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Happy New Year!



Good times on a beautiful day for the 5th Annual New Year's Eve Bicycle Ride

Ferry Schedules

Campbell River - Quadra Island

Leave Campbell River		Leave Quathiaski Cove	
Mon-Fri	Sat-Sun	Mon-Fri	Sat-Sun
6:40 am		6:20 am	
7:30 am	7:30 am	7:05 am	7:05 am
8:30 am	†8:20 am	8:00 am	†7:55 am
9:30 am	9:20 am	9:00 am	8:55 am
**10:30 am	10:15 am	10:00 am	9:50 am
11:30 am	11:15 am	11:00 am	10:45 am
12:30 pm	12:15 pm	12:00 am	11:45 pm
1:30 pm	1:15 pm	1:00 pm	12:45 pm
2:30 pm	2:15 pm	2:05 pm	1:45 pm
3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm
4:30 pm	4:30 pm	**4:00 pm	4:00 pm
5:25 pm	5:25 pm	5:00 pm	5:00 pm
6:15 pm	6:15 pm	5:50 pm	5:50 pm
7:30 pm	7:30 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm
8:30 pm	8:30 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 pm
9:45 pm	9:45 pm	9:15 pm	9:15 pm
*10:45 pm	†10:45 pm	*10:15 pm	†10:15 pm

Quadra Island - Cortes Island

Leave Heriot Bay		Leave Whaletown	
Mon-Fri	Sat-Sun	Mon-Fri	Sat-Sun
9:05 am	†8:50 am	7:50 am	†7:50 am
**11:05 am	10:50 am	9:50 am	9:35 am
1:05 pm	1:05 pm	11:50 am	11:35 am
3:05 pm	3:05 pm	**1:50 pm	1:50 pm
5:05 pm	5:05 pm	3:50 pm	3:50 pm
6:45 pm	6:45 pm	5:50 pm	5:50 pm

! Local Commuter Sailings, expect delays.

* Fridays Only † Daily except Sundays.

** Tuesday sailings are for Dangerous Cargo
No passengers or cars.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Annual Weather Statistics in Heriot Bay

The Heriot Bay SE weather station has recorded the following on behalf of Atmospheric Environment Services (Environment Canada) for the year 2015:

High Temperature: 33.0 (Average 30.0)

Low Temperature: -3.00 (Average -4.5)

Total Precipitation: 1384.8 mm or 55.4 in.
(Average: 1585.6 mm or 63.4 in)

- Sharon Hatelt

Epic Gingerbread House Winner!

Congratulations to Ann Vansnick of Sayward who was the lucky winner of the Epic Gingerbread House! Ann gifted the sugar shack to her niece Keri-lynn Schiele of Quadra Island.

\$276 was raised from the sale of raffle tickets. Ann would like the proceeds to go to Quadra Elementary School PAC. Thank-you to all who participated and hope you had a really nice Holiday!

- Linda & Elysia

Annual PAC Bottle Drive

Annual Bottle Drive for Quadra Elementary School P.A.C is Saturday January 9/2016.

Donation options are,

1) **Drop off** sorted bottle donations until January 9th at Heriot Bay True Value Return it depot and let the staff know you would like to donate your returns to the P.A.C.

2) **Call Fern** at 250-285-2543 to arrange for day of pick up. Leave a detailed message or ask to be called back.

3) **Drop off** bottle donations at 903 West Rd.

4) **Leave your bottle donations** at the end of your driveway in a garbage bag by **11:00 am Saturday January 9th** and we will pick it up. This applies to main roads.

Call Fern if you have any questions
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Hand Drum Jam

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

upstairs in the Upper Realm at Spirit Books in the Q Cove shopping centre. Beginners welcome. Extra drums available. 730pm, drop in fee \$5. Call Steve at 285.3323 for more info.

Upcoming...

Shari Ulrich, Barney Bental & Tom Taylor
Sunday, January 24

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THE ISLAND CALENDAR

Day to Day

Saturday, January 9

- Annual Quadra Elementary PAC Bottle Drive

Monday, January 11

- Advanced Care Directive: An Introduction 1-3 pm
Quadra Island Bible Church, Lower Level
- Garden Club slideshow - Quadra Gardens QCC 7pm

Wednesday, January 13

- Social-Media Think-Tank Room 1 QCC 6:30pm
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Wednesday, January 20

- General Meeting Quadra Legion 7 pm

Saturday, January 23

- Bingo at Quadra Legion 7-10 pm

Sunday, January 24

Shari Ulrich, Barney Bental and Tom Taylor - Herons.
5pm Dinner Show \$49 6pm Show \$29: 285-3322.

Monday, January 25,

- Writing Your Advanced Care Directive 1-3 pm,
Quadra Island Bible Church, Lower Level

Wednesday, January 27

- UofQ - Catherine Gilbert on Strathcona Lodge
HBI Pub Campus 7pm

The Regulars

MONDAY

Parent & Tots, QCC, 10am-12pm
Sing for Pure Joy! 1-2:30pm at QCC
AA, Big Book Study, 7pm Quadra United Church
Badminton at the Cape Mudge gym, 7:30pm (\$2)

TUESDAY

Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:30pm
Folkdancing, 7:30-9:30 pm QCC 285.3849.

WEDNESDAY

1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1-2pm
Poker Night, Quadra Legion, Heriot Bay 7:30pm
Hand-Drum Jam, Upper Realm, Q Cove 7:45pm

THURSDAY

Parents & Tots, QCC, 10am-12pm
Quadra Singers, QCC 6:45pm. Info: 2393 / 3127
Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7pm
Badminton at the Cape Mudge gym, 7:30pm (\$2)

FRIDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm Quadra United Church

SATURDAY

Meat Draw, Quadra Legion, Heriot Bay 5 pm
Open Mic with Mo, 9pm at the HBI pub

SUNDAY

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

At the Community Centre

THIS WEEKEND (Jan 9)

SATURDAY: 10:00 Island Theatre Kids; 1:10 Island Theatre Kids Early Stages; 7:00 Poi Class

THIS WEEK (Jan 11-15)

MONDAY: 10:00 Parents & Tots; 10:00 Yoga w/ Kate; 1:00 Sing for Pure Joy; 4:00 Moderate Dance Fitness; 4:00 Chess; 6:00 Weight Watchers; 7:00 Garden Club

TUESDAY: 10:00 Quadra Quilters; 10:00 Spinners & Knitters; 5:30 Zumba w/Marion; 6:30 Boot Camp w/ Marion; 7:30 Folk Dance

WEDNESDAY: 9:00 Baby Clinic; 11:00 Moms & Babes; 12:00 Community Kitchen Lunch; 12:00 Nurse Practitioner; 3:00 Quadra Little Circus 4:30 Poi Class; 6:30 Social Media Wrkshp

THURSDAY: 9:00 Total Body Sculpt w/Marion; 10:00 Parents & Tots & Parent & Tot Yoga; 1:00 Digital Story Telling; 3:45 Moderate Dance Fitness; 6:45 Quadra Singers

FRIDAY: 10:00 Friday Painters

NEXT WEEKEND (Jan 16)

SATURDAY: 10:00 Island Theatre Kids; 1:10 Island Theatre kids Early Stages; 7:00 Poi Class

NEXT WEEK (Jan 18-22)

MONDAY: 10:00 Family Literacy Day; 1:00 Sing for Pure Joy; 3:00 Jiu-Jitsu, Kids 8-9; 4:00 Moderate Dance Fitness; 4:00 Jiu-Jitsu, Kids 5.5-7.5; 6:00 Weight Watchers

TUESDAY: 10:00 Spinners & Knitters; 10:00 Parkinson's Support Group 5:30 Zumba w/Marion; 5:45 Life Planning; 6:30 Boot Camp w/Marion; 7:30 Folk Dance

WEDNESDAY: 11:00 Moms & Babes; 12:00 Community Kitchen Lunch; 12:00 Nurse Practitioner; 3:00 Quadra Little Circus

THURSDAY: 9:00 Total Body Sculpt w/Marion; 9:00 Yoga w/ Rosalind; 10:00 Parents & Tots & Parent & Tot Yoga; 3:45 Moderate Dance Fitness; 6:45 Quadra Singers

FRIDAY: 10:00 Friday Painters; 7:00 Friday Flicks Presents: Second Mother

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NEXT DEADLINE

7pm on Monday
January 18
for publication on
Friday, January 22, 2016

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Quadra...and BEYOND!

**Quadra Island Garden Club for
Monday, January 11, 2016 7:00 pm**

Got the Gardening Blues?
Boggled by all of the choices in
all of those seed catalogues that
you've been barraged with? Then
please do come out and enjoy
the annual Quadra Island Garden
Club slideshow kindly organized
by Quadra Island Photography
Club's Don Mottershead, on
Monday, January 11, 2016 7:00
pm at the Community Center.

This year's theme of
"Quadra...and BEYOND!" will
treat you to photos of some of
the gardens viewed by Quadra
gardeners on their travels of the
world. You'll also get a glimpse
into some of the gardens that
brand new Quadra gardeners
left behind when they made
the decision to join us here
for island life. And, of course,
you'll be inspired by what can be
grown here on Quadra with the
photos of Quadra gardens that
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RCMP News

On December 31st, 2015 at
approximately 3:50PM, Quadra
Island RCMP, Cortes Fire
Department, and EHS were
called to a single vehicle roll over
accident at Sutil Point road and
High Field road on Cortes Island.
Three people were inside the
vehicle during the accident. One
male was deceased on scene and
the other two passengers were
airlifted to hospital.

The RCMP as well as the BC
Coroners Service continue to
investigate this incident.

On January 2nd, 2016 Quadra
RCMP received a report of a
found wooden canoe on Cortes
Island. If you are missing a canoe
contact the Quadra RCMP.

On January 5th, 2016 Quadra
RCMP received another
complaint of fraud regarding the
ongoing Canada Revenue Scam.
This scam is where they say that
you owe money and need to pay
them or else they will call the
police. Fortunately the person
knew it was a scam and they did
not lose any money or provide
any personal information to the
fraudster.

On January 5th, 2016 Quadra
RCMP received a report of fraud



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in which it appears that the
persons identity information was
compromised and credit cards
were acquired in their name. The
investigation continues.

On January 5th, 2016 Quadra
RCMP received a report of a
distracted male who was wearing
tattered clothing and no shoes
asking for help and then walked
into the woods. RCMP with the
help of a local good Samaritan
located the male shivering in
the snow and frost. The male
was carried out to a waiting
ambulance and transported to
hospital. The RCMP would like
to thank the good Samaritan for
their help as well as EHS for their
quick response.

Cpl. Kevin CHRISTENSEN

Quadra RCMP

- Cpl. Kevin CHRISTENSEN

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Happy New Year !!

HERE WE ARE another flip of the calendar and a new year spread out before us. Here's best wishes for you and our wonderful community in 2016.

Life always has its ups and downs but time and time again, and often here in these pages, we are reminded how fortunate we are to live in one of the most beautiful places in the world. And it's not just the aesthetic beauty but a social blessing too. Lets make sure we continue to work together to keep it that way.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all our readers, contributors and advertising businesses who combined allow the DI to continue tying our community together. **THANK YOU** and here's to 2016, a Happy New Year!!! - Philip Stone

Free Money

FREE MONEY IS STILL the first Wednesday of every month. The program runs from December to April, and takes place just before the Community Lunch in the Downstairs Small Seminar Room at the QCC. Single individuals receive \$10 and families receive \$20 inside a free book of their choice.

Please donate to the Free Money account at the Quadra Credit Union to keep the program going. There are islanders who really need your help getting through a long winter. Thank you in advance. Call Steve at 250.285.3323 for more information.

Note: January is OK but there is no money left in the Free Money account at the Quadra Credit Union for February, March, or April. We need \$1500 to continue this ten-year long program. Please help.

Library Workers Raise Awareness

NANAIMO, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Jan. 5, 2016) - Members of the public will meet CUPE 401 members who work in libraries through an ad campaign launching today. The campaign draws attention to the public library services provided by more than 200 workers at Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL).

"Our members care about the communities they serve," said CUPE 401 President Blaine Gurrie. "This is an opportunity for the public, and the library board, to get to know them."

CUPE 401 has a new website dedicated to members who work in public libraries. Members invite all library lovers to visit: loveourlibrary.ca.

The campaign also includes newspaper and bus advertising.

"This campaign focuses on the excellent services and dedicated library workers our communities rely on," said Gurrie. "VIRL covers a large geographic area and we are proud to be the heart of the communities we serve."

Members recently voted overwhelmingly to take job action if necessary in support of their bargaining committee. Many are disheartened by major concessions the employer is demanding, as well as scheduling changes that create problems on the job and negatively impact work-life balance and family time.

CUPE 401 represents more than 200 library workers who serve a large geographical area covering Vancouver Island (except Victoria), Haida Gwaii, the Central Coast and some northern Gulf Islands - at 39 branches in 37 communities.

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Advanced Care Directive: An Introduction

Monday, January 11, 1-3 pm

Quadra Island Bible Church, Lower Level

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 to make important decisions regarding care of the individual that is consistent with their values and philosophy.

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

Join Pat Peterson, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Betty Doak as we attempt to simplify this document. Materials and references provided. Please register with Betty Doak at 285-3590. The website myspeakuplan.ca provides some interesting reading prior to the day; it will help get you started.

Writing Your Advanced Care Directive

Monday, January 25, 1-3 pm,

Quadra Island Bible Church, Lower Level

This workshop is intended for those who have attended the introductory session on Advanced Care and have given some thought to what they would like to put into their document. Our goal, a document that is ready for signatures.

Join Betty Doak and Pat Peterson, Family Nurse Practitioner, who can offer some suggestions to help you get your thoughts on paper. We will do a brief recap of the advanced care documents, then open the floor to questions.

Please give some thought to what is important to you and your health, what kinds of care you would like to receive, as well as why you would want to refuse care and in what circumstances.

Please call Betty Doak to register at 250-285-3590. Visit myspeakuplan.ca for help in getting started with your plan.

Call to Join 2016 Studio Tour

Its time for Quadra Artists to apply for the 2016 edition of the Quadra Island Studio Tour slated for June 4th and 5th. Find an audience for your latest creative works and get feedback, inspiration and motivation. Application forms are available at Yellow Dog Trading Co. or you can apply online by emailing studio_tour@quadraislandarts.com for more information phone Maureen at 285-2547.



Kathryn Manry demonstrating printmaking techniques during the 2015 studio tour

Sadness & Gratitude

We wish to express our appreciation to all those who helped us through the most horrendous day of our lives. December 14th we lost Bill Hall our Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother and Uncle. How fortunate we are to live in this community where those who come to help are not strangers. Thank you to the first responders, the ambulance crew, Dr. Kellerhals and the RCMP. Their immediate response will never be forgotten. We also would like to thank all our friends for their support, love and hugs. A special thank you to Kathie Wellard who went above and beyond in every way.

-Carmen, Vickie-Marie and Bill Jr.

Calling all tots!

BRING YOUR GROWN-UP (PARENTS OR grandparents) to the Community Centre to play with speedy ride-on toys and crafty supplies. On Mondays Barb from the Children's Centre brings in a fun activity for tots to play with. Bring a scrumptious communal snack to share, and don't forget to clean up when finished. Mondays and Thursdays from 10 to noon, free of charge.

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NEWS & EVENTS

Free Firewood on Wednesdays

Free Firewood is usually available every Wednesday after Community Lunch from 1 pm to 1:45 pm behind the Community Centre. However Community Lunch doesn't happen over the Christmas Holidays but starts up again on January 13. Free Firewood also takes a break from December 23 to January 6. Free Firewood also starts up again on January 13.

We're looking for volunteers to chop and stack wood after the Community Lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm. If you can help, call Mornay at 250.285.3212 or 250-202-3422, or just show up with an axe. If you don't have an axe, come anyway as we have some extras. If you have a chainsaw, please bring it.

Please consider donating to the Free Wood Account at our local Quadra Credit Union. Let's keep everyone warm this winter!

Social Media Workshop

Let's build a solid social media community!

Quadra Island Tourism is hosting a workshop/think-tank on Wednesday, January 13th to brainstorm and share ideas about improving our social media presence to our visiting guests and potential visitors.

Join us at 6:30pm Room 1 at the Community Centre. Bring laptop & ideas!!! Questions? email: pstone@quadraisland.ca

Quadra Island Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather over the holidays. The opportunities for hiking, skiing, snow shoeing, biking and skating were great!

We're trying to stay flexible with the weather, scheduling both local hiking destinations and trips to Mt. Washington. Anticipating the weather is a trick, so some trip plans change. There's quite a lot of snow on the high ridges and some at the north end of the island. Stay in touch with the webpage and the coordinator for the status of trips that interest you.

Multi-day trips always require more planning. The deadline for committing to the snowshoe trip to Kelowna is January 26th.

Here are the upcoming trips with definite dates and details:

13 Jan, Wednesday - Naturalist outing to the karst formations

20 Jan, Wednesday - Hike to Deepwater Bay

27 Jan, Wednesday - Snow at Mt. Washington

17 Feb, Wednesday - Hike Bike Trails north of North Gowlland Rd

19-22 Feb, Fri-Mon - Snowshoeing in Kelowna

Stay tuned as the winter schedule evolves at <http://qioutdoorclub.org/trips/trip-schedule/schedule-fallwinter-2015/>. The details on these trips are available at that link by clicking for more information.

We would like to take this opportunity to say

THANK YOU

to all the wonderful people we've had the privilege to serve this year and to our friends and family who offer support all year.

May 2016 overflow with good health, happiness and success!

Frances, Vibeke and Nancy

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Congratulations and Thanks Nadine!!!



Nadine Mar has been serving the Quadra Island community and visitors since 1985 and our postmaster at Quathiaski Cove from 1995. With over 30 years of dedicated service, Nadine Mar will be retiring from her job on January 15, 2016.

[That's an estimated 4.2 million copies of the DI Nadine!! Thank you 4 million times!!]

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At Your HBI



Huge thank you's to our Heriot Bay Inn Community Christmas dinner volunteers, donors and friends and neighbours who came out to enjoy each others company.

Christmas Chef Allan Drabble and his crew created an outstanding meal and the front of house set up elves made it warm and inviting for 175+ people this year! Eileen and Joyce, Emco Resources, Sysco Foods, VI Brewery, Hart Family, Birds Eye and cash donors brought us music, food, beverage and our always amazing human spirit did the rest!

Reflections on 2015 gone by: We live in a most precious place on earth. Reflections on 2016 to come; We live in a most precious place on earth. *We are blessed!*

January 24, 2016 enjoy Shari Ulrich, Barney Bental and Tom Taylor - a much loved trio in Herons. 5:00pm Dinner Show 49.00. 6:00pm show only 29.00. Reserve: 285-3322.

January Karaoke Fridays with Guest Hosts: 15th; Scotty Lowe, 22nd; Chris McCallum, 22th; Alex McClean
Soooo much fun, everyone is a star at the good old HBI!

A Pacific Northwest Side Story, a play written by Allen Perkins. Enjoy a lovely meal and a VERY entertaining show February 12, 13, 14, 2016. Save the date and watch for details to come.

February 12, David Gogo Band in the HBI Pub, rockin blues to keep you dancing! 10.00. 9:00pm.

February 27; HBI Murder Mystery night. Suspense and intrigue intertwined with hilarious fun and Mmmmm good food. Mark your calendar and watch for more info.

U of Q Wednesdays;

Dec 20 - Jan 20... Reading Break UofQ resumes January 27, 2016 Catherine Gilbert with a class on Strathcona Lodge. HBI Pub Campus. 7:00pm.

Live music Bands on Fridays/Saturdays: January band break and back for Open Mic February 6 and David Gogo Band February 12.

A Christmas Dinner to Remember



It was a shoulder to shoulder, squeeze filled with happy high energy! Christmas dinner at the HBI was amazing.

We were ready for many and then had to open pub seats up so as not to turn anyone away. Although we ran out of some foods everyone was well fed with only a half of a tray potatoes & peas left at the end of the night! Whew.

I noted to everyone before dinner, Christmas has many different meanings for people but one thing for sure - we all agree that connecting in this way with friends and neighbours is a truly meaningful tie that binds us.

This Christmas dinner is on the list of finest gatherings I have attended.

- Lois Taylor

At The Legion

The next Bingo is on Sat. Jan. 23rd from 7:00-10:00 and the next general meeting is on Wed. Jan. 20th at 7:00.

Congratulations

To John Frishloltz who won Isle Tech's draw for tickets to see the Vancouver Canucks play the Arizona Coyotes on January 4.

Island Theatre Kids - Main Stages

Sing! Dance! Act!

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Ages: 6-10

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For info & Registration: Register through the QCC or contact Kate: 250-203-6850 islandtheatrekids@outlook.com

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Time: 1:10-2:00pm

Cost: \$90 (half price for additional siblings)

Instructor: Kate Alexandra Pokrandt

Location: Quadra Community Centre, Room 3

For info & Registration: Register through the QCC or

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Quadra Island Seniors

I am sure we are all tired from all the festive parties and Christmas fun.

We even had snow and ice to contend with which can particularly be dangerous for seniors. I seen many cars and trucks which had spun off the road into the ditches.

We our very saddened by the passing of long time active member Frank Smirfitt who left us on Dec.29 2015. Our condolences go out to Win Smirfitt and family.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 19th at the Legion. Come at 10:00 am for a coffee and a chat new members are always welcome too.

After the meeting we will have a Pot-luck lunch and lots of interesting discussions.

For 2016 membership call Lois @ 3061 for transportation call Ruth @ 3801 or cell phone 1-250-895-9188

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016 !



Find out when the DI is posted online & receive other updates

Lost Families Found.

Everyone welcome. Monthly Genealogy meeting Jan. 7th, 7-9 pm in the Maritime Heritage Centre. It is Heirloom Night. Members bring their family treasures and share the stories related to them. Library open 6-7 before meeting. For info, call Janice 250 203-0585. Campbell River Genealogy Society.

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Another year gone by and a very busy one has begun. So, first of all, I'll say "Goodbye" to 2015 and "Hello" to 2016".

Let's see how many times I write "2015". It usually takes some getting used to when a new year begins!

We have a number of issues that will be dealt with this year and are already in the work plan for the SRD.

Q. Cove Sewer expansion

This issue has been going on for the past couple of years and we had one failed attempt at a Request for Proposals that had to go out to the contracting world to get bids on the job. When I say "failed", what I mean is that the contractors on the "big island" were all working and consequently put in very high bids, none of which were acceptable to the SRD.

I had asked the SRD all along to try and keep the work local (Quadra Island) and they have now accepted that direction and are working with a consortium of our local contractors and will be reviewing their proposal very soon. If it is accepted, the work will begin in early spring and will provide not only sewer services to 38 new properties but will provide much needed work for our residents.

Road issues.

During our most recent series of extreme weather events that brought an incredible amount of rain, wind and lots of snow, many concerns were expressed to me about the care we were receiving from the Ministry of Transportation and their contractor, Emcon Services. I was fielding calls and emails all through the event. I was also passing them on to the appropriate people and went out and

drove all over our island to see for myself what the situation was like. It was indeed bad.

Our local workers were doing their best to keep up but with limited staff they really had no chance of staying ahead of the snowfall. I know they tried, because I was out there talking to them.

I sent emails to the top Emcon supervisors in Cumberland and to our area manager for the

Ministry of Transportation. My day started today with return calls from those people to try and explain what we should be willing to accept under the circumstances. After hours on the phone with the two of them, some changes will be suggested at both Highways and at Emcon that may help out the next time.

In the meantime I want all of you to know, that I am always here for you no matter whose actual jurisdiction the issue belongs to. However there are some things you can do to help us all. Please contact the parties that are also really responsible and tell them what the problem is.

Firstly, for any road issues, call the toll free number that will get your call directly to the workers, relayed by radio. It is: 1-866-353-3136 According to Emcon, this is the number they want everyone to use.

Secondly, you can call the General Manager in Cumberland, Stuart, at: 1-250-336-8897-ext.246, or you can call our Quadra works yard at 250-285-3524

Thirdly, you can call our Area Manager for the Ministry of Transportation in Courtenay at: 1- (250) 334-6951 or email her at Tallina.McRae@gov.bc.ca

Lastly, you can contact our local MLA at Claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca or by phone in the Campbell River office: 250 287 5100 or toll free at 1 866 387 5100. It is her role to approach the Provincial government and let them know that the funding for Highways on the North Island is woefully inadequate. Highways only has so much money in their budget to get our work done locally. They need more. I too will be approaching the Minister to make the same request.

School District surplus properties.

The School District is looking at divesting itself of some surplus pieces of land that will no longer be used for school purposes. As the SRD we have been in discussions for the past few years over a very small piece on Stuart Island that will be a great addition to our community facilities there.

Our negotiations were unsuccessful in the past due to provincial policies regarding asking price. I have formally requested of the School District senior staff that they meet with me and our staff to reopen these discussions. There is also a piece in Heriot Bay that we would like to look at. It is my opinion that we need to keep as much property in the public domain as possible. Those meetings are being arranged as we "speak".

Dog Bylaw discussions

This issue has been before us for the past couple of years supported by the Q. I. Safety council and two successive Corporals at the RCMP.

It was my wish to draw up a very minimalist bylaw to address mainly the issues around vicious dogs and to give the RCMP the tools they were requesting to deal with these dogs.

This issue came from the community and has come from so many individuals that have been victims of attacks on their pets, livestock or themselves, that it seemed reasonable to investigate the possibility. The staff drew up a very comprehensive bylaw which I did not feel was necessary for our area. They have now come up with a very modest approach that will deal with the issue and will not be overkill.

I have requested, through staff, that we meet with the providers of the service in Campbell River so we can do this on a fee for service basis and keep it cheap and only when needed. So that will be coming up in the next months. I had always thought that no one on Quadra wanted a dog bylaw, but the requests to have one are coming from pet owners: people who love dogs and others. So, this will be back before you again.

Continued right "Shoreline Access"

Remembering one of Quadra Island's First Schools

Katie Walker's childhood home, at the Methodist Mission in the We-Wai-Kai people's village, was too far away for her to attend Quadra Island's new public school, to the north of what's now Grouse Road. But after her parents took her to the first Christmas concert there in 1895, she longed to go.



Photo: Quadra settlers' first school was to the north of Grouse Road.
Courtesy Museum at Campbell River

Shoreline Accesses

I am continuing to work with the parks planners at the SRD and with the Ministry to map the beach accesses on our island. Once mapped, we will be looking at if any of them need to be marked so people will know where to access the water. Quite a few are in daily use and are even maintained by Emcon in their regular maintenance. This will be a true asset to Quadra and will make it clear where people should and should not go to access the water, so as to avoid conflicts in the future. We are surrounded by water, have accesses in place, but people just don't know where they are! Hopefully this will help.

So ends my first report for 2016! Feel free to contact me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at jimabram@xplornet.ca or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... 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

It took the Walkers nearly two hours to hike through the snow to the school, with a stop to join friends, who invited Katie's mother aboard their jingling ox sleigh. The schoolhouse was crowded, in spite of the weather, and Katie marveled at the student's recitations and songs. Some of them received prizes for scholarship, good behaviour and regular attendance. Later cake and candies were passed about.

"Why can't I go to that school," Katie begged, as she recalled in her memoirs.

"Too far, and there are no roads," said her father.

"Someday," said her mother, who kept the idea of school alive for Katie.

Every fall Katie begged to attend and finally in 1901, when she was eleven, her father cut a trail up the steep hill from their home, and through a marsh to the newly completed Cape Mudge Road. From there the children followed the wagon tracks of what's now Heriot Bay Road. It was a seven kilometer trek and took one and a half hours each way. In winter they used a storm lantern and their father met them part way on their return.

"There was beautiful timber there... beautiful straight trees," wrote Katie. "My brother used to worry about them coming down on us as we walked, but the fir, cedar and hemlock didn't break like that. It was like a park through there."

The settlers' first school was just a log shack erected in haste on a minimal budget. Everything was made by hand, right down to the desks. The "Old University," as it was later dubbed, had just two windows for light. On cold days the wind knifed through the moss chinking of its log walls and the children huddled around the wood stove for their lessons.

Katie was a keen student, but she was behind in many subjects. She didn't expect to excel in academics in her first year so she was determined to get an A for perfect

attendance. When the Walkers awoke to forty-six centimeters of new snow one morning, Katie's parents urged her to stay home—but she was not to be stopped. Her father broke trail up the big hill behind their house and she trudged on alone through thigh-high snow, with her lantern and lard pail lunch tin. When she reached the school hours later she was wet through—and there was no welcoming puff of smoke from the chimney. The schoolhouse was cold and empty. "I got my wet shoes off, got a fire going, did a bit of lessons, ate my lunch and started back," wrote Katie. The next day, with the snowstorm continuing, Katie stayed home—but her teacher and a few classmates went to school—so Katie lost her perfect marks for attendance. "I thought I should have been given credit for the day I was there and they weren't, but, of course, that couldn't be done."

Rural schools only went to grade eight a century ago, but Katie was a good scholar so her parents scrimped and saved to send her to Vancouver to stay with friends to complete her education. In 1910 she returned to Quadra as a teacher for a newly opened school in Heriot Bay, at Hyacinth Bay Road. She continued to teach in rural schools until she married, living out her long life as an orchardist in Keremeos, BC.



Katie (Walker) Clarke at a Quadra Island reunion in 1979, posing with some of her students from her first year as a teacher in 1910. Photo courtesy Museum at Campbell River.

For more Discovery Islands history see Jeanette Taylor's History Tales column on her blog: thescribes.ca/blog/.

To sign up for notices of these quarterly postings, write to thescribeswritingservice@gmail.com or click the link on her blog.

Heriot Bay Tides

DATE	TIME PST	m.	ft.
08 Friday	05:46	4.7	15.4
	10:46	3.7	12.1
	15:19	4.5	14.8
	22:47	1.0	3.3
09 Saturday	06:19	4.9	16.1
	11:31	3.7	12.1
	16:04	4.5	14.8
	23:24	0.9	3.0
10 Sunday	06:53	5.0	16.4
	12:15	3.6	11.8
	16:52	4.5	14.8
11 Monday	00:03	0.8	2.6
	07:28	5.1	16.7
	13:01	3.4	11.2
	17:44	4.5	14.8
12 Tuesday	00:43	0.9	3.0
	08:04	5.2	17.1
	13:51	3.2	10.5
	18:39	4.4	14.4
13 Wed.	01:26	1.0	3.3
	08:41	5.2	17.1
	14:44	3.0	9.8
	19:38	4.2	13.8
14 Thursday	02:10	1.3	4.3
	09:19	5.2	17.1
	15:39	2.7	8.9
	20:44	4.0	13.1
15 Friday	02:56	1.7	5.6
	09:58	5.1	16.7
	16:36	2.4	7.9
	22:02	3.9	12.8
16 Saturday	03:46	2.2	7.2
	10:38	5.0	16.4
	17:35	2.0	6.6
	23:32	3.8	12.5
17 Sunday	04:42	2.7	8.9
	11:21	4.9	16.1
	18:36	1.7	5.6
18 Monday	01:07	3.9	12.8
	05:50	3.1	10.2
	12:07	4.8	15.7
	19:36	1.4	4.6
19 Tuesday	02:37	4.1	13.5
	07:16	3.5	11.5
	12:57	4.7	15.4
	20:30	1.2	3.9
20 Wed.	3:50	4.4	14.4
	08:44	3.6	11.8
	13:48	4.7	15.4
	21:20	1.0	3.3
21 Thursday	04:46	4.7	15.4
	09:56	3.6	11.8
	14:39	4.6	15.1
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22 Friday	05:32	4.9	16.1
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