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Annette Yourke reading at the 'Storied Brunch', fundraiser for NISHS at the HBI, details on page 14.
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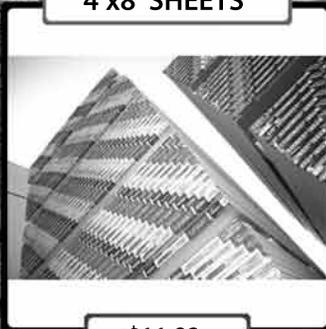
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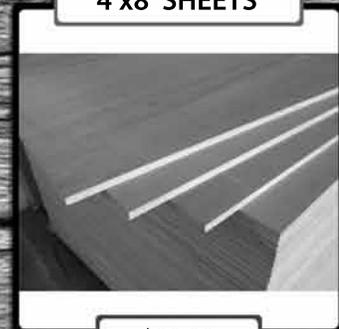
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ISLAND CALENDAR

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THE REGULARS

MONDAY

Parent & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm
 Low Impact, 8:30 am, QCC
 Yoga with Josephine, Room 3, QCC, 10 am -12 noon
 Karate, 4 pm, QCC
 Sing for Pure Joy! Room 3, QCC, 3 - 4:30 pm, *All welcome.*
 Weight Watchers, QCC, 6 pm - 7 pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Quadra Children's Centre 7 pm
 Mandy's Movielicous night in the HBI Pub 9:00
1st Monday - Quadra writers group, 7 - 9 pm 285-3656

TUESDAY

Spinners 10:00 am – 12:00 QCC
 Kids Climbing Wall (7 & under) 2:00- 3:00 (8+) 3:00 - 4:00 pm
 Quadra Children's Song Circle, Room 3, QCC3 - 4 pm
 Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:00 pm
 Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30 pm, Sept 21-Apr 26

WEDNESDAY

"The Pack Ride" Moderate to Vigorous bike ride 10:00 am Yak Shack
 Parent and Babes 11 am QCC
 Food Bank 1-2:00 p.m. (1st & 3rd Wed of every month) QCC
 UofQ Pub education from your Neighbours. HBI pub 7:00 pm
 Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15 pm
1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2 pm

THURSDAY

Parents & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm
 Karate 4:00 pm QCC
 Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7 pm
 Drop in games and wing night, Legion, 7:00 pm.

FRIDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 pm Quadra Children's Centre
 Fridays – Live bands in the HBI Pub 9:00 pm

SATURDAY

"Fun Ride" Easy to Moderate bike ride 10:30 am Aroma Cafe
 Quadra Legion Meat Draw 5pm
 Open mic with Mo. 9:00pm HBI pub

SUNDAY

Centre for Spiritual Living Celebration, Willow Point Hall, 10:30 am
 Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30 am
 Quadra Sunday Painters, 11 am - 2 pm, 285-3390
 United Church-11 am, first Sun. of month-12 noon, 285-3163.
 Buddhist meditation, Upper Realm, 10 am.
 Pool Tournament and weekly prizes HBI Pub. October. 4:00pm
 Live Music at The Landing 4 to 7 pm Featuring The Blue Kats

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DAY TO DAY

Monday, December 26

- Boxing Day Casino Night, meat draw 5:30 pm Black Jack 6:30 pm Quadra Legion

Saturday, December 31

- Ring in the New Year with Go-Dog-Go at the HBI Pub \$10
 - Rock in 2012 with Duffy Live, 9 pm - 3 am, Quadra Legion \$10 at the door

Saturday, January 7

- Yogurt making workshop 1 pm to 4 pm at Perrywinkle Cottage 692 Cedar Drive

Monday, January 9

- Quadra Island Garden Club, Community Centre, 7 pm

Wednesday, January 11

Community Lunch starts up again, Noon, Q.C.C.

Thursday, January 12

- Block Play and Early Learning Workshop 6:30 at Quadra Elementary

Saturday, January 14

- Tak Ogasawara slideshow from 21,000 ft & Beyond 7 pm Southend Farm
 - Capricorn Party, HBI Pub. 9:00 pm

Monday, January 16

- Quadra Island Transition general meeting 7 pm Quadra Community Centre

Wednesday, January 18

Free Money, 11:30 am, just before Community Lunch, Q.C.C.

Friday, January 20

- Tequilla Mockingbird Orchestra, HBI Pub. 9:00pm

Saturday, January 21

- Harold Rhenisch, book launch, 15.00 includes delectable snacks. HBI Fireside Lounge 7:00pm

Thursday, January 26

-Family Literacy Day 12:30 to 2:30 at the Quadra Community Centre

Friday, January 27

- Todd Butler, Comedian, musician, storyteller, \$40.00 incl. 3 course meal. In Herons, HBI. 6:00 pm seating.

NEXT DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2012



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NEXT DEADLINE
MONDAY, JANUARY 2

ISLAND FORUM

Dear Damned,

To the extent that you supported fish farming with its attendant lies and deceits, you have few options available to you if you are going to salvage anything of your reputation. I thought I'd write and make a few suggestions.

For those of you who knowingly obfuscated and deceived, there may be no options. I think you are doomed. No chance in the next life, either, that is for sure. I recommend buying asbestos clothing and hoping you can take it with you. Get ready to shake hands with the devil.

For those of you who are merely guilty of being 'conned' and of dereliction of duty, those of you who sucked at the public teat while ignoring your sworn responsibilities, I suggest an immediate and profuse apology followed immediately with your resignation. Selling everything you have and putting it into salmon research and dedicating the rest of your life to salmon enhancement is still not good enough. But, if you wear a hair-shirt and leg-irons in the process I, for one, will consider forgiveness. But just so you know, I would forgive Clifford Olson first.

For those of you who are just plain stupid and habitual liars for the sake of personal gain, I suggest the old Japanese way out. It's at least quick. Think of it as performing a sushi-like ceremony in honour of the salmon. I might have a bit of grudging respect for that.

For the media, well, there is no hope. They have squandered their currency over the last decades and those of you who have participated in the spending of it will never find peace. I pity you poor fools. But I don't forgive you.

Didn't anyone ever teach you that 'the truth will out'?

J. David Cox

The Spirit Of Giving

During our storms in late November the day the Ferry did not run a Hydro worker, Steve was restoring power to Quadra and was forced to stay over.

He stopped in to The Landing for dinner and he purchase a ticket on the Grey Cup draw and won \$100. I phoned him to tell him of his good fortune and he said he would

drop by for his prize. Well this week he did and donated it to the Food Bank on Quadra now that is the Spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christmas to all.
The Staff at The Landing

Letter to the Editor

I had a dream that everyone on our island was warmed by a wood stove, had a good book to read or a movie to watch, had some spare change in their pockets, had some food in their bellies, were free of sexually transmitted diseases, had a safe chimney and stove to burn wood and had some compassionate family doctors to take care of us. I even dreamed all of these things were free to everyone regardless of income level.

And what is amazing is that dream has come true. Our local health care clinic, our Community Lunch, our food bank, Free Firewood, Free Money, our public library and books at the Q.C.C., Free Chimney Sweeps, Free videos and safe sex items in the Upper Realm. The list of volunteers that make all of these basic necessities freely available to all of us would take up this whole page. Just think of the wonderful Christmas Dinner at the Community Lunch. At least 30 people were involved in making that one event possible. What is even more amazing is that Quadra Island has this Christmas Spirit all year long.

Steve Moore

Feliz Navidad Quadra Islanders!

I am celebrating things a little differently this year, mostly because I am in a completely different part of the world! This year I am in Ecuador, on a Rotary Youth Exchange, having the time of my life and am experiencing lots of new things!, such as the heat. This will be my first tropical Christmas, and I am not going to lie, I kind of miss the wet, slushy West Coast. But most importantly I miss the Christmas cheer that us Quadra Islanders hold, driving by the Heriot Bay Store looking at the amazing Christmas light displays of nearby houses, the smell of the Christmas Craft Fair, having a real Christmas tree from our very own forest, snuggling by the fire drinking eggnog and listening to Christmas music. Though I am having lots of fun bringing some of our Christmas cheer to Ecuador! The other day I made gingerbread man, this is something my host family has never experienced. I have taught many people the art of paper snowflakes and am often laughed at when I belt out Christmas carols in the car. I want to thank my 'island family' of Quadrates for being so wonderful and giving me something to miss and something to share. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas, keep warm and happy!

Keep spreading the cheer,

~Amanda J

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Season's greetings from your regional director

It is great to look out my office window and see glowing green trees and bright blue skies even though the temperature is near zero. Such a beautiful day!

I would first of all like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very happy holiday season and all the best for the new year. I hope you get some time off from whatever you are doing and lots of time to spend with family and friends. I am hoping to do the same. The new year will be a very busy one and I need a bit of time to recharge.

Lastly, I would like to thank my opponent in the recent election for stepping forward to run against me. I did send a personal note after the election but realized that I had neglected to mention anything in my report. Thanks, Shawn for giving the people of Area C an opportunity to decide whom they wanted to represent them through an election process.

Smokestacks and Paybacks

In my Nov. 6th report, I mentioned some of the discussion that had taken place at the Comox Valley Regional District Solid Waste Management Committee meeting the week before. I told you about possible plans for a waste to energy plant at the Elk Falls mill site and that discussions were taking place between two companies to do so. It is my duty to report such items to you as they happen.

Unfortunately the Campbell River Council took great offense at this report and accused me of causing both of their Mayoral candidates from their council to lose the election. I was reamed out publicly at the next SRD Board meeting and told that this was going to come back to bite me.

Well, it did at our Inaugural Board meeting on Dec. 15th. I have been the Vice Chair of the SRD for the past year and have worked hard on your behalf. But, lo and behold, they did get back at me. Through lobbying other directors, they managed to elect one of their own councillors. Oh well!

Meeting with Telus

I have secured a meeting with the Telus officials whom I have been chasing down for the past while. We will have a person to person meeting in Victoria and discuss all aspects of their services on Quadra Island and the outer islands: not just wireless,

but fiber optic and cell coverage also. I have been having discussions with various Telus officials ever since I got the original ADSL service brought into the Cove area and have renewed those discussions in the past year. I expect this to be a productive introductory meeting with others to follow. I will let you know what happens.

Meeting with Minister Pat Bell

I have also secured a meeting with Pat Bell, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, to discuss all three items and to have him look at some of the impediments to success that some of our eco-tourism operations are facing at this very moment. The date is yet to be determined but will be in early January if possible.

MOT meeting

I invited our new supervisor for this area, Sue Pauwels, to a meeting to discuss the various concerns that have been expressed to me about road conditions on the island. We spoke at length on these issues and also I took her on a tour of some of the areas that she needed to see for herself.

The other purpose for the meeting was to introduce her to the Quadra Island Community Pathways Committee. Since I have been working towards many of the same goals as this newly formed committee, it seemed like a good time to bring in Highways and discuss with them how we could collaborate in the future on our ideas. Sue was very keen on helping out where she could, making it clear that her specific mandate is very limited: mainly safety! Well, that was picked up on by the members present and myself and all of a sudden ALL of our issues had a safety component to them. She was very amused and is very interested in helping out where she could. This was an introductory meeting and there will be more. She seems to have a good grasp of our needs since she has previously been in charge of Denman and Hornby Islands.

I also had a good discussion with her about the state of the lines on the roads and have sent her (at her request) an email requesting that the centre line and the crosswalk at the school be done in thermo-plastic coating so that they will last for many years. The current lines are usually gone in a matter of

months. Betty Doak of our Safety Council will be writing a similar request. I got the impression that Sue thought it was a reasonable request. We will see!

Q Cove sewer expansion.

I have had a number of discussions with people in a small portion of the new sewer expansion area. They are not in favour of moving ahead with this proposal and in order to keep the proposal available to the rest of the expansion area, I have asked staff to look at eliminating this one small area from the service area. They will be looking at this in the next few weeks and I will let you know what happens. Please hold tight in the mean time. We need to see how this affects the proposal. We want to get it right before it goes to petition.

Upcoming workload

During the election and afterwards, I continued to work on issues at a frantic pace. I am not going to try and list all of the issues that are coming up and ongoing. Some are items such as the transfer of the School District property on Stuart Island to the SRD for community purposes, issues at Surge Narrows on Read Island, the road-end at the Surge Narrows road, Sensitive Ecosystem mapping for the north end of Quadra and the outer islands, ongoing forestry Visual Quality issues for our eco-tourism industry, The Local Area Plan for Quathiaski Cove, and on and on.

January is going to be a busy month!. I will be working on all of these issues over the next two weeks but will not be taking on any more during the holiday season. So, think "Holidays".

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@xplornet.ca, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices. You can also view my website at www.jimabram.com

Please do not use my residential phone number for SRD calls. All business calls should be on 285-3355. Many thanks!

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Abram - Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area C), SRD



CORTES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Noba Anderson

Hello islanders and the VERY best of the season to you! Above all, may you be with those you love and share your abundance with others.

There is just so much happening on Cortes these days, and I apologize for many of my recent updates appearing only electronically. Within the next week, I will be mailing out to Cortes mailboxes (and of course posted also on line) a review of the past three years and what I anticipate in those upcoming. It is simply too long for the DI. I will also very soon be posting at www.cortesisland.com (if not by the time this hits the press) a detailed update on all the many aspects of the situation in Gorge Harbour that are finally coming together after so very long. I will also include a summary in the next DI. So, some short updates...

Trash

(operations, planning and pick-up)

More upgrades are coming to the Cortes Recycling Centre in 2012 including a new tipping wall for three more bins, a ring road around the garbage bins to improve traffic flow, railings along the tipping wall, improved signage, and site paving. In the early new year, we will also be seeking public input on the draft regional solid waste plan, which includes an imminent decision about where and how to dispose of our future garbage. There will be a Cortes public meeting about this likely in February. In the meantime, a few copies of the draft plan will be available for pick-up for keeners at the three Cortes post-offices and the library. And finally on the topic of trash, the SRD board just signed another garbage and recycling residential pick-up contract with Margaret (and Henry) Verschuur.

The Official Community Plan review

The OCP review settled into a good rhythm this fall, however, not all issues have been addressed or settled. We are working out how to wrap up this community input process in January and details will be included in the mail out mentioned above.

After a meeting of their membership, the Cortes Island Seniors Society pulled their expression of interest to apply for

a recreation grant through the SRD to construct a senior's activity centre on their land in Manson's. Instead, they have decided to work with existing Cortes spaces and not stretch themselves too thin in these fiscally lean times.

In the new year I will roll out improved communication methods to you all. I will begin a regular radio show, send out the second and ongoing issues of e-news directly into your inboxes (if you want to subscribe, go to <http://eepurl.com/g6xdA>), have a dedicated notice board at the Whaletown Post office in addition to the long standing board in Manson's Hall, try a regular 'speak-easy' forum, continue to host dinners for the under 50 population, and welcome invitations to gather with you and a group of friends or neighbours to discuss matters of interest to you.

Much Cortes attention has been turned this fall (and specifically very recently) to island forestry matters. Cortes has been invited to apply for a community forest on all the island's unallocated crown forest lands. A Community Forest Co-op has been formed with close to 200 members and over \$60,000 raised in order to meet Klahoose as an equal partner in the application and eventual license. Much community discussion and planning is needed in the next months to get the application ready. This is the single biggest land-use opportunity that Cortes has ever had. I strongly encourage you to be involved. On the private land front, Island Timberlands intends to begin road building in January for harvesting operations this coming year. I have written to senior management suggesting that it may benefit to all parties if they delay operations long enough so that their activities, for many reasons, can be informed by the planning that will happen through the community forest effort. If you want to know more, please contact me.

Advisory Planning Commission (APC) & Alternate Director

The APC is a body that advises me and the SRD board on formal land-use planning matters. The SRD board appointed a new APC at my recommendation which includes returning members Julia Rendall,

Doug Weyler, Paul Brewer, Frances Guthrie, Joe Cliffe and Kristen Scholfield-Sweet, and new members Eva Boucek, Mary Clare Preston and Ester Strijbos. Welcome all. I will post the new meeting schedule when we have one. All meetings are open to the public. After 42 years of service on the APC, Bruce Ellingsen has been the longest serving APC member in BC! I want to extend my most profound gratitude not only for his years of service, but also for his open mindedness and attitude of cooperation. He is stepping aside to devote his full volunteer attention into the community forestry efforts. Thank-you Bruce! Also, a huge 'thank-you' to Kristen Scholfield-Sweet who has served as my alternate director for the past three years and a true welcome to Mike Moore who was just sworn in as my new alternate.

North Island Hospitals Project Update

We at the Comox-Strathcona regional hospital board (CSRHD) are continually being updated by the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) on the progress of the two hospital projects - one new hospital each for Campbell River and the Comox Valley. VIHA is finalizing the business case for this, their top priority project, which then goes to the Project Board this month. It is anticipated that the project board will review the business case and then forward it onto the BC government Treasury Board for financial approval at the provincial political level. There, it will compete for funding with infrastructure projects from around the province.

Once the provincial government approves the project it is estimated to take five or six years for tendering, construction, moving into the new facility and beginning operation. For more info visit www.csrhd.ca/information.html.

Thanks to all of you for all you do to make our island home a beautiful place to live. Enjoy the season.

As always, feel free to contact me about these, or any other issues.

In gratitude, Noba Anderson

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NEWS AND EVENTS

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Yogurt Making Workshop

On Saturday, January 7, 2012 from 1 to 4 pm join Foodwisdom's Francesca Gesualdi to learn the art of making your own yogurt. She will introduce the techniques and benefits of yogurt making complimented by lively discussions, robust food autonomy models, homemade blackberry scones and tea. This workshop will be the first in a series of traditional food adventures held at Perrywinkle Cottage, 692 Cedar Drive, Quadra Island. Fee for participation is \$30, additional family members just \$10 each. For information and to register call Carol at 285-3664.

Francesca Gesualdi is a food literacy educator and author of the Gumboot's Pen N Pantry. She resides in Vancouver and on Quadra Island.

Winter Market

Thanks to everyone who made the Winter Market a great success in 2011. We have a tremendous resource right here on our little Island. Quadra has talent!!

We will be back again Saturday, January 14th, 2012 at the Quadra Community Centre. Rain or Shine! Come join us. Wishing you all a safe, healthy, happy holiday. See you soon!

quadra.michele@gmail.com or michele@285-3747

NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE DI

is Monday January 2nd

Send in your submissions by email: news@discoveryislands.ca fax: 250-285-2236 or drop it off at Hummingbird or our office at 701 Cape Mudge Rd.

At The Legion

The meat draws are cancelled December 24th & 31st.

Boxing Day Casino night Monday December 26th meat draw at 5:00 games of Black Jack start at 6:30. Come enjoy this fundraising event. Proceeds go towards local non-profit groups.

New Year's Eve "Rock in 2012" with Duffy Live Saturday December 31st 9:00-3:00. Food, fun and great music \$10.00 at the door. Includes the service to have you and your vehicle driven home safely Happy Holidays!

Alcoholic Anonymous

~ Quadra Island Chapter meets 8 pm Friday at Quadra Children's Centre, West Road. Everyone Welcome. Call 250-202-6049

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Children's Centre Raffle

"Quadra Children's Centre Raffle--Four great prizes. Two first prizes - 2-night stay for a family up to 6 people in a beach level condo at Beach Acres Resort on Rath Trevor Beach in Parksville, B.C., a \$50 gift certificate to the Black Goose Inn at Beach Acres Resort, and a \$25 Petro Canada gas card. Third prize is a \$300 gift certificate to Tru-Value Foods - Quathiaski Cove. Fourth prize is a \$100 gift certificate to Tru-Value Foods - Quathiaski Cove. Tickets cost \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Buy your tickets at Hummingbird Office & Art Supply or Quadra Crafts. Winners will be drawn on Jan. 30, 2012. Thank you for your support."

Newcomers to Quadra Island Welcome

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Maple Tapping with the Quadra Young Naturalists

When most people think of maple syrup they think of eastern Canada, but our very own big leaf maples here on the coast can also be tapped to produce delicious maple syrup. For the next event of the Quadra Young Naturalists Club we'll be learning how first hand. On the afternoon of December 29th, Helene Lepage will be providing a maple tapping demonstration to kids and families on her property on the south end. Not a member of the club, yet? You can register online at www.ync.ca or call club leader Dionne Lapointe-Bakota at 285-2003 for more info. We have some more great events planned for the new year including snowshoeing, backyard bird counting and more. We hope to see you there!

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Opus-Prize-winning Wind Quintet



Opus-Prize-winning Wind Quintet, PENTAÈDRE from Montréal will bring light into the winter darkness at the Quadra Island Community Centre on Sunday, January 15, at 7:00 pm, as part of their rare B.C. tour. Recognized for their unique and homogeneous sonority, this group of talented musicians takes its audiences on new musical adventures with "...finesse and great technical prowess."

Debuting in 1985, Pentaèdre features flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and horn and is committed to the exploration of diverse, original and less well-known chamber music repertoire. Delighting audiences around the world, they have performed most recently in the concert halls of Belgium, Germany, Wales, Ireland and Israel. Their Quadra concert will include pieces from Mozart, Rossini, Barber, and Ligeti.

If you love fine, woodwind chamber music infused with an adventurous spirit get your tickets at the usual outlets: Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay, Hummingbird Office and Art Supply in Quathiasi Cove, and the Music Plant in Campbell River. Advance tickets \$17, Door \$20. Students 16 and under admitted free with an adult. For more information, call: 250-285-3245 or visit www.pentaedre.com

Quadra Island Garden Club

January 9, 2012

The seed catalogues have started arriving, the bulbs are pushing up through the ground and the winter jasmine and *Viburnum bodnantense* are in full bloom. The latter will fill the house with fragrance if you bring a sprig inside. The buds on the early hellebores are ready to open. Spring is just around the corner. We are so lucky on Quadra to live somewhere you can have something blooming outside year round if you want. Bulbs of all sorts do well here and Quadra was once home to a bulb farm at Granite Bay. Berries and bark also add their colour to the garden, at least until the birds eat the berries. A winter garden need not be bleak and dull.

The meeting on Monday, January 9 will follow A Year in a Quadra Garden with Eileen Mackay. It is time for a blast of colour and reminders of how interesting our gardens can be year round. Is there a dull time in your yard? Come and find what to plant that will bloom at that time.

The Q. I. Garden Club meets on the second Monday of the month, January – April, at 7.00pm in the main hall of the Community Centre. Membership is \$10. There is a plant sale table where members share divided plants, etc, a show bench, refreshments and lots of good garden talk. Everyone is welcome. Please search the garden for something for the show bench, even if it is a dandelion in flower.



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21,000 ft And Beyond

Tak Ogasawara has returned from a 6 week journey to Nepal where he climbed two mountains more than 6400 meters / 21,000 feet. He did this in part to prove to himself that he could climb the Himalayas after several illnesses but also to raise money in appreciation for the Campbell River and District Hospital where he has received great care in the past.

Please join us for a slide show and talk at SouthEnd farm & vineyards (319 Sutil Road) on Saturday, January 14th 2012 at 7:00 pm. We'll be collecting donations at that time and there will be tea, coffee and treats available. Please call 250-285-3012 for more info.

Transition Meeting

The next general meeting for the Quadra Island Transition Community is Monday, January 16 at 7 pm at the Quadra Community Centre.

Bring your reports of sub-group projects or initiatives from throughout the community that contribute to self-sufficiency and greener ways of living.

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2012 Quadra Studio Tour Call For Artists

The Quadra Island Studio Tour is calling for interested artists to apply for the 10th Annual Tour, which will take place on June 2nd and 3rd, 2012.

Artists may show their work at their own studio, share a studio space with another artist or at the Quadra Community Centre. Artists who are residents of Quadra or who have their studios on Quadra are eligible to apply. This is a great way for artists to expose their work to the public and interact with their audience.

Application forms are available at Hummingbird Art and Office Supply or by emailing: studiotour@quadraislandarts.com. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2011.

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Cortes Computer Clinic

Literacy Now, the Wifi Society and CISS are happy to announce a continuation of the very successful computer clinic that we hosted as part of the Cortes Literacy Skills Centre in 2011. On Fridays starting in the new year (exact date tba) there will be an opportunity to make an appointment for computer help, upstairs at Manson's Hall. There will also be some "walk in" help time available as well. There will be a small charge for this service. For more information, contact Coreen at 935-0152.

New Year's Camp at Homewood

Thursday, December 29 to Sunday, January 1st to New Year's Camp, at Camp Homewood (1291 West Road) 6:30pm. Homewood is the perfect place to celebrate the new year with fun for the whole family. Activities include archery, riflery, horseback riding, canoeing, sailing, floor hockey, a talent show, carol sing, movie night, games and more! This year's special speaker is Barton Priebe. Register online at www.homewood.bc.ca or contact the camp office at 250-285-3483, camp@homewood.bc.ca.

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My sincere thanks to you all for all your love and support during this very difficult time. We have been overwhelmed and comforted by all your well wishes, cards, letters, flowers, hugs, nods of the head, smiles, food, cash donations (I had no idea, what a staggering surprise!) offers of help, concern, out pouring of friendship, and of course your wonderful, non P.C. Gerry stories.

Many of you met and got to know Gerry through his baby, The Yellow Dog, a place where he shone and did all he could to serve our community in his own honest and up front way, Gerry style! Through the Yellow Dog, Gerry wanted to provide everyone with fresh, good quality food at affordable prices. To him being a businessman meant doing whatever it took to help our community anyway he could. The general feeling from all your written words regarding Gerry was that Gerry's was more than a bulk food store, it was a place where friendship, opinions and an intelligent conversation were served en BULK. He was truly loved.

We feel so fortunate to live here. You, our extended family of friends and neighbours, have surrounded us with love and support to which we will be forever grateful.

Thank you so very much
Barbara, Chris and Nik

Getting Fresh: Films on Food

On January 20th and 21st Sierra Quadra presents Getting Fresh: Films on Food at the Quadra Community Centre. Poet, novelist and farmer Brian Brett kicks off the event with a presentation Friday evening. A rural enthusiast living on Saltspring Island, Brian is well known for his award-winning memoir Trauma Farm, a story that combines passion and practicality with a lot of humour. Brian paints an unforgettable portrait of his own farm, blended with socio-political commentary and a frank analysis of rural life.

Saturday January 21st is a day-long film festival on the subject of food, and the challenges and successes of producing a healthy alternative to corporate agriculture. Sierra Quadra presents five films that spell out the food production issues of our day:

Dirt! The Movie opens the filmfest with the basics: soil. **Dirt!** tells the stories of people worldwide who've chosen a respectful and mutually beneficial relationship with soil, proving that true food sustainability is achievable without Big Agro.

Corner Plot is a short film about 89-year-old Charlie Koiner, who steadfastly works his one-acre piece of land and shares its bounty with his community – amidst a tangle of commuter traffic, shopping malls, and office buildings.

Urban Roots documents a spontaneous emergence of urban farming in Detroit. Once an industrial powerhouse, Detroit lost half its population when the manufacturing sector collapsed. Now, against all odds, seeds of change are taking root as empty lots and old factory yards are being transformed into urban farmland.

Food Security – It's In Your Hands features the food producers and farmers of Vancouver Island and their commitment to provide a continuous, healthy food supply for Island residents – a goal challenged by corporate agriculture and a population accustomed to cheaper, imported food.

Fresh wraps up the filmfest with a look at the problems and consequences of our industrialized food system. But it finds plenty to celebrate as it focusses on the farmers, thinkers, and business people who are creatively re-inventing the means for healthy, abundant food production.

Admission is by donation to Brian Brett's presentation and to the filmfest. The usual complement of drinks and goodies will be available throughout both events, and a hot meal will be served during the lunch break on Saturday. On Friday the 20th doors open at 7pm and Brian's presentation begins at 7:30. The filmfest runs from 10am to 5:30pm on Saturday January 21st.



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Ann Toelle, Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher, has been teaching on Quadra for five years, and has had a dedicated daily practice for over six years. She has trained and practiced with senior Iyengar Teachers in Canada, the U.S. and India. Teaching classic poses to gain balance, flexibility and strength in both body and mind.

Sue's Winter Session starts on January 11, 2012 for eight weeks. Restorative Yoga classes are Wednesday's, 10-11:30 a.m with gentle movement and breath work. -New Class -Wednesday evenings, 7PM, beginning January 25th, for six weeks. Focus on healing the mind through deep relaxation. For Registration or more information phone Sue at 285-2948.

Sue Beattie is Certified by the Alberta Yoga Association and has been teaching for nine years. She is also certified to teach IRest, a therapeutic relaxation practice developed by Richard Miller, PhD, founder of the Integrative Restoration Institute (www.irest.us). She has been a practitioner of yoga for twenty years and studied with many senior teachers, primarily from the Iyengar and Viniyoga traditions.



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Quadra Literacy News

If you are interested in the Block Play and Early Learning Workshop or the Learn2Play2Learn Workshop there are two ways to pre-register, #1 Email robin.quadraliteracy@gmail.com #2 Sign up at the Literacy Centre at Quadra Elementary. The Literacy Centre is located across the hall from the Kindergarten classroom. Registration is especially important if you require childcare.

Block Play and Early Learning: Marnie Younger will present the value of block play for developing physical and social skills, imagination, storytelling and the foundations for mathematical and scientific concepts. Helen Lee will discuss early learning and development. Parents and caregivers of toddlers through to primary school aged children will find this of interest. Thursday, January 12, 6:30 in the Literacy Centre at Quadra Elementary.

Family Literacy Day: Join us for a Learning Journey through stories, drama, dance, music, and crafts. These activities will delight and engage young children and their families. Thursday Jan 26, 12:30 - 2:30 at the Quadra Community Centre.

Learn to Play-Play to Learn: This make and take workshop is based on Susan Munzer's story baskets and felt board stories. Parents, grandparents and caregivers might enjoy this workshop, as you will go home with a story to dramatize with your little ones. Thursday, March 29, 6:30 in the Literacy Centre at Quadra Elementary.

Regional District Elects Chair And Vice Chair

Campbell River, B.C. – The Board of Directors of the Strathcona Regional District today elected its Chair and Vice Chair for 2012.

Returning as Chair for another one-year term is Director Craig Anderson, Mayor of Gold River. This will be Director Anderson's 5th term as Chair of the Strathcona Regional District, a position he has held since the Regional District's creation in early 2008. As Chair of the Board of Directors it will be his responsibility to act as the Chief Executive Officer for the Regional District including the management of monthly meetings of the Regional District Board. "I thank the Board for the confidence that they have placed in me and will do my utmost to reward that trust as we move forward with our strategic vision for the region" stated Chair Anderson.

Director Mary Storry has taken the position of Vice Chair for 2012 from incumbent Director Jim Abram from Electoral Area C (Discovery Islands-Mainland Inlets). "I appreciate the opportunity that the Board has provided for me to advance our strategic initiatives and to raise the profile of this organization within our region and at the Provincial level" said Storry, a councillor for the City of Campbell River since 2005. The role of the Vice Chair is to assist the Chair in fulfilling their duties and to exercise the powers of the Chair during the absence, illness or other disability of the Chair.

The election of the Chair and Vice Chair is done annually during the Regional District's inaugural meeting in December.

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Free Money will not be available on **Wednesday, January 4th**. We have decided to wait until the Community Lunch and the Food Bank are both happening at the same time on Wednesday, January 18.

So Free Money will be available from **11:30 a.m. to Noon on Wednesday, January 18th** in the downstairs small seminar room just before the Community Lunch. We apologize for the change, but it makes sense to offer all of the programs at the same time and there is no Community Lunch on January 4th. We will be back again on Wednesday, February 1 with Free Money.

Here's how the program works. One book of your choice containing a \$10 bill is available for individuals. Two books containing a \$10 is available for families. Free dog and cat food are also available for individual or family pets.

Please consider donating money to the Free Money Association account at our local Coastal Credit Union. Every cent goes to Quadra Islanders in need. What a wonderful Christmas present to give. Both Jesus and the Quadra resident in need and you would be happy with such a gift.

February may be our last Free Money distribution unless new donations are received. It is amazing that this program has been able to continue for five years despite the 2009-2011 recession and the 1% taking the biggest share of the money. Even the unemployment checks are late for Christmas because of cuts in government staffing. Despite these obstacles, the generosity of Quadra Islanders always prevails in the end. And that's one of the many reasons why we call this island paradise.

Call Steve Moore at 285-3323 before Christmas or after January 11 if you have any questions.



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Free Firewood is only available by appointment during the holidays from December 25 to January 10. When the Community Lunch resumes on Wednesday, January 11, Free Firewood will again be available at 1 p.m. right after the Community Lunch.

For Free Firewood from December 25 to January 11, call Dave Ashton at 285-3871. Leave a message even if the answering machine doesn't sound like Dave. He will get back to you and get someone to meet you at the Q.C.C. wood shed. After January 12, call Steve Moore at 285-3323 for free firewood.

Please keep in mind, the Free Firewood program cannot supply a single household with an entire Winter's supply of wood. Everyone is welcome to come three or four times for a pickup truck full of wood. Mainly, however, we are here to help with emergency situations for a wide range of households. We only have around 22 cords of wood and we don't want to run out before April 1.

We can also provide phone numbers of local suppliers of wood who charge from \$170 to \$200 a cord. In special cases of need, we can assist in the purchase of this wood. Please consider placing a donation in the Free Wood Association Account at our local Quadra Coastal Credit Union. Right now we only have around \$400. You can insure that everyone on Quadra, regardless of income levels, is warm this winter. Many thanks to the Heriot Bay True Value Store for providing kindling for us re Spirit Points. When you shop remember the Spirit Points number for Free Wood is 277.

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Quadra Legion Supports Community Emergency Program



When there is a family evacuated from their home after a fire, QI ESS volunteers attend at the scene and make arrangements for transportation, meals and accommodation at a local motel, along with some clothing and necessities for all family members affected. ESS is a part of the Quadra Emergency Program, which also includes Police, Fire Dep't and Ambulance. Quadra ESS has over 100 local volunteers, trained in many aspects of Emergency Planning, and Response. They are all part of the Strathcona Emergency Program, supported in part by the Strathcona Regional District and the Provincial Emergency Program. Spirit Board Points from Tru Value Stores, service clubs, Quadra Legacy Program and other generous sponsors, help support the local Emergency Program fundraising. We now have a large portable generator located at the Community Centre, purchased with grants and local fundraising. We have volunteers, supplies and materials organized to open and staff a Reception Centre for several days if a large local evacuation necessitated this.

Our latest fundraising target is to improve our communication system. Communication both inside and outside a Reception Centre, and from Reception Centre to Emergency Operation Centre and to various local neighbourhoods is necessary in an emergency. We have several volunteers who have passed exams as Ham radio operators, and more being examined soon. We hope to standardize the FSR radios, and supply VHF radios to our many Neighbourhood Programs, and Quadra FD, for these operators to use. In the event that some areas of QI

were cut off by forest fire, fallen trees, snow, flooding or earthquake, residents left without telephone service, could communicate with Emergency Program volunteers through Ham radios, to help organize necessary assistance, or even an evacuation.

At the December Pancake Breakfast hosted by Quadra Fire Department, the President of Quadra Legion, Tom Vaniderstine, along with Legion Members Len and Marilyn

Campbell River Fire Department Holiday Safety Reminder

As we head into another holiday season, the Campbell River Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following safety tips:

- Keep candles away from flammable objects and never leave them burning unattended.
- Test your smoke alarms, and replace batteries if required.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Remember to keep your Christmas tree watered to prevent it from drying out.

Lamb, presented Betty Doak, Judy Hagen and other Quadra ESS Volunteers with a cheque for \$3,000.00 towards improving Emergency Communications on Quadra Island. All the ESS Volunteers wish to thank the RC Legion, Quadra Branch for their very generous support.

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December 25, 5 pm

Capricorn Party Saturday, January 14

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New Year's Party - with Go Dog Go

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Upper Realm News

Lots of fun stuff is happening at the Upper Realm in Q. Cove Wednesday nights there is a hand drum jam at 7:45 p.m. If you don't have a drum, we can provide one. Thursday nights there is an Introduction to Meditation class at 7:30 p.m. led by Dave Ashton. Call Dave at 285-3871. Friday Nights are Quadra Unplugged Nights. A strictly acoustic jam with guitars, singers & other instruments is happening at 7:30 p.m. Come share and learn new songs. Call Tim at 285-2314 or Pat at 285-2807 for more info. Saturday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., you can have a Reiki treatment or a massage for free or by donation at Gypsy's store in the Upper Realm. It's a drop in, so no appointment is necessary Sunday Mornings, there is a Buddhist Meditation at 10 a.m. but not on Christmas morning. Come on New Year's Day A Free VHS/ DVD video exchange exists at the top of the stairs. Help yourself & bring in your old videos. Free safe sex rubbers also exist at the top of the stairs in a basket, next to the bookstore door. Music lessons are also available on everything from drums to piano to all reed instruments & much more. Call Dave at 285-2718 to make an appointment with Michelle or Dave. Spirit Books will be closed most days from December 25 to January 11 while Steve is away, but Daniel or Kai might open up the store. But the above mentioned night classes continue in the Book store.



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A Storied Brunch

December 18th, 2011.

'When you tell a story the words come alive and an immediate connection is made'. Kevin Cordi.

The stories during the event were magical, we could feel, touch & imagine the visions whilst listening to our talented storytellers & musicians. Storytelling is a fine & beautiful art, our storytellers presented stories that spanned across age barriers; each story was beautifully presented & held the interest for both children & adults. We also were entertained by a group of talented singers 'Quadra Voce' presenting music of centuries ago plus Quadra's own Toelle, Christie & Andrea.

The event was a fundraiser for NISHS, a counselling centre in Campbell River for adults who have been affected by abuse. A silent auction & raffle was held, NISHS greatly appreciated all the gift givers for their valuable contribution to this event.

We thank a group of extremely talented storytellers, singers, not only for the giving of their valuable time, but for supporting NISHS & the bringing together of islanders.

The talented storytellers were: Annette Yourke, Scott Low, Judy O'Dell, Sammy, Darcy Michelle, Joan Elford, John Walton, Quadra Voce: Darcy Mitchell, Hanna Lewandowski, Julie Douglas, John Walton, Gwen Puddy (flute) Quadra's own Toelle, Christie & Andrea plus talented stage decorator Maureen Dunne.

Special thanks to the amazing Julie Rigby (MC) for taking us through the event, also to Harriot Bay Inn for giving us the opportunity to bring awareness & funds for NISHS & supporting a 'Storied Brunch', with delicious food, excellent service resulting in a beautiful event enjoyed by all. This event was recorded & will be heard on Cortes Radio in the near future. See you all again next year.

Margot Wood

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(North Island Survivors' Healing Society)

Editor's Note: Tune into Cortes Radio 89.5 fm (or www.cortesland.com) at noon Saturday, December 24 for highlights from the Storied Brunch or visit the DI web site for a downloadable podcast:

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Buddhist Meditation

There will not be Buddhist Meditation on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25. However, we will have our usual meditation at 10 a.m on News Years Day, Sunday, January 1st to welcome in the new year. Everyone is invited. We meet every Sunday at 10 a.m. in Spirit Books in the Upper Realm, Q. Cove. It's free or by donation. The silent meditation is 40 minutes long followed by tea and discussion. For more information, call Don at 285-2193.



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Please! Please! Please! Fill in the survey on the Schellinck's subdivision and the Official Community Plan. The first printing has misprinted as the Microsoft Word document incorrectly transferred to the printing machine, and because of the storm and power outages at the time was so stressful, it precluded diligent scrutiny. The first printing on the white paper was therefor really confusing and it is difficult to mark, especially the second and third pages, so I would be grateful if you were able to do the second SURVEY, printed on the beige paper. I know that the busy time of Christmas is coming, but the more reply I receive the more convincing the results will be.

Please fill in the SURVEY and return it soon to the three boxes!

George Barabás

THE EDITOR NOTES

So the year draws to a close, or rather a new year arrives!

The new year is often a time for reflection on the past twelve months as well as a time for new resolves and eager anticipation for what the coming seasons will bring.

2011 was a full year here on the Discovery Islands. We had some controversy sparked with the Heriot Bay library relocation, the Gowlland Views proposed development and a few fireworks around the local election. An exciting new initiative grew with the Quadra Island Transition and an incredible new festival with the first Fall Fair.

Cortes Island saw the completion of a new park at Hank's Beach and the licensing of Cortes Radio as some of the community highlights to be proud of.

It will be interesting and exciting to see where these projects and the new ones bound to surface, carry on in 2012.

A great many thanks from the DI to all our regular, and occasional contributors and appreciation to our supporting advertisers. I know I've said it before but really it is a great thing to have an open, independent and free press in our community. There are few places that can say the same. Corporate media is very pervasive and whether you agree with any or all opinions expressed in the DI or not, your's is always welcome too.

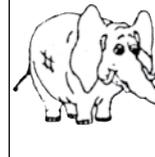
So farewell to 2011 and all the challenges and rewards you brought and welcome to 2012. To one and all in the Discovery Islands I wish you the very best for the coming year.

- Philip Stone



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At the Good '01 HBI

Seasons Greetings from the Heriot Bay Inn! One of the captivating things about the Heriot Bay Inn is that this place is much more than a business; it is a community living room of sorts. It gives one a feeling of being at summer camp even in the winter and at the same time allows for more intimate tranquil moments by the fire. We are loud with lively entertainment and quiet with thoughtful culture. It is truly an amazing place.

As we move into our fourth year of Community ownership we look back and see the way the community has overwhelmingly rallied around this old Inn, partaking in the events and enjoying the establishment on a regular basis. This too is wonderfully amazing. Blessings to you all, we are forever grateful for your giving and caring presence. Your participation in this 100 year old spirit keeps it alive and young at heart; it makes the Heriot Bay Inn rock!

Christmas is here at Sidelines on the Bay. Useful gifts for everyone, from carpets and candles to collectables, home décor, local art and many unique items for that unique person in your life. **Open 8:00am to 5:00pm, to 8:00pm Friday.**

December 25. Free Christmas Dinner at the Heriot Bay Inn. Come one and all to enjoy good company, good food and good cheer. Regift exchange. **Open at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm.** 285-3322. (The Inn will be closed to regular business)

Boxing Day Special treats! Join the fun with Open Mic and Mo in the afternoon at the HBI; **1:30 to 4:30pm.** Visit the meat draw at the Legion 5:00pm. Stay at the Legion for the annual Casino Night.....then Christmas is over!

New Years Eve party in HBI pub. Yes, that's right New Years Eve EVE, December 30th. It'll be a blast. Toga's will be the order of the day. Do you need a spare sheet? Give Tracy a call; 285-3322.

Reserve now for a fabulous dinner in Herons, then say goodbye 2011 and hello 2012! You'll want to **bring in the New Year at the HBI with Go Dog Go!** Laugh, dance, live. \$10.00. 285-3322. 10:00pm to 4:00am.

UofQ, December 28 • RCMP present safe driving awareness, breathalyzer information, new interpretations of the drinking and driving laws. **Jan 4 • the Dean** is away: we're showing the mockumentary "Rock Paper Scissors, The Way of the Tossler". Wednesdays. HBI Pub. 7:00pm.

Oh my goodness it's almost January! Here's some events to watch for at the Heriot Bay Inn: **14th: Capricorn Party, 20th: Tequilla Mockingbird Orchestra, 21st: Harold Rhenisch, 27th: Todd Butler.** The only January blues will be at the Saturday night Jams!

Forests & Community READ ISLAND UPDATE

In late October Read Islanders occupied the roadside at an officially approved Woodlot cutblock, situated less than 50 metres from the extensive clearcut pictured in a previous issue of the DI. The purpose of the community demonstration was to stop or reduce the roadside logging, and to create a dialogue between the Licensee and local residents. Surge Narrows FAC is asking for a formal consultation agreement that includes pre-planning information and better consideration of community and other values.

November 18 at Campbell River, MLA Claire Trevena facilitated a meeting with Read Island's Woodlot Licensees, a Forest Service manager and two community delegates - which resulted in a date to meet on site. Surge Narrows FAC reps also met with Woodlot Licensees and their forester on December 8 at Surge Community Centre. Additional roadside "conversations" led to community members' proposal for a modified harvest plan including some old growth retention and attention to visual quality at the roadside. We respect the crew and David Graham for recognizing and responding to local concerns by modifying this cut.

Meetings with the Licensees and Woodlot Forester were informative and productive. The forester agreed to let a few people

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accompany his next reconnaissance, and we hope to learn more about the Woodlots' harvest-planning process. The Licensee agreed to meet again. SNFAC continues to request a signed agreement.

SNFAC received the first of three Freedom of Information requests. FOIs (and \$330) were required to obtain the Woodlot documents that describe the 20-year crown land licenses.

SNFAC is working to address the lack of sensitive ecosystem mapping for many of the Discovery Islands. Community concern about insufficient information is heightened by the Nov 2011 Forest Practices Board report, "Results of Forestry Activities" http://www.fpb.gov.bc.ca/SIR33_Reporting_the_Results_of_Forestry_Activities.pdf. The FPB reports that the government's complex RESULTS database, in which licensees electronically submit their forestry activities, has no government staff for checking accuracy. "High levels of licensee non-compliance" means that "the province wide forest cover map cannot be used to portray the consequences of forestry activities in the landscape context." Government's new systems need to be redesigned, but unfortunately the "resources and funding necessary to fix the system have not been made available."

BC Timber Sales and Maurelle Island

After a meeting with 23 local residents, BC Timber Sales is going back to the drawing board to model some alternative site plans for logging on the west side of Maurelle Island.

The Nov. 23 meeting was held at Discovery Lodge on Quadra Island with local residents and tourism operators sitting down with 6 employees of BC Timber Sales.

Discussion centered on BCTS plans for 3 blocks of land on the west side of Maurelle. These proposed blocks are in the viewscape that provides a wilderness backdrop for the thriving marine recreation industry at Okisollo Channel.

Local residents had many concerns, including the placement of a proposed semi-permanent barge loading and log storage site in a visually prominent location opposite the Octopus Island Marine Park and also near kayak campsites. The community is

requesting an alternate site and method for the log take-out.

Visual impact from the water is a big concern. Over the summer of 2011 BCTS increased the depth of most of the shoreline buffers in response to local and tourism industry concerns regarding views. BCTS has been asked to increase all of the setbacks so logging is not visible from near the shore.

BCTS computer models show about 10% visual impact from mid-channel, although residents questioned how this is measured and voiced concerns that the overall visual impact would be much higher when the many road cuts, cut block edges and shore line impacts are included.

BC Timber sales has agreed to look at the alternate take-out as well as the rest of the visual impact concerns and bring new computer models to another community meeting in 2012.

Submitted by David Chantler, Maurelle Island.

Quadra Seniors News

"Merry Christmas" to all and a "Joyous New Year" A Great Thank-You.' to Jim Abram for helping the Seniors again, this year, also a Great Thank-You.' to Phillip Stone, for placing our articles in our Terrific Island paper "The Discovery Islander". You are both very much appreciated. Our Seniors enjoyed a great Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 5th, at the Discovery Coast Inn, the Mistletoe Luncheon Buffet, with the best selection of different cuisine, one has ever seen, Music was provided by "Quadra Voce" singing group, who sung Carols in English, French & German. Singers were Soloists-Julie Douglas, Hannah Lewandowski, Darcy Mitchell, Gwenn Puddy, with flute, & John Walton also with Guitar & a Irish Frame Bodhran Drum. The Musical group was the highlight of the event. The Committee who arranged

our Christmas event was Judy Hagen, Marilyn & Leonard Lamb, with the assistance of Nancy Allwarden * Heather Adams." Thanks to you all. Many prizes were won & a collection was taken for the Quadra Island Food Bank & Free Chimney Sweep. Our next meeting will be on January 4th/12 at 10:30 a.m. Come early to Book Browse, a Coffee & a Chat. Our entertainment will be Judy Hagen and the Bell Ringers, to ring in the New Year. After our meeting, we will have a Pot-Luck Lunch. Memberships are due for 2012-contact persons are Christine @ 2207 or Ruth @3801, & also if you need transportation. Our weekly Wed. Exercises and Carpet Bowling will resume in January contact Anne @3325. Keep Active & Healthy by walking on Sundays @11:00a:m from the launch ramp, with Peter Gregg, at Rebecca Spit Park.

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Regards

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It was another busy Fall session for Quadra Singers, and we would like to extend our warmest thanks to all who support the choir in so many ways. We are deeply appreciative of the skill and dedication of our music director, Linda Cannon, and accompanists Joyce Baker and Annabelle Cameron, and very grateful for the small army of volunteers who make it possible for us to share our love of choral music with our community at concerts and other events. Special thanks to the Quadra Island members of the Campbell River Children's Choir and their families who operated the concession at the Christmas concert as a fund raiser for their appearance at Carnegie Hall next April.

We are able to keep fees at an affordable level and continue our community outreach activities through the generosity of "Friends of Quadra Singers" who in 2011 are: Alitis Investment Counsel, five anonymous Friends, Loki Bjornson and Max Mitchell, Vinay and Alison Chafekar, Coastal Community Credit Union - Quadra Branch, David's Ironworks,

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The New Year will be arriving soon, and with it, a new session of Quadra Singers. We welcome new members to sing, laugh and learn with us, starting Thursday, January 12, at 6:45 p.m. at the Community Centre. The theme of our Spring session is "By Request" - a program of music that reflects the diverse interests of choir members and promises to be eclectic and fun.

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24 Saturday	06:24	5.1	16.7
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25 Sunday	23:29	0.4	1.3
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	12:38	3.6	11.8
26 Monday	16:56	4.5	14.8
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27 Tuesday	13:30	3.5	11.5
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28 Wednesday	08:23	5.2	17.1
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31 Saturday	16:05	2.8	9.2
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01 Sunday	10:03	4.8	15.7
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