartfelt thanks to those people.

Thank you to George Murdock, Tony Simard for lights and sound; Maureen Fox and Jim Thievin for their backstage efficiency; all the musicians who entertained us so well: Bob Sutherland, Art's Trio, John Toelle and Eric Lundy, Moonshine Gang, Judy O'Dell with Julie Frank and Gordon James, Cosmo the Clown and Duffy and Friends. All of these performers were introduced by our wonderful MC Terryl Bertagnolli who kept all the transitions smooth and entertaining..

Thank you to Sue Rose for mending the door; Carol Foort who organized the kitchen and all the people who helped her; Bev Barclay who lined up all the bakers and of course the bakers themselves. Also, Aroma Coffee, Baba Ganouj Restaurant, Quadra Foods, and True-Value Heriot Bay Store.

Thank you to the Barclay family who helped with the clean up at the end of the evening. A very special thank you to Dan Bingham who swept and scrubbed to make the hall look as if nothing had ever happened.

Thank you to Leslie Matthews for the eye catching board at the Cove. Thanks to all the Silent Auction donors: Amped on Nutrition, Aroma Coffee, Book Bonanza, Boardwalk, Camp Homewood, CR Shito Ryu, CR Optometry, Cheddar & Co., Claire Trevena & Mike McIvor, Coho Books, Ed Jordan & Sutil Charters, Eileen Sowerby, Fermentations, Firesign B&B, Fun Knits, Gourmet Essentials, HBI, Headquarters Hair Studio, Hummingbird, Inner Odyssey Gifts, James Pottery, Leslie McGregor, Muse Business Solutions, Michael Stanke, People's Drug Mart, Plaza Shoes, Preston Jewellers Pomeroy Family, Shoppers Drug Mart, Tsa-kwa-Luten Lodge, Quadra Crafts, Whiskey Point Resort, Wendy Richardson and Your Kitchen Depot. Thanks to the Quadra Cultural Committee.

All our gratitude to our parents and family for their unfailing support.

And finally THANK YOU to all of you the members of this wonderful community who came out to have a good time, listen to great music, and sample good food. It is always heartwarming to see how we come together to support each other. In this instance, it also allows us to help people who are less fortunate than we are.

Thank you all.

Anya Labelle-Robert, Kyra Anderson

Gabriel Lessard-Kragen

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Dear Editor

Two issues ago, I wrote a letter suggesting something is happening on Quadra Island and we don't know what "it" is? I listed 13 interesting things happening on Quadra, like the community lunch, food bank, free wood & free money etc. I got a lot of positive feed-back even though I left a lot of related stuff out. So here's another incomplete list:

1. If you're new to Quadra, you receive a free welcome package from the Discovery Island Chamber of Commerce.
2. The Petro gas station offered one free video per household on the January 21 "free day."
3. The Sierra Quadra Film Fest is free.
4. The Quadra Community Centre has a draw at Community Lunch which gives 5 free tickets to upcoming Cultural Committee concerts and to Friday Flicks.
5. The HBI offers two meals for the price of one every Tuesday Night.
6. The Hungry Eye allows one to place one small 20 word ad for free.
7. The Quadra Foods draw gave free money (\$50 per day) for 12 days before Christmas & Heriot Bay Store helps Quadra service groups with Spirit Points.
8. Gabriel Lessard-Kragen from Quadra and two students from Campbell River will be bringing free resources and their free labour to help fellow students in Senegal, Africa.
9. The Philippine's garage sale gives financial aid to day care centres and schools in the Philippines.

Even with this partial list of 21 happenings, it's still too early to figure out what's going on. Certainly "it" is unusual, a little "crazy" or "inspiring" depending on how you look at "it." These are not "recession sales." These services, movies, videos, ads, money & labour donations, etc. are free.

Even if we don't know what "it" is; we at least know what "it" is not. Money is not the measure of all things

Steve M...

Thoughts on Sherman Barker's Letter to Mr John Duncan MP

We have a very bad situation in the Middle East - the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. How can this be solved?

A basic question needs to be answered. Do the Jewish people of the 21st century have a right to a nation state in at least part of Palestine? "Yes" or "No". (In a November 1947 vote the U.N. said it did.)

If the answer in "No", then the world is faced with the task of causing a member of the U.N. to cease to exist. how do nations go about this in a peaceful way? What if the nation resists this effort with all its heart, with all its soul, with all its mind and with all its might? This leaves the option of using violence. A coalition of nations could take it upon themselves to do just that, saying the state of Israel is an illegal entity and must be eliminated to satisfy justice.

If the answer is "yes", then how does the world deal with entities like Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran who are committed to destroying Israel? If a coalition of nations overruns Israele should the U.N. authorize a coalition of countries to drive out the invaders similar to what was done in the first Gulf War in 1991.

Question: How does firing rockets into southern Israel solve any of the real problems of the Palestinians? Can Hamas be told there are better methods to solve the problems?

Question: What one 21st century nation is in the same geographical location, has the same name, the same language and the same religion as it had 3000 years ago?

Yours sincerely questioning

David T Scott

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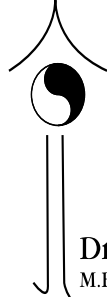
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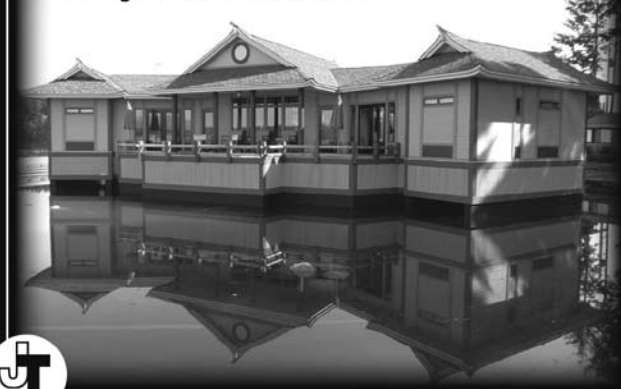
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