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HERE ARE SOME OF THE TEACHERS, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS WHO'VE BEEN gathering outside Quadra Elementary School for weeks, beginning way back in April of the last school year when their job action began. We've passed these folks in our cars, on our bikes, and on foot as we go by our quiet school. They've appreciated our waves of support, our sympathetic car honks, and of course those surprise deliveries of coffee and goodies that helped get them through another day not in the classroom. As we go to press, it seems possible there'll be an end to the strike this week and, we all hope, a return to classes early in the next. **MORE ON THIS INSIDE!**

A huge thank you to local businesses, big and small, who stepped in with sponsorships, advertising and donations – another good reason to support our generous community minded local businesses! And thanks to the generosity of these businesses and individuals, almost 100 fairgoers enjoyed the thrill of being a random winner! Thank you Door Prize Donors:



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**And to our hundreds of amazing volunteers:
A big, big, big thank you! "How beautiful a
day can be when kindness touches it!"**

– GEORGE ELLISTON



Look for a full list of all our Fantastic Fall Fair volunteers in the next issue, along with lots more photos by Quadra's avid shutterbugs!

Winners of Events & Exhibits

Congratulations to all the good sports who participated in the events, exhibits and friendly competitions! (And thanks to the fans who cheered them on!) This year's winners are:

Horn of Plenty

1st place - Mawhinneys
2nd place - Heather Kellerhals
3rd place - Lela and Troy Teneycke

Peoples Choice

FLOWERS - Mimi Smienk
NEEDLE ARTS - Marni McMahan
UP CYCLED - Julie Glaspy
WOODWORK - Ryan Kemshaw
PHOTOGRAPHY - Jim Smith
BAKING - Zhia Mawhinney
ARTS & CRAFTS - Lisa Bernstein
VEGETABLES - Heather Kellerhals

Human Powered Devices,

Contraptions & Thingamajigs was once again awarded to Shane Mawhinney!

Most Entries was won by Sam & Emily

Pet Parade:

Best Dressed went to Nancy B and her dog Inka
Best Trick went to Dante and Ruth Skampy with Alex won Judges Choice
Rosie and Barbara took Best Overall
Belle won Most Regal

Doggie Dash:

1st place - Mokie (with Kate)
2nd place - Puk (with Sioux)
3rd place - Shasta (with Gibson)

Zucchini Races:

Fastest - Talya
Farthest - Lyra
Best Decorated - Amelia

Strong Woman:

1st place - Ali
2nd place - Sarah
3rd place - Alana

Stong Man:

1st place - Immanuel McKenty
2nd place - Eli McKenty
3rd place - Steve Eley

Cross-cut Saw (female):

1st place - Sophie & Kelly
2nd place - Heather & Sarah
3rd place - Mary & Deb

Cross-cut Saw (male):

1st place - Sam & Brodie
2nd place - McKenty brothers
3rd place - Bill & Billy

Cross-cut Saw (mixed):

1st place - Colleen & John
2nd & 3rd place - We lost our forms!
Who can let us know?

Jump Park:

1st place - Jeremy Collins
2nd place - Dayton Abbott
3rd place - Ry Rohan

Skate Park:

1st place - Ollie Tate
2nd place - Ryan Johanson
3rd place - Bodie Griswald

Bike Draw: No one seemed to hear their number called, so there were no bike draw winners. Sorry for the disappointment. We will keep these prizes for next year's bike riders. We will also come up with a more fool proof method of announcing winners. Thanks for being good sports.

Award of Good

Sportsmanship (an extraordinary award) presented to John Marlowe for community building good naturedness in the face of a Fall Fair Doggie Dash judging blunder in 2013. Thank you John!

Special appreciation and thanks to Phil and the DI for helping to keep the islands informed, reminded and updated about all things Fall Fair for the past 4 years!

ISLAND CALENDAR



Submit your event - eMail: news@discoveryislands.ca or drop off at Inspirations

DAY TO DAY

Friday, September 19

Eddie and the Procrastinators Quadra Legion 9 pm
Limbo Babies at the HBI

Saturday, September 20

Murder Mystery at the HBI - Reserve 250-285-2233

Sunday, September 21

Work party & potluck lunch, 10 am - 12:30 pm
Old Community Garden

Thursday, September 25

Quadra Authors at Public Library, 6:30 - 8 pm

Friday, September 26

Sons of Guns at the HBI

Sunday, September 28

Giant Garage Sale for Phillipines Fundraiser

Friday - Sunday, October 3 - 5

Mushroom Fest 2014 at the Heriot Bay Inn

Saturday, October 4

Local Food Market, Quadra Legion

Saturday, October 11

Borealis String Quartet 7:30 pm, QCC

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THE REGULARS

MONDAY

Parent & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm
Badminton at the Cape Mudge gym, 7:30 pm (\$2)

TUESDAY

Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:30 pm
Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30 pm, Sep 16 - Dec 16, 285-3849

WEDNESDAY

1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2 pm
Hand-Drum Jam, Upper Realm, Q Cove 7:45 pm

THURSDAY

Parents & Tots, QCC, 10 am - 12 pm
Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7 pm
Badminton at the Cape Mudge gym, 7:30 pm (\$2)

FRIDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 pm Quadra United Church

SATURDAY

Open Mic with Mo, 9 pm at the HBI pub

SUNDAY

Buddhist Meditation, Upper Realm, 10 am
Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30 am
Quadra Sunday Painters, 11 am - 2 pm, 285-3390
United Church, 11 am (unless otherwise advertised)
Sep 14 - June 28, 285-3163

QUADRA TEACHERS THANK ISLANDERS

All the teachers picketing on Quadra would like to thank the people and businesses who have supported us during this strike. We deeply appreciate the waves, smiles, honks and visits. Thank you for the lovely gifts of coffee, baked goods, umbrellas and good wishes:

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- Dave and Sylvia Allen •Smokey •Leah Windram •Steve Moore •Retired teachers from all over •CUPE colleagues

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Limbo Babies *Get down, dance on!* • Fri, Sep 19

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NEXT DEADLINE

**7 pm, MONDAY
September 29**

for publication
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IN THE NEWS: The Teachers' Strike

A letter from our School Trustee

Hello fellow islanders,

The first version of this letter was written last weekend, when BCTF and government negotiators were in separate rooms, in the same hotel in Richmond, with mediator Vince Ready going back and forth between the two parties.

Early Tuesday morning it appeared an agreement had been reached - after months of job action over two school years

Three rallies organized by parents and students were taking place in the lower mainland. Although it was difficult to believe there was much hope for progress, it appears agreement has been reached between the two parties.

At this point no details have been released, but a meeting is set for Wednesday for your local Board of Education to ratify the agreement, and more information should be available by then. Teachers are asked to ratify the agreement on Thursday, province-wide.

Although we will all be thrilled that the dispute has been resolved, it will not be possible for schools to re-open immediately. Campbell River School District wants to ensure as smooth a re-entry for students as possible, which means first some vital preparation needs to occur. Our district was fortunate to have some cleaning and maintenance done over the summer

months, but there is still planning and communication that needs to be done before students return to class. Administrators need time to meet with staff; teachers need to consult and prepare, some students need to register, or to receive class schedules. That said, schools will re-open in a timely manner, as soon as possible.

As details are finalized for school start-up procedure in our district, they will be posted on the school district

One teacher's perspective

Dear Readers,

One of the reasons teachers are striking is to get more help for children who need it. One way money is generated within a school district to get extra help for children is by having them 'designated' as having a special need. To get a designation a student is assessed by a school psychologist and found to have a learning difficulty. Our school on Quadra is allowed to put forward one child per year for such an assessment, regardless of how many children we think require one. ONE! This to me is inexcusable, but unfortunately our reality. There is no money allocated for more assessments.

Children can wait years to be assessed if they are assessed at all. I am not saying that an assessment itself will fix anything, but it brings resources to our school such as more educational assistant time, or more learning resource

website.www.sd72.bc.ca, district Facebook and Twitter accounts, and sent to local media.

Finally, thanks for the support and concern that was shown by community members to our teachers throughout this difficult process. Thank you to those who took time to write letters expressing their thoughts and feelings. Here's looking forward to a successful year for students of all ages.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wilson,
School Trustee for
Discovery Islands
susan.wilson@sd72.bc.ca

teacher time. A designation means more adults to work one-on-one with children who need it.

The financial cut backs not only made it harder to get children assessed, the government has made it more difficult to even get a designation. For some learning issues they have said the learning disability needs to be more extreme. For others they have added more assessments by other agencies that also have waiting lists.

One of the most frustrating aspects of being a teacher is seeing a child who you know would benefit from extra one-on-one help and not being able to provide it. This is why the BCTF is asking for more help for students that need it. The extra help used to be there, but it has steadily disappeared year after year.

That is why I voted to strike, to see more help for students.

Sincerely,
Marni McMahan

OPEN LETTER FROM: SD 72 Board of Education

September 9, 2014, to:

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier, Province of BC

The Honourable Peter Fass-
bender, Minister of Education

Mr. Peter Cameron
Chief Negotiator, BC Public
School Employers' Association

Mr. Jim Iker, President
BC Teachers' Federation

Dear Sirs:

Re: An Open Letter to the
Community from School
District 72 Board of Education

At the School District 72
Campbell River Public Board
meeting on September 9, 2014
the Board of Education passed



a resolution to write to you and
express our concerns around
the lack of progress with the
Labour dispute between the
Provincial Government and the
BC Teachers Federation.

Since having our elected
representatives and negotiator
removed from BCPSEA (British
Columbia Public Schools
Employers Association) this
board has been nothing but
respectful and patient while
watching this issue continually
erode. For this reason we now
feel that we need to send a
strong message of dissatisfaction
in the inability to find resolution
to this dispute.



*Quadra teachers and supporters in front of Quadra
Elementary, September 2014*

As a Board we concur strongly
with the BCSTA's (British
Columbia School Trustees
Association) message around
the \$40.00/day/child 12 and
under [payment]. Although
we certainly understand how
parents could benefit from this
payment in the short term, the
long term effects of removing
this money directly from the
Public Education system will
impact future funding levels for
students. We would like to add
that we find it reprehensible
that this government chooses to
forward their own political gain
by bribing the parents of BC
with their own tax dollars.

Although we feel that it is
inappropriate to comment or
interfere with the teachers'
negotiations on wages and

benefits we do strongly support
their efforts to advocate for
additional resources for the BC
Public Education system and for
additional services for students
in the classroom.

We recognize that binding
arbitration is a more complex
process than a sound byte



can offer the listening public.
However, it does reinforce that
the resolution to this issue lies
with the two sides getting back
to the bargaining table. As a
Board of Education we have no
preference to how negotiations
proceed, and will support any
mutually agreed upon process
that will get the two sides back
to the table. We do feel that
there is still an opportunity
for a mutually agreed upon
resolution that will get students
and teachers back into the
classroom.

As trustees we can no longer
sit on the side lines and watch
the merry-go-round of media,
mis-information and posturing
that seems to be impeding a
settlement in this dispute and
promoting chaos and confusion
around the topic. We have been
calling on the Government to
fully fund Public Education
and bring public confidence
back to our system for over a
decade. As a Board we believe
that the resolution lies in this
government putting financial
priority back on the Public
Education system, services into
classrooms for students, and the
truthful philosophy of putting
children first.

Sincerely,
Michele Babchuk
Chair, School District 72
Board of Education

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Twenty Years of Caring and Sharing!






Come one, come all to this year's Giant Fund-raising Garage Sale at the Quadra Community Centre and celebrate 20 years of caring and sharing on our beautiful island! This recycling extravaganza is sponsored by the Quadra Philippines Connection and takes place on Sunday September 28 from 10am until 2pm. Once again, all items are available by donation and it is advised to come early in order to take advantage of the many recycled treasures and first choice selections. A concession selling home-baked goodies, pizza and Aroma-roasted 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 27th between 10am and 2pm. If this isn't convenient, feel free to deliver your contributions in advance at the drop-off locations listed in the Discovery Islander, the Birds Eye, Gumboot, or on posters around the island. **No computers, skis, microwaves, or televisions 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 27th. We also need those willing to bake for our concession as well as helpers for the day of 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 – wand 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 continued sponsorship of the Basao-Dilag and Lubo-Hilltop community daycare programs in the northern Philippines. To volunteer or for further information, call Carol Foort at 285-3035. Happy shopping!

Source: Government of Canada

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40%				
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12°C	13°C	12°C	12°C	

At the HBI

An evening of moderate mayhem, pirate style: **Murder Mystery in Herons at the Heriot Bay Inn September 20**, \$69 per person, includes a delicious dinner. Groups of 6 or more, \$59 per person.

To reserve your seats call 250.285.3322. Our Murder Mystery is hosted by Sarah Bible.

KARAOKE is back in the HBI Pub, Tuesday evenings, with the inimitable Scott Low hosting. 9 pm to midnight. There's thousands of song options, so what do you want to sing? Be brave, rock out, have fun – you know you want to!

Have you checked out the Open

Mic in the HBI Pub? Join your neighbours and friends making music, or listen, support and work the applause.

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT by Jim Abram

So here we are in mid-September with beautiful weather beyond compare. How long can it last! Probably by the time you read this we will have some much needed rain. But we cannot complain. We all need water.

BC Ferries' "Activities"

Well, we have been in a bit of a holding pattern with the ferry issue for the last month or so, but that doesn't mean that we have not been working feverishly behind the scenes, coast wide. I have been on regular conference calls with the Union of BC Municipalities as a member of the UBCM Select Committee on BC Ferries along with the consultant we hired six months ago to do the socio-economic study on the impacts of ferry fare increases and service cuts. Well, it finally paid off and the report was released along with a UBCM press release and much hoopla. We got unprecedented media coverage that is still continuing as I write this report. We have been in every major media outlet and all TV stations and radio shows since the release last Wednesday. I did media interviews pretty much solid for two days straight. The report was astonishing. We have all known all along that the impacts were severe. But we have now had them

quantified and validated by an outside third party with expertise. You can get the complete Policy Paper and the consultant's full report at <http://ow.ly/BluIe>.

There are four recommendations that will be brought before UBCM's membership in the Policy Paper:

- First, that the government reverse its course, and restore service and fare levels for BC Ferries to 2013 levels.
- Second, that the government build on this report and do its own socioeconomic study.
- Third, recognize BC Ferries as an extension of the highway system and fund it accordingly. And,
- Fourth, that the province work cooperatively with coastal communities and other interested parties on the development and implementation of a long-term strategy for coastal ferries.

The government is not real sure what to do, and we intend to keep the pressure on, right through our upcoming UBCM convention the week of the 21st of Sept., and beyond! This is extremely exciting and it requires constant "keeping on top of it". We cannot afford to miss any opportunity to hold the feet of government to the fire. When the "big city" media are writing columns and editorials saying "put BCF back into Highways", it says to me that we are on our way! Please follow my FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/JimAbram> to get the latest updates. I also post on three other coast wide pages, but you can get it all on mine if you so choose. And that brings me to....

UBCM Convention: September 22 to 26

I will be attending the convention and we are all geared up to have the BCFS issue and our UBCM report as the main topic of the convention. There will only be one Policy Paper on the floor (as compared to about six most years) and it is our paper on BC Ferries. After the debate and passing of the paper, the media frenzy will start all over again.

I just received notice yesterday that the Premier, the Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Jobs and Tourism have granted our RD Chairs group (of which I am a part) a meeting on Wed. the 24th. We had requested this months ago and it looked like we were going to be turned down. I believe the UBCM report has changed all of that! We are also having a major two hour policy session on Tuesday afternoon to bring the delegates up to speed for our discussion on Wednesday morning at 10:30 (when the Policy Paper will be presented). So, this is going to be one heck of a Convention! Don't forget that UBCM represents ALL local government in BC: 184 of them!

I also have meetings lined up with the Ministry of Highways Deputy Ministers to discuss Heriot Bay Rd., paving on the south end and safety in the north and elsewhere and all other issues that have been brought to my attention by you, my constituents. I will also be meeting with the Ministry for Technology and Connectivity to discuss the completion of our fibre optic system on Quadra and all coverage generally.

Quathiaski Cove Sewer Expansion

The By Laws have all been passed and the work now begins. Soon, the Request for Proposals will be issued and contractors will be able to bid on doing the actual work to install the lines and hook them up to the existing system. With a bit of luck, the system should be in operation by late spring of 2015, thus reducing the annual operating costs for the entire system.

Intentions, Part Two

I am very appreciative to the people who have approached me to say that they are glad that I will be running for re-election this next term, as I expressed in my last report. I would especially like to thank Phil Stone (Editor / Publisher of the Discovery Islander) for his support as expressed in his editorial comment in the last DI.

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The new yellow lines looked great and are a boon for travelling in the gloom of winter, except that a week after the work was done, the back road was chip sealed, covering the new paint. What's going on? Will the lines be re-done?

More seriously, the mix of chips and oil was incorrect when laid on the Walcan Hill so that the oil rose to the surface in the heat and made the surface slick. The Ministry has known this, but did nothing. On Friday, a logging truck slid off the road. Will this error be attended to now that someone nearly died?

To confirm this information or to make useful suggestions regarding the allocation of our inadequate roads budget please call Sue Pauwels, our District Road Manager, at 250-334-6955 in Courteney.

Paul Puddy, 250-285-3931

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Quadra Pair Heads to MOMAR



Over 500 racers will be participating in the Cumberland Atmosphere Mind Over Mountain Adventure Race (MOMAR) on Saturday September 20, making it the largest adventure race in North America. "Every year we see increasing numbers of racers from outside the valley," says Race Director Bryan Tasaka. "It's become a destination race and we're super excited about that."

One Quadra Island husband and wife team, Alex Hare and Heather Kent, will be heading to Cumberland on Saturday to race the MOMAR for the first time.

The duo have competed in similar races in Manitoba but "without these funny land bumps out here that people call 'hills' and 'mountains,'" jokes Hare.

"We pretty much love all the outdoor adventure sports," he says. "So adventure races are the best way we can think of to get outside and do lots of these activities all at once."

Hare humorously describes their training as "training? What training? We just moved here with a 2-year old and no babysitter!" When asked how they prepared for the orienteering section of the race, Hare says "We come from a place where maps have no contours and land is just a featureless green polygon... and we're used to getting ourselves out of that!"

The public is invited to the finish line at the Cumberland Village Park to cheer on their favourite teams. For more information on the event, or to volunteer, visit www.mindovermountain.com.

Jim Abram's report

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There is an incredible amount of work to be done for Area C and I am hoping to be the one to keep working on it. The issues of Seniors Housing and Assisted Living are going to be at the top of the list along with other forms of available housing for other

age groups so that we can keep people on our islands and create worthwhile work for them so they can afford to live here. I am very optimistic about our chances of success. We have an incredibly committed group of volunteers already working on these issues and I intend to lend my support to them any way I can. This will be an issue that will require not only commitment, but connections to other levels of government. I look forward to it.

I will leave you with these issues and look forward to telling you all about the UBCM after the convention. Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7 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... or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/JimAbram...> If it is important, my cell is 250-830-8005... Lots of choices.

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

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MLA REPORT

by Claire Trevena, MLA for North Island

Two issues are top of mind as I write this: the teachers' strike and the continued mishandling of our ferry system.

Negotiation finally succeeded in ending the strike that left students missing five weeks of school and has pitted teachers and parents against the government. This is a government that has played politics with education since it was first elected 13 years ago. It is a dangerous and divisive approach. However teachers, who are not generally militant people, were willing to oppose this and fight for people in the education system and for the future of public education. They stood up for their human rights: the right to bargain, to negotiate and, ultimately, to strike.

Parents meanwhile understood this fight is about their children's future, and the future of all of us. I was heartened by the strong support Quadra parents and others in the community have shown our teachers on the picket line and through events to help them.

Public education is fundamental to society. It is a wonderful opportunity, an amazing equalizer. No matter where a child lives, the money the parents may have, the background they come from, every child has the right to free public education. Education is not simply about training kids to fit an economic model designed by a neo-Liberal government. It is about helping in the development of children and youth so they can fully participate in our society. We need young people to learn the skills to become plumbers and we need young people to have the courage to become poets. We need young people to be in a position to earn a decent income and support themselves and we need young people who want to take risks and push their boundaries. This is what public education should lead to. It isn't about a war with teachers, it's about us, about how we perceive our society and our future.

The attacks on public education started early in the BC Liberal mandate, more than a dozen years ago. It was about the same time they started the disastrous quasi-privatization of BC Ferries. In both instances we are still trying to cope with the fallout.

This summer has been chaotic on our marine highway. We've seen our ferry overloaded because of cuts in services and some Island businesses reporting significant losses because people cannot afford to travel by ferry. The Union of BC Municipalities commissioned a report on the economic impact of BC Ferries on the provincial economy; a study which should have been done by government before they started on the path they took a dozen years ago. It shows that if fares had risen by the rate of inflation the provincial economy would be richer by \$2.3 billion. The province and the federal government have foregone hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue. I remain incredulous that the BC Liberals claim to be stewards of the economy when the facts and figures are so stark; this approach is an economic disaster.

Of course this government's response has been to shrug off the report. Instead it continues with its blinkered ideological and economically dangerous decision of more of the same. Fares will,

without question, continue to rise and services will continue to be cut. And the provincial economy will continue to suffer.

As the Shadow Minister for Transportation and Ferries, last week I am visiting other communities, including Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii, to discuss the impact of fare increases and service cuts on their businesses, their communities and their families.

This week I'll be at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference where I am expecting a lively debate on the report it issued on ferries. I'll also be accompanying municipal politicians and officials from the North Island to meetings with Ministers on problems facing our communities.

The week before the Legislature returns in October will see me doing some work on the Transportation file in the Interior. I intend to be back in time for the meeting in Campbell River of the Select Standing Committee on Finance which takes submissions from individuals and groups about what needs to be in next year's provincial budget. I'll also be up Island that week and round the week off at a meeting of the Island Coast Economic Trust.

I can always be reached by phone at my Campbell River office: 250 287 5100 or toll free at 1 866 387 5100. Feel free to friend me on Facebook or follow me on Twitter @clairetrevena.

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Persons wishing to register in advance as non-resident property electors may do so by contacting the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer for the Strathcona Regional District, or by visiting HYPERLINK "<http://www.strathconard.ca>" www.strathconard.ca. Following the close of advance registration qualified persons may only apply to register at the time of voting.

LISTS OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

The lists of registered electors for voting in the 2014 general local elections will be available for inspection from 8:30 am on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 until the close of voting on Saturday, November 15, 2014. Persons wishing to inspect the list must first sign a statement that the person will not do so except for the purposes of the voting process. In order to protect the privacy or security of an elector the Chief Election Officer will, upon receiving a written request from that elector, amend the list that is to be made available for public inspection by redacting the address of the elector or other information about the elector.

Further information concerning the elector registration process may be obtained by contacting the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer for the Strathcona Regional District, or by visiting HYPERLINK "<http://www.strathconard.ca>" www.strathconard.ca.

Signed at Campbell River, BC this 5th day of September, 2014.

T. Yates, Chief Election Officer

Manipulating Collage with John Schevers at CR Art Gallery

A fall class at the Campbell River Art Gallery with renowned island artist John Schevers reinvents the collage-making process.

In the class "Manipulating Collage", taking place Saturday Sep 27 and Sunday Sep 28, participants will create works of art, adding effects and textures using Schevers's unique techniques.

As a multi-media artist, Schevers is constantly pushing the boundaries of his materials and experimenting to add greater texture and depth to his layered two-dimensional compositions. He currently resides on Quadra Island.

The cost for this two-day workshop is \$160 for non-members and \$150 for Art Gallery members. The class will run from 10 am to 4 pm on Sep 27 and 28.



Space is very limited, so don't delay in registering.

For more information, please contact the CR Art Gallery at 250-287-2261 or email programs@crartgallery.ca

Passages and Transformations, an installation by interdisciplinary artist John Schevers, will be featured in Campbell River's Main Gallery space from September 18 until October 31, 2014. The exhibition, sponsored by Nick and Liz Stoneberger, is representative of the states of becoming in life, one that expresses the interconnectedness of all material and experiential things. Schevers is known for pushing the boundary with his materials, and this particular exhibition is no exception as the work requires audience participation to complete the installation. Gallery hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 12 - 5 pm



Walk With A Doc! Join a health professional from Quadra Island Medical for a walk around Rebecca Spit each Monday at 10 am from the boat launch parking lot. All island residents (and visitors) are welcome, rain or shine. Phone 250-285-3540 for more information and to provide a contact number in case of cancellation. Come walk for fun and for health - we'll see you there!



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"If we make it massive, the number of us who sign will be read out to all leaders at the summit, published in hundreds of media articles, and be delivered by our marches worldwide."

You can sign the petition at https://secure.avaaz.org/en/100_clean_final/ and meet with us in Campbell River.

Postscript from Avaaz: "We're on a trajectory to an unmanageable heating scenario and we need to get off it. The climate dragon is being poked and eventually the dragon becomes angry enough to trash the place!"

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SENIORS' NEWS by Ruth Amiabel

Wow! We've certainly been lucky with the weather. I hate to see it come to an end. Our manning of the Tourist Information Booth will also be finished on September 15 – thank-you to all of our members and friends who welcomed the tourists this year. Actually we will miss them all. We have had a record number of visitors this year.

Thank-you, Judy, for doing the great job in managing the booth. Thanks to Director Jim Abram and the Regional District, for our finances in running the booth.

Soon Ann Lawrence will be back for our Wednesday Armchair Aerobics – come and join our group. If you'd like to attend call Ann at 285-3325. If you need a ride call Ann or Ruth at 285-3801 / 250-895-9188. Bring a snack to have with coffee or tea.

Kathy McLeod will turn 60 on September 15 – congratulations to Kathy on her special day. Cumberland Seniors Branch 51 will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on September 28. Director Ruth Amiabel and Vice President Jerry Gosling from the OAP Provincial Board will be attending. Ruth will also attend the Provincial Board meeting along with Jerry and others on September 30. Our next General meeting will be on October 8 at the Legion. Come at 10 am for a coffee and a visit; the meeting will start at 10:30 am. For membership call Marilyn Lamb at 285-3354.

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Hand Drum Jam

The Hand Drum Jam is back again. We swing into action every Wednesday night from 7:45 to 9:30 pm in Spirit Books at the Upper Realm in Q Cove. Come join us for some funky trance beats. Beginners are welcome. Drums are available if you don't have one. Basic instruction and drumming tips are also available. First timers get in for free! There is a suggested donation of \$10 to cover rental of the space and the purchase of percussion instruments.

All members of the drum circle can obtain free private drum lessons at the bookstore on Friday or Saturday afternoons from Steve Moore. Call Steve at 285-3323 for more info.



The Legion

On Friday September 19 Back Eddie and the Procrastinators (an 8-piece band from Cortes) are sure to have the Legion dance floor rocking. The event runs from 9 pm to 1 am, and it's \$10 at the door.

The Legion's Monday night Men's dart team are starting this season on Monday Sep 22 at 6 pm at the Quadra Legion, and they're looking for guys interested in becoming a spare. If you'd be willing to sub in for the visiting team or for the Quadra Legion's team on occasion, call Albert at 285-3310. Spectators are more than welcome to stop by.

Get Started on a Writing Project

There are two writing programs on offer in Campbell River this fall, instructed by Annette Yourk and Jeanette Taylor.

Writing Family History, Biography & Memoir runs at the Museum at Campbell River from October 5 to November 2, in five weekly sessions on Sunday afternoons. The course

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takes writers through all the phases of a project, from research to organizing and planning techniques, story development and publication options. Use your own writing project as a base for in-class and homework exercises to hone your skills. The fee is \$160 and includes a comprehensive manual. Call the Museum at Campbell River to register at 250-287-3103.



Taylor and Yourk, both Quadra Islanders, teach writing courses throughout the region. They bring a variety of skills and experience to their interactive courses. Taylor's books on local history include "The Quadra Story" and "Tidal Passages". Yourk, who writes fiction, poetry and nonfiction,

works as a freelance editor. Check their website thescribes.ca for more on these courses and to follow their blog, The Writers' Study.

Taylor and Yourk will lead a new bi-monthly program, A Writer's Workshop, at the Campbell River Arts Council from October 4 to November 29. You'll sharpen your skills through writing exercises, peer discussions and facilitated writing reviews. The sessions are on Saturday afternoons, with the possibility of more to come in the new year. Writers will meet at the Sybil Andrews Cottage in Willow Point, in a format that's akin to a writers' group. The fee is \$125. Call the Campbell River Arts Council at 250-923-0213 or email them at arts.council@crarts.ca. You can also register online at: <http://www.crarts.ca/>

Diana Shallard, Dionne Lapointe-Bakota and Clint Young share ideas in a writing class last spring.

An Evening with Quadra Authors

An informal evening of local authors will be held on Thursday September 25 at the Quadra Library from 6:30 to 8 pm. For more information call 250-285-2216.

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Excitement is building for our Local FOOD Market at the Legion

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vegetables, squash, apples, salad greens, as well as chickens, ducks and pigs raised through the summer to harvest for the Local Food Market. Make sure you come early to get a great selection of fresh foods, as our vendors leave when they've sold out. We welcome all food vendors and food lovers to join us on October 4 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Quadra Legion. Vendors, please come before 9:30 to set up, as tables are on a first come first serve basis.

Free Money

Free Money will start up again and run from November to April. Ten dollars for a single individual and twenty dollars for a family are available from 11:30 am to noon just before Community Lunch at the Quadra Community Centre on the first Wednesday of every month, starting Nov 5.

Currently, we only have money for one month. We need about \$3000 to cover the winter, so we are asking

for donations. Here's why you might consider the Free Money program. There are no administrative costs. Every cent goes to Quadra Islanders in need. All the combined free or by- donation programs on Quadra have successfully prevented hunger and homelessness on Quadra.

Please consider putting some money into the Free Money Association account at our local Coastal Credit Union. For more information, call Steve Moore at 285-3323.



On Quadra October 11: Borealis String Quartet

An exciting world-class ensemble, Vancouver-based Borealis String Quartet will begin the Quadra Cultural Committee's 2014/15 season on Saturday, October 11th at 7:30 pm at the Quadra Community Centre. Described as one of the most dynamic ensembles of its generation, Borealis has been highly praised for its fiery performances, passionate style and refined musical interpretation. Strongly committed to the traditional quartet repertoire, Borealis also promotes new works by Canadian composers.

Founded in 2000, the Borealis String Quartet is made up of violinists Patricia Shih and Yuel Yawney, violist Nikita Pogrebnoy and cellist Bo Peng. Award-winning musicians all, they perform on a quartet of very old and finely crafted Italian stringed instruments on loan from one of the leading stringed instrument collectors in the world: the CHIMEI Culture Foundation. The Rogeri violin dated 1698 and the Storioni violin dated 1780, as well as the Storioni cello dated 1778, were originally crafted in Cremona, Italy. The Mantegazza viola is from Milano, dated 1791.

In its short career, the Borealis String Quartet has toured internationally and performed to sold-out audiences in major cities of the world from New York to Rome to Beijing. It was invited to play at the Aboriginal Pavilion during the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, and more recently, has established ties with Asia, touring and teaching in Taiwan. Quartet-in-Residence at UBC for over ten years, its most recent residency has been at the Casalmaggiore International Music Festival in Italy. Beginning this fall, Borealis will be Quartet in Residence at Kwantlen University in Langley, BC.

Let the Borealis String Quartet be your Thanksgiving treat and get your tickets at the usual outlets on Quadra Island at Inspirations (formerly Hummingbird Office and Art Supply) in the Cove and at Works of H'Art in Heriot Bay or at the Music Plant in Campbell River. Advance tickets \$20 with tickets available at the door for \$17. Students 16 and under will be admitted free with an adult. For more information, please call 250-285-3069 or visit the artists' website at www.borealisstringquartet.com



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Sierra Quadra and Will Horter September 20

Sierra Quadra kicks off its fall season of speakers and films with a presentation by Will Horter, a young activist lawyer with a passion for helping ordinary citizens protect their communities, their water and their land. The executive director of the Victoria-based Dogwood Initiative, Will describes himself as the organization's main bottle-washer who also gets to oversee such programs as the groundbreaking No Tankers, Beyond Coal, and Let BC Vote campaigns.

Believing that unorganized people are powerless, Will says "The central question for British Columbians, as it was for Albertans in the 1980s and '90s, is this: who gets to decide what's in our best interest — Ottawa or the people who live here?" As pundits debate the technical merits of crude oil and coal export proposals through BC, they miss the deeper sense of alienation that's taking hold. British Columbians and especially First Nations are growing increasingly resentful of decisions they feel have been imposed on them from the outside and they are organizing at unprecedented scales to stop Ottawa from imposing unwanted projects on an unwilling province.

Will's presentation at the Quadra Community Centre begins at 7:30pm on Saturday September 20. Doors open at 7, of course, so you can stock up on delicious desserts, tea and coffee. Admission, as always, is by donation.



It's September, and after working 28 years managing the Quadra Community Centre Sandy Spearing plumb forgot to return to work in favour of 'smelling the roses'! Assistant Coordinator Rebecca Young rises to the task at hand as Coordinator and full time manager. Have a great sabbatical, Sandy!

NEWS FLASH! Look for the DI at www.theGumboot.ca, starting with this issue!

Outdoor Club Fall Events

The Outdoor Club, along with the Mushroom Club, the Heriot Bay Inn, and the Recreation Society, will be sponsoring mushroom events in October. Dr. Shannon Berch and Sharmin Gamiet will provide instruction and advice.

3 Oct, Friday - Mushroom presentation and appetizers

4 Oct, Saturday - Mushroom foray

5 Oct, Sunday - Mushroom identification workshop

The initial fall schedule can be found at: <http://qioutdoorclub.org/trips/trip-schedule/schedule-fall-and-winter-2014-15/>

Please contact the trip coordinator well in advance of the trip if you want to participate.

If anyone has suggestions for trips at the end of September and into October, please let us know at qioutdoorclub@gmail.com.

The Outdoor Club will host a planning event early in November to brainstorm about winter hiking, skiing, snowshoeing trips and possible other events.

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	20:02	3.2	10.5
	00:39	3.9	12.8
	07:38	1.5	4.9
05 Sunday	15:04	4.6	15.1
	21:14	3.0	9.8
	07:38	1.5	4.9



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