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(L-R) Bill Nutting, Shirley Muress, Ruth Rombough and John Baumfield at the new entrance to the Quadra Cemetery with Ruth presenting the trustees with a cheque for \$3,000 from Coastal Community Credit Union

Quadra Island Cemetery Receives Funds, Makeover

Islanders coming and going along Quadra's 'back' road this summer have seen a transformation take place at the Quadra Island Cemetery. Slowly and surely 'Scottish' Jim plied his stone mason's craft and two new gate pillars took shape and now stand proud at the entrance to the cemetery addition.

The Quadra Island Cemetery trustees recognized the need for an expansion to the cemetery to serve the community in coming years noting increased demand emerging as a result of our local aging society. The board drew up a plan and approached Coastal Community Credit Union and other local businesses for financial and in-kind assistance to develop the expanded facility.

The Quadra Island Cemetery was established in 1915. In 1963, with the gift of 2.5 acres from Mr. Filberg of Comox Logging and Railroad Company, Quadra Island Cemetery became a Trust. The title of the land was vested in the three original Trustees: Sig Haga, Lloyd McIlwain and George Rose.

A funding proposal was prepared in order to set forth the details of a development project to expand the cemetery, and to determine if financial assistance was available in order to proceed. The development aims to

increase the visual appeal of the Cemetery and create a space suitable for family gatherings related to burials and for visitors to the Cemetery to enjoy and remember their loved ones.

The trustees were successful in securing funding and assistance from local businesses and is now well underway. The project has been managed by the Quadra Island Trustees who extend a huge thank you to: Quadra Island Builders, John Schevers, Sorensen MacDonald Enterprises, G. Roy Dahlnas Excavating, David Neville and Terry Anderson for their financial support and the volunteers that helped with the project: Mel Doak, Frank Boas, Tom Pickering and Barb Baumfield.

The donation from CCCU keeps alive a long-standing relationship between the Credit Union and the cemetery. In March 1963 the first meeting of the trustees was held at the Quadra Credit Union who seeded the new venture with a contribution of \$200.

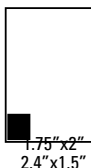
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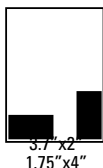
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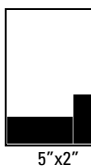
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Children, teen and adult pottery classes at the Community Centre this fall

The City of Campbell River Parks, Recreation & Culture Department is offering fall pottery classes for people of all ages.

If you've never tried working with clay, here's an opportunity to mold and sculpt it into beautiful works of art. A wide variety of techniques will be taught, including pinch pots, slab work, sculpting and wheel work.

Teen and adult classes begin Monday, Sept. 20, and run 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Classes also run Fridays, beginning Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost for eight classes is \$138, or \$107 if you are a 50+ member. Classes include enough clay to make several projects.

Clay Mates,
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to 6, runs
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week on



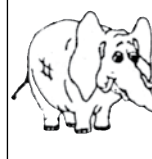
Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Children will explore clay by hand building, sculpting, glazing and will even get a chance to do some work on the wheel! Tons of fun, and be prepared to get dirty! We will offer this program twice this fall. The first session runs Sept. 20 to Oct. 7. The next session runs Oct. 18 to Nov. 4. The cost for six classes is \$80, which includes the clay.

Drop-in Pottery happens Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m. Drop-in Pottery is open to anyone in the community who has had some pottery experience in the past. No instruction provided. This is a great place to work with clay if you don't have space at home, and it's a chance to gather inspiration from fellow potters. Drop in and let the creative juices flow. Drop-in fee is \$3 per hour or \$27 for a 10-hour punch card.

All pottery classes take place at the Community Centre. For more information on these and other programs, call the Community Centre at 250-286-1161.

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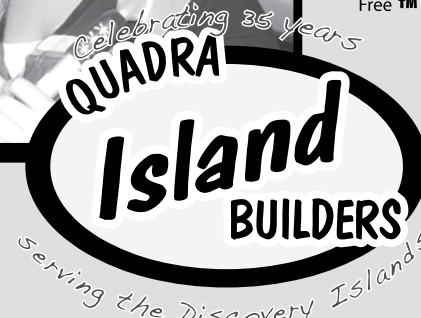


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DAY TO DAY

Saturday- Sunday, September 11-12

- 5th Annual Quadra Paint Out at Rebecca Spit Saturday, Heriot Bay Inn Sunday, FREE reception 3 PM. 250-285-3390

Sunday, September 12

- Living Life Large Festival gates open at 1 pm until 11 pm at the Heriot Bay Inn. Tix in advance 250-285-3322

Monday September 13,

-The Garden Club presents Your Backyard Pharmacy 7pm at the Community Centre

Saturday, September 18

- Quadra Island Golf Tournament, Story Creek start 10:15 am

Sunday, September 19

- Philippines Giant Garage Sale QICC






Saturday, September 25th

- 11 am - 2 pm Quadra Seniors Housing Open House of the first suite (dry walled) - everyone welcome
- Coal: BC's Dirty Secret 7:00 pm QICC Sierra Quadra

Saturday - Sunday, September 20-24

- Grant Fuller workshop "Painting the Sea in Watercolour" Firesign Studio 285-3390

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Yoga with Josephine, Room 3, QCC, 7 - 9pm
1st Monday - Quadra writers group, 7 - 9pm 285-3656

TUESDAY

Pilates, QCC 285-2930 9:30 - 10:30am
Quadra Children's Song Circle, Room 3, QCC3 - 4pm
Al-Anon Meeting, Children's Centre, 7:30pm
Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30, Sept 21-Apr 26.

WEDNESDAY

Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15pm
1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2pm
Lifedrawing sessions, Firesign Studio, 7 - 9:30pm Nancy, 285-3390

THURSDAY

Parents & Tots, QCC, 9:30am - 12pm
Pilates 9:30-10:30am, QCC from 22nd April
Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7pm
Drop in games and wing night, Legion, 7:00pm.

SATURDAY

Farmers' Market & Bazaar 10 am to 2 pm behind the Credit Union Q-Cove
Legion Meat Draw 5pm, Steak Dinner 6:30pm
Open Mic with Mo, HBI, 9pm

SUNDAY

Centre for Spiritual Living Celebration, Willow Point Hall, 10:30am
Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30am
Quadra Sunday Painters, 11am - 2pm, 285-3390
Quadra Island United Church, 11 am, Sept 12-June 26.
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Next Deadline
Monday, Sept. 20th

ISLAND FORUM



Dear Editor,

A lot of new information on the Gowlland Harbour Views development has been appearing lately. In his last report, our Regional Board Member, Jim Abram, reports that the Board is giving 1st and 2nd reading to the the bylaws amending both our Community Plan and the Zoning Bylaw, as requested by the developers. Contrary to what Jim states, there have been no substantive changes to the development proposal as originally presented at two show-and-tells organized by the developer, and all the major conflicts with our Community Plan are still part of what is being proposed. With many Q-Cove residents up in arms about ballooning sewer costs, and the alluring prospect that the Gowlland Harbour Views developers might contribute to the sewer costs in the far future, one begins to understand why the problems associated with this development are being ignored by many. We described the conflicts with the Plan in some detail in the Oct. 9, 2009 issue of the Discovery Islander, there are too many to try and repeat here, suffice to say that one section of the plan very specifically prohibits what is now getting first and second reading by the Strathcona Regional Board.

At their meeting of August 11, 2010, which dealt with the Gowlland Harbour Views Development, the Board accepted 2 documents, both available on the Regional District website. The first document is a submission by the developers, which is primarily a lesson in greenwashing, with many pages of pretty pictures and every environmental buzz word that can be found in the dictionary. They are clearly well aware of one of the most serious conflicts with the Community Plan, the absolute prohibition of rezoning the Silviculture Lands for housing, and therefore set out to convince us that silviculture is synonymous with large clearcuts. More on this below, but it is rather ironic for anyone familiar with the owner's, (Rick Schellinck) logging history on Denman Island, where he was responsible for one of the worst logging jobs that we have

seen. This view has been confirmed by many others who visited the site - a section of the Lindsay-Dickson Forest off the main road. Another interesting aspect of the developers submission is the listing of Thorconsult Engineering Ltd. and its principal, Joseph Bonadventure (Bon) Thorburn P.Eng. as being responsible for civil engineering and surface drainage. The web site of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC shows a Consent Order signed by Mr. Thorburn on May 25, 2010, in which he admits 4 items of unprofessional conduct, all related to sewerage system design. His engineering practice is presently restricted.

If you have ever been involved in planning or zoning issues on Quadra, you should read the second document, the Staff Report, signed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional Board, Brian Reardon. It illustrates the contempt with which the planning staff treat locally developed plans if they happen to get in the way of a pet project, and particularly so if the project includes Development Zones, where they get to call the shots. Mr. Reardon is well aware of the outright conflict between the Official Community Plan and the Gowlland Views proposal, which he views as a great gift to Quadra Island. The Community Plan is but a little bump on his road which he overcomes with an astounding collection of distorted facts, omitted facts and verbal acrobatics (his pages 7 to 9). The general theme is that the Quadra locals clearly did not know what they were doing and could not possibly have meant what the Plan states, and that it should therefore be ignored. The fact is that the plan provisions that are now in Mr. Reardon's way were much discussed during plan development, specifically with regard to the Raven lands along West Road and with regard to Lot 208. The intent was to discourage suburban sprawl, such as Gowlland Harbour Views, and to provide a clear break in the settled areas north of Quathias Cove, in addition to assuring that the Silviculture Zone would not become simply a land reserve for future development. Also

omitted by Mr. Reardon is the fact that Mr. Schellinck was specifically compensated for the Silviculture restrictions on Lot 208 with \$600 000.- of our taxpayers money when he accepted a trade of a much smaller, but more easily developed parcel of land on Denman for Lot 208 a few years ago.

The Cape Mudge Band should take notice that the Community Plan is only an obstacle to re-zoning if the Regional Board decides to make it one, the wording of the plan appears to be irrelevant. Having a well connected ex-highways approving officer equipped with a large can of green paint as your main consultant is not a bad idea either if the Community Plan threatens to make problems..

Respectfully submitted by
Rolf and Heather Kellerhals

**Strathcona Regional District,
Jim Abram**

RE : Quathathiaski Cove Sewer bill.

Just received my sewer bill for 2010 and the increase was 23.5% Jim you and your gang are out of control. Yes folks this is the same sewer that Jim Abram says he voted for no increase and yes the same sewer that had a surplus in 2009.

Heriot Bay be careful what you wish for if you want to pay more get hooked into a sewer deal with the Regional District. This out of control spending is not going to stop with the sewer, watch your taxes for 2011. After two meetings with staff and Directors of the Regional District I am convinced that they are going to spend our money any way they want since they do not care how it impacts us. They do not even have the common courtesy to tell us what they are doing.

Ask yourself these two questions.

1- Did you get a 23.5% increase in your pay?

2-What would your life be like without these people spending our money without any regard for us?

Very concern taxpayer,
Joe Duprey

Editor

Discovery Islander

The incredible gall of Alexandra Morton in the face of such a major abundance of sockeye, pink and coho salmon on the south BC coast in 2010 simply astounds me!

Incidentally, just what are her biology credentials that she has appointed herself the guru of the wild salmon fishery, and speaks so disdainfully of "salmon feedlots"? My alma mater of SFU giving her an honorary degree for the very dubious "research" she has conducted flaunts all sensible precedents. Her slagging of these "foreign Norwegian Companies" is nothing short of disgusting, as Canadian companies have activities throughout the world.

Real research must be done on the sockeyes' habits and journey, especially on the three non-peak years - no sound knowledge of their behaviour seems to exist, or the DFO would not constantly over or under estimate their numbers so drastically. If Ms. Morton has scientific research ability, perhaps she should employ it in a worthwhile fashion instead of using the fish farms as her whipping boy.

On another topic - the idea that horses on old logging roads in Strathcona Park is an environmental disaster is truly bizarre. The west coast environment is probably the most robust and regenerative of any in the world - anything but "fragile"!

The Strathcona [Park] "master plan", made by an inner circle of people, is anything but a democratic document, and liek any "master plan" (see 1,000 year Reich) is bound to fail. Plans must be designed to adapt to future developments. It seems as if the chance of "profit" for the firm doing the horse tours disgusts the purists. Perhaps the profit made by Strathcona Park Lodge over the years is a degree purer?

I certainly do commend the FOSP for their ceaseless works in the park; they definitely have put in the time. Parks, however are not there simply for the dedicated hikers, but for all the people of BC and our visitors.

Arne Liseth

Campbell River Art Gallery presents:

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Thursday, Sept 16, 7:30 - 8:30

Design your own trading cards (2 1/2" X 3 1/2") in the media of your choice. Anything goes for these mini masterpieces. Bring as many as 20 to trade on a one to one basis with others. All ages. Drop in. Everyone welcome.

Friday, Sept 17, 7:30pm
Sailing the Forbidden Seas

Exhibiting artist Johann Weighardt will discuss his inspiration and his work with the public. His mixed media sculpture (found object, kinetic and interactive) and classically influenced paintings create a narrative revealing Wieghardt's fascination with the swashbuckling life of mariners of yesteryear, and the sobering realities of immigration, disease and death at sea. Refreshments served. All welcome.

Stunning Slideshow of BC's
Backcountry Wonders at Campbell
River Art Gallery.

Sept 24, 7:30pm. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

Artist Rick Cepella will open his exhibition Expressing a Landscape with a slide presentation that reveals his artistic process of capturing the qualities and energy of a landscape on canvas. All are welcome to view images of the places and the art that inspire the artist's work.

Cepella is an outdoor enthusiast who is dedicated to his subject matter. On opening night of his exhibit he will present pictures of his back country destinations, as well as photos that represent a range of his own work and the work of those who have influenced his practice.

Expressing a Landscape will be on exhibit until October 29. The artist will also teach a weekend acrylic painting workshop Sept 25 & 26.

For more information contact Campbell River Art Gallery at 250-287-2261 or drop by 1235 Shoppers Row.

Thanks

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to write and say how much I've enjoyed and appreciated the articles submitted by Nora Bingham. Not only is she a lovely writer, she brings a true

Quad-reality to the pieces she writes. Her understanding, appreciation and articulation of the essence of life on Quadra comes from being steeped in it's magic - a child of the island, all grown up. Her last piece about the solace of geography was really a beautiful sentiment, beautifully written.

Thanks, Nora - I can tell that you get as much pleasure out of writing your pieces, as I do from reading them. Maybe it's a little about the geography, maybe it's a little island magic but most certainly it's about the way all our hearts are connected - thanks for sharing what's in yours.

Sherrie Fudikuf

Donation Of A New Park On Read Island:

Strathcona Regional District
receives land from a private donor

Campbell River, B.C. - The Strathcona Regional District is very pleased to announce that it has accepted a land donation which will result in a new park being created on Read Island. The new park, 'John Kim Nature Sanctuary', is a 1.86 ha (4.6 acre) forested property located just inland from Surge Narrows on Read Island.

Gifted by Eileen Sowerby and land partners, the property will be preserved as a natural park area in memory of Eileen's beloved son John McKim Millar. Ms. Sowerby is most grateful to her land partners, who readily agreed to the donation. Director Jim Abram extends his genuine gratitude for this memorial gift, "On behalf of the residents of Read Island, I sincerely thank Ms. Sowerby for this very generous gift and lasting endowment."

By protecting this ecological gift, time should allow for mature forest characteristics to naturally develop in this second growth forest, while providing wildlife with a protective forest canopy as well as other benefits. With The Nature Trust of BC holding a covenant, the Strathcona Regional District will be assisted by the Surge Narrows Community Association to steward the park's growth in the spirit in which this gift was intended. Craig Anderson, Chair of the Strathcona Regional District Board acknowledges the significance of this donation, "This thoughtful gift will certainly have increasing importance in the years to come."

The public is invited to attend the donation ceremony on Saturday, September 18, 2010 commencing at 12:30 p.m. on Read Island. The ceremony will be held at the 'John Kim Nature Sanctuary' located along Surge Narrows Road near the school.

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Jim Abram Area C=

Well, here we are at the end of the summer season, with Labour Day passed and the kids going back to school. It really feels like fall. The rain was needed but I would not complain if we got a few more months of sunshine and warm weather. I am not ready for this, even though most of September and October will be spent indoors in meetings and more meetings! This happens every year: Labour Day passes and meetings go crazy.

So, last report I presented a long list of things that were coming up at the Board meeting on August 26th. Many of them were to do with sewer issues. And sure enough, they were all on the agenda.

Quathiaski Cove Sewer User Fees

This item was on the agenda for all four readings to raise the annual residential rate for sewer users by \$39.00. This may not seem like a lot, but it was right on the heels of a first time ever taxation on properties within the sewer area to pay for some unexpected repairs from last year. I said in my last report that I was not in support of this increase for a number of reasons, all of which hinged on additions to the sewer area, thereby bringing in more user fees and more connection fees / development cost charges, which would be put into reserve for any possible repairs. The addition of users would even possibly bring the global user fee down over time, rather than looking at an increase at this time. Staff made a good argument to increase it now, since the new users would not be on-line in the 2011 budget year. They would possibly be on-line in the 2012 budget year. Hence, I was willing to take the chance that since we did all of the necessary repairs this last year, that there would be no urgency to increase the rates at this time. There was much healthy debate around the table (this is a full board vote, not just electoral areas). In the end, a vote was taken and the User Fee Bylaw passed. I voted against it, as I said I would do, along with three other directors.

The good news is that this rate will probably be short lived and I have talked with our Chief Financial Officer about reviewing our five year financial plan in great detail and figuring out how we can eliminate the property tax portion all together for next year, or at least significantly reduce

it. I hope that we can make that happen. This action in combination with more users coming on-line in the next couple of years should make the financing of the sewer system sustainable. That is the goal.

Sewer expansion area

This received approval by the board to go ahead and draw up the bylaws that are necessary to expand the sewer area to take in some properties on the west and north ends of the defined area. Staff were also directed to develop the best method for voter assent of this proposal. There will be a vote within the sewer area!

Sewer condition and capacity study

This item was passed without a hitch, since it is the key part in this whole issue of sewer use. The study will be paid for entirely out of Gas Tax rebate funds from the Federal government to a maximum of \$25,000.00. Once we know the results of this study, we will be able to make much more informed decisions with respect to sewer issues.

Gowlland Harbour Views proposal

This development out near April Point was to receive first and second readings, but the board felt that there still needed to be more work done on insuring wildlife corridors are protected. This seemed to be a reasonable suggestion by the Mayor of Campbell River and I believe the applicant will be agreeable to having a better look at this item. It was given to staff to deal with and will probably be back at the next board meeting

Park dedication on Read Island

The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) is very pleased to announce that it has accepted a land donation which will result in a new park being created on Read Island. The new park, 'John Kim Nature Sanctuary', is a 4.6 acre forested property located just inland from Surge Narrows on Read Island just beyond the school property. It was

gifted by Eileen Sowerby and her land partners and the property will be preserved as a natural park area in memory of Eileen's beloved son John McKim Millar. Ms. Sowerby is most grateful to her land partners, who readily agreed to the donation. I would like to sincerely thank Ms. Sowerby for this very generous gift and lasting endowment.

The Nature Trust of BC will be holding a covenant on the property and the Strathcona Regional District will be assisted by the Surge Narrows Community Association to steward the park's growth in the spirit in which this gift was intended. Once again, thanks, Eileen!

Tax exemption

I was pleased to once again put through a tax exemption for the Royal Canadian Legion for the Class 8 portion of their property taxes. This is the portion that is connected to the recreational aspect of their activities and it helps them out in their efforts that benefit the community.

Union of BC Municipalities upcoming meeting

I will be away attending the UBCM annual conference from September 26th until October 1st, dealing with all of the issues that effect our area and also all of the broader issues that effect us all from the broader provincial perspective. It is a great opportunity to network with other local government representatives and also to meet with provincial ministers and ministries.

Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at jimabram@explornet.ca, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jim Abram

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A privileged Montreal teen believes he's the reincarnation of Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky and acts accordingly in high-concept teen comedy "The Trotsky." Both cartoonish and cerebral, and studded with in-jokes referencing multicultural life in "la belle ville" and classic cinema, the colorful pic is expecting a wide release in both English- and French-speaking territories.

Sharing his radical hero's birth name, Leon Bronstein keeps a bright red checklist in his bedroom that outlines his destiny. It includes "get exiled (twice), marry an older woman (preferably named Alexandra) and get assassinated (hopefully somewhere warm)."

After Leon organizes a hunger strike at his father's garment factory, his capitalist pop cuts off funds for private school. Enrolling at a public high school for his senior year, Leon brings new meaning to the words "student union" -- and conceives a social-justice theme for the school prom. His biggest foes are fascist Mrs. Davis with her detentions, dictatorial principal Berkhoff, and student apathy.

Showcasing the late-summer beauty of bilingual Montreal, the sharply designed production package is everything it should be.

Important Notice Backyard Burning Ban

Until October 15, 2010 a backyard burning ban will be in effect on Quadra Island. Burning barrels, being medium sized fires, are included in this ban.

If you have any questions, please contact the Quadra Island Fire Department at 250 285 3262 or send us an email at quadrafd@gicable.com.

Pledges for Paws for a Cause

I would appreciate all the pledges for the SPCA as I am trying to raise \$600.00 this year. All donations are appreciated, however, if it's not \$15 you do not get a receipt sent to you re: a donation. I am starting this early as every year a day before and many afterwards I am still trying to collect, and make up what I put in. You may safely put in an envelope and leave in my Loon Mailbox on the front porch or mail it to me direct - 531 Alexander Dr., Campbell River, BC V9H 1S5, checks are to be made payable to CR SPCA. As you know both Kenny and I will be walking the 3 mi. with Rosa, Milo and Calle and we hope the two girls and boy will win some prizes for their costumes. If your going to see me that's a good time or drop by the house or give me a call, I'll pick up. 250-923-8291 Tansy and her Baja Beauties

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Books Back Please

Wendy Terral fondly requests the return of borrowed books, etc. She has lost track and your help is greatly appreciated. She is on retreat in chemotherapy for the next five months. Please leave a message 285 3108.

29th Annual Quadra Island Golf Tournament

This year's edition of the Quadra Island Golf Tournament will be held, as usual at Storey Creek Golf Club on Sept 18th starting at 10:15 am, with dinner and prizes afterwards at the Landing Pub. It will be a scramble format and you can sign up at the Landing. Golf & dinner is \$87, golf only is \$70 and dinner only is \$16. Please pay when you register. We only have room for 16 foursomes so don't leave it too late. If you want to reserve a golf cart, please phone the golf course. For further information, please contact Paul Ryan at 285-3896 or Rod Clark at 285-3849.

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We will be hosting two workshops prior to the festival, Sunday September 5th and Sunday September 12th @ 2pm \$10.00 will include the pattern and supplies to make 1 lantern! But please folks, please refrain from using open flames!! There are lots of alternatives, such as, glow sticks, LED lights, flashlights, headlamps, christmas lights ect ect. And if someone or a group of someones want to make huge glowing masterpieces, we will supply power for lights.

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Firesign Hosts Fall Painting Workshops

Watercolour artist Grant Fuller returns to Quadra Island September 20-24 to teach "Painting the Sea in Watercolour". See him at the Quadra Paint Out this weekend! Also Teresa Knight will be at Firesign Studio and B&B October 2-3 to help artists "Getting to the Magic" with water media. Marjorie Turnbull from Vancouver will also be at the Paint Out, then October 18-22 she comes to teach "Expanding Your Colour Horizons". Can't make the whole 5 days? call Nanci for a daily rate 285-3390. www.firesignartanddesign.com for more information. There's still room in all of them!

Open House At The Community Garden

Everyone is invited to our Open House on Saturday September 11, 10-11:30 am and 1:30 - 4:00 pm. Again this year, visitors will be welcome to take home a few herbs.

It has been a second very productive growing season at the Old Farm. Amongst the crops grown are huge tomatoes, a large variety of squash, soya beans, artichokes, corn and even melons. Thanks to the hard work by Rick Milne at Last Drop Water, our two shallow wells provided just enough water in spite of the hot dry summer. A grape arbour (no grapes yet), a bridge and new cedar compost bins have been constructed. We have added a fig tree and a hazelnut tree and created a garden of sedums. Gerry Cote provided and planted several apple trees. The herbs have flourished and a small book of information has been housed in the herb garden. A picnic table now resides under the pear trees.

All of the new construction and the complicated new irrigation system are thanks to the generous grants the garden received from the Coastal Community Credit Union, Jim Abram and the Regional District, Feast of Fields and an Innovative Community Capacity Building award through the Cancer Society. The picnic table was donated by Campbell River's Home Depot.

Some of our younger gardeners have moved on to pursuits off island and we now have several 10 x 20 garden plots available for new members. If you are interested, please come on Saturday Sept. 11 or call Susan at 3632.



Second Annual Music Festival Happening On Quadra Island

It's going to be a whole day of groove on Quadra Island at the Heriot Bay Inn's second annual Living Life Large festival Sunday September 12. The festival line-up features some amazing talent this year, with musical styles ranging from gypsy-circus-ragtime, to Patsy Cline tunes, reggae, and high-energy world rhythm.

The afternoon takes off with Blackberry Wood, a group that is not to be missed. They are winning the loyalty of many world-wide with their zany presence, incredible musicianship, and ability to get you up and dancing with their blend of old-time-country with ragtime & gypsy styles.

Sara-Jeanne Hosie is one of Vancouver's top musical theatre performers whose voice has been described as "one of the most powerful and beautiful instruments I have heard". She is performing a set of Patsy Cline tunes.

Ben Howell of the Naked Dj's excels at making peoples feet move with rhythmic abandon at parties and festivals big and small. Look forward to shaking it up on the dance floor to some funky reggae rhythms! The show line-up also includes some of Quadra's fantastic local talent: you'll see fabulous islanders sharing comedy, music, hoola hooping and fire-spinning.

Headliners for the evening are the very talented Tambura Rasa: this band will definitely get your feet moving with their highly rhythmic, passionate and powerful world beats!

Gates open at 1 pm, the music starts at 2, and it's non-stop fun from then till 11 pm (an outdoor beer garden has been added this year!). Tickets are \$40 (after 6 pm = \$30); 15 & under: pay your age. Get tickets at the Music Plant, Hummingbird Art Supply the Heriot Bay Inn, and charge by phone: 250.285.3322.

Wondering about where to stay? The Heriot Bay Inn has on-site camping and is offering a \$10 camping discount with every Living Life Large ticket. Cabins and cozy rooms in the historic hotel are available to rent, or visit www.quadraisland.ca for more options.

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'Mind's Eye' Lecture

with Ken Blackburn

Sybil Andrews, in her book *Artist's Kitchen*, said "It is a struggle to bring our idea to birth: it is our mental and spiritual growth which is of vital importance...". These words have application across all professions and lifestyles. On September 16, at 7 pm, the Museum at Campbell River will host curator Ken Blackburn's talk 'Mind's Eye'. This talk will examine the exhibition 'Mind's Eye: The Campbell River Drawings of Sybil Andrews' currently showing at the Museum. "Sybil Andrews' drawings have much to reveal" says Blackburn. "Not only are they of interest from a fine art perspective, but when examined closely and in conjunction with her thoughts from the book *Artist's Kitchen*, they offer a fascinating launching point for a discussion of how to live in the world". Andrews donated 126 works to the Museum just prior to her death in 1992. She lived and taught in Willow Point for over 40 years and was a noted English Futurist artist before emigrating to Campbell River after World War II. Blackburn has assembled a collection of her charcoal drawings for this exhibition, many of which have never been publicly shown before. "The Museum's collection is amazing" according to Blackburn. "Sybil Andrews is a major international artist. Her works are very rewarding when critically engaged and reflected on". The talk will also serve as the launch for the catalogue produced for the exhibition. A limited number of copies have been printed and are sure to become collector's items. "I hope the talk will begin a discussion of the value of developing an artist's eye, or a 'Mind's Eye', within ourselves. To see with the Mind's Eye does not mean one has to become an artist. Rather it is a skill that is profoundly enriching for each of us, regardless of our profession". Blackburn is an artist and independent curator. He works as the Museum's Public Program Coordinator and is also the Executive Director of the Campbell River Arts Council. The cost for the talk is \$5.00. To reserve a seat please call the Museum at 287-3103. The exhibition *Mind's Eye: The Campbell River Drawings of Sybil Andrews* continues until December 31.

What is Iyengar Yoga?

Iyengar Yoga promotes integration of body, mind and spirit through the practice of traditional yoga postures and breathing techniques. Based on ancient yogic practices as interpreted by contemporary Yoga Master, B.K.S. Iyengar, this yoga places special emphasis on developing strength, endurance, balance and correct body alignment.

Most of us tend to stretch from our more flexible areas, relying on our better-developed muscles for strength, in so doing we reinforce habits of posture. The method of Iyengar Yoga encourages weak parts to strengthen and stiff areas to release. As our bodies move into more correct alignment less muscle work is needed and relaxation increases.

The careful use of props help to educate the body and allow the student to achieve the pose. Self-exploration occurs through discovery and release of physical tension and mental resistance.

Suitable for all ages and abilities Iyengar Yoga classes vary from gentle to vigorous. Contact Ann Tuelle or visit www.bksiyengar.com and www.iyengaryogacanada.com

Quadra Island Farmers Market & Bazaar

Customer Appreciation Day Saturday September 11

Your local vendors appreciate fellow islanders and visitors for your continued support for our successful market this year. We couldn't have it without you. So make sure you come out for the last day. There will be many gifts being given away from our vendors every 1/2 hour or less, just to say thank you. Just drop your name in a box at the market and hopefully your name will be drawn and posted on our board. You must be present to win. See you there!

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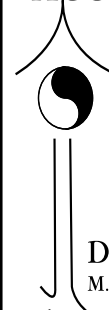
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It's That Time Again - 16th Annual Giant Garage Sale!

As we prepare to move out of summer and ease into the season of Fall, the Quadra Philippines Connection offers its 16th GIANT FUND-RAISING GARAGE SALE on SUNDAY, September 19th at the Quadra Community Centre from 10 am until 2 pm. All items are available by donation and it is advised to come early in order to take advantage of the multitude of recycled treasures and first choice selections. A concession selling home-baked goodies, pizza and fresh roasted Aroma coffee will be available to sustain you while you shop!

You can drop off your CLEAN, SALEABLE donations in GOOD WORKING ORDER directly to the community centre on Saturday, September 18th between 10 and 2 pm. If this is not convenient, feel free to deliver your contributions in advance to the drop-off locations listed in the last Discovery Islander or on posters around the island. NO COMPUTERS, SKIIS, MICROWAVES or ENCYCLOPEDIAS, please

If you wish to have a sneak preview of treasures that will be available, we still need volunteers to sort through goods on Saturday, the 18th. We also need those willing to BAKE for our concession as well as helpers for the day of the sale - in particular, those willing to pack up remaining articles and strong-bodied helpers to load boxes into vehicles towards the end of the day. Remaining items will be donated to various charities in the Campbell River area and if you have any specific recommendations, please let us know. Also appreciated will be volunteers to take remainders to thrift stores during the following week.

Plan to take advantage of this wonderful recycling opportunity and at the same time contribute to a worthy cause! This year's proceeds go to Quadra's sponsorship of the Basao-Dilag and Lubo-Hilltop community daycare programs in the northern Philippines.

"Come every homeowner and renter, to our sale at the Quadra C. Centre. As soon as you get in the door, you'll find bargains and treasures galore. The 19th of September's the date. So be there and don't dare be late!" To volunteer or for further information, call Carol at 285-3035

Sing For Pure Joy! Building Community Through Song

- Mary Dennison

"For thousands of years all over the world people have sung - to express joy, celebration and grief, to accompany work and devotion, to aid healing - without worrying about having a "good voice" or "getting it right". Song has been a part of life, a way of binding the community together." (Natural Voice Practitioners)

Not only is singing good for the soul but there is a growing body of clinical evidence that indicates that singing, with its emphasis on deep breathing and good posture can help to heal the body - from helping patients with Parkinson's to strengthen their throat muscles, alleviate physical stiffness and improve motor function - to stroke patients using melodies to facilitate their speech recovery. (singing engages the brain's right hemisphere which is involved in speech).

Oliver Sacks (well-known neurologist and author of many books including Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain) says that "music is not only one of the fundamental ways we bond with each other but it literally shapes our brains. This is because musical activity involves many parts of the brain (emotional, motor and cognitive areas) even more than we use for our other great human achievement, language."

When we sing, there is a "fizzing of synapses" in our brains and a "whizzing of oxygenated blood cells" flooding our bodies. Our bodies release endorphins and IT JUST FEELS GOOD!!!!

AH! SINGING! Come re-enthrall the world with melodies, harmonies, rounds and body rhythms from different cultures around the world. SING FOR PURE JOY! A Community Choir for all voices. A safe, non-judgmental place where anyone and everyone can sing. No written music is used. "The majority of music in the world comes from the oral tradition and all songs are learned by ear recognizing that this is the most accessible and effective way for the majority of people to learn and retain songs in the longer term." (Natural Voice Practitioners)

For more information please call Mary Dennison at (250) 285-3764 or e-mail mmaddenison@telus.net. Beginning in September, we will have Song Circles meeting on Quadra Island, in Campbell River and Ladysmith.



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Coastal Community Credit Union, Quadra Island Community Branch would like to thank the community for all their support during our hot dog sale to raise funds for the Quadra Island Food Bank, School Supply Program. With the sale of hot dogs and donations for used binders we have raised \$400.00 that will go to the purchase of school supplies for those in need. Remember to drive safely. They're back to school on September 7th.

Literacy, the Velcro that makes learning stick!

Here are some of the literacy and learning opportunities that Quadra Literacy Now provided last year. In October fourteen tutors trained to provide literacy tutoring. Since then volunteer tutors have been involved in more than 100 hours of one-on-one literacy tutoring. The tutors and tutees are all looking forward to continuing their weekly sessions this fall. Three computer literacy programs were well attended. Thanks to Roy Brooks, Bruce Bjornson and Frank Wallace who not only provided computer instruction but also made house calls to support learning! Young children and families enjoyed a series of three Story Hour events at the Children's Centre. In February, voices rang out at the Sing for Literacy Festival. Fiona, the rockin' Emergency Services personnel, Diana and the Sing for Joy choir warmed the cold winter day with their vocal charms. Quadra Literacy Now provided funding for Deb Cowper's environmental literacy programs this summer including Intertidal Exploration through Quadra Children's Centre and Geocaching and Woods, Wetlands & Birdhouses through Quadra Recreation. Financial support has been dedicated to Quadra Children's Centre Making Learning Visible project; educational support for the Parents and Tots program at the Community Centre, and hall rental twice a week for the Parents and Tots Program beginning in September.

Fourteen QLitKits were created for families with children from birth to preschool age. These themed kits are a collection of wonderful books, puzzles, music CD's and puppets or games and will be available for a three to four week loan. Families can drop by the Literacy Centre in Quadra School on Monday, September 13 from 8:30 - 11:00 to borrow their first QLitKit. After that, the kits will be available from Quadra Children's Centre as well as the Literacy Centre.

Quadra Senior Housing News

Want to know how the housing project is progressing?? Here is an invitation to the community to visit the Senior Housing site, and view the interior of the most completed suite. Join us for the first public tour of the units on Saturday September 25th - an open house between 11 and 2. The property is located on O'Connor Road behind the Cove Plaza: drive past OnRoot Greenhouses and take the first road on the left to find us. The Society Board of Directors and volunteers will be on site to discuss the project. Lunch will be served by donation as a fundraiser. Anyone who would like to volunteer at the open house, please contact Jeanne at 285 2835.

A big thank-you to those generous donors who have sent us a cheque in the last few weeks. Any amount of cash is greatly appreciated - no donation is too small. The debt is already getting smaller. If you would like to help out with a cash donation please mail to QISHS c/o Box 682 Q Cove.

The 'donations in kind' from our tradespeople and suppliers are a very important part of this community project. We acknowledge the wonderful energy that is making this a success. Their donations are especially appreciated this year when everyone is feeling an economic pinch in their normal business activities. Check out the on site sign listing these 'in kind donors' as well as the groups who have donated cash. There are more tradespeople who will be donating their time as their services are needed - watch as this list grows..

Thank you again to Shane Hedefine for roofing. His business donated the green roof on the utility building and now his volunteer guidance is allowing the crew to complete the roof on both duplexes. Thanks, Barry Hatelt of Quadra Builders for his volunteer time spent negotiating the best prices on materials and for Quadra Builders' donation of some materials. Thanks to Jerry Benner who volunteered to inspect the local trees and assess those close enough to damage the buildings. Your donations are making this a reality after so many years of hoping to get Seniors Housing started.



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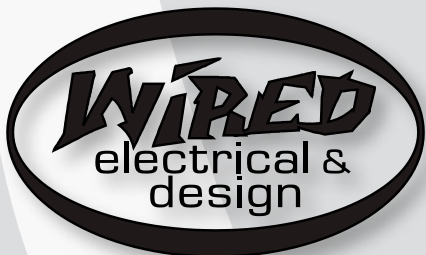


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Quadra Rec News

The Fall session of classes and workshops is starting this month at the Quadra Community Centre. Please register early so classes can proceed as planned. If you need another recreation brochure, come by the office and pick one up or look for it on our website at www.quadrec.bc.ca (The colour pictures are fun...) Whilst you are on the website, go to outdoor facilities and check out the link to pictures of the tennis court re-surfacing project--another great volunteer effort that happened this summer.

Artisans please note the Christmas Craft Fair table booking date is Monday, September 27 from 9:00-4:00 at 285 2647. Tables cost \$30/day and the Fair will be November 19 and 20.

For information about recreation call the QCC at 285 3243 Monday-Friday 8-2:00 or drop in and speak to Sandy Spearing or Sonya Thompson.

Island Earthworks ECO-TEA Conference

Avid gardeners, growers, greenhouse operators and anyone interested in turf management is invited to a free conference being held at Tsakwa-Luten Lodge on Saturday September 18th at 2:00 pm in the main conference room. The president of Overton Environmental Enterprises and founder of ECO-TEA will be here to offer advice and information on the importance of maintaining a healthy soil ecosystem through the use of an aerated compost tea.

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Circle of Love

The Centre for Spiritual Living in Campbell River will be hosting a 5 day (September 27th - October 1st) Fall retreat on Quadra Island at the beautiful Tsakwa.Luten Resort.

It is called the Circle of Love Gathering.

There will be inspired presentations by:

Shaikh Kabir Helminski (from Rumi's Melevi Order of Sufism), Camile Helminski, Dr. David Tharp, Rev. David Leonard, Rev. Carol Carnes, Rev. Patrick Cameron, Dr. Kenn and Dr. Deborah Gordon.

We will be featuring the music of international recording artists Erika Luckett and Lisa Ferraro, Martin Kerr (From Canadian Idol) and many more!

If you yearn to connect to the heart, and move from a feeling of separateness to Oneness, then please join us for this life-changing experience!

Quadra Through The Year

What does Quadra look like to you? Capture your vision of Quadra, and join others in this exploration of perspective. This is not a competition. We urge amateurs, beginners, professionals, anyone with a camera to join us. So, don't worry about your equipment or your level of experience, just grab a camera and have fun shooting.

Fourteen locations on Quadra have been selected for this project. (They are listed below.) The task is to photograph each location. Take photos, as many as you wish, as many times as you wish throughout the year, in color or black and white - you are the artist. You may work with others or work alone. The start date for this project is September 22, 2010 and the end date is September 22, 2011.

You may include people in your photos. If you do, and they are recognizable, be sure you have their permission to display the photograph.

Organizers Doni Laird and Ginette Swanson look forward to meeting you Tuesday, September 21 at 7 pm, in the Heriot Bay Inn's Fireside Lounge. We will then have quarterly meetings to check in with each other and to answer questions. In September 2011, photographers will be asked to select their a favorite photo of each of the 14 locations and have it printed in an 8 X 10 format. It is also acceptable for a photographer to submit fewer than 14 prints if he/she did not have an opportunity to visit all the locations. On September 30, 2011, a Friday, an event to celebrate and share the results will be held at the Heriot Bay Inn.

Again, this is not a competition, it is a way to appreciate different perspectives, perceptions and points of view.

THE LOCATIONS

1. Rebecca Spit
2. Heriot Bay Inn
3. Cape Mudge Lighthouse
4. The Cove Shopping Center and businesses
5. The Ferries, either one
6. Village Bay Lake
7. Heriot Island
8. The marinas, any or all
9. The Community Gardens
10. The Community Centre and grounds
11. Quadra's Emergency Services (Fire and RCMP)
12. Heriot Bay Businesses
13. Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre (Cape Mudge Museum) exterior only
14. The Essence of Quadra, this is a bit of a wild card, it is up to each photographer to photograph whatever it is they feel best shows the essence of Quadra.

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

Fall is definitely here, shorter days, winds, and falling leaves. Ten of our Seniors went on an Excursion to Port Alberni. We got on the 10:00 a.m. Steam train, which pulls many open cars. The Train left the Old Train station, at the foot of Argyle St. by the Quay and whistled all the way to the Old Macleans Mill which is now a Museum. People who were not good on their feet, had a ride in a Golf Cart. We arrived at a Cafe, with stores, and then walked or rode to the old mill. We seen the way logging was run, many years ago, the old truck dumping logs in the water, and then the logs going up the ramp to be milled. We also enjoyed a three person play, a woman and two men (young), who live in the area, dressed like loggers, and they sang songs, and one fellow dressed up like a tree. and was worried about being milled. We then had our lunch, and walked back to catch the 1:00 p.m. train, the three young people, waved us good-bye. It was a very enjoyable time.

We are planning a 2-1/2 hr. boat trip in the open boat Tenzing, \$44.00. If you have dinner at the Herons -H.B.I. the boat trip will cost \$35.00. Please call Ruth 3801, if you would like to go.

Probably by the time you read this our annual spit Picnic, Sept. 8/10, will be over, nice weather at the Spit. or at the Legion, we will have a short meeting, and then play games, with prizes. Also a Pot-Luck Buffet Lunch.

Starting Sept.15th/10, our lively Wednesdays begin again, at 10:00 a.m. with Ann Lawrence, working out with Armchair aerobics, at 11:00 a.m. , Carpet bowling with Christine, bring snacks, or a bag lunch, Coffee will be on or Tea. Lets try out Card bingo, a great game with lots of fun.

On Sundays , walk the Spit with Peter & Lloyd, meet at the Launch ramp at 11:00 a.m. or catch up at the big parking lot. For membership in our lively group, call Win @ 3850, Christine @ 2207 or Ruth @3801

Our usual Wednesday Sept. 15th/10 ,fun with Ann Lawrence, Aerobic Exercises, 10 a.m. Carpet Bowling with Christine at 11:00 a.m

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One of the newly proposed coal mines is Raven Coal Mine, located in the beautiful Comox Valley. This proposed mine, right in the heart of the Baynes Sound watershed, would extract 44 million tonnes of coal over a 20-year period. This proposal would be the first phase of an ambitious development that could stretch from Buckley Bay to Campbell River and include open pit mines. The Raven mine would result in three or four 42 tonne capacity coal trucks per hour/24 hours a day/7 days a week on the highway between Buckley Bay and Port Alberni. If allowed to go ahead, this mine will have a major impact on sensitive salmon habitat, the world famous Fanny Bay shellfish industry, local air and water quality, and carbon emissions associated with burning coal.

Join the Sierra Club, Wilderness Committee and Coalwatch Comox Valley on Saturday, September 25th, to learn more about coal mining in BC and how you can help stop the Raven Coal Mine project. Doors will be open at 6:30 pm with presentations starting at 7:00 pm. Refreshments provided.

Your Backyard Pharmacy - medicinal uses for common garden herbs and flowers

Our first guest speaker for the fall session at the Garden Club will be a medical herbalist. Come out and learn about therapeutic applications for garden plants, their history and lore and safe ways to use them. As a certified Master Gardener and a certified Horticultural Therapist, Chanchal Cabrera MSc, is a hands on herbalist, with 25 years experience. On acreage in Courtenay, Chanchal and her husband grow food, fruit, nuts and 100 varieties of medicinal and culinary herbs. Stinging Nettle and Golden Rod for allergies, Dandelion and Burdock for blood cleansing, Horsetail for repairing the lungs and Yarrow for stopping bleeding...many common garden plants have a long tradition of therapeutic use. This is a great opportunity to ask for knowledgeable advice on herbal remedies which you can grow for yourself - to keep you healthy in a safe way.

Join us for an evening of good friends, great information and perhaps some bragging time for your produce on Monday September 13th 7pm at the community centre. Bring along your finest specimens of fruit and vegies produced from your own garden plots. Perhaps this is your first year gardening. We would love to see how much you have accomplished in your first year. Bring your favourite harvest recipe and we can swap ideas for what to do with that bountiful crop. Drop in \$2, annual membership \$10.

PUBLIC VIEWING OF THE DRAFT WOODLOT LICENCE PLAN AND DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR WOODLOT LICENCE W2031

The licensees of woodlot licence W2031 are holding a public viewing of their draft Woodlot Licence Plan and draft Management Plan. Woodlot licence W2031 is located on northeastern Quadra Island, between Main Lake Provincial Park and Octopus Islands Provincial Park.

The initial draft 10 year Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) and draft Management Plan for woodlot licence W2031 will be available for public viewing and comments at the Quadra Island Community Centre, Room #1, on Friday September 17, 2010 from 4:30 to 8:30pm. Any interested members of the public are invited to attend. The draft plans are available for review and comment for 30 days, starting with the publication of this notice. The draft plans are available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Written comments must be received no later than Monday October 18, 2010. Copies of the draft plans will be located at the Vancouver Island Regional Library - Quadra Island Branch, and at the Campbell River District office of the Ministry of Forests and Range (370 South Dogwood Street). An electronic copy of the WLP can be requested by email at tamarix@shaw.ca.

Written comments should be sent to Chantal Blumel, RPF, PO Box 482, Ladysmith, BC V9G 1A4, or via email at tamarix@shaw.ca.

To discuss these draft plans outside of the public viewing timeframe, please contact Chantal Blumel or Ken Dodd (250-245-4291).

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HALLIDAY'S VIEWPOINT

by Steven Halliday

MOVIN' ON

Thanks again to Sheahan and Philip for their generosity and courage in allowing me this opportunity to exercise my limited creative writing skills, and I look forward to providing Discovery Islander readers with some valuable, entertaining and informative writing in future issues."

So closed the very first column of what has evolved into **Halliday's Viewpoint**, which appeared here in the June 2, 1997 issue under the heading **Money Matters**; the author's mug shot accompanied the brief and largely biographical piece, but disappeared from the following 336 issues in which Philip continued to print what was submitted. Thankfully for me, that issue's photo was probably the last time that I was ever seen sporting a necktie on Quadra Island. And thankfully for me as well, I've had the pleasure of writing for an audience that has, for the most part, been a very receptive and friendly one.

Whether or not I succeeded in my lofty promises of Issue #138 would be a matter of debate, though it's clear that if my writing style hasn't improved since then I must have a truly masochistic crowd reading my output. Back in 1966 or so, my elementary school teacher wrote in my report card words to the effect of "the class especially enjoys Steve's reading to them at Storytime". I don't know how or when I developed my passion for the written word but I know it was early, and I certainly wasn't isolated in my prolific reading habits – every member of our household was or is an avid reader. But I think I'm probably the most prolific writer the family has produced, though I also have no idea where that trait came from as I was an indifferent English student, though an excellent speller.

I absolutely loathed the mechanics of writing – pronouns, adverbs, split-infinitives, and so on – and that probably shows in my writing. I have an aunt that had a long and likely horrifying career as a high school English teacher...horrifying for her students, that is. My mother shared one of my columns that she found particularly amusing with this aunt, who promptly demolished it with a sledgehammer by way of critical evaluation of my grammatical form and correctness. However, this was as water to a duck's back since I have the privilege of having my column critiqued, on a regular basis, by Quadra's resident master of language appreciation (amongst his many other talents, that is), Paul Mortimer. I would positively pay to see Paul and my Aunt slugging out their grammatical wits, and since content over form takes it every time my money would definitely be on Paul for a TKO in Round One. Anyone who can pluck paragraph-long quotations from the air

– one perfectly suited to the subject at hand – and then quote it verbatim with proper pronunciation and emphasis...well, let's just say I'm much more likely to write to their satisfaction. According to Paul –who can – I do all right, so I've let grammar be damned, or at least be somewhat mangled, with nary a thought. It wouldn't have been as much fun otherwise.

Writing was a major and routine task of my business career. Writing letters, reports, memorandums and speeches on a regular basis helped me to understand some basic principals that made the end product fit the audience for which it was intended, be they colleagues, customers, suppliers, employees, or Directors. However, when writing for an audience that it as diverse as one would expect of readers of the DI, shaping the message to best effect is often the most challenging aspect. I've always striven to avoid insulting anyone, but when commenting upon certain sensitive subjects it is impossible not to offend someone. Two particular subjects seemed to raise hackles more than any other these past 13 years – George W. Bush and Cuba. In the instance of the former, I made some rather scathing commentary regarding the ex-president during his occupancy of the White House. I would hazard to guess that 98% of DI readers had no problem with my perspective, but one particular column back some time ago (which Philip Stone playfully titled "We're All a little Bushed") prompted one reader to write in protest. The retired USMC Colonel suggested I had no right to criticize their brilliant Commander in Chief, who had just completed his infamous flight to the carrier to deliver his "Mission: Accomplished" speech, and further noted that I had no appreciation of Bush's skill and courage as exhibited in making a carrier landing. Well, we all know now that Bush was as much a fraud as a pilot as he was a president, but at the time I was gratified to see the number of letters defending my column in the following issue...and that there were none supporting the good Colonel's misplaced loyalty to the hapless but dangerous "W".

As regards Cuba, a column titled "Paradise Regained" drew almost no comment from the Islander's readership, but did result in the most vociferous criticism of any piece I have written. I wrote quite optimistically about Cuba's nascent recovery from the double whammy of the USSR's collapse and US embargo, and that I wished the people of Cuba all the best for their future. The person who took umbrage with the article was a short-time visitor to our region (having since moved on) and, of course, had never set foot in Cuba. However, he fancies himself an expert of global affairs, and took every opportunity that

we ran into one another to loudly ridicule my published view of Cuba, which country, in his opinion, was nothing but a fascist communist repressive dictatorial police state where everyone starved and were forced to worship their divine leader. Now that I think about it, I think poor old Ashley might have had Cuba mixed up with North Korea...not altogether unlikely, since he was always well into his cups when he would accost me and my liberal, pinko attitudes. His arguments obviously failed to sway me as I've never modified my stance on Cuba one whit.

So for the most part, the research, assembly and final composition of each of these 337 or so columns has provided the writer with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction. Hopefully they have provided a modicum of the same to readers of the Discovery Islander, at least occasionally. But it is time to move on, literally and figuratively. By the time you read this our move from the Islands to the Big Island will be in full swing, and after giving it a great deal of thought I have decided that the time has come for someone else to take up the charge as a "contributor at large" to the DI. With such a plethora of talented people being resident in the Discovery Islands I'm confident the space allotted by Philip will not be empty for long, if at all. Regular readers can find me at my newly established blog at <http://hallidaysviewpoint.blogspot.com>, where I plan to continue to blather on endlessly about nothing much in particular. I hope to archive all of my old DI columns, as well as provide commentary, links, and post anything else that catches my fancy... feel free to come and visit anytime.

So thanks, Philip, for the space and freedom of expression you provided me, and thanks to all of you readers who have made this such an interesting experience these many years. One thought I'd like to leave you with...while our government trumpets BC as the best place on earth, Discovery Islander's live in the best place in BC. Take good care of your special part of the planet.

Do svidan'ya (until we meet again).

To all good things come an end - It's remarkable beyond any imagining I may have had in 1997 that Steve has penned 337 columns, always on time and without, I believe, missing a single edition. *Money Matters* first appeared only three editions after taking on the DI (then the Discovery Advertiser) so Steve's contributions have been an integral part of my experience as editor (with a nod to Steve's remarks on grammar, never a technical strong point of mine, I use the term loosely). Thanks hardly does it justice but is due in spades. So from all of your readers Steve, THANK YOU and the very best of luck to you and Norma in your new ventures.
- Philip

Quadra Singers celebrates two decades of community choir with special concert for all singers

New members welcome!

Quadra Island's community choir will mark its 20th anniversary as a society with a tribute to its long-time director at this year's Christmas concert.

"All singers are invited to help us toast and roast John Montgomery, the choir's steady hand over these many years," says Quadra Singers board president Darcy Mitchell. "We invite anyone who's ever sung with the choir to join us for this very special concert."

With Montgomery retiring, Quadra Singers Society aims to continue to build and extend choral music on the island. "Thanks to the efforts of those who preceded us, we have a community centre, a grand piano, a music library and a tradition that extends back more than three decades," Mitchell says.

Replacing Montgomery will be Linda Cannon, who led the most recent Quadra Singers spring session.

Cannon's background is teaching music: elementary music as well as high school band and middle school choir and band. She's also directed church choirs, a Sweet Adeline chorus and is now in her second year with the Campbell River Children's Choirs.

"I've always sung in community choirs and chorale because I love the social aspect and inclusiveness of community choirs," Cannon says.



"I've moved around all my life, and the first thing I always did was join the community choir, and there I met my favourite friends."

The choir's new motto – sing, laugh, learn – reflects Cannon's choral philosophy.

"We want members to have the opportunity to increase their musicality to whatever level they are comfortable," she explains. "Teaching taught me to do my best to make sure that as we learn music, members are comfortable following the music, learning their parts and blending with others."

The choir's first evening of the fall season begins at 6:45 on Sept. 16 at the Community Centre.

"All new members will be very warmly welcomed," Mitchell says. "Young singers, sopranos and men will be ecstatically welcomed!"

People can receive the Quadra Singers newsletter via email by contacting quadrasingers@gmail.com.

They can also follow the choir's news on Facebook.

HERIOT BAY TIDES

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT M	FT.
27	02:18	2.3	7.5
Friday	08:07	4.2	13.8
	14:03	2.2	7.2
	20:30	4.6	15.1
28	02:53	2.1	6.9
Saturday	08:55	4.2	13.8
	14:37	2.5	8.2
	20:52	4.5	14.8
29	03:29	1.9	6.2
Sunday	09:47	4.1	13.5
	15:12	2.8	9.2
	21:13	4.4	14.4
30	04:08	1.7	5.6
	10:46	4.0	13.1
	15:50	3.1	10.2
	21:34	4.3	14.1
31	04:51	1.6	5.2
Tuesday	11:58	3.9	12.8
	16:34	3.4	11.2
	21:59	4.2	13.8
01	05:41	1.5	4.9
Wednesday	13:28	4.0	13.1
	17:32	3.6	11.8
	22:35	4.2	13.8
02	06:41	1.5	4.9
Thursday	14:57	4.1	13.5
	19:00	3.8	12.5
	23:31	4.1	13.5
03	07:50	1.4	4.6
Friday	15:57	4.3	14.1
	21:01	3.8	12.5
04	00:59	4.1	13.5
Saturday	08:54	1.3	4.3
	16:39	4.5	14.8
	22:09	3.6	11.8
05	02:27	4.2	13.8
Sunday	09:50	1.2	3.9
	17:13	4.7	15.4
	22:57	3.3	10.8
06	03:41	4.3	14.1
Monday	10:40	1.2	3.9
	17:45	4.8	15.7
	23:39	2.9	9.5
07	04:49	4.4	14.4
Tuesday	11:27	1.3	4.3
	18:15	4.9	16.1
08	00:20	2.4	7.9
Wednesday	05:54	4.5	14.8
	12:13	1.5	4.9
	18:46	5.0	16.4
09	01:00	2.0	6.6
Thursday	06:55	4.6	15.1
	12:58	1.9	6.2
	19:17	5.0	16.4
10	01:42	1.7	5.6
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