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### Bylaw No. 48

"Cortes Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1995,  
Amendment No. 15"

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### Bylaw No. 49

"Electoral Area 'I' (Cortes Island) Zoning  
Bylaw, 2002, Amendment No. 22"

### Bylaw No. 50

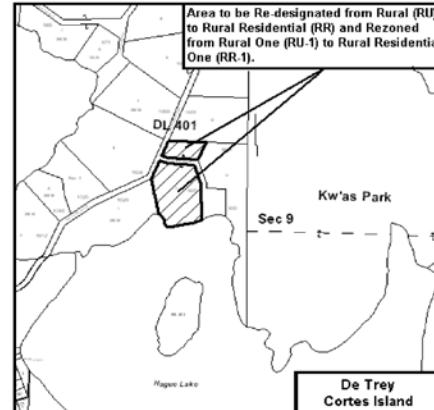
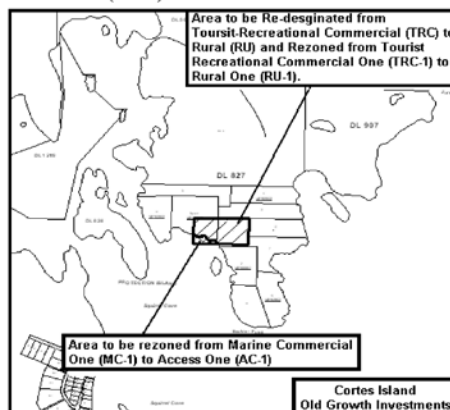
"Cortes Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1995,  
Amendment No. 16"

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### Bylaw No. 51

"Electoral Area 'I' (Cortes Island) Zoning  
Bylaw, 2002, Amendment No. 23"

These bylaws, if adopted, would redesignate the  
subject properties from Tourist Recreational  
Commercial (TRC) to Rural (RU) and would also  
rezone the subject properties from Tourist  
Recreational Commercial One (TRC-1) to Rural One  
(RU-1) and from Marine Commercial One (MC-1) to  
Access One (AC-1).



A copy of the proposed bylaws and related information may be viewed at the Strathcona Regional District office, #301, 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, BC, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays from Thursday, October 1, 2009 until Friday, October 16, 2009 or on the internet at [www.strathconard.ca](http://www.strathconard.ca). Anyone who believes the proposed bylaws will affect their interests will be given an opportunity to speak at the public hearing.

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# Island Calendar

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- **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.
- **Every Tuesday** - Quadra Children's Song Circle - 3-4:00 p.m. Room 3 Q.C.C.  
- Kidz Klub 3-4:30 pm Quadra Island Bible Church  
- 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.  
- Community Lunch noon Q.I.C.C.  
• **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  
- Life Drawing Sessions with model at Firesign Studio 7-9:30 pm
- **Every Saturday** - Farmers' Market behind the Credit Union 10 am - 2 pm  
- Legion Meat Draw 5:00 pm, Steak Dinner at 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday** - Centre for Spiritual Living Celebration 10:30 am Willow Point Hall  
- Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church  
- Quadra Sunday Painters, 11 AM- 2 PM, call Nanci 250-285-3390  
- Quadra United Church-11 am, except 1st Sunday of month at 12 noon  
- Buddhist meditation 10 am Q.I.C.C., everyone welcome  
- 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, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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## Day by day

### Friday, October 9

-Tutor training for literacy volunteers Quadra Elementary  
1:00 - 1:30 pm

- Uninvited Sons heavy metal from Comox, Funk Vigilante frm Vic  
\$7 at the door, all ages 7-10 pm, 19+ after 10:00 pm Quadra Legion

### Tuesday, October 13

-Tutor training for literacy volunteers Quadra Elementary  
1:00 - 1:30 pm

### Wednesday, October 14

- East Africa Slide Presentation/Fundraiser Q.I.C.C.  
7 pm

### Thursday, October 15

- Movie Night 'Sharkwater' Hole-in-the-Wall Café  
Doors open at 6 pm show starts 7 pm a.k.a. Yak Shack

### Friday, October 16

- Friday Flicks presents The Necessities Of Life Q.I.C.C.  
Doors open 7:30 pm show starts at 7:45 pm

### Friday, October 16

-Tutor training for literacy volunteers Quadra Elementary  
1:00 - 1:30 pm

### Saturday, Sunday, October 17-18

- Quadra Quilters Marathon Q.I.C.C.  
All day, everyone welcome

### Saturday, October 17

- Public Hearing - Rezoning Bylaw 49 & 51 Gorge Hall  
1:00 pm Cortes Is.

### Sunday, October 18

- Geshe YongDong on "Spiritual Practice" Q.I.C.C.  
11 a.m.

### Monday, Oct. 19

- Garden Club presents Sandra Milligan Q.I.C.C.  
"Family Food and Fun in the Garden" 7 pm

### Saturday, October 24

- Story Hour for Children and Families Quadra Children's Centre  
1:00 - 2:00 pm

- Philippines Connection Potluck and Information Evening  
6:00 pm Potluck 7:30 pm Presentation with IAT Q.I.C.C.

### Sunday, October 25

- Quadra Cultural Committee presents "Duo Affinite" Q.I.C.C.  
a musical treat featuring trumpet and bassoon. 7 pm

### Wednesday, October 28

- Jeanette Taylor's 'The Quadra Story' book launch Q.I.C.C.  
7:00 pm - doors open at 6:30 pm

### Saturday, November 7

- Art Auction & Entertainment Fundraiser for Quadra Children's Centre  
6 pm Heron's @ the HBI

### Friday, November 20

- Jeanette Taylor's 'The Quadra Story' book launch Mansons Hall  
7:30 pm doors open at 7:00 pm

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Next Deadline

Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>



## Dear Editor,

The Wilderness Tourism Association(WTA) exists to protect and expand its tourism land base for the benefit of its members. Currently their members are hurting. They are losing money from the collapse of salmon stocks. They are fighting for tenure on forestry lands. They are getting hit with the HST, putting them at a disadvantage vis-a-vis Alberta and Washington. They've had their marketing at Tourism BC axed. They are up against big business and big government. What can they do and where can they go?

The answer is of course our parks. There is no one to stop them, and they have a friend in the Minister of Environment. I shouldn't say no one, as there is the Strathcona Park PUBLIC Advisory Committee, a quasi-official body set up to represent the public interest. But so far they have been publicly silent. There are ministry employees who care about what's happening, but their budgets are being cut and their employment is tenuous. There is the public of course, but even with 90 % of those consulted opposed to amending the Strathcona Master Plan, their wishes are ignored.

The WTA sees the parks as their tourism land base. They represent a billion dollar industry. Do you really think a few horse trips will save them? No, I didn't think so. I'm thinking they have visions of Banff, Lake Louise, and Whistler, places where tourists throng to get that 'wilderness' thrill. The WTA will be very inventive, and very persistent in developing tourism products in our parks. They have skilled marketers, politically astute directors, and a large budget. There is no one in their way.

Oh, I forgot, there is the Friends of Strathcona Park(FOSP). We have a history of fighting to preserve the park in its wilderness state. Help us increase our influence by becoming a member. Please visit [www.friendsofstrathcona.org](http://www.friendsofstrathcona.org).

Bob St. John,

## Dear Editor,

Around 1987, many people were concerned about Cream Silver building a mine in Strathcona park. Many people got involved, some people were arrested. The mine was stopped. Fish farms have the potential to be much more destructive to the natural environment than a mine in Strathcona Park, so where are all those people now? I was living in Terrace BC when they wanted to put a fish farm at the mouth of the Skeena River. Fortunately enough people got involved to stop it. Help stop fish farms expanding into Gunner Point!

Roberta Robson

## Thank you Harper Logging,

Surge Narrows School (students, parents & community members) would like to THANK Harper Logging for their generous donations enabling us to create an amazing playground area for our children. For the past few years Harper Logging has facilitated every aspect of the planning and implementation of the entire project. From hauling equipment, heavy machinery operation, countless donated man hours, materials, fund raising efforts and support we could not have done it without them!

THANK-YOU Dave, Harper and Anne!!!!

## Dear Editor,

I attended the public meeting at Sayward from which the decision was eventually made to allow the fish farm at Gunner Point. I did not think the meeting was balanced because it was obviously stacked with fish farm employees and contractors that had worked for them once upon a time. Were they paid? I wondered?

There were several speakers from the other islands that had to leave without speaking because they had to catch the last ferry home. These people should have been given special consideration. I noticed that the chair was quick to put down out of order comments coming from those opposed to fish farms. Out of order comments from those in favour were not always reprimanded. So much for balance!

There isn't any balance. Why is a small group in a regional district making decisions about the well being of wild salmon while their abundant return affects every other costal community from Washington to Alaska and all the interior communities from the Fraser Delta to Prince George and beyond.

If the minister of fisheries Gail Shea was looking after wild salmon and their habitat and NOT fish farms the regional district would not be making that decision. I think Gail Shea should be forced to resign!

Charlie Bland

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## Letter to the Editor

About three years ago, I went to a talk by Jared Diamond in San Francisco and bought a signed copy of his book called "Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed." Interesting topic: Why do whole civilizations and societies just up and disappear, like the folks on Easter Island. Did they just cut down all the trees and thereby commit an indirect form of suicide for their community?

Given the collapse of salmon returns in the Fraser River, I pulled the book off my shelf to see what he had to say about what he calls "unintended ecological suicide" of past societies. He calls it "ecocide." He found eight factors that led to the collapse of an entire society. Aside from the obvious ones of deforestation and overpopulation, he writes about "overfishing" and "the effects of introduced species on native species." Regarding these last two factors, he comments on fish farms as the "cheapest way to produce animal protein."

But, as we all know "cheap" is not always better. Therefore, he lists five negative aspects of fish farms, none of which have been mentioned in the current Quadra/Cortes debate on the new fish farm at Gunner Point. Here are his five negative points:

- 1) Fish farm fish are fed mostly wild caught fish and thereby usually "consume more wild fish (up to 20 times more) than they yield in meat of their own."
- 2) Farm fish also "contain higher toxin levels than do wild-caught fish."
- 3) Farmed fish also regularly escape, interbreed with wild fish, and "Thereby harm wild fish stocks genetically."
- 4) Aquaculture runoff causes pollution.
- 5) The lower costs of aquaculture than of fishing drives "down fish prices" which hurts commercial fishermen (as it does on Quadra & Cortes).

So the debate continues even though there has been a strange silence on the pro fish farm folks, from the politicians and local scientists. Surely, the pro-fish farm folks can dig up some "science" or public opinion polls of their own. But so far nothing has emerged except the defence of the good character of our local politicians, which is readily agreed to by everyone (but, of course, that is not what the debate is about).

Steve Moore

### Dear Editor,

We feel Mr. O'Conner's letter has done the We Wai Kai Nation a huge disservice. This is not the type of letter one would expect from a rational, diplomatic and competent C.E.O.

We are not against the Band or scallop farming! Our problem is only location, location, location!!! This area is not appropriate for commercial aquaculture.

### Settlement area:

The Milford, Milton, Topcliff Rd. subdivision

is a large and growing residential area. It is also a favourite recreational area, one with paved road beach access. Many people enjoy this beach. People beachcomb, get firewood, walk dogs, storm watch etc. Kids love building forts and tidal pool exploring. Tourists come to this beach because it is quiet and serene.

### Setting a precedent:

If expansion of this farm is allowed in front of a settlement area, the precedent for commercial aquaculture development adjacent to all settlement areas will be established.

### Jobs:

The few jobs gained from this commercial scallop farm will not compensate for the loss of income suffered by all the established business people who cater to the tourists that come to enjoy our island as it is now.

### Navigational hazard:

Sutil Channel is a main channel with high boat traffic. Including many trying to get to Drew Harbour a well known Marine Park and safe harbour. While the farm site was still small boaters were already having problems [navigating around the site]. During winter gales it will be difficult to even see the markers in the huge swells and driftwood. There must be more suitable, sheltered, less busy locations.

Len and Marilyn Lamb  
Betty Thompson

### Dear Editor,

At the time when the 2007 Official Community Plan (OCP) was being debated here on Quadra we were wondering how long it would take for one of the owners of large lots in the 'Silviculture' zone to try and subvert the clearly stated intent of the OCP in terms of preservation of the forest land base, dispersed settlements, commercial development, etc. Well, here it is in the form of a much promoted and well orchestrated development proposal for the 158 acre District Lot 208, near April Point (See article by Dan Bowen on p.14, DI of Sept. 25, 2009). Besides being "truly sustainable", the proposal supposedly "aligns itself with the values expressed by the Quadra OCP". Have a look and decide for yourself:

- Under Objectives, Settlement Pattern the OCP states "The intent of the plan is to discourage the creation of new settlement areas". The proposal calls for some 50 lots, with a commercial zone and an RV Park, well away from the designated settlement areas.

- Under Objectives, Environmentally Sensitive Areas the Plan says "to discourage high-density settlement patterns on the shoreline" and "to support the continuance of large lot sizes for shoreline areas, and to direct small lot densities to residentially designated areas in the interior of the Island". Much of the proposed development is naturally on or close to the shoreline, which is where the money is.

- Under Objectives, Commercial Activity the Plan says "To encourage centrally located commercial zones to provide social focal points and promote an increased level of community interaction and involvement." The proponents want a 5 acre commercial zone, on the waterfront, far away from the two commercial centres of Heriot Bay and Quathiaski Cove.

- Some of the Plan policies concerning areas designated Silviculture are: "The retention, protection, and enhancement of lands designated silviculture shall be encouraged" and "Encourage public awareness of the importance of protecting lands designated silviculture". The proposed development calls for the rezoning of DL208 from "Silviculture" to "Country Residential", a zone meant for lands adjacent to Quathiaski Cove or Heriot Bay, and specifically prohibited for "silviculture" lands. The OCP is rather specific: "Country residential lands will not be designated in significant environmental or Agricultural Land Reserve lands or on land designated Silviculture".

This is just a sample of the direct conflicts between the proposed development for Lot 208 and the OCP. On a more general note, one might ask how another large dispersed development, well away from the designated settlement centres, depending entirely on car use and calling for big public expense for the long-term maintenance of services and facilities could possibly be sustainable. Like so much of this proposal, "sustainable" is but a convenient buzz word meant to disguise the reality of a major subversion of the Community Plan, and there is nothing whatsoever sustainable about it.

The simple fact that such an outrageous attack on the Community Plan is being put forward suggests that some developers see the the OCP, the result of a multiyear effort by the community, as little more than a bump on the road to riches, readily overcome with a slick publicity campaign. Is this really the reputation that the Strathcona Regional District Board, who are responsible for the implementation of the OCP, want to cultivate? And what does this do towards encouraging people to take part in any future planning exercises?

The owner of DL 208 has on several occasions publically complained that he has to pay residential land taxes even though his land is zoned "Silviculture" with a 40 acre minimum lot size and only one residence per lot. However the situation is entirely of his choosing. The previous owners, Timber West, had the land classified as "Managed Forest", which meant much lower land taxes, based on forestry values rather than on residential land values. When "managed" forest lands change hand, the land classification reverts back to "residential", until the new owner re-applies for "managed forest" status. The present owner, Mr. Schellinck, chose not to do so, it would have been an added obstacle on the way to the dense residential development he is now proposing.

Respectfully submitted by Rolf and Heather Kellerhals



## A Scallop Farm Near the Spit?

I am writing in response to Shawn O'Connor's letter in the last issue. First let me say that I have no objection to scallop farming if it is done at an appropriate site, nor is this an issue about who will do the scallop farming - whether it be the Cape Mudge Band or any other group. The issue is the location of the proposed farm and its size. Rebecca Spit is the most important area on the island and is cherished by all. It is a major draw for the tourists who visit the island and tourism is crucial to the island economy. The proposed farm will stretch into the waters which are now zoned MR-1 as a marine protection around the Rebecca Spit Marine Park. That's how close it will be.

The planned site, from the Spit to Milford Rd, is used by local recreational boaters and fishers, by kayakers and canoers. Sutil Channel is the main access to and from Heriot Bay and to Surge Narrows from the south. Every yacht or motor launch which comes to Drew Harbour in the summer must come through this water. This is just about the worst place on the island for an industrial development.

At the south end of the proposed site, the farm would be in front of a residential area. There are clauses in our OCP put there specifically to prevent the possibility of marine based commercial activity in close proximity to residential areas where it would cause significant disturbance to home owners and those that use the beach accesses. If this application is granted it may as well set a precedent for the

granting of applications for other kinds of aquaculture in front of residential areas.

Mr. O'Connor states that "growing and harvesting scallops in Sutil Channel ....will result in very low negative impact to nearby residents, environment or wildlife." I beg to differ. An area of 218 acres (85.5 hectares) being tended by power boats will be noisy. It will make traveling in this area by any kind of boat more hazardous. It will visually mar the peace and beauty of any view from any of the beaches on the south east shore of the island. At night and all night, there will be flashing navigation buoys. The estimated production of scallops is approx. 600 metric tonnes per year. Imagine the harvesting of such a huge volume and what boat traffic and noise that will create. Those 600 metric tonnes will also have to be trucked off the island along with whatever waste is created by the farming activity. I would like to repeat by way of emphasis the difference between the size of what is in the water now and what will be in the water should this application be granted. Five lines will become 30 lines. Fifteen floats will become 150 - 180 floats. The area in use now is a very small portion of what is planned.

It is not surprising that no complaints have been received by the Regional District. Islanders generally have no idea about the size of what is to come and many think that the area now in use is not much of a problem. I have heard, however, of fishers getting their gear caught in the few lines which are in place and of a small boat which was damaged and lost its motor trying to navigate in shore of the floats in bad weather. The expanded site would be even closer to shore - 350 metres from high tide rather than 700. Boaters will be required to travel considerably further off shore or closer inshore. We all know how quickly the wind can rise in Sutil Channel and how dangerous it can be.

I am not one of those residents who will be directly exposed to the noise and light of this commercial activity, nor do I have a view of this acreage of the Channel. What is precious to me is to kayak in these waters and to sit on

the beaches along this shore to enjoy the beauty of the ocean and the backdrop of the layers of islands and mountains which make Quadra so special.

One of the objectives written into the OCP is: "To minimize the impact of commercial development on the environment, the aesthetics and on adjoining properties." I think this commercial development impacts all three. I am grateful to Michael Stahnke for bringing this situation to my attention.

If you too are concerned, write to [kenneth.albrecht@gov.bc.ca](mailto:kenneth.albrecht@gov.bc.ca) with copies to Jim Abram at [abramfam@oberon.ark.com](mailto:abramfam@oberon.ark.com) before Nov. 4

susan westren

## Dear Editor,

Shawn O'Connor's assertion ("We Wai Kai scallop farm.." - DI 25 Sept 2009) re "perpetuat.. (ing) prejudicial attitudes against First Nations citizens" in my opinion is without foundation and a disservice to his employer. Far from running an inflammatory individual campaign, Michael Stahnke has given firm but sober voice to the concerns of many with respect to the land use implications of the proposed scallop farm on its chosen site. These are: (1) the clear community interest in preserving the environs of Rebecca Spit Provincial Park and nearby Paddy's Lagoon, and (2) the wider threat to the community and to numerous private interests owing to the precedent that would be set by permitting any aquaculture activities in Marine Zone AC2.

My spouse and I are the owners of the private lot southerly adjacent to IR9, and fronting onto Sutil Channel. If approved as applied for, the now-expanded farm site will cross our entire ocean frontage. Resident on our property for 19 years, we believe we have been good neighbours to We Wai Kai, and thought We Wai Kai had been good neighbours to us. We wish We Wai Kai to be prosperous. But we are surprised and disappointed that We Wai Kai would even consider pursuing a commercial endeavour in a manner we expect shall cause us both degraded personal amenity and considerable financial loss.

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When the temporary use permit was applied for, the scallop farm site was almost entirely contained between the northern and southern boundaries of Marine Zone IR1. Despite our misgivings about the location (and, indeed, about the project's economics), and wanting to support We Wai Kai, we decided that should the broader Quadra community assent to a permanent scallop farm next door to Rebecca Spit, we would accept the negative impact on our private interests. We expressed our acceptance during the community information meeting held at Cape Mudge, and subsequently to Mr O'Connor himself while viewing the site from Paddy's Lagoon. Up to and including that time there was no indication to us that We Wai Kai were planning to apply for a larger site, extending southward into Marine Zone AC2 directly in front of our home, and opening the door for all types of follow-on aquaculture operations along most of Quadra's coastline.

From what we have observed during the trial period, we assess that the full-size working scallop farm will indeed be appropriately described as an industrial operation. We are adamant that such operations have no place next to residential areas.

Perhaps this is strictly business, leaving no room for sentiment. If so, it still follows that the regional district, in strictly applying the Local Government Act to a rezoning application, is required to consider any deleterious impacts upon the property interests of others. My spouse and I intend to fully avail ourselves of that opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,  
Peter Gellatly

## Pumpkin Contest

The Community Garden will be displaying the Giant Pumpkin at Heriot Bay Store on Saturday & Sunday, 24 & 25th October. We are selling tickets as a fund raiser (\$2 each or 3 for \$5) for you to compete to guess the pumpkin's weight. The winner takes half the proceeds, half goes to the Community Garden. Why not bring your children and take their picture beside the Giant?

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# News and Events

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## Movie Night

Hole In The Wall Cafe (a.k.a. the "Yak Shak" 615 Taku Rd, Heriot Bay) invites you to a **Movie And Pizza Night!** Thursday, October 15th. Featuring: 'Sharkwater'. "A passionate documentary highlighting this majestic and misunderstood creature".

Doors open at 6, showtime at 7 (by donation). Pizza, popcorn, treats and homemade chai available.

## Story Hour

Quadra Literacy NOW presents Story Hour for Children and Families at the Quadra Island Children's Centre. This will be a series of three events on Saturdays from 1:00 - 2:00, Oct. 24, Nov. 14 and Nov. 28. Join us to experience the oral tradition of storytelling with follow up activities suitable for young children and elementary school age children. Children must be accompanied by parent.

## Celebrate Ray's Life

Raymond (Ray) Kells: Longtime resident Ray Kells passed away August 27, 2009. Join in an open-house celebration of Ray's life October 12th 1-3pm at the Quadra Legion.

## Heat And Eat

Quadra Circle has once again started purchasing frozen meals from Ironwood Place, a seniors' care center in Campbell River. These meals will be available at the Community Luncheon, which is held at the Community Center every Wednesday, from 10am to 1pm. Cost of meals is \$5.50 each. These are meals prepared for their residents and extra meals are frozen for sale to the general public. If you wish further information, contact Karen at 285-3064 or Lynda at 285-3205.

## Spiritual Living Celebration

The Centre for Spiritual Living welcomes everyone to our Celebration each Sunday at 10:30 at the Willow Point Hall and/or meditation at 10:00 am.

## At The Legion

Uninvited Sons a heavy metal band from Comox and Funk Vigilante from Victoria will be at the Quadra Legion Friday Oct. 9th for two shows all ages from 7:00-10:00, 19 years and over from 10:00-1:00. \$7.00 at the door.

Celebrating Oktoberfest with a traditional dinner Saturday October 17th at the Quadra Legion starting at 6:30 for \$15.00 a plate.

The next Legion general meeting is Wednesday October 21st at 8:00pm.



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## Author Launches New Book On Quadra Island

With a new book soon hitting bookshelves everywhere, Quadra Island resident and author Jeanette Taylor hopes to replicate the success of her BC bestseller *Tidal Passages: A History of the Discovery Islands*, which was published in 2008. This October, Taylor will launch her new book, *The Quadra Story: A History of Quadra Island* (\$32.95, Harbour Publishing), which was written as a companion title to *Tidal Passages*.

Quadra Island, the largest and most populated of the Discovery Islands clustered at the northern end of Georgia Strait, is sometimes thought of as an extension of Campbell River, but it has a history of its own that bristles with unforgettable characters and remarkable events.

In this ground-breaking history, Taylor breathes life into legendary figures like We-Kai, ancestor of the We Wai Kai First Nation; Reginald Pidcock, the crusty potlatch-busting Indian Agent; Helen Bull, the notorious mistress of the Heriot Bay Hotel, who survived a point-blank pistol shot; and "Skookum" Tom Leask, equally feared for his super-human strength and his unstable temper.

The *Quadra Story: A History of Quadra Island* is a labour of love about the author's home community, the result of decades of research that dates back to her years on the staff of the BC Archives and the Museum of Campbell River. It contains a wealth of detail about coastal life in the days of dugout canoes, Union steamships, salmon canneries and stump-studded homesteads that makes it an essential resource for all history buffs and a rewarding discovery for anyone who appreciates a fascinating read.

Jeanette Taylor was on the curatorial staff for the Museum at Campbell River for nearly twenty years and is the current executive director of the Campbell River Art Gallery. Her passion for history, art and coastal life are evident in her books, including *River City: A History of Campbell River* and *the Discovery Islands, Exploring Quadra Island: Heritage Sites and Hiking Trails and Tidal Passages*. Taylor also leads heritage site tours of the Discovery Islands by boat, kayak and bus.

Everyone is invited to meet Jeanette Taylor at two island book launches. Book Bonanza hosts a slide show presentation and talk at the Quadra Island Community Hall on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm). Marnie's Books will host a slide show and talk at Mansons Hall on Cortes Island on Friday, November 20 at 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm). Admission to both events is free. For more information, email [info@harbourpublishing.com](mailto:info@harbourpublishing.com) or phone the bookstores at 285-3665 (Book Bonanza) or 935-0212 (Marnie's Books).

## Kidz Klub

Kidz Klub is back at Quadra Island Bible Church. We will meet on Tuesdays this year, from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Children in grades one to six are invited to join us at 1281 West Rd. for snacks, games, Bible lessons, crafts and singing. Starts Tuesday, October 13. Everyone welcome! For more information call 250-285-2020.

## Thanks

Quadra Links Ltd. would like to thank the following people and businesses for their support and generosity at our recent open house and throughout the year.

Quadra Village Market - you're awesome! Albert and Audrey Wilson and Cape Mudge Recreation, Ross Doak, Campbell River Mirror and Paul Rudan, Steve Swanson and Quadrate Ventures Ltd. Paul Ryan and Judith Tait, Don Doolittle, Paul Renda, Ron Cordova, Pete Calverly, Peter Chenier, Ann Fryon, Bill Pirie, Robert Eastland, Tommy and Vibeke Pedersen and Brenda and Ken Binnersley.

## Fall into Winter!

Saturday November 7th at 6:00 pm join us for an evening of arts and entertainment with the sweet sounds of the Thievin Brothers. Including a three-course gourmet meal in Heron's Dining Room and silent auction featuring local artists in the Fireside Lounge in support of Quadra Children's Centre.

Tickets are \$49 per person (gratuity included) and are available from Friday October 9th at Hummingbird, the HBI and Quadra Children's Centre.

For more information or to donate your art please call Alli at 250-285-3269.

## Spirit Bowl Workshop

The Campbell River Art Gallery is coordinating a Community Spirit Bowl event to celebrate the spirit of the Olympics. They are hosting a free workshop at the CR Community Centre's Craft Room on Thursday, October 15th from 6:30-9. Renowned local potter Sylvia McGourlick has graciously donated thirty bowls that she has thrown by hand for this event. Under Sylvia's guidance, workshop participants will decorate the bowls with glaze. On November 2nd, these bowls will be filled with soup provided by local businesses and sold for \$15 each to raise funds for the Campbell River Salvation Army Lighthouse kitchen and Hope Outreach during the Olympic Torch Relay celebrations in the newly completed Spirit Square next to the Campbell River Art Gallery. If you would like to participate in this workshop, please contact the gallery at 250-287-2261.

## Value Of Tourism to Quadra Island

You may have asked yourself, what does tourism bring to Quadra Island, besides longer ferry line-ups in the summer, and unfamiliar faces in the grocery store line-up? In an attempt to answer that question from an economic viewpoint, a survey was conducted this summer of accommodation providers on the island.

The study used Tourism BC's "Value of Tourism" model to survey the region's commercial accommodation sector. This included resorts, bed and breakfasts, vacation rentals, campgrounds / RV parks, but not marinas. The questionnaire gathered data from accommodation businesses which were asked to provide a snapshot of their 2008 performance data. The DICC would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the folks who took time out of their busy season to complete the survey. Tourism BC Research & Planning then quantified the data and applied local indicators to generate an estimate of the visitor volume and direct expenditures in tourism on Quadra Island.

Overall results found that a total of 84,800 people visited Quadra Island in the study period, 2008. 37,800 visitors stayed in commercial accommodation, an additional 6,800 people spent time visiting friends and relatives, with an additional 40,200 people passing through the community as day visitors.

Based on the total visitation and factoring in average length of stay and average total spent per visitor per trip, the "Annual Direct Visitor Expenditures" on Quadra Island was \$12,380,000.

Walcan is the largest year-round employer on Quadra Island; however the tourism industry employs the highest number of people on a seasonal basis. The tourism industry provides direct employment for staff at various resorts, accommodation providers, tour providers, and restaurants. As well, visitors access the goods and services of groups such as artists and healing arts practitioners. Lastly, visitors use and support other businesses such as vehicle repair shops, the gas station, bookstore, and grocery stores.

The results of this survey confirm that tourism is a big contributor to the local island economy. With diminishing employment options in the area, tourism presents an opportunity to share our island with visitors who appreciate the natural beauty and friendliness of our community, while providing income for many local residents.

The project was initiated by the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce, while Tourism BC provided the analysis model for this report. The complete report can be found online at: <http://www.quadraisland.ca/tourism/media/value-tourism.html>



## Tibetan Monks Take Up Residence

Five exiled Tibetan monks from India will spend seven days in residence at Campbell River Art

Gallery from October 27 to November 4, as part of a Canada-wide tour. The monks begin their mornings

at 10am with traditional prayers, chanting and music. Their daily sacred practice also includes the creation of a sand mandala, a traditional art form that embodies meditation practice and provides a support for the meditating person. Its intricate design is rendered in millions of grains of coloured sand. The entire process, including the the mandala dismantling ceremony on November 4, will be on view in the main exhibition hall. The public is invited to step into Tibetan culture by visiting the Gallery from 10am till noon, and 1:30 till 5pm to witness these ancient spiritual traditions. The suggested donation is \$5.

As part of their residence, the monks will participate in other community programs. On October 30th, at 7:45pm, they'll perform Tibetan music and dance at the Quadra Island Community Center, followed by a viewing of the 2009 documentary "Unmistaken Child." The event is presented by Friday Flicks Film Club and admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors. On November 1 at 11am the monks will lead a Buddhist meditation and dharma talk at the Quadra Island Community Centre, with admission by donation.

The monks sail to Cortez Island later on November 1 for an evening of Tibetan music, dance, debates and chanting at Manson's Hall, Cortez Island at 7:00, as the guests of Hollyhock Retreat and Squirrel Cove Trading Company. Admission by donation.

The monks will also perform music prior to a film screening for the general public at Timberline Secondary School on November 3 at 7pm.

The monks, some of whom are recent exiles from Tibet, are available several other evenings while staying in Campbell River for cultural performances or to conduct private blessings of individuals or places. They will also give school programs at the Gallery. All proceeds from their stay go to benefit the monks' monastery in India. For more information call Campbell River Art Gallery at 250-287-2261 or contact@crartgallery.ca.

The Tibetan monks' residency at Campbell River Art Gallery is sponsored by Klari Varallyai and Campbell River Physiotherapy Clinic.

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## How 'Green' is Your Garden?

Sandra Milligan, winner of this year's Communities in Bloom Best Residential Property and the Green Garden contest in Campbell River, will speak to the garden club on Monday October 19th at the community centre. Her gardening life is intermingled with three children and a career as a North Island College biology instructor. Food production is a major focus in her busy life but so is ecology. Her personal approach to gardening believes gardens that are bare in winter are avoided. She grows strawberries under blueberry hedges, figs with pumpkins, hazelnuts with rhubarb. Water conservation is also a goal, with rain barrels and plant arrangements to reduce use of a hose. Of course, room is made for fun - lots of flowers, children's creations, and the garden ornaments are mostly broken, sentimental items, that found a spot in the garden, instead of the landfill.

Want to learn about the ecology of a multi purpose garden from a local biologist? Join us at the Community Centre Monday October 19th at 7pm, new members welcome. Annual membership is \$10 which gives a discount at many local nurseries. Drop Ins \$2. We would love to see the result of the time enjoyed in your garden. Anyone interested in showing off their largest, or oddest pumpkins and squash? Are there still blooms enjoying this wonderful autumn weather? Bring them along for the show and tell table.

## Heriot Bay Inn New Owners Anniversary

The first anniversary of the new Heriot Bay Inn ownership seems a great time to reflect on the successes of the first year. From the inception of the Community Custodial Concepts in 2006, through taking ownership in November 2008, we have been driven by community support. Our first year has been full of high energy and great ideas. This is a place where anything can happen.

The Heriot Bay Inn is pleased to welcome new 2009 investors Pat and Deb Manery, Tracy Sinclair, Emco Resources, Melissa Yates, and Marie Sutherland. These Custodians have joined Paul Mortimer, Lois Taylor, Blake Dixie, Juanita MacLean, Vic Nacci, Mo Davenport, Nick Lawrence, Neil and Noelle Maffin, Christi Edwards, Tina Oswald and Lorraine Wright in this wonderful community adventure.

We, the Community Custodians of the Heriot Bay Inn, enjoy a healthy work/life balance, and encourage the same for our staff. This is part of our formula for success, which has been proven in our first year of business.

To our patrons, you are awesome! We wouldn't be here without you. We appreciate and thank all who have joined in to make our first year as amazing as it was.

Our business plan includes prosperity in community, body, spirit and finance. If you are interested in investing please contact Lois 285-3322. Thanks for a great year, and another one on the way!

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## Two Cortes Re-zoning Applications for Public Hearing,

**Saturday October 17th, 1:00 pm sharp, Gorge Hall**

### Anicca deTrey

Anicca deTrey has submitted a rezoning application for her ten acre property, 905 Christensen Rd on the north shore of Hague Lake, which is currently zoned Rural One (RU-1), a ten acre lot size. The application seeks rezoning to Rural Residential One (RR-1), a 5 acre lot size. The property is bisected by Christensen Road and therefore could be subdivided along that road without any rezoning. This application would not increase allowable density, but rather permit the lot boundary to be drawn to create two lake front lots.

In exchange for the proposed rezoning, Anicca is offering to place covenants on the land that would reduce both the maximum height and footprint of buildings and reduce lot coverage allowances. Also, the proposal offers an ecological covenant disallowing any vegetative removal around the perimeter of the parent property and protection of the highest bluff on the property from future development.

### Old Growth Investments

This application, made by Old Growth Investments, seeks to downzone a Boulder Point property off Squirrel Cove previously owned by Bob Johnston from Tourist Recreational Commercial One (TRC-1) to Access One (AC-1) and from Marine Commercial One (MC-1) to Access One (AC-1). This property was zoned commercial due to previous unfulfilled plans to develop a fishing lodge on the site. They are now seeking to revert back to the previous residential zoning.

Anyone is welcome to speak at the public hearing on either of these applications or make written submission to the Strathcona Regional District by 4:30 pm, Friday, October 16th. Copies of the proposed bylaws and related information may be viewed at the SRD office until October 16th or on the internet at [www.strathconard.ca](http://www.strathconard.ca). Questions? Call John Neill 250-830-6706 or email [publichearing@strathcord.ca](mailto:publichearing@strathcord.ca).

In gratitude, Noba Anderson

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## Craft n' Chat

Have a project on the go? Haven't had the time to work on it? Bring it to the Quadra Island Bible Church on October 14 /3pm-9pm. Just want to chat? Join us, coffee is on! Bring a main dish or dessert to share for dinner at 6 pm.

Call Susan Swanson at 285-3795 for more information.

## Community Thanksgiving Gift Giving

Come to Quadra Island's first annual Community Thanksgiving Gift Giving Celebration. On Oct. 12, we give thanks to our family and friends, usually around the supper table. On Saturday, November 7, we give thanks & gifts & food to our wonderful Quadra Island Community. All community organizations & local merchants & individuals are welcome to bring free gifts to share with everyone. Each table will have one free item available to all members of the community. It's like the Christmas Craft Fair but everything is free. There will be free student notebooks from a local stationary stores, free kid's books from local bookstores, free kindling from the Free Wood Association, free hand made hats & scarves from independent knitters, free home made treats from the kitchen, free money from the free Money Association, free apples from Foxglove farm, free meditation instruction from the Buddhist Meditation group, free raw dog & cat food from Diggin' it, free salsa & chips from Bianca, free baked good organized by the Yellow Dog Trading Company & many, many more free tables. And if you don't have a table it doesn't matter. Come enjoy the riches of Quadra Island because we love you! However, if you want a free give away table, guess what?...the tables are free. Remember this is not a garage sale, pick on item and give equally to everyone. A sign helps like "One Book for Each Child" or "One Bunch of Kindling for Each Family" etc. There will be prizes for the most generous givers. Call Steve Moore at 285-3323 to book a free table or for more information.

## Diffusion Fiddle Returns!!

Quadra's favourite fiddler, Jaron Freeman-Fox, visits home for an evening of musical adventure with gifted marimba / percussionist Robin Layne, on Friday, October 9th at the Quadra Island United Church, in Cape Mudge, at 8pm.

Since leaving Quadra, and finishing music school in jazz violin, Jaron has studied, composed, and performed a wide variety of styles within jazz, fiddle, classical, and world traditions. Flowing seamlessly between genres, but always keeping his distinct voice, Jaron's unique music now also incorporates elements from his recent studies of classical music in Southern India, as well as offers an honouring of the freestyle fiddle technique developed by his mentor, the late Oliver Schroer.

On Friday, October 9, he brings to his home community a selection of his newest compositions, written under a Canadian Council grant, created as a synthesis of his journey over the past two years.

This high-energy young man is joined by long-time musical collaborator, Vancouver percussionist and jazz marimba player, Robin Layne. Robin splits his time between leading the afro-fusion dance band, Jarimba, and performing with a wide range of ensembles from salsa and jazz, to traditional West and South African music.

Don't miss this one-night only event at the United Church. Doors open at 7:30. Tickets: \$10/person; \$30/ family.

## Calling All Crafters & Artisans

The Campbell River Art Gallery invites existing and new artisans to submit work for the 10th annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Market, which runs from Nov 13 - Christmas Eve. Be a part of the 100 plus area artisans who sell their work in a beautiful boutique that fills the main exhibition hall. Entry is juried. for application forms and more information contact the Gallery at 250-287-2261. Deadline for submissions is October 10th.

## Geshe Yong Dong Speaks

There's this guy who walked for over 10 days over the Himalayan Mountains with a small pack sack on his back, sleeping in the snow, tentless, freezing his toes, just so he could come to Quadra Island (& other places) and bring some of the highest heart felt wisdom teachings of the human race to you and your friends. So the least you can do, if you're into becoming a nicer human being, is to come on down & give him a listen. We're talking about that Tibetan Buddhist Monk called Geshe YongDong. The topic is "Developing a Daily Spiritual Practice." The time is 11 a.m. The place is the Quadra Community Centre, upstairs room. The date is Sunday, October 18. The suggested donation is \$10 but if you are broke we'll give you \$10. Folks from Cortes can call Steve at 250-285-3323 to get a ride from the Cortes ferry and back again. Spiritual Practice."

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## Ian Tyson Returns to Campbell River

The Legendary Ian Tyson returns to Campbell River's Tidemark Theatre

Internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter and multi award winner, Ian Tyson, is returning to the Tidemark Theatre on Friday, October 30 at 7:30pm.

Ian Tyson is celebrating 5 decades of performance in 2009 with a full schedule of concerts and the release of a children's book based on his song La Primera. Tyson continues to keep his loyal fans in awe with songs that range from his classics – Four Strong Winds, Someday Soon and Navajo Rug to his newest works which he continues to write with inspired vigour. At age 76, Tyson maintains a busy touring performance schedule which he combines with the work on his Alberta ranch, nestled in the foothills of the Rockies south of Calgary. It's a workload that would exceed that of most people generations his junior.

## Can new dance help cure mood disorder?

A new dance craze is in town hoping to shake up approaches to treatment therapies for women with postpartum mood disorders.

Nia Dance is a form of exercise that promotes health and healing through body awareness and movement. Developed by Debbie and Carlos Rosas in the United States during the early 1980s, the body movement exercise blends martial arts, dance and healing arts.

Each class, the music and choreography focuses on a theme, such as stability and mobility, and encourages participants to follow their own natural time and rhythm. Taking a more holistic approach to exercise, Nia dance focuses on exercising the mind, as well as the body.

Nia dance is not unlike more traditional forms of therapies, such as art therapy, used to help women recover. One of the advantages of the exercise program is the added physical benefits of helping women lose weight after childbirth.

Nia dance encourages fellowship and community, with many of the exercises prompting participants to get into circles and promotes body awareness and the expression of emotions.

One of the goals of a research study is to find out what perceived benefits Nia dance has on the participant's emotion, physical and spiritual health. It's helping people experience pleasure with movement. Participants say they feel energized by the Nia dance.

Western News Research

Marion Eberlein, Vitalis Gym

## Halloween Volunteers?

Halloween Fun Night is happening Saturday, October 31, 6:30 at the Q.C.C. We have some creative organizers with great ideas, but we need a few more "doers" to help with the production. Be part of an exciting group! Bring some friends and come to the next meeting, Tuesday October 13, 7:00 in room 2 at the Quadra Community Centre.

## Ascension Workshop

A foundation of higher inner truth exists from which one can live directly and effortlessly. However, most require a technique to find this within themselves, as we have become so trained by society to disregard it.

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Come hear about how the tool works at the Seascope Resort on Wednesday, Oct 13 at 7pm. The techniques will be taught in a weekend workshop on Quadra Island on Nov 13-15. For more information call 888-474-2921 or visit [www.theishayafoundation.org](http://www.theishayafoundation.org). Change the mind and the direction of life will change.

## Fire Spinning/Circus Community Jams

Circus jams are returning to Quadra Community Centre this winter. They will be happening every other Wed. evening from 7-8:30 starting Oct. 21; drop-in fee is \$5. Bring your poi, staff, hoop, juggling balls, etc. and have some fun dancing and practicing your moves so you are looking pro for the fire spinning season next summer! This is an opportunity for those wishing to practice a circus art to have a space and to share skills with others and learn new ones. If you are new to the arts and wish to learn, there are extra toys on hand. In addition, anyone can have a quickie lesson at the start of the jam for poi or hoop (\$10 gets you a lesson and then can stay for the jam). Hope to see you out there! For any questions, call Angela @ 285-3994.

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## Quilters Marathon

Quadra Quilters invite you to come sew with us at our annual Comfort Quilt Marathon on October 17-18. You could press, cut or stitch with us, you don't have to be a guild member. Visitors are welcome throughout the weekend. Drop in to see us in action. Questions? Call Laurie Ann 285-2285

## Qigong Workshop

Experience the essence of Qigong with Denise Maile who has been sharing and introducing people to the health benefits for over 20 years. This workshop is for health and vitality. Simple movement and breathing exercises - including detoxing, stretching, cleansing, building, flowing and storing qi energy to strengthen the internal organs and balance mind, body and spirit.

Saturday 17 October at the Quadra Community Centre in Room 3. 10am-3pm (lunch 12-1) Cost \$40. Please use south entrance. All levels of fitness welcome. Denise now lives on Cortes Island so to register please call the QCC 285 3243.

## Participate In A Centuries Old Artistic Tradition

Open Studio, a series of life drawing classes hosted by artist Richard Calver, is up and running and welcoming new participants. It takes place on Tuesdays till November 10th and runs from 6:30-9pm (ferry convenient!). The fee is \$40 + gst for a four week punch card. The drop in rate is 10:50

Life drawing or figure drawing has always been the cornerstone of artistic training. It is popular with both amateur and professional artists. Drawing the figure presents many technical challenges, requiring the artist to render form, structure, light, shadow and foreshortening. It is excellent training and practice. When you attend a life drawing class, you are participating in a centuries-old artistic tradition.

Bring your own drawing and/or painting materials. The gallery will provide the model. For more information contact Campbell River Art Gallery at 250-287-2261 or visit [www.crartgal.ca](http://www.crartgal.ca)

## Moms Group

Oct. 14 / 10am-noon

Oct. 28/10am/noon (babysitters provided!)

Let the kids play while enjoying the company of other moms. Kids in school? Come, join us too! All are welcome. We meet in the Quadra Island Bible Church basement.

Please bring a snack to share. Coffee and tea provided.

For more info call Lana Schanzenbach at 285-3434

## Happiness

Happiness does not come out of the blue for free. Lasting happiness is a learned skill. It can't be obtained with a pill. Booze & tokes create only a temporary good feeling. So that is why two very old men on Quadra Island would like you to come and work & read a book called "Happiness" with us. The book is written by Matthieu Ricard, who was hanging out on the stage with the Dalai Lama last week in Vancouver with tens of thousands of people. Jon Kabat-Zinn, the famous author, says "You may not find happiness in a book, but if reading a book can precipitate a tectonic shift in your life and mind toward robust, genuine, deeply rooted happiness, this would be the book.

So if you want your grumpy loved one to be happy & you can't afford an expensive therapist, come on down together & let's read and discuss the book.

The course is free. The book costs \$17. The dates are every Wednesday night from Oct. 21 to Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Room #1 of the Quadra Community Centre. The group is limited to 12 people to facilitate discussion. First phone, first serve. Call Steve Moore to register at 285-3323.

## LOST!

Homemade AL. 7 ft. pram [dinghy] orange string tying brass oarlocks, blue tie up. 2 purple stern ropes. \$100 reward. Drifted from Evans Bay, Read Island. If you've seen this little boat or know its whereabouts please call **250-287-0031**.

## New Art Gallery

The Upper Realm is seeking artists who would like to display their art in an up and coming new art gallery in the Upper Realm at Q. Cove. Also, we are looking for a working artist who wants to create wonderful works in our collective space. Come pick your wall, pick your space & get down and create beauty.

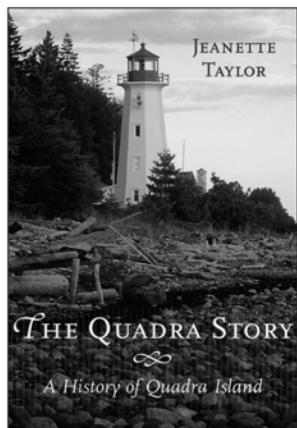
Call Steve Moore for more info at 250- 285-3323. P.S. Every artist who creates a work of art in the Upper Realm Art Gallery gets a free book of their choice from Spirit Books.

## The School Playground Is In!!

Last Saturday on a bright and sunny morning, eighteen volunteers gathered to assemble and install our new playground equipment.

It was an inspiring culmination of planning, fundraising and energy. Small groups put together separate components and then each part became part of the whole. What a great team effort!

This equipment is geared toward 8-12 year olds (grade 4 - 6) so adult supervision is recommended with younger children when school is not in session. Have fun!!!



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## Quadra Philippines Connection Community Potluck & Information Evening

The Quadra Philippines Connection invites you to celebrate 15 years of caring and sharing on Quadra with a community potluck on Saturday, October 24th at 6:00 pm. at Quadra C. Centre followed by a power point presentation. Our guests will be David and Petra Durrance, founders of Quadra's sponsor organization, IAT (International Association for Transformation) as well as Merliza Dona-al, a young graduate law student from IAT's sponsorship program. The presentation will highlight IAT's work in the Philippines over the past 30 years and give us an opportunity to learn more about Basao-Dilag and Lubo-Hilltop, two new village daycares that Quadra will be supporting over the next 5 years. We will also gain insight into a new eco-village and global youth development program in Costa Rica that IAT has been embarking upon over the past several years.

The school year in the Philippines began in June following the hot, summer months of April and May. We recently received letters of introduction from the teachers of the two new village daycares that Quadra is currently supporting. The following are excerpts from those letters. The first is from the Lubo Hillside daycare teacher:

### Dear Sponsor (Carol Foort and Quadra Island Community),

Greetings from the Philippines! Hello!!! How are you in Canada? I hope that you are all in good health as I am here in the Philippines. I am JennyBeth D. Esocam, thirty years old. I have four kids and my husband is a farmer. We work together in the garden by planting vegetables and harvesting rice. I also buy and sell vegetables in the market. Since I have trained as a teacher in elementary school, I am so happy to be selected to work as a teacher in the new Banggayan daycare centre in Bulano, Tabuk, Kalinga Province. The area where this daycare is located is in a village of the Lubo Tribe who settled here in Tabuk looking for greener pastures. This daycare centre is a big help to my community since most of children in the past have had to walk 2 kilometers to go to daycare while the parents are working in their fields.

My pupils have been enjoying coming to daycare and being with the other children, having fun and learning respect for each other. They especially like singing and action songs and learn the lyrics quickly. They are learning a lot and I am learning many things from them. Thank-you very much for supporting me and my community. Yours truly, JennyBeth D. Esican  
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The second letter comes from Josie Killa of the Dilag Basao daycare:

### Dear Quadra Community,

Warm greetings and a nice day to all. I hope you are fine and healthy. On behalf of the Basao daycare centre, my sincerest thanks to our dear sponsors. I am Josie Killa, 21 years old and a mother of one daughter. Our community of Barangay Dilag is composed of 7 sitios. Ours is the only sitio that has not had a daycare centre even though there are so many children here. So on behalf of the community people, we are so thankful for having this kind of program and to be sponsored by you. I am so lucky, thankful and excited to be chosen as the daycare teacher and to teach these 4, 5 and 6 years olds I have 27 enrollees, both boys and girls. I know that these are the foundation years for learning and that a teacher must teach from the heart. So I will do my best to show patience and kindness. I have learned that dedication and love of work can help conquer many obstacles.

Regards to all of you there and many blessings to come in your life. More power to your program.... Truly your, Josie Killa

As Quadra continues to care and share for others and expand community beyond its borders, come join us for an evening of celebration, information and inspiration on October 24th. Potluck begins at 6:00 followed by presentation at 7:30. Donations towards IAT's programs will be gratefully accepted with tax receipts available. Here is one more opportunity to stay connected through the Quadra Philippines Connection! Check out IAT's website at: [www.iatcan.org](http://www.iatcan.org)

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## Duo Affinité

A rare treat, Duo Affinité is coming to Quadra Community Centre for a performance of "stunning beauty" and "pure virtuosity" on Sunday, October 25th at 7:00 PM. Combining instruments which have rarely been paired, the trumpet and bassoon of Canadian soloists Guy Few and Nadina Mackie Jackson will enrapture and enchant with their unique blend of creative energy, unusual repertoire and multi-instrumental dexterity (Few sometimes plays the piano and trumpet simultaneously.)



Chosen early in his career by the Canada Council as Most Promising Artist in both piano and brass, trumpeter, Guy Few has won many prizes for his performance on both instruments. As a solo pianist, trumpeter, cornist, and singer, he is in demand with various orchestras and at festivals throughout Canada and the USA. Graduating from Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario with a Gold Medal, Guy also holds a Fellowship Diploma from Trinity College, London, England. Guy performs and records regularly with Bellows and Brass, Nadina Mackie Jackson (bassoon), and Stephannie Mara (piano). Guy has appeared on Canadian, American and European television broadcasts and is heard regularly on CBC Radio and NPR. He lives in Elora, Ontario, Canada, and is a part time faculty member at Wilfrid Laurier University where he conducts the Wilfrid Laurier Brass Ensemble and teaches trumpet and duo piano.

Born on a remote ranch in northern B. C., bassoonist, Nadina Mackie Jackson dedicates part of her performance time to rural areas where she has introduced the rare voice of the bassoon to hundreds of people. She is currently on faculty at the Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario and at the University of Toronto and the Glenn Gould School of the Royal Conservatory of Music. Her recordings are regularly heard on CBC Radio and she performs at festivals throughout North America. As an orchestral musician, Nadina records and performs as principal bassoon of the Toronto Chamber Orchestra, the baroque ensemble Aradia, and often with Les Violons

du Roy. She was the principal bassoonist of the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra for two years and spent the first decade of her career as a member of the Montréal Symphony Orchestra.

Working together as Duo Affinité, Mackie Jackson and Few have a long term commissioning and recording project that encompasses five new double concerti for trumpet, bassoon and orchestra along with new solo concerti for each instrument. The first disc in this series is Bacchanale on MSR Classics, released in June 2007 which recently won the 2009 Just Plain Folks Best Classical Orchestral Album in Nashville, Tennessee. Mackie Jackson said: "that the recognition and award for her CD was exhilarating given the high level of competition but the biggest thrill of all was to perform at the Wild Horse Saloon in the company of incredibly talented musicians from other walks of our profession." Their second CD, Romanza, was released in June, 2009 and a third (Francophonie) is underway.

Described as "...an irresistible combination of extraordinary musicianship and engaging showboating," (For the record, 2008) Duo Affinité will delight all concertgoers. Advance tickets 17\$ (students 16 and under are free when accompanied by an adult) available at the usual outlets: Quadra Crafts, Heriot Bay; Hummingbird Art and Office Supply, Quathias Cove; and the Music Plant in Campbell River. Door price: 20\$ For concert information phone: 285-2580. Artist information, visit: [www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/duo\\_affinite](http://www.latitude45arts.com/artists/view/duo_affinite)



## East Africa Night Slide Presentation And Fundraiser

Oct 14th 7pm at Quadra Community Centre

Are you interested in travelling or volunteering in a developing country or in learning more about Uganda and other parts of East Africa? If so come and find out about the

Annett family's experience volunteering in Uganda with ACTs and traveling across East Africa. This event is also a fundraiser and all proceeds will be used to support Education for Ugandan orphans in the Lake Bunyonyi region.

Admission is by donation, every little bit helps!.. so come and join us for a slide show and refreshments. Some fundraising items including fair trade items from Uganda will also be available for purchase or auction.

Learn something new, socialize and have fun!

## Senior Housing News

Congratulations to Catherine Smith for winning the trip to Mt. Washington and the \$100 gift certificate. Thanks go to DragonFly Suites and all those who contribute their spirit points to senior housing at the Heriot Bay TruValu store. Our summer raffles have raised a few thousand badly needed dollars, to help advance our project.

Advances are being made in firming the plans & layout for the first duplex, and we look forward to obtaining the blessing of the Regional District for the improvements. Thanks to Bill O'Connor for mowing the lot.... A decision was made to begin installing drain pipe and washed rock, and filling in the trench through the middle of the property. Grant Hayden and Rolf Kellerhals have kindly offered to supply machinery to accomplish this work, at fuel cost only. A big thank you! to them both. It appears that Quadra contractors and businesses are continuing to generously volunteer.

It is sometimes hard to see any progress, but it is happening. A reminder that fundraising of a least \$75,000 is needed to start construction, so philanthropists are still needed to come forward.

The Society has applied to the Quadra Section of Coastal Community Credit Union for some of the annual \$50,000 available in the legacy fund set up during the merger between QCU and CCCU. Our project will certainly be a big benefit to the community, so we are hoping for the generosity of the Legacy Committee at decision time.

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## The Blues

There's this woman who lives on Quadra Island. Her name is Julie Frank. She knows how to sing the blues. When she sings, you lose the blues. So she's singing at the Sundance Java Bar at Willow Point on Saturday Night, October 10th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. She's backed up by this elder guy Hal Douglas, who if you close your eyes, sounds like B.B. King on the lead guitar who in turn is backed by Adam McGuffie on the bass guitar, who is master of all the basic elements of the universe. Steve Moore plays the drums and for the second time in World History does the talking blues (cause he can't sing for shit). The last four gigs at the Sundance were sold out performances. Dinner is provided (Chicken, Salmon or Veggie). Music and food costs between \$20 to \$26 depending on the meal selection. Drop in the Sundance or call Kathy or Tracy at 250-923-8827 to make a reservation.

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# Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

## Avaricious Government

**“K**now your limit, play within it.” We’ve all been exposed to this trademarked catchphrase of BC Lottery Corporation, their token acknowledgement of the ills that can befall gamblers who are unable or unwilling to comply. Over the course of my life I’ve seen a lot of devastation left behind by gambling problems – in casinos in some cases, bingo in others, and backroom poker in at least one. Bankruptcy, marital breakdown, drug and alcohol abuse and suicide are common consequences of the British Columbia government’s addiction to lottery revenues...\$600 million in the fiscal year ended March 2009 and \$11.3 billion since April 1985; that’s when the BC government decided to add gambling to their list of tolerable vices, joining liquor and tobacco as cash cows for the general revenue fund. Indeed, our government itself is now addicted to gambling.

I managed to survive life enjoying games of chance with no significant ill effects for about 15 years, including Great Canadian Casino when it first appeared in Victoria, home poker matches and crazy-ass matches of Rumoli. It wasn’t until I made a bachelor journey in my parent’s RV to Nevada that I really got to feel the adrenaline of the action. I was about 32 years old, making good money with modest debt, and thought I was hell on wheels when it came to blackjack. I played in every little town that the RV carried me to, though I bypassed Vegas itself as it looked to be a parking headache – I later learned that many casinos offered free RV parking (with full hookups) but still feel I didn’t miss anything except big splashy stage performances which held no interest for me anyway. But I had a great time in tons of little taverns and bars dotting the Nevada highways that offered a different “casino” experience.

Carson City, which just happens to be the capital of Nevada, held my undoing within its quaint downtown district.

While I wasn’t entirely naïve to the lures of Nevada, I still managed to be overly appreciative of the freebies offered by the facilities provided you were gambling. I soon found a local landmark hotel that offered comfortable, attractive facilities and equally so female staff, in addition to non-stop cold brewskis coming tableside absolutely gratis...at least they were free while I continued to play. I did well, and after perhaps 5 or 6 hours in this joint I was

ahead by several thousand dollars, having a ball and absolutely polluted on Heinekens. I don’t even remember when I started to lose, but it was probably shortly after I got the pit boss’s permission to play the whole blackjack table by myself – it was a slow night in Carson City.

Things went downhill quickly, but the hotel had conveniently located an ATM directly behind the blackjack table, and my credit cards were happy to spot me some more money to lose. I barely remember the trek back to the RV, only that it was very early in the morning, and I slept very late into the day. Waking to a monstrous hangover, I soon remembered the events of the prior evening and managed to reconstruct a painfully clear accounting, through the ATM withdrawal slips, of just how much cash I had blown. A hasty retreat home to BC was dictated by the new big hole in my budget, and in the end it took me about 3 years to pay for that little adventure. Gratefully, it was a hard, expensive lesson that has remained with me ever since...except for the odd offering to luck and chance in the form of Lotto 6/49 quick picks.

Casinos are hugely profitable enterprises, particularly when legal. BC Lottery Corporation is similar in spinning massive profit margins – profits of \$1.09 billion on revenues of \$2.55 billion in the year just ended an impressive 43 % net margin. As previously noted, the BC Government collects 60 % of the net as owner, with the rest shared paid out in federal taxes and whatever’s left over being distributed to various BC community initiatives. That’s not to mention the many millions collected in tax revenues from the casino’s themselves. If memory serves, the Social Credit government of the day in 1985 created and sanctioned BC’s gambling industry with a mandate to direct the majority of profits generated to the health/sporting/community service sectors, but the sheer volume of cash being generated was too much to ignore when the provincial deficit was ramping up rapidly. So now we see the lion’s share go to the abyss of General Revenue Funds.

Bingo has been around forever, and has generally been regarded as a harmless diversion offering a chance at small profits while having some fun...until 1985. That signalled the birth of high octane bingo with pots of \$10,000 being dangled as lures; I’m sure the numbers

are even higher today, but I’m no longer as intimate with bingo as I was in the past. In 1988 I moved to Alert Bay for a 9 year stint as the local banker, and soon learned of the dark side of bingo. I made many, many loans to people who were covering their tracks after losing their pay cheque, or the household grocery money – even mortgage or rent payments – at the bingo hall. I saw many \$1,000 winners go on days-long drinking binges celebrating their win, while in the meantime the kids are going to Uncle’s house for some food. And in the pubs the presence of pull-tabs and eventually Keno machines created another outlet for people to throw away their money, most of who could ill-afford the losses. I have met (and presently know) many people who are able to properly budget their gambling expenses, and some have even “figured out” a way to tilt the odds to their favour. A rare few, like those that manage to beat the house in Vegas, have an insight that allows them to win relatively consistently...perhaps one in a million individuals would be my conservative guess. But the other 99 % of those that gamble regularly lose regularly – the profits of the industry attest to this quite clearly.

Earlier this year the BC Lottery Corporation amended their policies to allow gamblers playing on-line at BCLC to increase their losses from a maximum of \$120 per week to a whopping \$10,000 per week. “Know your limit, play within it” says BCLC, so BCLC clearly considers a \$10,000 a week habit as responsible behaviour. BCLC says they are only catching up with their competition...you know the ones, those online poker sites located somewhere in the Caribbean tax havens with mysterious ownership trails? Hardly role models for a Crown Corporation to emulate.

Gambling causes serious social problems, and if the government is going to advocate and profit by the games then the funding derived thereby should firstly be returned to the communities that need to fix the problems generated, with any leftovers for the government being a small addition to revenues, rather than a cornerstone of the provincial funding formula.

Ditto for liquor sales profit and cigarette tax – they have medical consequences, direct the profits derived to health. At least in this way the government could be seen as managing societal ills rather than encouraging and profiting by unhealthy activities.



# Area C Regional Director's Report

October 9, 2009

by Jim Abram

**W**hat a beautiful day out there today for October! After seven days of mixed weather in Vancouver it is a joy to be back on the island. Time to get things squared away for the approach of winter.

## You just never know what is around the corner

I am going to start this report on a rather personal note. On July 16th I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Quite the "2x4 up the side of the head", I'll tell ya! The good news is that it has been detected early due to regular testing, and the prognosis is very favourable. I will be having surgery on October 13th in Comox and will be in the hospital for about 5 days and then taking it easy at home for a few weeks. I fully intend to beat this. It is just another battle and I have had enough practice at those, to prepare me for this one. I have the best support that a person could have in Wendy and my family. So, I am confident that this will all work out as it should. I am in excellent shape, eat very healthfully and have a very positive outlook.

So there ya go! Thought it would be better that you hear it from me rather than through the grapevine. My alternate will fill in for me at Regional District meetings while I am out of commission and you can direct any questions that you have of a technical nature to the SRD office at 250-830-6700. Follow the prompts to find what you are looking for. I will not be checking messages or emails during the first two weeks after surgery.

## Union of BC Municipalities

I just returned home late on Saturday night from one of the most productive UBCM meetings in many years. I was able to meet with many Ministers and their staff on various issues of concern to us in our area. We also had the emergency resolution on the staffing of light stations that I put through our Board. It passed unanimously! It will now be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for endorsement there. I would like to thank all of the people that have taken the time to write letters and send them in to government and to the media. I spent the past 30 days working at the level of the Prime Minister, the Ministers and MP's and all opposition MP's and leaders. I have also done interviews with just about every major media outlet since this misguided initiative was announced. The power of the media is unbelievable! Thanks again to all of you.

## Grants

We are still awaiting word on the Community Adjustment Fund grant that was applied for from the Fed's. The grant is to finish up the hydro right of way to Granite Bay. We also did receive a grant to help keep forestry workers working, in the form of removing danger trees from the trails in Blenkin Park. We also got another grant that we applied for to replace the main sign at the Community Centre. So, we are getting some of our Federal tax dollars back into our community. I always insist that local people are hired for the work and to date have been successful in making that happen.

## Quathiaski Cove neighbourhood plan

We have finally cleared up all of the hurdles that were slowing this process from beginning. We are hoping to have the consultant hired by the middle of November and get going shortly thereafter. The meetings will be well advertised in the DI and elsewhere, so keep an eye out for the notices. This will be a very positive and exciting process.

## Board development

We have had a number of strategic planning sessions and board development sessions. I am very pleased to be able to say that our Board is working out far better than anyone could have imagined. We are working well together and have developed a draft strategic plan for the next five years. We seem to have gotten past the municipal / rural divide that was talked about so much in the former Comox-Strathcona RD. It is really refreshing.

I think that is about it for today. 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](mailto:abramfam@oberon.ark.com), or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices up until next Monday! Then, you'll need to wait until I am back in action.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Abram

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

## Friday Flicks presents The Necessities Of Life

**The Necessities Of Life** is a finely wrought drama inspired by a tuberculosis epidemic that broke out in the Inuit population of Canada's far north in the 1940s and '50s. Natar Ungalaaq, who played Atanarjuat in "The Fast Runner," stars as Tivii who is abruptly separated from his wife and two young daughters on Baffin Island when he's diagnosed with tuberculosis. He is put aboard a government ship and sent "down south" for treatment in a sanatorium. After three months at sea, he arrives at a hospital in Quebec, where everything seems alien. While no one here speaks Inuktitut, Tivii does grasp that his treatment is expected to last as long as two years.

Astonished by trees, cars, people in strange clothing speaking an unintelligible language and odd food - he's served spaghetti on his hospital tray one night and regards the plate with a mixture of curiosity and disgust - Tivii's loneliness is palpable. Despairing, he's nonetheless buoyed by the warm, considerate few who become a part of his new, confined world.

**The Necessities Of Life** is as much about white Canada's bureaucratic paternalism toward aboriginal people as it is about friendship and the nature of family. Actor Ungalaaq's broad, remarkably expressive face conveys emotion with elegant subtlety as he plays Inuit hunter Tivii. In examining what constitutes the necessities of life, the film presents a variety of options - communication, belonging, acceptance and family are paramount, but chief among them is dignity.

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# RU A Heriot Bay Idol?

Just as you begin to dread the lengthening nights and thick grey sky of October, something exciting happens on Quadra Island. Heriot Bay Idol is announced, bringing laughter and fun (and possible fame and fortune). Acapella, your music or choose from our karioke list, all music welcome.

The very talented Julie Rigby is the hosting Heriot Bay Idol. If you were at the Living Life Large Festival this summer, you saw her with Scott Low in the Laughing Running Nose Improv Duo. This witty pair were participants in a very successful season of Squamish Idol, and Julie is stoked

to be bringing the fun to Quadra Island.

The first annual Heriot Bay Idol is taking place at the Heriot Bay Inn. There's a \$500 prize package for the ultimate Heriot Bay Idol, and lots of talented folks vying for the title, so it's bound to be an entertaining series of Wednesdays in the HBI Pub. In this event it's worth coming in second with \$100.00 cash plus dinner and a room at the HBI. Third prize runner up gets to have loads of fun and win \$50.00 cash and \$50.00 HBI bucks!

HB Idols esteemed Judges include Tracy Sinclair of Quadra Island Kayaks, Moss of Brilla Bralla Gallery, Bob from Stranded Hair, Gerry from Yellow Dog Trading, Paul from Read Island. They look forward to hearing what the island has to sing.

Heriot Bay Idol officially gets underway October 7, with the top two performers every week moving up to the semi-finals, which take place November 18. (This gives you another chance to make it to the finals, if you don't achieve rock star status on your first try). The grand finally is on Wednesday November 25, you don't want to miss it.

So what are you waiting for? HBI Idol is Wednesday evenings at 9 pm in the Heriot Bay Inn Pub on Quadra Island. Sign up now, or any Idol evening. The only folks not invited to compete are those who have been previously paid for their singing talents. 250-285-3322 Participant room rate only 19.95 + tx. So get your singing freinds from afar to visit and enter. 19+ to enter.(watch for HB teen idol in January)

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Even with nearly 60 stray and feral cat surgeries to their credit so far, the Quadra Feral Cat Group has been overrun with many smaller furry challenges this fall. An influx of kittens on the island means the group must ramp up efforts to manage the numbers of local cats struggling without a family.

"We're thrilled to be within reach of 60 spays and neuters within our first nine months, and we can't let up now," explains coordinator Lara Fraser, who laments the recent arrival of several litters of kittens to stray and feral cats in a number of colonies on Quadra. "We urgently need to find homes for the kittens we've already tamed because we have more than 20 kittens that we're desperate to get into foster care so they can be socialized as adoptable family pets. Otherwise, they too will face a horrifically hard life as unwanted cats trying to survive in the wild." With a great variety of kittens available - from Persian and tabby and an assortment of solid colours, Fraser encourages anyone interested in fostering or adopting kittens to contact the Quadra Feral Cat Group as quickly as possible.

"Socializing kittens is easier the younger they are. Every day counts," she emphasizes. "We have been so grateful for the community's support so far, and being able to house these kittens would greatly reduce the future population of unwanted cats," Fraser adds. "And, of course, we urge people who already have a pet cat to get it spayed or neutered to help slow the island's cat population growth as much as possible." Beyond fostering and adopting, people interested in volunteering are welcome to join the Quadra Feral Cat Group and help with a number of activities, especially trapping, transporting and fundraising.

"Our core members are juggling so many things at once so we can keep getting cats to the vet, and we welcome new members to help share the load," she says. Quadra Feral Cat Group can be reached via telephone at 250-285-3941 or by email at [quadracats@yahoo.com](mailto:quadracats@yahoo.com). Donations can be made directly to the group, at the Quadra Coastal Community Credit Union or to change cans on local store counters.

## Quadra Island Seniors—Branch 91—B.C.O.A.P.O.

Wed. October 14th/09, we are having our Fall Fair and Market, with a short meeting. Come at 10:00 a.m, at the Royal Canadian Legion. There will be 3 Judges, with ribbons for the best Preserves, Unique Veggies or Fruit, best tasting Pies and Cakes, and unique display. The nicest Floral, Herb, or???display.

We are having our Annual Hobby or Craft display where we have a Trophy for the winner. There will be prizes, and a Market where you can sell your wares, such as, Candy, Baking, Mushroom, Preserves, or crafts or what ever you have, but no junk. We will have a delicious lunch as always.

On Sept. 29th/09 we had a very interesting tour of the collections at Campbell river Museum, we enjoyed the display of the old days of lifestyles, in log cabins, lapstrack boats, and the old put,put motors, Native Art, especially the Basket Collection, which was very beautiful. We later went for lunch at Canton Restaurant.

On Oct. 7th/09 we are travelling to Fanny Bay, to the North Island Regional meeting,

for fun and lunch, Fanny Bay will be receiving their 35 yr Founding Certificate, for all their hard work. Starting again on Wed.Oct. 21st, at the Legion we will have Exercices with Ann Lawrence at 10:00 a.m, Carpet Bowling with Chris Dyson at 11:00 a.m, don't forget your snacks or brown bag, to have with Coffee or Tea.

Walk on Sundays on Rebecca Spit with Lloyd & Peter, meet at the Launch Ramp at 11:00 a.m or catch up at the big Parking lot. For Membership call Muriel @ 3216, or Bob @ 2907 or Ruth @ 3801

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## Opinion - Gunner Point - A Freakish Experiment

*Only within the moment of time represented by the present century has one species....man... acquired significant power to alter the nature of his world.* Rachel Carson, Silent Spring.

In 1995, I worked as a DFO contracted guardian, patrolling Pacific Fishery Management Area 12, Mainland Inlets. Tucked into my neoprene chest waders, felt boots, polarized sun glasses pushing through cold, cedar coloured streams with salmon thundering past my hips. I shared the streams with grizzly, black bears, wolves, raven, eagles and a multitude of other salmon dependent creatures. Salmon abundance was holding it's ground.

Suddenly, it all shifted, salmon stocks and the guardianship program haven't been the same.

**1997:** Within our contracted profile, lurked an insidious presence with an untouchable, membrane of political favor that started to reek havoc on this coastal scene. First, hundreds, then thousands of escaped salmon caught in commercial nets. Wild juvenile salmon in the escapees stomachs. Adult Atlantics, smolts, then fry were identified in the streams. Risking disease transfer and competition. DFO guardians are denied observation of the activities around fish farms.

Deleterious substances actively being dispersed into salmon bearing waters, like antibiotics, feed additives, pharmaceuticals, pesticides and net anti fouling. Underwater Acoustical Devices altered Orca, Humpback and Minke foraging patterns and seals shot or strangled in nets. Huge lights attracting every aquatic species in the immediate vicinity. Nets actively fishing, day and night. Incidental by-catch violations through stock transfer. Unlicensed, unobserved, transport vessels with bilge water contaminants pumped overboard. Experiment as you go, open door policy for a feed lot fishery.

**1998:** Next I worked for HRDC, UFAWU and DFO for the Pacific Salmon Revitalization Initiative. A social experiment through fleet downsize, that ultimately proved to be a slick campaign providing a labor pool for the fish farms. Wild salmon research and recovery was not the priority. 2001: I visited Alex on my way through the Broughtons. Hardly tied to her float she ushered me to a live tank. Peering into a baggie of emaciated salmon smolts covered in sea lice, my blood froze. Sea lice increasing due to light, warmth and food sources around the farms. The more suspect activity we reported in contravention of the Federal Fisheries Act, the more our coast wide contracted funding was cut back.

**2007:** BC government ignores the blatant industry violations obtained through a publicly funded, provincial inquiry (Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture, May 2007) and scores of peer reviewed, international scientific research, that vehemently profile potentially, irreversible damage to our own ecosystems interconnected to wild salmon stocks.

**2008:** Fishery Management Area 12 Pink Salmon returns collapse where I used to walk counting hundred's of thousands returning pink's, amongst gorged grizzly bears. Now both these populations are under stress.

**2009:** Fraser Sockeye and Northern Chum stocks collapse. What is our response? Expansion and to support a freakish, Frankenstein experiment called, Gunner Pt. A behemoth, pit lamping, netted by-catching, disease breeding, effluent emitting structure directly in the path of threatened, shoreline migrating, Fraser river salmon stocks? I have watched Minke whale feed in the back eddy of that bay.

Further insult, we have allowed foreign industries to operate in direct contravention of the Fisheries Act? I know families that were denied wharfage by DFO because the shoreline would be compromised. Forestry companies are fined heavily altering salmon bearing streams or shoreline habitat. The handle full of jobs are not worth sacrificing wild salmon, bears, orca, sportfishing, wilderness tourism, indigenous traditional foods and culture. All at risk by our government to satisfy their desperate, short sited economic agenda as they cling to an unsustainable industry. We can create better economic choices.

Our coastal community success comes from proactive management decisions based on intelligent stakeholder input and on the ground accountability. Just look to the forest companies and the multinational influence vs local. We need to adjust to new economic strategies, but not at the cost of our resources or environment. Open net, fish farms are compounding changing oceanic conditions and fishery collapses through accumulative benthic and pelagic contaminants. Wild salmon, and our oceans will not survive the continued, unenforced assault. Insist upon closed containment or better yet, redirect development funding to SFU engineers for land based farm technology. Do not let this lethal, industry continue to pollute, or operate illegal fisheries in BC waters. Write your MP, your local papers and demand a judicial inquiry before pacific salmon collapse like the east coast cod fishery.

- Leanne Hodges

## Land Act:

### Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land

(Revised)

Take notice that We Wai Kai Nation of Quadra Island and surrounds, intends to make application to the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (MAL), for a Licence of Occupation for deepwater suspended culture of scallops situated on Provincial Crown Land located in the waters of Sutil Channel, Southeast of Rebecca Spit, in front of Indian Reserve #9 (Drew Harbour), Quadra Island.

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is File # 1411207. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to Ken Albrecht, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, c/o Integrated Land Management Bureau at 142 - 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9, or emailed to: [AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca) or [Kenneth.Albrecht@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kenneth.Albrecht@gov.bc.ca). Comments will be received by MAL until November 16, 2009. MAL may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit the website:

<http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca> under the link: Applications & Reasons for Decision for more information.

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