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Spooks at the Heriot Bay Inn

October 31 is Halloween Fun Night at Quadra Community Centre!

After trick-or-treating, and before the Fireworks begin on Blenkin Park Field at 8pm, come to the Community Centre from 6:30 to 8pm and show off your costumes. You might even win a prize! Strut your stuff in the costume contest between 7 and 7:30pm. Kids, make sure you come early for hot chocolate, treats and fun games!



Ferry Schedules

Campbell River - Quadra Island

Crossing Time: 10 minutes

Leave Campbell River Leave Quathias Cove

Mon-Fri	Sat-Sun	Mon-Fri	Sat-Sun
6:40 am		6:15 am	
7:30 am	7:25 am	7:05 am	7:00 am
8:30 am	†8:15 am	8:00 am	†7:50 am
9:25 am	9:15 am	9:00 am	8:45 am
**10:25 am	10:10 am	9:55 am	9:45 am
11:25 am	11:10 am	10:55 am	10:40 am
12:25 pm	12:10 pm	11:55 am	11:40 pm
1:25 pm	1:10 pm	12:55 pm	12:40 pm
2:45 pm	2:10 pm	2:15 pm	1:40 pm
3:40 pm	3:40 pm	3:15 pm	3:15 pm
4:40 pm	4:40 pm	**4:10 pm	4:10 pm
5:45 pm	5:45 pm	5:15 pm	5:15 pm
7:00 pm	7:00 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm
7:55 pm	7:55 pm	7:25 pm	7:25 pm
8:55 pm	8:55 pm	8:25 pm	8:25 pm
9:55 pm	9:55 pm	9:25 pm	9:25 pm
*10:55 pm	†10:55 pm	*10:25 pm	†10:25 pm

Quadra Island - Cortes Island

Crossing Time: 45 minutes

Leave Heriot Bay Leave Whaletown

Mon-Fri	Sat-Sun	Mon-Fri	Sat-Sun
9:05 am	†8:45 am	7:50 am	†7:30 am
**11:05 am	10:45 am	9:50 am	9:30 am
1:05 pm	12:45 pm	11:50 am	11:30 am
3:20 pm	2:45 pm	**1:50 pm	1:30 pm
5:10 pm	4:35 pm	4:05 pm	3:40 pm
6:45 pm	6:25 pm	5:55 pm	5:20 pm

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* Fridays Only † Daily except Sundays.

** Tuesday sailings are for Dangerous Cargo
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List Your Event

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Lots of choices for getting it to the DI!

- Email us at editor@discoveryislands.ca
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- The mail works too! Our postal address is Box 280, Q Cove, BC V0P 1N0

QUADRA CLIPPINGS



FREE MONEY for low income Quadra residents happens on the first Wednesday of each month. The time is from 11:30 am to noon. The first date in November 5th. The place is the Quadra Community Centre's small seminar room, just before Community lunch. Donations to the Free Money Association account at the Quadra Credit Union are needed to keep this program going. For more info, call Steve at 285.3323.

THE ACOUSTIC JAM is back in the Upper Realm in Q Cove on Friday Nights. Guitars, hand drums, flutes, harmonica, whatever. From around 8pm to whenever. Call Pat at 285.2807 or Tim at 285.2314 for more info. Also, a just hand drum jam continues on Wednesday nights at 7:45-9:30pm. Call Steve at 285.3323.

FREE FIREWOOD is now available for low income residents of Quadra Island. The wood is available after Wednesday's Community Lunch from 1pm-1:30pm behind the Community Centre. We can help you load your vehicle. If you don't own or can't borrow a friend's vehicle, phone Alan at

285.3544 or Mornay at 285.3212 or Steve at 285.3323. We may be able to deliver. Money can be donated to the Free Wood Association account at our Quadra Coastal Credit Union. Questions? Call us!

PICKLEBALL IS BACK on Tuesdays at 4:30pm at Cape Mudge Hall. The drop in fee is \$2. We have extra paddles. Please join us for this fun sport. Beginners are welcome. For more information contact Doris at 285.3610 or Ken and Louella at 285.2580.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN FORMING AN ANTI-WAR group on Quadra? If three or more people volunteer, I'll call a meeting to discuss what we can do. Call Steve Moore at 285.3323.

According to the the Globe and Mail, Prime Minister Stephen Harper's main reason for declaring war on the Islamic State in Iraq is 'to keep Canadians safe at home.' The tragic murder of two Canadian soldiers in Ottawa and Quebec should make us question his view. After Canada declared war, the Islamic State of Iraq asked its supporters in Canada to carry out attacks against Canadian Armed Forces....

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THE ISLAND CALENDAR

Day to Day

Friday, October 31

Community Centre Halloween Fun Night 6:30-8pm
Fireworks in Blenkin Field at 8pm
Halloween with Blackberry Wood at the HBI Pub
9pm, \$10 at the door
Ten Times Bigger at the Quadra Legion 9pm-1am
Great music and prizes \$10 at the door

Saturday, November 1

Til Death, the Six Wives of Henry VIII, a one-woman show. 7:30pm at QCC

Sunday, November 2

Character and Comedy: An Acting Workshop with Tara Travis, 11am-1pm at QCC

Tuesday, November 4

Hal Douglas and Dave Blinzinger at Heron's, HBI
7-9pm. Doors open at 6:30pm, \$7 cover

Monday, November 10

The Duchess of Dirt on Horticultural Wonders
Garden Club at QCC, 7pm

Tuesday, November 11

Remembrance Day Service at Quadra Legion
Be seated by 10:45am, lunch to follow service
Evening: membership 4:30pm, social hour 5pm,
dinner 6pm. Call to reserve 285-3739

Thursday & Friday, Nov 20 & 21

Harry Manx Concert and Dinner
Heron's at the Heriot Bay Inn
Call for prices and to reserve 285.3322

The Regulars

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre,
7:30pm
Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30pm, Sep 16-Dec 16,
285.3849

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm Quadra United Church

SATURDAY

Open Mic with Mo, 9pm at the HBI pub

SUNDAY

Buddhist Meditation, Upper Realm, 10am
Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30am
Quadra Sunday Painters, 11am - 2pm, 285.3390
United Church, 11am, 285.3163

**THE NEXT DI DEADLINE
is Monday November 10 at 7pm**

What's on at the Community Centre!



THIS WEEKEND (October 31 November 1)

FRIDAY: 6:30-8pm Halloween Fun Night; 8pm Fireworks!
SATURDAY: 10-2pm Winter Market; 7:30pm The
Cultural Committee presents: Till Death

NEXT WEEK (November 3-7)

MONDAY: 8:30am Low Impact; 10am Yoga with
Josephine; 10am Parents & Tots; 3pm Sing for Pure Joy;
4:10pm Chess; 6pm Monday Night with the Ladies;
7pm Naturopath Seminar (Hypnosis part 1)

TUESDAY: 9am Yoga with Brenda; 9am Quilters; 10am
Spinners & Knitters; 1:30pm Bridge Class; 5pm Yoga
with Trinity; 7:30pm Folk Dance

WEDNESDAY: 10am Yoga with Trinity; 12pm
Community Kitchen Lunch; 7pm Spanish Lessons

THURSDAY: 9am Yoga with Brenda; 10am Parents &
Tots; 5am Yoga with Trinity; 6:45pm Quadra Singers

FRIDAY: 8:30am Low Impact; 9:30am Fit On The Ball;
10am Friday Painters; 10am Weighted Conversations;
5pm Jazz Dance Class; 7:45pm Friday Flicks presents:
The Railway Man

NEXT WEEKEND (November 8)

SATURDAY: 1pm Outdoor Club Meeting; 7pm
Children's Centre Goods and Service Auction

NEXT WEEK (November 10-14)

MONDAY: 8:30am Low Impact; 10am Yoga with
Josephine; 10am Parents & Tots; 3pm Sing for Pure Joy;
4:10pm Chess; 6pm Monday Night with the Ladies;
7pm Garden Club; 7pm Naturopath Seminar (Hypnosis
part 2)

TUESDAY: 9am Yoga with Brenda; 10am Spinners &
Knitters; 1:30pm Bridge Class; 5pm Yoga with Trinity;
7:30pm Folk Dance

WEDNESDAY: 10am Yoga with Trinity; 12pm C.K. Lunch

THURSDAY: 9am Yoga with Brenda; 10am Parents &
Tots; 5pm Yoga with Trinity; 6:45pm Quadra Singers

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NEXT DEADLINE
7pm on Monday
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Revisiting the Year of the Rat

2014 is officially the Year of the Horse, but for many households on Quadra a member of the rodentia clan has taken top billing. Islanders are a little skittish to bring up the topic, but once the R word is mentioned the stories proliferate – much like the animal itself, whose reproductive prowess is enviable.

In just a few years the rat population on Quadra has ballooned. Evidence of rats used to be taken in stride, with any 'issue' dispatched by a posse of island cats in good time. But things have changed. People are talking about rats breaching walls and taking up residence in sheds and roof attics. There's been evidence of rats at play while people are at work – folks coming home to half-chewed snacks in the kitchen and trails of droppings... on their pillow. It's a little unnerving.

Then there are the sound effects: you're relaxing in the living room at day's end and the audio kicks in, a scuffle of tiny claws in the ceiling overhead.

In recent years sales of rat traps at Q Builders have been soaring – but it seems the rats are getting smarter at the same pace. Licking peanut butter off the spring pin and living to brag about it seems to be the MO of our average backyard rat.

Islanders who care about such things have identified two resident rat varieties on Quadra: roof rats (*rattus rattus*) and Norway rats (*rattus norvegicus*).

A roof rat comes in black or brown and can be over 40 cm long, with at least half that span devoted to a hairless, scaly tail. Its smooth body is smaller and sleeker than the Norway model. Its nose and droppings, curiously, share a design feature in that they are both pointy. (Ew.) By contrast the blunter-nosed Norway rat is chunkier, with shaggy fur that's auburn or grey on top and light underneath. Its droppings are capsule-shaped and 20mm in length, half again as big as roof rat poo.

Our island rats have year-round breeding capacity. A female Norway rat can co-produce up to 12 litters in a good year, with four to 22 offspring each time. Norway rats like to live near the water, close to a supply of grains, nuts, meat and fruit. Their communities are somewhat hierarchical. As nocturnal creatures they aren't often seen unless overcrowding drives them out of hiding.

Roof rats, as you'd rightly infer, prefer the high life – in your roof, attic or walls – but will make exceptions if the good spots are all taken. They are proficient climbers and can squeeze through holes the size of a quarter. Their diet is similar to that of their Norway cousins.

Once they've moved in, rats don't spend much time trying to hide the fact of their existence. A greasy trail – created by their oily hair – will soon highlight their habitual rat paths; gnaw marks on pet food bags and electrical cords, as well as the ubiquitous droppings, are other tell-tales hard to ignore. Indoor nests tend to be sprawling, smelly affairs, often burrowed into insulation with all manner of imported shredded stuff for lining. Norway rats build multi-exit underground tunnels outside infested homes, to access alternate food sources like bird feeders and garbage cans.

By all accounts, it seems the rats have it dialled. So what's to be done?

Co-habitation with *Rattus* of any stripe is ill-advised – literally. Presumed guilty for Europe's Black Death (fleas from the rats infected the humans), rats are present-day vectors of disease through their urine and feces. Contact with their sharp pointy teeth can make you hurt *and* sick.

Co-habiting with cats in order to discourage rats is one approach to de-ratting your residence; and

while the method produced a stasis in years past, current numbers seem to be exceeding the collective appetite of island felines.

Rat poison? Only if you want to be the angel of death for resident birds, dogs, cats, chickens... and a dual threat and menace to your neighbours.

Seeing your house from a rat's point of view, and then plugging up unintentional orifices, is the proactive way to start rat-proofing. Heavy gauge hardware cloth and foam sealer are the tools of the trade. Screening windows and doors for the summer is an important part of the plan.

But what about the rats who've already moved in? That nudges you in the direction of 'pest control' as it's known in refined circles.

The fall is a popular time to reverse the traffic flow of rodentia in your home. The folks from pest control make a house call, survey the scene, and set



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up a little bait house underneath your house. It's poisoning by any other name, of course, but contained so that other animals don't get caught in the trap.

It works – for a while. But no house is an island, however, especially on an island. Roof rats just don't give up that easily: they are masters of relocation. They will simply move down the street, next door, or into your shed. Norway rats get busy building new underground tunnels between their favourite food drops.

It's a numbers game, and we're into overtime. Routine installations of bait houses will reduce your own residential rat population; but unless a critical mass of people take action, the overall infestation will continue.

It may come down to our collective brains versus theirs. Many islanders are asking: is it time to get together and say the R word out loud? Admit there is a problem, and discuss ideas toward a broader solution? Is it time to engage Public Health and the Regional District to get more information and take steps to kick out the company?

We'd like to hear from you. Let us know whether this is an issue for you on your part of the island, on your street or in your neighbourhood. Email editor@discoveryislands.ca or drop us a line at Box 280 Q Cove. Next issue we'll look at rat biology and rats in literature instead of in the kitchen.

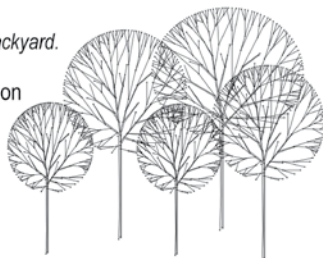
Until then, let's all get back to the Year of the Horse!

–*Brynn Budd*

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT • by Jim Abram

It is quite the day out there! Blowing and raining and looking pretty grim. But the 'power' will remain with us, right? Today has been the day from Hades! The number of things going on are overwhelming. I am going to just jump right into them. And for all of you who come to me in good faith to work on issues, please realize that many of the issues have nothing to do with local government jurisdiction. I work on them and take them on because I care about my community and the issues don't go away. Someone needs to be your advocate and I am ready to take on that position: Feds, Province, I don't care! If it effects you I will do my best on your behalf.

A NEW TERM IN OFFICE

I know I thanked you in my last report for the honour of being acclaimed as your Director. I really want to say 'Thanks a lot!' (Just kidding.) I do love this position and find the challenges interesting. There is something new every day and not a day goes off as planned. Adaptability and creativity are essential (and having no time for any other life helps, also)!

THE SLIDE!

First of all, I want to say that we all need to direct lots of positive energy to the family living directly above the area who are most effected, in the hope that the worst is over for them and that all will work out for them. They live at the top of the slump / slide that took place last week above Heriot Bay Road along Drew Harbour. The

saturated ground let go in the early hours of the morning enveloping Heriot Bay Road and cutting off all passage. I am so thankful that this event did not take place during a school bus run. Anything on the road would have been taken into Drew Harbour due to the magnitude of the slide.

The crews from Emcon were on the scene quickly, followed by officials from the Ministry of Highways. This stretch of road has been under study by the Ministry for the last couple of years, mostly due to narrowness, the absence of shoulders in some sections, and undercutting from erosion. I have been working with our Area Manager and the Acting District Manager to try and get the road brought up to a safe, useable condition. They have been very cooperative and even commissioned an engineering study for the stability of the

road on the Harbour side. I have received numerous complaints over the years about the width, the lack of ability to walk, bike, push strollers, etc. along this road. Speed has also been an issue. And then there were the two accidents that took place at the north end of this stretch near Pilot Road (one involving a loaded dump truck). All of these things plus a lot of lobbying have gotten the Ministry to have a look.

The road allowance goes right up to the properties on Schooner Road and is the responsibility of the Ministry. Land has now been taken from a private land owner. There is a fix according to the people who do this kind of work and Highways must get on it before the situation worsens. I will work tirelessly towards this end.

The other issue I am working on with the help of the Ministry

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CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE and Emcon is the flooding of the gas station and Aroma Café, caused by overgrown ditches on the school side of the road and the area on Harper Road at the intersection with Heriot Bay Road. I am told that these ongoing problems will be fixed soon.

WHARVES: TRANSPORT CANADA SIGNING

Well, tomorrow is supposed to be the signing for the divestiture of the three wharves at Surge Narrows, Owen Bay and Pot Neville. Unfortunately it has been cancelled once again, this time due to the fact that our MP John Duncan can't make it! I am not sure what he has to do with this event since it has been SRD staff, Transport Canada and myself who forged the deal to transfer \$3M along with the wharves and to run them for 10 years, since the Federal Government has decided in its wisdom that it is going out of the business of maintaining wharves for the transport of people and goods! We were given the option of having the wharves removed from these communities or accept the downloading of responsibility of running them and continuing to provide the service to our communities. We chose to take the money and make the best of it. I am sure we can do the job and maintain the service. The divestiture has been put off until November 14.

TELUS: LANDLINE, INTERNET, CELL AND DATA COVERAGE

Just to be really clear on this issue, I have been working on all of the above. I know that my reports talk about one or the other depending on which is most current in the minds of Telus, but in my mind, they are all essential services and need to be provided to our community – all of them to all of it! I am meeting with Telus again in Victoria on November 7 as a follow-up to our UBCM visits with the Ministries that deal with connectivity, so I am hoping that there have been 'conversations' between then and now and we will move along a little faster. I have also been dealing with complaints from the Granite Bay neighbourhood about not even having basic telephone service, as recently as today. This is totally unacceptable in the year 2014. I hear people all around the province complaining about not having fast enough internet service and I have to laugh when many of us don't have any internet or cell service, or in some cases basic phone service. Give me a break! We are within miles of Campbell River, a full service provider. All I can do is keep trying.

ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

Each Director on the Board must have an Alternate to fill in for the Director in the absence of the Director. For this past three year term, Dan MacKenzie has been my Alternate Director and has done an excellent job attending meetings that I have had to miss due to other meeting commitments. I have asked Dan to once again stand as my Alternate Director and fortunately he has accepted the request. His powers as Alternate, under the Local Government Act, only apply in my absence. I only say this so that I will not scare Dan off, having him think that people will be calling him on SRD business on a regular basis! Thanks, Dan, for your past work and for taking this on for another term!

MEETINGS WITH THE PREMIER

The Coastal Regional District Chairs Group, of which I am a member, met with the Premier and two Ministers at the UBCM conference to discuss the Policy Paper on BC Ferries adopted by the UBCM membership at the conference (<http://ow.ly/BluLe>). We were promised at that meeting that as soon as the Premier returned from her trade mission to India that we would get another personal meeting regarding ferries. Our group was notified last week that she was going to assign her Chief of Staff Dan Doyle to meet with us instead. We've told her that is not acceptable and are awaiting a reply. She did promise a personal meeting and as a group we intend to hold her to it.

I am also seeking a personal meeting to discuss some developments that I have been working on that she may be interested in. I cannot give you the details at this time, since I am awaiting confirmation of some other key meetings that need to take place first. Sorry for the intrigue, but I really don't want to 'show my hand' just yet. I will let you know one way or the other in the very near future.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There are two Public Hearings coming up. One is a simple lot line adjustment on an outer island and the other is for a rezoning to divide one property into three properties in the Milford Road area. They will be held at 7pm on Wednesday November 5 at the Community Centre. Look for the ads, or feel free to contact me or the planners at the SRD.

I am going to stop there and leave some of the other items for future reports. Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30am and 7pm, 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.

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

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AT THE CAMPBELL RIVER MUSEUM

It's a Maritime War! The WWII boats that serviced the west coast and beyond

Join local author and historian Catherine Gilbert at the Museum at Campbell River on Saturday, November 8 from 1–2:30pm, for a fascinating pictorial presentation about the many vessels that served on Canada's coasts during World War II.

While doing research for her book *Yorke Island and the Uncertain War*, Gilbert became intrigued with the boats and their crews that performed marine services during the war, from patrolling the coast as part of the Fisherman's Reserve to supplying defence sites as part of the army's Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. She will also discuss the role of the Royal Canadian Airforce's marine squadrons that performed both supply and rescue duties.



Army tug the General Caldwell docked at Yorke Island

Local fishermen, tugboaters and master mariners alike were all members of this vast fleet that patrolled our western shores on the lookout for Japanese subs and ships, and Gilbert has uncovered both humorous and exhilarating stories of their adventures.

Gilbert will share her photos and findings at this talk, which coincides with the Museum's exhibit honouring the men on Campbell River's Cenotaph. Cost is \$6

per person. Call the Museum at 250.287.3103 to reserve a seat.

If you miss Catherine's talk in Campbell River, she will be presenting the same talk at the Heriot Bay Inn on Wednesday November 12 for U of Q at 7pm.

Drum Making Workshop with Jorge Lewis

The Museum at Campbell River is offering a rare opportunity to learn about and create an elk hide drum with Master Drum Maker Jorge Lewis. On Saturday November 15, from 1pm–4pm, Lewis will guide participants through the spiritual and creative process of constructing a drum.

To drum is to become part of the greater wisdom of the world. During the workshop, Lewis will offer teachings about drums, including the respect paid to the animal who has sacrificed its hide, stories of how the drum came to the people, usage of the drum and the spiritual connection of drums that continues from ancient times to today. Each participant will create a 14 inch elk hide drum for keeping, and will have ample opportunity to discuss drumming and learn about the construction of drums.



Drummaker Jorge Lewis with his elk hide drums

Jorge is from the Snuneymuxw Nation, a descendant of powerful shamans, mask dancers and chiefs. He has resided in Campbell River for most of his life.

The fee for the workshop is \$200 and includes all of the needed hide and materials. This workshop is part of the 'Artists-on-Site' weekend at the Museum on November 15 and 16. Space is very limited for the drum workshop so please call the Museum at 250.287.3103 to reserve your spot.

Annual Remembrance Day Service on Quadra

Our annual Remembrance Day Service will be at the Quadra Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on Tuesday November 11, 2014. Everyone is welcome and families with children are encouraged to attend. Please be seated by 10:45am sharp. The Legion Ladies Auxiliary will host the luncheon following the morning service. The evening festivities begin with membership initiations to be conducted at 4:30pm. The social hour starts at 5pm with dinner for members and spouse/guest at 6pm. Honours & Awards and live entertainment with the Thievin Brothers will follow dinner. RSVP for dinner to Gillian Green 285.3739. See you at the Legion!



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Goods and Services Auction

Fall is in full swing and the rains have arrived with a fury. Many of us have been hunkered down and are holed up inside. If cabin fever is starting to set in and you're looking to get out for a night on the town, you're in luck. The Quadra Children's Centre Goods and Services Auction is happening on Saturday November 8 at 7pm at the Community Centre.

There'll be a wide assortment of amazing goods and services up for bid from members of our talented and generous community. From the fun and fantastic to the pretty and practical there will be something for everyone.

A variety of auctions will take place over the course of the evening including a Chinese Auction, Raffle Auction, and Silent Auction. The highlight of the evening, the Live Auction, will close out the night. This is a great opportunity to get a head start on your Christmas shopping or pick yourself up something special. You never know what you might come home with!

This is a licensed, catered, adult-oriented event. Delicious food and drinks will be for sale throughout the evening. So gather up some friends, come on down and have some fun while supporting quality early care and learning in our community. This is one of our most important fundraisers of the year so we look forward to a great turnout!

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October 2014 Report

You might have gathered that the recent rains have benefited Quadra streams and the salmon (chum and coho) spawn. When we installed the gates into the counting fence on September 16 we were standing on dry land at the base of the gates. Today (October 27) when we docked at the gates to do a stream walk and fish count, the stream was higher than the gates. This means that water in our huge lake system has risen more than 1 metre. The coho, being quite aggressive swimmers, should be able to jump over the gates in places.

The gentle Village Bay Creek has become a raging torrent. Last week on our creek walk we were able to see into the water and we counted 53 chum and 13 coho. Today with the torrential water we were not able to spot more than a handful of migrating or spawning fish. So far the coho count through the counting gate is 600-plus.

A big thanks should go out to Lauren and Larry, each of whom goes out alone once a day to raise the gate in the counting area, regardless of weather, and count migrating fish. I would hope that the person or persons who decided last year to vandalize our gates will not be so inclined this year. It was brave and extremely dangerous for Larry to retrieve the gates and re-install them.

This past Friday, Eileen Sowerby and I counted 200 chum in Hyacinthe Creek from the culverts down to the private property where we are not allowed to walk. For those wishing to see chum, we counted 21 of them in the 50 metres above the culverts. There is a great pull-out there for vehicles and a short safe walk in to where you can view back to the culverts. We are also getting reports of hundreds of chum in Open Bay Creek and a healthy chum run up Granite Bay Creek way up past the wetland. Chum in GBC can safely be observed right from the Granite Bay Road Bridge.

We are also getting reports of salmon heading up Drew Creek.

And finally, a big thanks to Tru-Value stores and their points system, and those who choose to donate their points to QISES. It provides a good bit of our annual funding.

—Al Beattie

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LOCAL FOOD MARKET

November Offerings

The Local Food Market gives farmers and food producers a place to connect with islanders and hear what they'd like us to provide. People this year seem to be looking for eggs – so if you have some to sell, please bring them to the Local Food Market!

We also invite local restaurants and cafés to come to the Market and get acquainted with Quadra's farmers and food producers, so



local food can find a place on all island menus.

The Local Food Market's goal is to provide an venue for the farmers and food producers to sell their goods, and to connect as growers in creating a sustainable community.

New to the November Market will be a farm-to-table luncheon from Granite Bay Farm Café. Make sure you show up hungry and ready to enjoy a taste of Granite Bay in every bite!

The next market is Saturday November 1, with doors opening at 10am at the Quadra Legion in Heriot Bay. We welcome all islanders to join us. Tables are on a first come, first served basis. For more information and tasty updates, you can 'like' our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LocalFoodMarket>. PHOTO BY MARIA SANZ

RCMP REPORT

MISSING PERSON On Thursday October 16 at 4:30pm the Quadra Island RCMP were notified that the Coast Guard was being dispatched to investigate the discovery of an abandoned kayak on a small unnamed island near Peck Island in Surge Narrows.

Investigators determined that the kayak likely belonged to a 51 year old Campbell River man who had been reported missing earlier in the day. The man was reported to have been suffering from depression. When officers arrived at the location of the kayak, they located multiple personal items belonging to the missing man. A thorough ground search uncovered no further signs of the man. The search of the waters in Surge Narrows by air and sea concluded late in the evening on October 16 after it failed to produce any further signs. The RCMP West Coast Marine Service, Quadra Island RCMP, and ground Search

and Rescue technicians engaged in a search of the area on October 17, but to date the missing man has not been located.

BREAK AND ENTER On October 16th, 2014 a break and enter was reported in the 700 block of Heriot Bay Road; two chain saws were stolen. If you have any information please contact Quadra RCMP or Crimestoppers.

On October 18 Quadra RCMP received a report of an older catamaran boat which had washed up on the rocks in the 900 block of Topcliff road. No identifying marks could be located on the boat.

On October 24 Quadra RCMP received a complaint that signs had been shot with a gun at a logging road at the 2100 block of Hyacinthe Bay Road. There are no suspects or witnesses.

Cpl. Kevin Christensen, Quadra RCMP



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QUADRA SENIORS

Canning is almost done, now baking is on the list! Our members had a wonderful time at Fanny Bay's Regional meeting last Wednesday October 15. We had a great quiche luncheon with dessert, served by French maids, with drinks served by French bartenders. A musical band had us tapping our toes. Ruth Amiabel was re-elected North Island Director and Heather Adams the Alternate Director. We vow to encourage our governments to make lives much easier for our Seniors. Health care, home care, and ferry rates must be rolled back, and more government subsidized care homes need to be made available.

We are now looking forward to our Remembrance Day meeting on the first Wednesday in November. We are hoping for bagpipes and a speaker. Don't forget to come early for a coffee and a chat at 10am. For membership or transportation contact Ruth Amiabel at 250.285.3801 or by cell phone at 250.895.9188.

Seniors' Fall Prevention Awareness Week

To raise awareness about the importance of reducing falls and related injuries among BC's aging population, and to encourage leadership and collaboration among health authorities, the Province of British Columbia annually proclaims the first week of November as Seniors' Fall Prevention Awareness Week.

- One in three British Columbians over the age of 65 will fall once every year, and falls are the main reason older adults lose their independence.
- Falls account for 85% of all injuries among BC's seniors.
- Falls are responsible for 40% of admissions to nursing homes.
- About 25% of people of ages 50 plus who break a hip will die within 12 months.

The good news is that falling can be prevented and falls are not an inevitable part of aging.

Registered Health Care Assistant and specialty cook Anetta Grundvig will talk about key ways to prevent falls, November 7 following the Seniors' lunch.

If you think these facts sounds too wild, check out the Ministry of Health's webpage at www.health.gov.bc.ca.

Works of H'Art will take the "time to remember" on Nov 11 so we will be closed. On the heels of giving thanks we must always take time to reflect on the past and the present and the lessons they afford.

It has been a while since my last update... since then Works of H'Art has acquired a new piece by Gary Brettnacher called Chariot Racing, a dye transfer process print on anodized aluminum.

Robert Cameron has certainly captured wall space with Stag, while Frank Boas takes us on a journey back in time with Ancient Cave Art - Deer.

Have you seen Kathryn Manry's Show-Offs perched above the entrance?

A little bird told me Maureen Maryka has something new for us, too. Take advantage of the last few days of our October 10% off all originals and prints.

Leading up to our Christmas makeover (November 9-11) we are having our First Annual Bottom Shelf sale, a great selection of gifts at greatly discounted prices. Save some pennies and buy early for Christmas...there will be a bit of everything!

New this year are adult jackets, mitts, socks and slippers from the Kathmandu Valley of Nepal. By wearing this clothing and accessories you are helping to support fair wages and provide safe working environments for Nepali artisans. The company is a member of the Fair Trade Federation. Once again we will be carrying our ever-popular Ecuadorian wool jackets, hats and mitts for children.

For the month of November we'll promo our new line of women's clothing, 'Pretty Woman'. Buy one piece and receive a second piece for half price. There are plus size pieces in this collection. Stay tuned for the romantic line arriving from Italy!

New table linens are here, so be sure to get the size you want. Some super sizes are also available.

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PLAY TIME!

'Til Death...

A comedic, one-woman 'tour de force' entitled *'Til Death: The Six Wives of Henry VIII* will bring to life all the messy details of the six wives of Henry the VIII and the King himself in this highly acclaimed Monster Theatre production on Saturday, November 1 at 7:30pm at the Quadra Community Centre.

It's about six Queens, six love stories, six deaths – and it's all played by one actress, Tara Travis.

As the winner of Vancouver's Pick of the Fringe, *'Til Death* has captured the attention of audiences across the country. Playing to sold out theatres, *'Til Death* was described as "hilarious, touching, thought provoking and educational" by Theatre in London where it was chosen for Outstanding Individual Performance and Producer's Pick.

Actor-writer-puppeteer Tara Travis is the Artistic Producer of Monster Theatre, with whom she has created, and performed in *'Til Death*, *Mini Masterpieces*, *The Shakespeare Show*, *Houdini's Last Escape* and *Lavinia: A Modern Fairy Tale of Gigantic Proportions*.

Founder and Artistic Director of Monster Theatre since 2000, Ryan Gladstone is the playwright and director of *'Til Death*. He has written, produced and acted in most of Monster Theatre's original plays, including five one-man shows.

Advance tickets for *'Til Death: The Six Wives of Henry VIII* are \$15, available at the Music Plant in Campbell River, and at Inspirations and Works of H'Art on Quadra. Tickets are \$17 at the door. For more information, please call 250.285.2739 or visit www.monstertheatre.com.

Character & Comedy: A Workshop with Tara Travis

Tara Travis of Monster Theatre will follow up her November 1st performance of *'Til Death: The Six Wives of Henry VIII* with a workshop for actors on Sunday, November 2nd from 11am to 1pm at the Quadra Community Centre. There is no charge for the workshop, but space is limited. You must pre-register by Tuesday October 28 by email to darcm@telus.net. Participants must be at least 10 years old.

At the HBI...

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 the Legion Bagpipers will tour the the Heriot Bay Inn, the Landing Pub and the Legion on their Quadra Island Pub Parade for the annual poppy drive. Look for them at the HBI around 7pm. Support our Royal Canadian Legion and our poppy drive, they support our community in a big way. Even Hockey will pause for an amazing musical moment and cause!

NOVEMBER 20 AND 21 Harry Manx, a dinner show in Herons at the HBI. 2 course dinner \$79 Show seat only \$59. Dinner seating at 6pm. Reserve 285.3322.

HOCKEY is BIG in the HBI pub! Check out our calendar for game times. Enjoy the 8 foot screen, three tvs and Canucks Happy Hockey Hour during the first hour of Canucks games!

MONDAY EVENINGS Dak's Pool Tourney. Play the game and meet new friends in the warm and cheerful HBI Pub, a great way to spend a dark fall night. Weekly winner entered to win grand prize in December. 7pm.

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY Hal Douglas Blues duos in Herons. "A little jazz, a little blues... a lot of music". 7-9pm. Nov 4: Hal is joined by Dave Blinzinger. \$7 at the door.

TRIVIA TUESDAYS coming to the HBI Pub in November. Carefully crafted Quadra categories!

WEDNESDAYS New UofQ Dean Barb Heinonen presents Gillian Green and Marilyn Lamb on November 5. Learn all about Poppies! Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Drive will be in full swing.

NOVEMBER 12 'It's a Maritime War! Local author and historian Catherine Gilbert with a fascinating pictorial presentation about the vessels that served on Canada's coasts during World War II.

NOVEMBER 19 Wood Guru Billy Dubois on heating with wood. Pub Education at UofQ, 7pm.

FRIDAY NIGHT BANDS November 7: Blue Kats vintage R&B / R&R

November 21: Ray Bennet Band back by popular demand! 9pm at HBI Pub, no cover

MO'S BACK AT THE HBI PUB! Thanks, Dwayne and Barrie, you're awesome! Saturdays are amazingly eclectic at open mic, where else would you want to be? HBI Pub 9pm.

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Poem about Crystal

Look at it, stare
into the crystal because
it will tell you, not
the future, no, but
the quality of crystal,
clarity's nature,
teach you the stricture
of uncut, utterly
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– Robert Bringhurst

Robert Bringhurst is the author of some 40 books. He was recently invested as Officer of the Order of Canada. Poem About Crystal reprinted with permission of the author.



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This year's **'At the Table'** features a literary theme as we journey through regions of the world celebrating well-known local authors and their famous—or infamous—love of food and drink.

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Heartfelt thanks go to the Trout Fishing Derby participants and organizers who donated \$520 to help keep our volunteer-staffed programs going. On October 6 at the HBI we celebrated with the OAPO Branch 91 as they honoured Quadra's most senior Seniors for their many years of service to our community. On October 24 at Friday Lunch we sang our good wishes to long-time Quadra residents, Win and Frank Smirfitt (pictured here), as they move to their new suite in Campbell River's Berwick by the Sea.



Housing Committee

Members from Quadra Circle, QI Seniors Housing and the community are working with John Jessup, a Project Development Consultant contracted under a CMHC Seed Funding Grant to design a survey of Quadra seniors who are interested in seniors housing options in the Q Cove area. Much has changed since the last survey in 2007. Demand is growing from seniors wanting to down-size into rental accommodation with or without support services and from those wanting to buy small lots to build small homes. We appreciate Jim Abram's strong support on our behalf with the Strathcona Regional District. More info coming soon: Maureen: 285-2221.

Transportation Program

Volunteer drivers help seniors who need a ride to appointments, activities, shopping. Call Diana: 285-3630 to apply. Please give her at least 24-hours notice to arrange a driver.

Seniors Outreach

Marie Sheran and her caring team offer seniors friendly visits and information on useful resources. Call 285-3950.

Quadra Home Meals

For \$5 per meal Island seniors, care-givers, anyone dealing with surgery/illness can order tasty, nutritious meals made by the Gowlland Harbour Resort Chef. Food preferences, allergies and special diets are accommodated. Meals can be reheated or

frozen. Pick them up at the Community Centre on Wednesdays between 11:30am and 12 noon or pre-arrange delivery by our volunteers. To order by Sunday noon call Marie at 250.285.3950.

Friday Lunch
Join us Fridays at 11am for armchair exercises, lunch at noon, then a speaker or discussion. October 31 (Costumes welcome) Laughter with Fia; November

7 Fall Prevention with Anetta Grundvig, Registered Health Care Assistant. Location: 1281 West Road (Lower Level at Quadra Bible Church).

Quadra School Rocks!

Folks 50+ are now meeting there Mondays for coffee, goodies, friendly conversation, games and shared interests. Join us from 10am to noon every Monday in the Literacy room beside the School Office entrance. Look for the Quadra Circle Activity Centre sign. Info: 250.285.2255

Foot Care

This can be a significant problem for seniors and those with an illness or disability. If you receive GIS or MSP premium assistance, a subsidy is available through Quadra Circle to cover part of the cost of treatment by a local Foot Care nurse. Call 250.285.2255 to apply.

Recruiting Volunteers

Community Connections Centre is recruiting volunteers for several groups:

- Cleaning up wood debris in early November at Seniors Housing;
- Helping at Community Kitchen on Wednesdays.
- Youth worker to assist children 10:30am–12:30pm Sundays at the United Church in Cape Mudge. Transportation paid.
- Kitchen helpers at Quadra Children's Centre on Tuesday or Thursday 11am–1 pm
- Helpers at Quadra Elementary School to sort and shelve library books); Reading (listening to children read); Breakfast program 8:30–9am any weekday.

Please note a criminal record check is

required for positions involving children and vulnerable adults.

Call Community Connections at 250.285.2255 Wednesday through Saturday, 11am–3pm, or drop by our office in Cove Centre beside Quadra Medical.

End of Life Discussions: Making an Advanced Directive

WHEN Tuesday, November 25, 10am– noon.
WHERE Quadra Island Elementary School Literary Room

An advanced directive is a legal medical document in British Columbia that is a statement of an individual's wishes regarding ongoing medical care should they be in a situation where they are unable to speak for themselves. This is used in circumstances both in hospital and at home to assist health practitioners and family members make important decisions regarding care of the individual that is consistent with their values and philosophy.

The advanced directive can stipulate a substitute decision maker of the individual's choosing who is then authorized to either carry out the individual's wishes and/or make medical decisions when necessary.

While everyone should have an advanced directive regardless of age, it becomes more important as we enter our senior years.

Join Betty Doak and Pat Peterson, Family Nurse Practitioner, for this important discussion as we unravel the advanced care document.

If you have been to previous workshops and are ready to compose or have started to do your advanced care plan, this can help you polish your ideas and get them down on paper. If you have seen the concept and are interested in gaining further knowledge, this will get you started.

All documents will be provided at the meeting.

We would like to limit the number to 10 individuals so we can focus on individual interest.

Please call Betty Doak at 250.285.3590 to register.



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QUADRA NEWS & EVENTS

QI Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

The Outdoor Club planning meeting for the winter will be held on Saturday November 8. Come brainstorm about winter hiking, skiing, snowshoeing trips and possible other events. The meeting will be held upstairs at the Community Centre at 2:30 on Saturday afternoon. In addition to local hikes and day trips to Mt Washington, we may organize multiple-day trips to Mt Washington and to the Tofino-Ucluelet area.



These trips are for you, so bring your ideas for the winter. Everyone is welcome.

If you have suggestions and can't make it to the meeting, please email qioutdoorclub@gmail.com. For more information about the Club, visit the webpage at qioutdoorclub.org. To join or renew, contact Darcy Mitchell at darcm@telus.net.

Garden Club Nov. 10

Duchess of Dirt' Leslie Cox will present her Horticultural Wonders talk to the Garden Club on Monday November 10 at 7pm at the Community Centre. Leslie is a garden writer, an educator and the President of the Comox Valley Horticultural Society. She writes a column for the Comox Valley Record newspaper. Her family gardens on their Black Creek property where open houses, teas and garden tours are frequent events.

On Monday night Leslie will talk about flowers, showing us her artistic talent

with landscaping ideas and stunning plant combinations. The recent trend toward growing and buying local has put the topic of aesthetic horticulture on the sidelines. Not to say that vegetables aren't beautiful, but to grow a flower for its colour, scent, texture and pattern is an art form that everyone can appreciate. Leslie's garden has been created with love and passion for nature. She'll present an eclectic mix of plant species guaranteed to be a delight in any garden. To see her work go to www.duchessofdirt.ca.

Come out and enjoy our last meeting of 2014. Don't forget to dig those summer bulbs and to winterize your irrigation system and hose nozzles. After the torrents of rain the last few weeks, if you can glean anything from your garden please bring it for the Show & Tell table: roses, dahlias, asters, and yes, even your beautiful vegetables. Annual membership is \$10 which gives you a discount at many local nurseries. Drop-ins \$3.

Diabetes Workshops

Have you been diagnosed with diabetes? Struggling with what it all means? Doing all you can but not making inroads? Have a loved one with the diagnosis but want information yourself? Need a refresher?

Join Dr Mary Boegel and Pat Peterson, Family Nurse Practitioner, as we unravel the mysteries of diabetes. We're offering a three part workshop at the Quadra Island Medical Clinic, Tuesdays at 7pm on November 4, 18 and December 2.

November 4: Diabetes 101: How do you become diabetic, how do we know you are diabetic, why do we worry about diabetes?

November 18: The cornerstone of diabetic treatment: diet and exercise. What works? Tips for monitoring for complications.

December 2: Choosing medications; going down the diabetes road.



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There are two presentation/discussion evenings coming up for parents, grandparents and caregivers:

Making Sense of Anxiety in Children & Youth

will be presented by Dr Gordon Neufeld, delivered via video format on Wednesday November 12 from 6:30 to 8pm in the music room at Quadra Elementary School.

Dr Neufeld addresses why anxiety is becoming an epidemic among children of all ages, and paves the way for natural interventions that focus on root causes as opposed to just managing the symptoms. Colleen Clarke, facilitator and Parent in Residence for The F.O.R.C.E. Society for Kids' Mental Health, will also share some new resources on anxiety, and some of her insight as a parent of a teen who struggles deeply with high anxiety.

Self-Regulation will be presented by Occupational Therapist Shayla Johnson on Wednesday December 3 from 6:30 to 8pm. Self-regulation is a critical skill that underlies the mindful, intentional, and thoughtful behaviors of younger and older children alike. The term self-regulation refers to the capacity to control one's impulses, both to stop doing something, even if one wants to continue doing it; and to start doing something, even if one doesn't want to do it.

Both sessions will be followed by a discussion time and resource sharing for participants. Child care is available if you contact Robin at robin.quadraliteracy@gmail.com or phone 250.285.3185.

Richard Wagamese, the celebrated author of the Canada Reads Finalist and People's Choice Winner *Indian Horse*, is coming



to Quadra on Thursday December 4 – we hope! His latest book *Medicine Walk* is a novel about love, friendship, courage and the idea that the land has within it the powers of healing.

These books and more are available at Book Bonanza and through the library. Richard will be reading in the music room at Quadra Elementary from 7 to 8:30pm.

Quadra Literacy continues to provide educational support for the Parents and Tots program through Barbara Lee from Quadra Children's Centre every Monday. For the past five years we have covered the rent for the Parents and Tots program but, unfortunately, no longer have the funds to do this.

The *Take a Book, Read a Book* collection in Room 1 at the Community Centre has some new titles and cookbooks. If you have a good read to share, drop it off there. Community bookshelves at island medical clinics have a fall collection of children's books for your enjoyment while waiting.

Island of the Skinks

Why did we have to move, Dad?" asked eleven year old Sadie Goldsmith. "Our old house was perfectly fine." "Our house was fine," exhaled her Dad. "But there was an overpopulation of neighbours. We're going someplace quieter."

Their little car with the camper attached moved slowly along the lonely highway, passing the occasional vehicle along the way. "James, it's time to get off the ipod," Sadie's mother told her younger brother. James sighed and cast aside his gadget. "Are we there yet?" "The man who's selling this island to us is sitting a little ways up this highway, waiting for us. Oh, that must be him."

The dad pointed to an old man sitting in a chair on the side of the highway. He pulled over and got out, gesturing for the others to do so too. "Come on, let's go and buy this island!" The old man sat in his chair staring serenely at the approaching family. When they reached him he said, "You sure you want this Island?" "Yes," said the mother. "Definitely." "Five dollars," said the old man quietly. "Pardon?" asked the dad, "Did... you say five dollars?" "Yep" was the response. "Oh, you mean five million," concluded the dad. "Wait a second I'll get my cheque book." "No," the old man said. "Five dollars."

Sadie's father gave the guy a quizzical look but gave him the money anyway. Then the man stood up and picked up his chair and walked back down the highway, but not before wordlessly giving a key to Sadie and turning on his heel. After he'd disappeared over a hill, the mother said, "Well, that was strange. I wonder if he's a prankster." When they reached the island that night, a strong wind was blowing. "Mum," James whispered. "This is creepy, I don't like it." They had pitched a tent and were huddling inside trying to keep warm. After a while the Mum said it was lights out, so they all turned over and tried to go to sleep. Finally Sadie, being the last one awake, closed her eyes and drifted into a dreamless sleep.

"Sadie, Sadie, wake up." Sadie opened her eyes to her Dad standing over her. "We're going for a walk. Care to join?" "Sure," groaned Sadie. "Wait while I get dressed." While she was in the tent changing, a crack of thunder boomed overhead, sending shivers up her spine and standing the hair on her arms on end. When she emerged her dad exclaimed, "What a boom, eh? Incredible." "It stood the hairs on my arms up!" Sadie said, walking up to a mossy tree and stroking the soft lichens. "Let's go exploring!" called James excitedly, and he disappeared into the green undergrowth.

Sadie followed, laughing. "Oomph!" She bumped into something. "Shhh". It was James. "What is it?" whispered Sadie. "A lizard." James whispered back. "So?" Sadie replied. "You love reptiles." "Not this reptile," whispered James, and he pointed to a gargantuan shape laying across the forest floor. It was a giant skink, bigger than any creature Sadie had ever seen. Deep in a slumber, it cuddled close to its chest a clutch of huge, speckled eggs. Sadie let out a little scream, muffled by James's hand, but it was too late. One giant eye stared straight at Sadie. The lizard had awoken.

To be continued...

—by Ruby Mooney, First Prize Winner, Children's Short Stories





Cortes Celebrates its Newest Park: Whaletown Commons

Cortes Islanders gathered on Saturday October 25, 2014, to celebrate Whaletown Commons, the new park in their community. The 70-acre piece of land in the heart of Whaletown was purchased by the Strathcona Regional District on October 9, 2014, and people were eager to mark the occasion.

Residents of the Whaletown community have spent 20 years trying to protect the unique ecology of this land and preserve it for community park use. In 2006 the former Comox-Stathcona Regional District Board of Directors agreed to support the initiative to purchase the property, as there were no provincial or regional district parks in the community at that time. The initiative continued to move forward with support from the Strathcona Regional District Board and the Whaletown Commons Society, a not-for-profit organization formed by community members.

"Cortes Islanders are celebrating 20 years of perseverance and community spirit," says Noba Anderson, Director for Cortes Island. "The Whaletown Commons has been a formal park priority in two Cortes Official Community Plan iterations, and has been worked on by three previous Directors. It is a significant community achievement and I am thrilled to see this initiative come to fruition."

Not every islander, however, is enthusiastic. While most value Whaletown Commons and recognize its ecological and cultural significance, some find the cost to islanders through taxation to be an issue. A petition opposing the purchase was signed by over 100 people, some of whom felt a worthier project would be to address day-to-day realities of life on Cortes: diminishing jobs, the bank closure, the lack of a doctor, the ferry situation.... But, undeniable as these issues are, public funds for land acquisitions are not transferrable to address them. Given the protracted negotiations with the corporate landowner, the SRD felt they'd received the best offer they would see; to reject it after decades of work would be to close the door on Whaletown Commons. Most in the community agreed.

So despite the controversy Cortes now has an old growth forested park in the centre of its Whaletown community, in perpetuity.

For more details on the Whaletown Commons acquisition go to www.strathconard.ca (the Business section). Director Noba Anderson's article 'Details on the Purchase of the Whaletown Commons' can be viewed at www.cortesisland.com. All letters both for and against the acquisition are posted in 'Summary of Input Received re: Proposed Whaletown Commons.'

– Editorial comments compiled by Robyn Budd

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BYLAW NO. 210 - Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw 1990, Amendment No. 110

BYLAW NO. 208 - Quadra Island Official Community Plan Bylaw 2007, Amendment No. 9

BYLAW NO. 209 - Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw 1990, Amendment No. 109

Date of Public Hearings: Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Location of Public Hearings: Quadra Island Community Centre, 970 West Road, Quathiaski Cove, BC

Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 210 to commence at: 7:00 p.m.

and for Bylaw Nos. 208 & 209 to commence at: 7:15 p.m.

BYLAW NO. 210

Area affected by Proposed Bylaw No. 210: Approximately 3.2 hectares of the foreshore area legally described as 'Unsurveyed Crown foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of Homfray Channel, New Westminster District' as shown on the map right.

Purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 210: This bylaw, if adopted, would rezone the subject foreshore area from 'Access Two' (AC-2) to 'Access One' (AC-1) to permit the construction of a dock for private moorage purposes.

Area affected by Proposed Bylaw Nos. 208 & 209: The subject area is described as Lot 5, District Lot 201, Sayward District, Plan 30864 as shown on the maps right.

BYLAW NO. 208

Purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 208: The bylaw, if adopted, would re-designate the subject area from 'Rural' (RU) to 'Country Residential' (CR) and 'Rural Residential' (RR), to facilitate a subdivision into three parcels of approximately 1.0, 2.3 and 1.2 hectares in area.

BYLAW NO. 209

Purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 209: The bylaw, if adopted, would rezone the subject area from Rural One (RU-1) to Country Residential Two (CR-2) and Rural Two (RU-2), to reduce the minimum lot size requirements to facilitate a subdivision into three parcels of approximately 1.0, 2.3 and 1.2 hectares in area. A restrictive covenant will be registered against title to the proposed 2.3-hectare parcel limiting the number of dwelling units to one.

Copies of the proposed bylaws and related information are available for inspection at the Strathcona Regional District Customer Service Centre, located at #102 – 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, from October 24 to November 4, 2014 and from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 5, 2014. The bylaws and associated staff reports may also be viewed on the Strathcona Regional District website at www.strathconard.ca. The public hearings will be held by a delegation of Electoral Area directors representing the Strathcona Regional District Board. Anyone who believes their interests are affected by the proposed bylaws will be given an opportunity to be heard or to file a written submission at the public hearings.

Written submissions from persons who are unable to attend the public hearings must be delivered by hand or electronically to the Regional District office **no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 5, 2014** in order to be considered as part of the public hearing records. The Strathcona Regional District cannot consider any representations made after the close of the public hearings.

R. Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer

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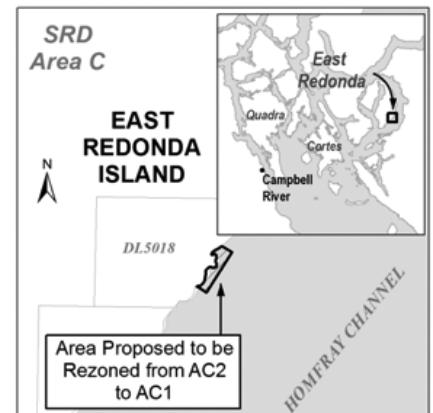
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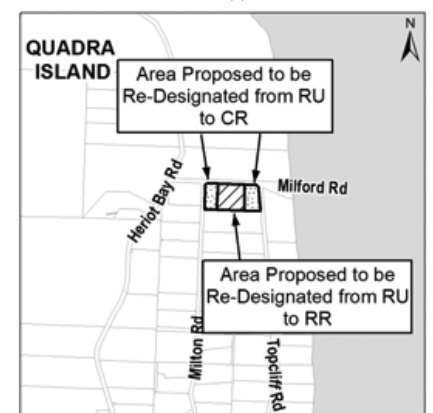
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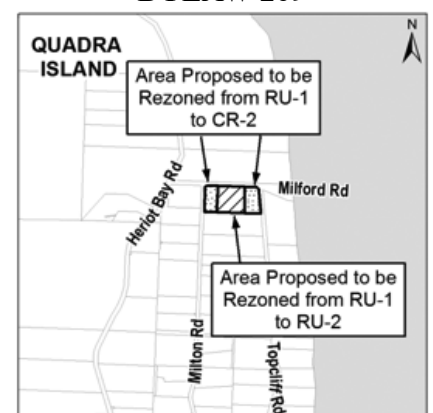
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Community,
Thank-you for the most remarkable 25 year celebration of my work at Quadra Children's Centre. Your love touched me to the deepest part of my soul. I am forever grateful and blessed to have been honoured by all of you. Sincerely, with my deepest love and gratitude,
Dee McPhee

IN THANKS

THE SCHARF/ GRAHAM FAMILY WOULD LIKE to thank everyone who attended Todd's Celebration of Life on Saturday October 18th. Although we didn't get to chat with every single one of you, please know that your presence was greatly appreciated. It was as emotional as it was beautiful and Todd would have been proud to see you all. The stories and pictures shared were wonderful. Thanks to all who brought amazing food, cards and hugs....

Special thanks to John and Mia Frishholz for their amazing support, Helen Chickite and the staff at Tsa Kwa Luten Lodge for allowing us to use their facilities and have it all set up for us; to Willy Dubois and The Legion for hosting our guests afterwards; and to TruValue Foods for the wonderful food preparation. We are lucky to be surrounded by such a wonderful Community. A Cedar Forest will be planted from Coast to Coast in Todd's memory. Thank you all for sharing.

– Lillianne, Jason and Alexandra

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EARLIER THIS FALL A LOGGING TRUCK OVER-turned and lost its load down an embankment on Hyacinthe Bay Road. A power pole and phone lines came down, leaving several families without phone service for four days and without power for one.

It was a mess. Hours after the spill police and fire crews were still on hand, tow trucks were at the scene, and Hydro was trying to clear the area to install a new power pole.

The official story was that the logging truck had swerved to avoid a car, and in so doing overturned on the wrong side of the road just past a 90 degree bend.

I live down the kilometre-long driveway where the accident occurred. Getting home that evening meant inching my car under fallen lines that scraped the roof racks.

I went back out to the road several times the next day to look at the tire marks. I couldn't quite piece the story together. If the truck had swerved to avoid a car, that would imply the car had been travelling around an acute blind turn completely on the wrong side of the road. The truck's tire marks, on the other hand, showed a trajectory that suggested the corner itself was the issue for the truck driver. The marks indicate an overshoot turn. A reasonable guess would be that speed was a factor.

What stands out about this stretch of road – with an acute, blind turn at the foot of a steep forested hill – is that there is not a single cautionary road sign on either side of

the bend to warn drivers. Less acute turns on the same road are definitively marked; many here feel it's time that Highways install appropriate signage and post lower speed limits on both sides of this turn. September's accident here would have been lethal had any of us – or the schoolbus – been exiting our driveway when an uncontrolled logging truck overshoot the mark and lost its load.

– Robyn Budd, Hyacinthe Bay



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IN TOWN



Alejandro Ochoa (Doctor of Musical Arts) graduated Magna cum Laude from Universidad de Los Andes in Columbia where he studied with the celebrated Cuban pianist Ignacio Pacheco. The recording of his graduation recital, 'Three Centuries of Pianistic Virtuosity', was awarded the Otto de Greiff National Prize for outstanding thesis work.

On Sunday November 23, Ochoa will perform at the Trinity Presbyterian Church on Simms Road at 2:30pm in a concert sponsored by the CR Friends of Music. His program will consist of music from Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert and Lecuona. Tickets can be purchased by calling 250.923.6268, or at the Visitor Information Center in CR, and can also be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

AT THE HBI

Hal Douglas and Dave Blinzinger

Heron's will open November 4 for a concert with local musicians. Hal Douglas is a singer-songwriter and music teacher on the island. Known for his work with his own Blues Band, Hal will be featured on guitar and vocals. Dave Blinzinger is a multi-talented musician and current member of about a dozen bands. His gifted ability on saxophone is well known from Victoria to Port Hardy. Dave will lend his expert skills on sax and vocals. Both are members of Jazzberry Jam Jazz Trio.

This concert will include jazz and blues, both instrumental and vocal. Come join them for some musical magic in an intimate setting. The usual great food and drinks will be available at this all-ages event. Doors open 6:30pm, show 7-9pm, cover \$7

MLA REPORT • by Claire Trevena



I write this as the shock at the shootings on Parliament Hill still reverberate around the country. Parliament and our provincial Legislatures are at the heart of our democratic system. They are the people's houses, the place where ideas and laws that impact their lives, their communities and their country, are discussed. So they must remain open and accessible. Hopefully, while we are all mindful of people's safety, we do not allow this grim event to limit both the open democratic debate we so definitely need, nor inhibit public input in person on legislative issues, nor restrict public entry to our Legislatures and Parliament.

In BC, this has been the week that was the *raison d'être* for the BC Liberals' fall legislative session. The government brought in legislation on the royalties and tax regime for the liquefied natural gas industry as well as the environmental standards required of it.

Sadly both are effectively sell outs of our province: our financial security and our environmental future.

Despite wild promises, made in the last election campaign by Christy Clark, that LNG would bring untold riches which would deliver a massive prosperity fund, pay off the provincial debt and eliminate the sales tax, the BC Liberals are selling it cheap. In the budget in February they said that the tax rate was going to be up to 7 percent. This week we have learned it's going to be half that. It eventually will go up to 5 percent but not until 2037.

They are also introducing a large corporate income tax credit as well giving the energy giants tax credits for the costs they incur before building; that could cover anything from land acquisition to negotiations. So it's not surprising that revenue projections have plummeted and Premier Clark's election promise is being shown to be what it really is, a pipe dream.

The government also brought in the Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act. This was supposed to be the legislation that ensured that we will have, according to the Premier, the cleanest LNG industry in the world. It doesn't. It gives the LNG industry 'flexibility' to meet its already low targets and allows for the government to financially assist those companies that are not reaching their goals.

The Legislation will let companies buy offsets but details about this and other loopholes in emission controls are vague. In fact many of the details are missing in the Legislation. A quarter of it is left to be put into regulations which are written by Cabinet. These regulations won't even be seen by MLAs or the public until they are published. This was one of the issues I addressed when I spoke to the Bill. It is a further layer of secrecy that undermines not just this legislation but the work of the Legislature.

I also had the chance to talk about the economic opportunities that are being missed by this government in their handling of BC Ferries. The Minister of Transportation still has not addressed, nor will he, the increasing fares for ferries, the cuts to our services, and the refusal to build new vessels in BC.



I also spoke about this weekend's celebration on Cortes Saturday afternoon: the handover of Whaletown Commons to the community after 20 years of negotiation. The area is 70 acres of woodland; there's a creek important for salmon, wildlife habitat and valuable forest base. It will be a protected area that allows for public access through trails.

As people are too sadly aware, two young fathers died in a fishing accident just north of

Campbell River last weekend. I asked the Legislature to send sympathies to the families.

Friday sees me at meetings in Vancouver on my critic portfolio and Saturday at the Whaletown Commons celebration on Cortes. Next week it is back to the Legislature in Victoria.

My Port Hardy office has reopened. I am pleased to inform you that Fred Robertson has joined me as the part-time Constituency Assistant there. At the moment we are open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and can be reached by phone on 1 250 949 9473. In Campbell River I can be reached at 1 250 287 5100 and toll free at 1 866 387 5100. You can connect on email at Claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca or friend me on Facebook or follow me on Twitter @clairetrevena.

*Best regards,
Claire*



Winter Market at QCC on Nov.1

It's Winter Market time Saturdays from 10am-2pm. Don't sit in the dark by your lonesome, eating stale kale chips when you could be out and about! Audrey is serving up Cinnamon Bun Pancakes and Eggs Benny. Look for fresh baked breads and buns and organic pie pumpkins too. Freeze some to have year round.

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GRANITE BAY ROAD, A HISTORY

A Bouquet of Roses to the caring, skilled people of good will who have committed to a safer and more salmon-friendly Granite Bay Road.

These people have made a story, beginning late winter of 2005-6. Mutually interested Granite and Kanish Bay neighbors met in a local home to better define road safety concerns and establish a path to address decided upon by the group. In the warmer weather of 2006 these and more local folks met with Jim Abram, joined by Emcon and Ministry of Transportation reps on a Granite Bay meadow. They reviewed concerns and discussed possible solutions. Residents particularly living along Granite Bay Road had not yet reached consensus as to the why's and what's of the road, so that when counseled to keep up complaints, that no safety problems if fact existed, yet some maintenance might be in order, if not within time-lines, resolutions satisfactory to all were not forthcoming. Nevertheless, the beginning had begun.

By 2009 Transportation appeared to be thinking more about the road, particularly along the residential area (emphasized by local residents as concerning). Large chunks of tire-poking gravel was laid, I believe not to the satisfaction of any local resident. When Granite Bay's BC Hydro project was initiated, poles and wires were extended along the 9.6 kilometers.



Discussions in meetings included such BC Hydro comments to Emcon: "You're losing your road!" Thereafter blasting eliminated a blind curve; portions of the road were widened; and some potholes addressed. Committed local residents collaborated closely with highly supportive BC Hydro managers and contractors. Most residents banked what was then an inconceivably huge pool of local cash, raised on a handshake, and always according to what individually might be possible within whatever time-lines. All commitments were met. Residents continued to show up in the most formidable weather to complete back-breaking tree-clearing. People attended traffic flaggers classes. Their volunteer time cut residential costs for tree-clearing. "Stop, in the name of love!" became word on the Road.

Unbeknownst to our road poets (and only later appreciated), Lawrie Bowles of Quadra's Salmon Enhancement Society (QISES) had been developing critical creek assessment data that focused on the Granite Bay creek, Luoma Creek, and Saxon Creek. This data would eventually welcome a new era for the Road.

QISES, of course, always has prioritized the welfare of Quadra's salmon. Some of us locals had turned our attention to that organization's direction, but only until we became aware of Lawrie's work did we think, "Well, some important commonalities given Lawrie's data and the Road appear to exist." Lawrie offered his time to help clarify. Ultimately, the QISES Board of Directors agreed to further review the matter.

Conversation broadened to include questions: 1) How effectively is a ditch designed to minimize silt run-off? 2) Which road-side plants best effect a salmon-friendly run-off? 3) Where does run-off lead to? 4) Do significant head-waters above a ditch lend to over-flow? 5) What differences for the salmon does a paved road create over an unpaved one? 6)

Do fish seasonally use a ditch or a near-by creek? 7) Are walking trails altering run-off, fish or non-fish bearing?

Clearly, these questions might apply to roads and driveways throughout Quadra Island, that is if people might choose to apply themselves to a potentially increasing, salmon-friendly Island. Such a big effort; and perhaps the time for Quadrites generally to ask such questions had not arrived. In any case, these questions were asked pertaining to Granite Bay Road.

Questions and data caught the attention of Sue Pauwels, Ministry Of Transportation (MOT) Manager in Courtenay. She arrived alone with me and my husband on the Road to personally review what to her at the time were alleged problems. She was patient, listened. Most importantly, she demonstrated genuine respect. She reviewed and responded given not only her professional responsibility, but as well with a strong sense of fairness to people and the environment. She cared.

From her chair relevant concerns were submitted to MOT's senior environmental chair, specifically Sean Wong's. In due time, Sean, Sue, and QISES representatives together toured the Road. DFO's then Community Advisor Stacey Larson had already entered the picture. Finally not only was the road re-formed and re-surfaced, but, as well, new culverts were put in place; preferred drainage was established. Notably and a few years later, Emcon has built a new bridge connecting Kanish View Drive to Granite Bay Road. Throughout the Kanish Bridge project great care was taken to re-locate salmon fry, then return them after the bridge was completed, to their original spawning place.

This is a story, not of a now perfect road, but of a now living one. What a story. Bouquets of Roses to all!

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