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Coastal Transportation to see revolutionary new vision with service, community needs and governance boldly overhauled

for the Future

QUADRA ISLAND - (April 1, 2016) - In a surprise announcement today it seems that years of lobbying, protests and FaceBook posts have drawn to a close as BC Ferrys unveiled a new plan that promises to revolutionize the coastal transportation landscape.

In a breathtakingly uncharacteristic aboutturn Ferrys CEO Mike Sureican presented a 25-year vision to serve the public of British Columbia with an affordable, passengeroriented service in the coming decades, along with several bold new initiatives that come dangerously close to actually being useful.

A packed gathering at the Vancouver Convention Centre attendees heard that the days of cost-overruns, grandiose pronouncements, political interference and ideological stubbornness are over and a new era of old-fashioned basic service, practical improvements and meaningful public consultation is being ushered in.

"We've cancelled some of the additions to the new ferries" said Sureican "The VIP lounge with Turkish Bath and Ozone Therapy has been redesigned and replaced by an area dedicated to sitting. We believe the travelling public will benefit greatly from these facilities. The ability to simply sit and cross a body of water is now the foundation of our corporate mission" he added. The corporation's carbon footprint is getting a makeover too. To help offset the monstrous appetite the fleet has for fossil fuels and its general enabling of car-culture BC Ferrys is becoming more bicycle friendly. No longer will cyclists be treated as second class citizens, penalized by onerous sur-charges while receiving scant onboard services.

"All our vessels will now be fitted with bike racks" said a marginally credible source. "The new racks will have free onboard charging stations for electric bikes as we make oddles of surplus power on every crossing. Cyclists will be offered a significant discount on fares as an incentive to promote the use of bikes."

But perhaps the biggest changes are to the corporate structure of BC Ferrys. In a shocking announcement the Government acknowledged today that as sole shareholder, representing 3.5 million British Columbians they now plan to give citizens a say in the way BC Ferrys is managed.

"We now agree with the deafening calls our Government ignored, with our ideologically attuned earring aids, for over a decade." said Trashportation Secretary Toad Stoner. "As a Government of business, a champion of free-enterprise we now realize that an affordable ferry system promotes economic growth across all sectors from manufacturing, resource extraction and tourism. To say nothing of promoting the well-being of our citizens by making visiting friends and family, taking a basic summer holiday and simply being able to get from A to B easier and cheaper"

"None of our highways are expected to make a profit and we finally realized that the ferrys are simply a service fundamental to life in a rugged coastal province."

Long time community advocate Gem Absandhams, speaking from his hospital bed where he was recovering from an unexpected heart attack, welcomed the news. "It's amazing to see democracy in action." he said "When a Government actually does something for the people it's proof our system works." Asked what he would now do with the rest of his life Absandhams shrugged "Redundancy is the bitter-sweet price of success. I never thought I'd see the day that BC Ferrys came to the community, listened to what the people had to say and then acted accordingly. It's all been a terrible shock".

As we go to press the Discovery Islander is lining up its lawyers as humour seems to be sorely lacking in some corners of the public... or wait, is it private sector. We've recently learned that ruffling feathers even to a small audience can entice an absurd over-reaction. Please stay tuned for word on a fundraising appeal for our legal defence.

- Anonymous (no not the mask guys)

Ferry Schedules

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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 & EVENTS

Quadra's 19th Annual Beach Clean-Up Sunday, April 24th

Sierra Quadra is once again pleased to organize our island's annual Beach Clean-up. April 24, 2016, will be the 19th successive year in which islanders and visitors have joined with local businesses and others to make this event a resounding success. It is our contribution to the Earth Day celebrations that occur around the world.

After winter's and spring's high tides and storms, we find that our beaches are once again strewn with plastic, rope, styrofoam, tires, netting, etc. These materials are not only unsightly but they can also be hazardous to all forms of marine life. We also know that wave action will eventually grind plastic into fine particles, allowing them to enter the food chain as toxins to be consumed by us.

Beach Clean-up headquarters will be set up at Rebecca Spit. A large banner will mark the site. Starting at 10:00 am you may pick up garbage bags from this location and then head for your favourite beach. Should you already be equipped, drop by later for free lunch, coffee, tea and juice from 11:00 to 2:00 pm.

To accommodate community members who are not able to join us on Sunday, April 24th, beach garbage can be collected and left at the pick-up points starting on Sunday, April 17th. Last pickup on the 24th will be at 2:00 pm and from Rebecca Spit at 3:00 pm. Collected garbage can be brought to the headquarters or left at any of the following drop-off locations. A sign will be placed at each location to mark where the garbage should be piled. The last pick up at each site is at 2:00 pm.

-End of Petroglyph Road

-North end of Sutil Road at Kay Dubois Trail

-South end of We Wai Kai Road at Kay Dubois Trail

- -Smith Road beach access
- -Edgeware Road beach access

-Milford Road beach access

- -Rebecca Spit, Main Parking Lot
- -Rebecca Spit, South Parking Lot
- -Rebecca Spit, centre by narrow isthmus
- -Open Bay area at Valdez and Marina Roads

-Tsa-Kwa-Luten (down by the cabins)

Gloves can come in handy as well as a pocketknife to help free tangled rope from driftwood. DO NOT TOUCH ANY FLARE CANISTERS (aluminum tubes about 4 inches in diameter and about two feet long) because they could still be active. Just note their location so Sierra Quadra can notify the proper military authorities for disposal.

Participants with pick-up trucks are still needed to help transport garbage from the various collection sites to Rebecca Spit. If you can help, please call Ken at 2580.

This Sierra Quadra event represents the co-operation and assistance of many local businesses, of BC Ferries and the Strathcona Regional District. Please join us by bringing friends and family for this helpful and satisfying community event.



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THE ISLAND CALENDAR

Day to Day

Friday, April 1

- Friday Flicks: Coming Home Q.C.C. 7:45pm - Live Music wi Blue Katz, HBI Pub 9pm

Saturday, April 2

- Nuyumbalees dinner & art auction fund-raiser Cape Mudge Hall 5-6pm - Elvis Show & Dance, \$20, Quadra Legion 8 pm

Sunday, April 3

- Quadra Sailblazers AGM 1032 Topcliff, 4pm

Friday, April 8

- Live Music wi Back Eddy & the Procrastinators, HBI Pub 9pm \$10

Monday, April 11

- Garden Club presents Ryan Nassichuk on growing winter vegetables 7 pm QCC

Thursday, April 14

- Quadra Island Salmon Society AGM, Eco Center, 2050 Hyacinthe Bay Rd 7pm

Sunday, April 17

- Quadra Cultural Committee presents: Lemon Bucket Orkestra, Q.C.C. Auction 5 pm, Show 7pm

Saturday, April 23

- Plant and Bake sale, Quadra Legion 10 am

Sunday, April 24

- Sierra Quadra annual Beach Clean-up. Details p. 2

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



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At the Community Centre

THIS WEEKEND (April 1-2)

FRIDAY: 10:00 Friday Painters; 7:45 Friday Flicks Presents: **Coming Home**

SATURDAY: 9:00 Saw Horse Workshop

THIS WEEK (April 4-8)

MONDAY: 8:30 Low Impact; 10:00 Parents & Tots; 10:00 Yoga w/Josephine; 1:00 Sing for Pure Joy; 6:00 Weight Watchers

TUESDAY: 10:00 Spinners & Knitters; 5:30 Zumba w/ Marion; 5:00 Yoga w/Trinity; 5:45 Life Planning; 6:30 Boot Camp w/Marion; 7:30 Folk Dance

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 Yoga w/Trinity; 11:00 Moms & Babes; 12:00 Community Kitchen Lunch; 12:30 Nurse Practitioner; 6:00 Yoga w/Rosalind

THURSDAY: 9:00 Total Body Sculpt w/Marion; 10:00 Parents & Tots & Parent & Tot Yoga; 4:00 Mixed Martial Arts; 5:00 Yoga w/Trinity; 6:45 Quadra Singers

FRIDAY: 10:00 Friday Painters

NEXT WEEKEND (April 10)

SUNDAY: 12:00 Watercolour Workshop

NEXT WEEK (Apr 11-15)

MONDAY: 8:00 10:00 Parents and Tots; 10:00 Yoga w/ Josephine; 1:00 Sing for Pure Joy; 6:00 Weight Watchers; 7:00 Garden Club

TUESDAY: 9:00 quilters; 9:00 Yoga w/Brenda; 10:00 Spinners & Knitters; 5:00 Yoga w/Trinity; 5:30 Zumba w/ Marion; 6:30 Boot Camp w/Marion; 7:30 Folk Dance

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 Yoga w/Trinity; 11:00 Moms & Babes; 12:00 Community Kitchen Lunch; 12:30 Nurse Practitioner; 6:00 Yoga w/Rosalind

THURSDAY: 9:00 Total Body Sculpt w/Marion; 9:00 Yoga w/ Brenda; 10:00 Parents & Tots & Parent & Tot Yoga; 5:00 Yoga w/Trinity; 6:45 Quadra Singers; 7:00 Photo Comp. Class

FRIDAY: 10:00 Friday Painters



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• Canadian spelling is preferred.

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• Remember to **include credits and captions** for photos & artwork.

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NEXT DEADLINE

7pm on Monday, April 11 for publication on Friday, April 15, 2016

ISLAND FORUM

Eagle Poaching on Quadra?

On the afternoon of Wednesday, March 16th, hikers reported an eagle with an injured wing on the Heriot Ridge trail. In contact with Mountainaire Avian Rescue Society (MARS), rescuers put in place a plan to retrieve the bird the following morning and deliver it to the ferry, where MARS volunteers would pick it up on the Campbell River side. It would have been taken to Mountainaire's facility in Merville for treatment.

Thursday morning the rescuers hiked the Heriot Ridge trail with blankets, gloves and a large cage, found the site where the eagle had been, and although the area was searched extensively, could not find the bird. Meanwhile, news surfaced that in the early evening on Wednesday, a hiker had seen people on Heriot Ridge trail carrying a large cardboard box down the trail, headed for Hopespring Road. Mountainaire was contacted several times on Thursday to see whether anyone had reported having an injured eagle, but they had not been contacted. Other wildlife centers on Vancouver Island were also contacted but had no record of an injured eagle from Quadra Island. It was looking very much like a crime had been committed.

To the people who very likely perpetrated this deed, know that you were seen and have been reported to the RAPP hotline (Report All Poachers and Polluters) of the Provincial Conservation Branch. RAPP offers a toll-free tipline and webbased service that allow anyone to report known or suspected violations of fisheries, wildlife or environmental protection laws anonymously.

You may be unaware that possession of eagle feathers, other eagle parts or live eagles without a permit is a serious offence and carries a hefty fine. Illegal trade in this regard may result in fines up to \$100,000 and/ or one year imprisonment.

If I am wrong regarding my suspicions about your motives, and you were attempting to care for the eagle on your own, please phone MARS at 1-250-337-2021 and they will be happy to pick up the eagle at the ferry on the Campbell River side and care for it properly. MARS is a volunteer organization which treats injured and orphaned wildlife. They are stretched for volunteers and resources, their caseload having almost doubled recently. Check out their website for membership and donation information.

Name Withheld by request

Have an opinion to share? Submit your letter to the DI by email: news@discoveryislands.ca PREFERRED

Regular 'ol mail with a stamp to Box 280 in the Cove or drop it off at Inspirations

If it's too long it may be chopped! Please be concise

Ross Strikes Fear in Rodents

Reading the cover headline to the March 18th issue of the Discovery Islander, "The Rats Have to Go", I was frankly disappointed by the article's content. I thought you were referring to the BC Liberal Government!

But giving the content some thought, and realizing I have some local experience in this area, having caught 23 rats two winters back, I have decided to share a new successful method with which I've had some success.

Realizing that these critters are quite intelligent, I reckoned that they were probably internet savvy as well. Being made aware of Gregg Ross , the extermiantor's, photo in one of the Quadra Facebook pages, I mounted a copy of said photo next to each of my traps, and shazam, it worked! Scared the living daylights out of them, and I haven't had a rat since. Easy peasy!

Brent Henry



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



Library **Authors' Reading**

The next authors' reading will be on Wednesday March 23rd, 6:30 -8:00 pm at the Quadra Library. Everyone welcome.

Elvis Lives at the Legion

ELVIS Show & Dance @ Quadra Legion

April 2. \$20 per person

8 pm start. Check out the web site Elvis elite Steve Eliot.

Salmon **Society AGM**

Ouadra Island Salmon Society will hold its annual AGM at the Eco Center, 2050 Hyacinthe Bay Road on Thursday April 14 at 7PM. Public is invited to attend.

Also at this time QISES would like to thank Bruce Bjornson for his work in supporting our treasurer, Tru-Value Foods for its points system which adds significantly to our finances, and members of the public who continue to support the society.

Ladies Auxiliary

Plant and Bake sale. April 23 10:00 am. @ Quadra Legion. Any extra plants you are digging up and wanting to donate - please call Trudy 5-3611. Daphne 5-3998. Barb 5-3714

We can pick up. Or drop off at the legion on April 23 between 9 & 10

Free Firewood on Wednesdays

Free Firewood is available after Wednesday's Community Lunch from 1 pm to 1:45 pm behind the Community Centre.

We're looking for volunteers to chop and stack wood after Community Lunch from 12:30 pm to 2:30 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. (The account is called Free Wood not Free Firewood) Let's keep everyone warm this winter!

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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.

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

Sailblazer's **Annual General** Meeting

The Sailblazer's, Quadra Island's sailing club, will hold its annual general meeting Sunday April 3 at 4pm. Location: 1032 Topcliffdrive past the first house to the home where meeting will be held. Snack and drink potluck will follow the meeting. All members please attend. New members welcome. Membership allows shared use of club sailboats. Come to the meeting to learn more.

LOVE AND LIMITS

Course for Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, School Volunteers & Childcare Workers

Our attachment with our children is our 'ace in the hole' where our power to parent lies - and is vitally important in 'growing up' children. Kids need play, routine, nature and integration time. If we slow down, simplify and put relationship first, our job gets easier.

Session 1: The Power of Attachment APRIL 12 Session 2: Heart and Mind of Childhood APRIL19 Session 3: Connection and Creative Discipline APRIL 26 Session 4: Building an Attachment Network MAY 3

Course Leader: Dayna Davis, B.Ed., has 30 years experience working in public and independent schools and with homeschool groups. The parent of 2 young adults, she draws insight and inspiration from the work of Gordon Neufeld (Hold on To Your Kids), Jane Healy (Your Child's Growing Mind), Kim John Payne (Simplicity Parenting) and her background in Waldorf Education.

DATES: April 12 - May 3, 2016, 4 Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm

PLACE: Multi-purpose Room, Quadra Elementary School; Childcare available by arrangement FREE: By donation - DOOR PRIZES!

REGISTER NOW at Quadra Circle office - 285-2255, Wed.-Fri., 11am-3pm or leave message; email: gcircle@outlook.com

> Co-sponsored by Quadra Circle and Quadra Elementary School PAC



Highlights at the Community Centre

Hilary Stewart Memorial Auction & Concert April 17th

Hilary Stewart, a renowned local anthropologist, author and artist loved this community and loved her Community Centre. She helped spearhead, plan, volunteer and donate to so many aspects of the Community Centre. Much of what you see

and love is thanks to her commitment, passion and involvement.

We'd like to take a moment to remember and give our thanks to Hilary. Hilary's legacy continues even now, as she has bequeathed not only some of her beautiful personal works of art and some collectables to be



Hilary Stewart

auctioned off for a fundraiser for QCC, but she has also left us with some important funding. This funding will help the Society and some Committees be sustainable for years to come.

In thanks and memory of Hilary, we are planning a very special event in collaboration with the Rec Society's Cultural Committee. On Sunday, April 17, 2016, there will be a silent auction of some

of her art and memorabilia and then an exciting dance/concert with the super fun group The Lemon Bucket Orkestra.

Also, thanks to Hilary, tickets are subsidized and are only \$10. The silent auction will be held in room 3 on April 17th from 12:00- 5:00 pm for the public to place their bids and then open again at the concert intermission concert goers to make final bids.

Exploring Theatre for Kids

During this week together children will work on theatre skills and there will be an emphasis on improvisation. Together participants will develop dialogues, characters, stories and actions without the use of a prepared, written script. This is an excellent way to improve communication skills, build creative problem solving and develop supportive teamwork abilities. There will also be time for drama games and other confidence building activities.

The camp runs from April 25th - 29th from 2:45 to 5 pm in room 3. This program is for ages 6 -12 and the cost is \$30 per student. To register or for more info phone QCC at: 285-3243.

Introduction to **Birdwatching Course**

Would you like to know more about the feathered inhabitants of Quadra? To be able to identify the different species that live around us? This course will give you the basic skills to understand and identify our feathered friends. You will learn:

- A methodical approach to identifying birds
- About birding tools, from books to binoculars
- Basic bird biology and behavior
- An introduction to birding by ear recognizing birdsongs

Two classroom sessions will be followed by a weekend outing to look for birds in the field.

To register call Kathryn Manry at 285-2103

Classroom sessions: Tues. May 3 and 10, 7-8:30

Field trip: Saturday, May 14

Fee: \$45 (a portion of the fees will be donated to Bird Studies Canada)

- Kathryn Manry



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This is a 'STOP' sign you're supposed to stop at it every time.

Blue Katz April 1 - vintage rock

Back Eddy & the Procrastinators

April 8 - smokin' ska

Centrepiece April 15 - classic rock, blues & country

Open Mic with Mo

join in... or enjoy local talent at Saturdays at 9pm with host Mo Davenport



Inn: 285.3322 Pub: 285.3539 heriotbayinn.com

A Million Thanks!

The Campbell River Syrian Refugee Committee extends a million thanks to Quadra Islanders for contributing to the successful fund-raising coffeehouse and silent auction held at the community centre last Saturday evening. The response to this event was overwhelming! Due to everyone's generous support we were able to raise over \$9,000 towards helping bring 10 Syrian newcomers to Campbell River in the near future!



The incredible mix of food, music, drumming and belly-dancing helped to create a middle eastern ambience as participants bid on an impressive variety of auction items, all generously donated and artfully displayed!

Unending appreciation goes to the many contributors who helped to make this such a memorable experience. To Murray, our amazing MC, to Sam, Chris and George for lights, sound and video, to the many talented musicians and dancers who graced our stage, to all of the artists and businesses who generously donated to our Quadra gift basket and silent auction all artistically displayed by Jeanette and her creative helpers, to the wonderful volunteers who are always there when you need them to bake, set up, take down and everything else in between and to the nearly 200 participants who rallied and showed up to support this rewarding fundraiser! As Merell Nassar expresses, ``Quadra Islanders, you are awesome!`` This event has provided a perfect opportunity to give our Syrian newcomers hope for rebuilding their lives In peace as they prepare to integrate into to a new community!

- Carol Foort

Free Money

FREE MONEY IS STILL the first Wednesday of every month. The program runs until April, just before the Community Lunch in the Downstairs Small Seminar Room at the QCC. Individuals receive \$10 & families receive \$20 inside a free book of their choice.

Please donate to the Free Money account at the Quadra Credit Union. 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 info.

Note: Thank You Quadra Islanders for your generous contributions of \$1,000 to the Free Money account at the Quadra Credit Union.

We now have enough money for fellow islanders in need for February and March. We still need \$500 for April. Please help.

Friday Flicks



Friday, April 1st, 7:45 at Quadra Community Centre will be the final movie in the Spring 2016 series. Coming Home is a Chinese film with English sub-titles.

Lu and Feng are a devoted couple forced to separate when Lu is arrested and sent to a labor camp as a political prisoner during the Cultural Revolution. Years later he returns home to find that his beloved wife no longer remembers him. China's most respected actors, offer two great performances in a film about love, loss and perseverance that will nearly break your heart.

Elegant and wrenching, Coming Home is a quiet, haunting masterpiece. Rex Reed in Observer

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Quadra Circle News

Love and Limits – a FREE Parenting Course for grandparents, parents, teachers, school volunteers and anyone who cares for children or teens. Four Tuesdays, 6 - 7:30 pm at Quadra School; childcare available.

Register now to book your place at Quadra Circle's office: 250-285-2255 Mon-Fri., 11am-3pm (leave message) or email: qcircle@outlook.com

Seniors Activity Centre: Starts again April 4 and every Monday at Quadra School.

Ping-pong in the gym from 9:30-10:30 am - great exercise, lots of laughs! From 10 am to noon enjoy coffee, board games and conversation with old and new friends in the School's Literacy Room (entrance by the Garden).

Friendly Phonecall: Receive a daily check-in call for peace of mind from our caring volunteers. Free service – call 250-285-2255 to apply.

Friday Lunch: Get fit with Armchair Exercise at 11am with Ann Lawrence, then a speaker at noon followed by a delicious lunch at 12:30pm (\$5 suggested donation). 1281 West Road, (Quadra Bible Church, lower level).

Foot Care subsidy for seniors and those who receive GIS or MSP premium assistance. Call 285-2255.

Emotional Wellness: Free Mental Health and Substance Abuse service is here! Just call (250) 850-2620 for an appointment to see an Island Health counsellor at Quadra Medical Clinic on alternate Tuesdays (April 5, 19, ongoing).

If you are 65 and older, screening is required so please arrange a referral through your doctor. Info: Mary McIntosh at 285-3084.

'Quiet Moments': Learn relaxation skills and how to manage difficult emotions in this free, no-talking, drop-in class offered by Mental Health on Quadra. Alternate Tuesdays (April 5, 19, ongoing), 12:15 to 12:45pm at the Wellness Centre above the Library.

Please arrive early or attend next time.

Transportation: Seniors who need a ride to appointments, activities, and shopping can call at least 24-hours in advance to arrange a volunteer driver. Call Diana to register or be a driver: 285-3630.

Seniors Outreach: Marie Sheran makes home visits and connects you with helpful services: 250-285-3950.

Quadra Home Meals: For \$5-6 per meal Island seniors and anyone with surgery/illness can order tasty, nutritious meals for most diets made by Gowlland Harbour Resort's Chef.

Pick up the meals at the Community Centre Wednesdays 11:30 am-noon or pre-arrange delivery. Please order by Saturday noon: Marie 285-3950.

Resource Info: Want to volunteer with the School or Quadra Circle? Need info on seniors resources?

Visit our Community Connections Centre (beside QI Medical Clinic) Wed.-Fri., 11am-3pm 285-2255.

The Smilin' Seniors Variety show was a hit with young-atheart kids of all ages!

A BIG THANKS to Ann Lawrence, the OAP and Legion for all the goodies and a great venue.

Chamber of Commerce AGM Results

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce AGM was held Thursday, March 18 with approximately 30 people in attendance at Gowlland Harbour Resort. Delicious appies were enjoyed by all those present.

After some discussion, and with the knowledge that we have had difficulty for the last few meeting in having a quorum of directors present, to make decisions, it was decided to increase the number of Chamber Directors from 8 to 9 from Quadra plus one from Cortes.

The nominating committee brought forward nine names of persons willing to become Chamber Directors for Quadra Island

Your new Directors for 2016-17 are

Chair	Valerie Stapinsky
Vice chair	Lynden McMartin
Treasurer	Judy Hagen
Secretary	Betty Doak

Directors at Large are: Michael Lynch, Jack Mar, Sarah Bradshaw, Rod Burns, and Coleen Marlow

Cortes Director Martha Abelson with Colin Funk as alternate

Next business meeting will be Thursday, April 14 at a location to be decided

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At Your HBI



Friday April 8: Back Eddy and the Procrastinators, our Cortes neighbours bring us furious ska originals with Island flavour. Dance! Dance! \$10.00 at the door. 9:00pm HBI Pub.

U of Q Wednesdays: April 6 Plastic: it's everyone's problem with Sarah Richardson... April 13; Bee Friendly environments on Quadra, benefits and how-to with Paul Puddy... April 20; the Good Food movement making healthy food & gardening easier with Jeremy Kirouac. HBI Pub Campus. 7:00pm.

Karaoke: Tuesday, April 5 with your host Allan Drabble. Tuesday April 19 with your host Scotty Lowe. Take the stage and be a star! 9:00pm. HBI Pub.

Let's throw in a Thursday night country band just for fun & of course dancing! Mike Lynch Band pure good old time country music. Great entertainer touring from Ontario. No cover. Thursday, April 28. HBI Pub. 9 pm

Live Music Friday nights: April 1; Blue Katz, vintage rock... April 8; door fee \$10, Back Eddy and the Procrastinators. April 15; Centerpiece classic rock, blues, old & new country... April 22; Duffy Live. Rock & roll dance floor good times. 9:00pm HBI Pub. No cover (except April 8).

Saturdays Open Mic: Join Mo and take the stage to exercise your music, poetic, comedic entertaining selves! 9:00pm HBI Pub.

Dak's Weekly Pool Tourney Sunday's at 4:00pm HBI Pub. April 24 is the last tourney with the grand prize draw; must be there to win.



A Day of Yoga with **Kate Potter**

Kate Potter returns to Quadra to teach two yoga workshops on May 8 at the Community Centre. Kate has been practicing yoga for over 40 years and teaching full time for the past 20 years. Movement studies with breath is how she describes her yoga and she goes on to say it is "honest to goodness gentle movement with exacting focus on the feel of the breath." For more information about Kate go to her website: katepotteryoga.ca

In the morning workshop, from 9:00 to 12:30, Kate will teach two sequences that represent her style of moving with the breath. It will also include a guided meditation with a background of serene cello music composed for her new CD Four Contemplations: The Alchemy of Stillness. In the afternoon, from 2:00 to 5:00, the workshop will concentrate on the use of barbells for propping, pinning and massaging acupressure points.

Although these workshops will benefit all voga enthusiasts, here is what Kate has to say about the afternoon session. "I am interested in aging and practices to keep the body safe and sane as the years make their mark. I have seen my own body through a debilitating 8 year battle with Fibromyalgia, (finally healed), as well as a more recent foray into a life threatening meningitis. I know I am only in my mid 50's, but have seen the effects of rapid aging when the body prepares to die. Fully recovered now, I am grateful for this insight.

I have found gentle movements using weighted props very beneficial in isolating stretch, pinpointing awareness, and building the essential upper body strength that we so easily lose in aging. We don't need to be super humans, but we can be proactive. If we lose strength in one area, another area will suffer. If we lose awareness in even one corner of the body or mind, the puzzle of tracing back what we lost is tricky work.

The use of a weighted prop in Yoga may just serve to build awareness, or it may lead to locating acupressure points that trigger deep release. My hope is to teach about flow of energy, and introduce concepts of vin and yang, and meridian theory."

Cost for the workshops is \$50 for half the day or \$80 for the full day. To register please contact swest@gicable.com or 285 3632.

Quadra Children's **Centre Raffle Fundraiser**

This year's Raffle Fundraiser has 5 great prizes to win! You can purchase your tickets at the Children's Centre or from parents and Board Members.

Two of our business owners are also selling them so stop by Cafe Aroma or Inspirations and pick up a few tickets for your chances to win this year's awesome prizes listed below. Good luck everyone!

Prizes:

1. Get-A-Way Holiday at Beach Acres Resort in Parksville - Value \$350

2. Brentwood Bay Resort & Spa Gift Certificate-Value \$250

3. One night at Taku Resort on Quadra Island and a \$75 Gift Certificate for Heron's Restaurant - Value \$225

4. Thrifty Foods - \$100 Certificate

5. Quality Foods - \$100 Certificate

We would like to thank all of the generous donators for these incredible prizes.

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Circle of Love

Quadra residents might notice more love in the air between April 4 and 8, especially around Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge, which is hosting the third annual **Circle of Love** event. Coming from all over North America, the attendees, speakers and presenters get together to explore the experience of Love within community, as written about by Rumi," Come out of the circle of time and into the circle of Love."

The event offers spiritual nourishment outside of the traditional religious framework with inspiring talks, workshops, and meditation. Keynote speakers will be Dr. David Leonard, from Alabama, and founder of the Circle of Love; Dr. Patrick Cameron, from Edmonton, currently in the process of co-authoring a book entitled Hollywood to Heaven; and Dr. Kenn Gordon, author of Mind and Manifestation, and speaker at the Parliament of World Religions along with the Dali Lama.

Professionals at raising the musical vibration, the musical talent is coming from all over. Lisa Ferrara and Ericka Luckett, from California, and Gary Lynn Floyd from Hollywood along with Amy Bishop from Calgary will form the core of the group that is known to rock the house with upbeat and inspirational tunes.

Workshop titles include: Going Deeper with Soul Collage, Nia Fitness, Healing the Shadow, Self-Mastery Through Creativity, Putting the Fun Back in Dysfunctional. Yoga and meditation will be led each morning, with a special Taize meditation on Thursday. The public is welcome to purchase passes to these and other interesting events. Details available at: cslcampbellriver.org sidebar Circle of Love, then Registration and Payment options



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Nuyumbalees Dinner & Art Auction

The floors of the **Cape Mudge Hall** will come alive as drummers welcome guests to the traditional territory of the We Wai Kai Nation. Join with Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre for this year's Dinner and Art Auction, scheduled for **April 2nd**. Auction preview 5:00-6:00pm, dinner and program to follow.

This year's auction features beautifully crafted masks and other artisan pieces, including a ten foot totem pole carved specially for the auction.

The event is the most important fundraising initiative in the Nuyumbalees calendar – all proceeds support the research and repatriation efforts of the Centre.

Museum Members - \$75 - Non-Members: \$85

Good News! Fall Fair 2016 is on!

Good news, Quadra Islanders: the Quadra Island Fall Fair is happening this year. (Yeehaw!) Save the date: it's taking place September 11 on the grounds of the Quadra Community Centre. We all love seeing the delicious, fantastic, detailed, creative works made with love and care displayed in the hall, so... get growing, get sewing, get drafting, and get crafting!

It's fun to participate "behind the scenes" as well as enjoy the activities of Fair day. We'll be putting out a call for volunteers soon: how would you like to help the Fall Fair? To keep up to date on Fall Fair news, find us on Facebook and keep reading the DI.

Island Voices

April 15 and 16

Island Voices Chamber Choir presents "Our Flight Begins as Song" 7:30 pm, Fri. Apr. 15, Comox United Church, tickets at Bookstores, and 7:30 pm, Sat. Apr 16, Maritime Heritage Centre, Campbell River, tickets at Info Centre.



Winter Vegetables on Quadra

Monday, April 11th, 7pm at the Community Centre, the Garden Club holds the final meeting of our Spring session. The guest speaker will be local garden enthusiast, Ryan Nassichuk. Ryan and his partner Jessica have farmed vegetables on the south end of Quadra, since 2011. As well, Ryan works on Quadra as a garden maintenance expert. He has established a business, which among other services, helps clients with soil testing to analyze the nutrient needs to improve production in our home gardens.

We are all looking forward to his talk on autumn and winter vegetables. We will learn how to work with local conditions to put food on your table all year round. This is a great time to grow your winter greens - instead of relying on the California or Mexico produce that arrives at Canadian stores, weeks old and often very expensive. Just imagine the fresh winter flavours of your home grown broccoli, leeks, and assorted greens.

The Garden Club's annual plant sale is on Saturday April 16th at the Community Centre. Doors open at 11:30 (no early birds please). Join us for this annual event and find, with help from local gardeners, some tried and true, inexpensive plants for your garden.

Today the Service Berry trees are about to explode into bloom. Can you smell the large leaf Maples opening their flowers? Bring along some Spring flowers for the show and tell table. Drop-ins welcome \$3 at the door or buy an annual membership.

Private Voice Lessons

Looking to find and/or strengthen your voice? Voice lessons by the 1/2 hour (\$25) or full hour (\$45). Contact Kate: 250-203-6850 or movewithkate.ca



Final Quadra Concert in Memory of Hilary Stewart



Lemon Bucket Orkestra

The last concert of the season put on by the Quadra Cultural Committee is "A Concert in Memory of Hilary Stewart'. Hilary was a long-time Quadra Island resident and benefactor and an enthusiastic supporter of Quadra cultural events for over 35 years. Hilary is remembered for her groundbreaking studies of First Nations culture on the West Coast with books such as Cedar. She was a cultural anthropologist, lecturer, artist and free spirit whose books and drawings of Native culture are studied all over the world.

The concert will be held on Sunday, April 17th at 7:00pm at Quadra Island Community Centre and for this special event tickets are only \$10. The event includes a silent auction of Hilary's artifacts during the afternoon and evening. Entertainers are the Lemon Bucket Orkestra, a self-described Balkan-klezmergypsy-party-punk super band.

From their beginnings as busking band in 2010 of four members, Lemon Bucket Orkestra now boasts as many as 15 members on various occasions, whose performances have been heralded as ground-breaking. Lemon Bucket



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Orkestra has been nominated for several awards, and has performed at international festivals across the globe.

They recorded their latest album, Moorka, following a three month Canadian tour. It was released in March 2015. The Quadra Island performance will feature nine band members including Mark Marczyk on violin, Marichka Marczyk on accordion, Os Kar on savage drum, Jaash Singh on darbouka, Stephania Woloshyn dancing, Ian Tulloch on sousaphone, Michael Louis Johnson on flugelhorn, and Nathan Dell-Vandenberg and Eli Camilo on trombone.

The band's music is described as wild and joyful, which seems particularly apt for a celebration of Hilary's life, as it also describes the spirit of Hilary.

Tickets can be purchased on Quadra Island at Works of H'Art in Heriot Bay, Inspirations in Quathiaski Cove and in Campbell River, at the Music Plant. Whether in advance or at the door, tickets are priced at only \$10 for this special event.



Quadra Trails News

Request For Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help maintain the trails on Quadra. Work parties usually consist of 4 to 8 people and last 3 to 5 hours. All equipment and materials are provided. Just bring a snack or lunch. Call Dan at 285-2647 if your interested in making a contribution to the trails.

Workshop Offered In Trail Design, Construction, And Maintenance

Who: This workshop is open to anyone interested in the stewardship of the trails on our island. No experience is needed or expected.

Why: Carefully planned, designed, constructed, and maintained trails open our access to the environment and minimize the impact we have on it.

When: Saturday, April 23 at 10 am. 3-4 hours.

Where: We will meet at 10:00 am in the gravel portion of the parking lot at the Heriot Bay Store. This will allow for carpooling as needed. We will then drive to the workshop location.

Notes: Bring a pencil and water and snacks as you require. Dress appropriately for the weather and moderate hiking.

Registration: Please contact James at jgmanders.yahoo.com or Dan at 285-2647 to register. This will ensure that enough handouts will be printed.

We look forward to seeing you.

NEW! Quadra Island Women's Club

All women are invited to the first monthly get-together of the NEW Quadra Island Women's Club on Tuesday, April 5 at the Royal Canadian Legion. Get together with Quadra Island Women of all ages in a casual & relaxing atmosphere. Beginning April 5, we will meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Royal Canadian Legion in Heriot Bay from 6:30-9:30 pm. Homemade Pizza & Caesar Salad by donation. We'll have refreshments and conversation with fun and games including darts, pool, scrabble and cards. All Women are Welcome. Free ~Friendly ~ Fun. For more info call Lu: 250-285-2213.

RCMP Beat

Quadra RCMP have received a report of a 14 -16ft white fibreglass skiff has beached itself in the Hyacinthe Bay area. If you are missing a skiff call the Quadra RCMP for a more exact location.

Quadra RCMP have been receiving numerous phone calls regarding the Canada Revenue Scam again. The caller will advise that you owe the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) money and that if you don't pay then you may be arrested by the RCMP.

There is another similar scam through CRA where they will send you an email advising of the same thing. Please don't fall for these scams. This is just one example of the numerous scams that are out there that are trying to separate you from your money. If you have any questions regarding this scam or something that you feel may be a scam please call the RCMP before you send any money.

During the afternoon of **March 19th, 2016** Quadra RCMP received a report of a person who smelled of alcohol and was driving around Quathiaski Cove. Quadra RCMP located the vehicle and the person provided two breath samples into two different Approved Screening Devices both resulting in a WARN reading. The driver was issued a 3 day Immediate Roadside Prohibition.

On the morning of **March 20th**, **2016** Quadra RCMP, EHS , and Quadra Fire department received a report of a Motor Vehicle Accident involving a single vehicle that had driven off the road. The driver had lost consciousness due to a recent injury and had driven off the road by Rebecca Spit and Heriot Bay road. The driver was taken to the hospital by EHS and is now doing well.

On March 23rd, 2016 Quadra RCMP received a report that trees have been getting cut down at a private acreage on Granite Bay road on two separate occasions. Police located the suspect vehicle Open Bay Main road but it took off from police at a high rate of speed. Police are asking for the public assistance in locating a dark grey Nissan Frontier. If you see this vehicle contact the Quadra RCMP or Crimestoppers.

Cpl.Kevin CHRISTENSEN Quadra RCMP



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Quadra Island Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

Here are the last few trips planned for the "winter" schedule:

6 April, Wednesday - Snow at Mt. Washington

13 April, Wednesday - Hike to Mt. Seymour (tentative)

16 April, Saturday - Summer planning meeting

18-20 April, Monday to Wednesday - multiday trip to Linnaea Farm

21 April, Thursday - presentation by BC Marine Trails Network Association

In April, we will have a multi-day trip to Cortes, staying two nights at the historic Linnaea Farm. This is primarily a hiking trip, but kayaking is a possibility. This requires more advanced planning so please contact the coordinator by the end of March.

The summer planning meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th at 2:00 at the Community Centre. Start thinking about where you would like to go this summer and bring your suggestions to the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

The BC Marine Trails Network Association is turning its attention to the Discovery Islands this year. They will have a meeting with interested parties on Quadra about the planned project. This is planned for Thursday evening, 21 April. Details to follow.

The details on our trips and activities are available at http://qioutdoorclub.org/trips/trip-schedule/schedule-fallwinter-2015/.



S orry I was unable to write a report last issue, but just far too busy. It is not much better this time but I have to keep in touch! In the next three weeks, besides this morning, I have one day to myself. All the rest are booked for Regional District business. Details to follow.

So, from the last reporting period I will mention a few items of interest and add some details:

Meeting follow up

In my last report of Feb. 29th, I mentioned that I had met with our Local Govt. Minister, Peter Fassbender, in Victoria along with his entire senior staff. I then met with senior staff the next day on the same topics. The key person who was to get back to me is on holiday until tomorrow, so I can't give final details, but I can say that we should be hearing about our previously refused grant applications for Q. Cove sewer, Quadra Island Community Centre seismic upgrade, information on seniors housing and connectivity, and of course, ferries! So by next issue I should be able to give you some more up to date info.

I can tell you that because of that meeting, our Board has now agreed to reapply for the sewer and seismic grants, as instructed by the Minister. Hard to believe, but they were reluctant to do so due to a couple of city Directors. I did manage to win the support of the Board to proceed.

Meeting with Minister Stone & RD Chair's Ferries Working Group

I mentioned that our Coastal RD Chairs Ferries WorkingGroup was about to be notified of a time for our meeting with the Minister. (The Coastal Regional District Chairs working group, which now includes the First Nations Summit due to the resolution that we put through their Annual General meeting, which passed unanimously, to support Local Govt.) Our meeting date has been set for April 4th in Victoria and the Chairs Group will meet prior to that time to strategize. Hopefully this meeting will bring some results that will actually help us out as ferry dependent communities. I always remain hopeful!

Shoreline accesses

I have spoken of this previously in numerous reports. We finally finished all of the mapping and cataloguing last Thursday. Prioritizing is the next step and then the ones that are to be marked so people can make better use of them will get a small, tasteful sign erected. This has been a long time coming and was looked at a few years ago and then with a change of staffing, got dropped. We picked it up this past year and started over with the use of GPS and lots of other technology. It is probably best that we waited since the finished project will now be far better.

Dog Bylaw update

I have mentioned this in many reports also, but we have now finally gotten to a place that I believe it will be acceptable to Quadra, tailored to Quadra needs and not just another "urban bylaw". The issue came to our last meeting on Thursday and the Board gave direction to proceed with setting up a service. This is step one. It only establishes that we may have the service. Then the actual bylaw will come forward with all the details for everyone to see.

Staff have been very accommodating in bringing this back time and time again each time that I have told them that this is not what we need on Quadra. I think they have finally got it!

Budget and Work Plan for 2016/17 (and beyond)

We passed these two items at the Board. So that means our budget et al is adopted prior to the deadline of March 31st. This was an incredible amount of work and took many meetings outside off the regular Board and Committee meetings to deal with the details.

I did everything in my power, as I always do, to keep our tax requisition as low as possible while still trying to provide the services that you ask for. There was a slight increase due to a number of issues, but I am not even going to try and translate that into how it will effect your tax bill, since the "translation" is never correct. So let's wait and see.

Our community needs are growing every year and we have to somehow pay for that increase. We now have staff that are much more tuned into applying for Grants from other sources than taxes, so hopefully that will help out.

Chief Administration Officer hiring (CAO)

As I have mentioned in past reports, I have been on the Select Committee for CAO Recruitment. After about a dozen meetings and many calls and emails, non-stop, we have a new CAO. His name is Dave Leitch and he started on March 1st and I have met with him many times since then to help him understand our communities and our needs, and by jove, I think he's got it!

I asked him to come to our Public Hearing on March 17th at Surge Narrows so that he could meet people from all of the outer islands. It was a good experience for him and we had about 60 people show up at Surge Narrows, so it was very representative. That is a huge number for a hearing in the outer islands.



Find for Spring Cleaning!Image: Construction of the systemImage: Construction of the system<t

Q. Cove Sewer expansion

I am just going to slip in a brief word here on this ongoing issue. Now that we have our new CAO in place and he is completely conversant with what needs to be done to make this happen (did I mention he is also an engineer!?) and now that our grant is being re-looked at, we are getting very close to moving ahead. I am soooo pleased to finally get on with this and Dave is savvy on issues of this type, so I am forever hopeful!

Surge Narrows Public Hearing

This hearing was about an application on North Rendezvous Island. Since the Board will not deal with the issue until April 28th for disposition of the application, we, as Directors, cannot receive any information about the application until after that time. So, I can't tell you a lot other than it happened and was well attended. As soon as we have dealt with it I will totally fill you in.

Pay Parking at Hospitals

I have mentioned my efforts to stop this stupid plan in previous reports and all I will say here is that the movement is gathering momentum province wide and I will continue to oppose it for the sake of our patients and the staff that work at the hospitals. I hope that all of you will take a minute to write the Minister of Health to lodge your disgust with this money grab.

Monstrosity on Back Road

I am not sure how many of you have seen the "renovation" that the Ministry of Transportation has done at the intersection of Cape Mudge RD. and Joyce Rd., but if you have not, please have a look! The problem that was conveyed to Highways and Emcon via the Safety Council and myself was about poor visibility to the south on Cape Mudge Rd. when entering from Joyce Rd. All that needed to be done was remove one tree and clear some low brush. (a few hours work) The solution that the engineers came up with was, let's move the stop sign out farther into the roadway and then put in three six feet long bright yellow, and two four foot long "no-Post" barriers (you know, those massive concrete barriers?) to now protect the sign post!!! The barriers narrowed Joyce Road so much that two cars did not fit on the road and one would drive right up the barrier if they tried to use the road at the same time.

I called and arranged for the Area Manager of the Ministry of Transportation to meet with me immediately after this installation. (She is very good to work with). She came up and we spent a long, on-site visit, having a "chat" about the stupidity of this "solution". She even tried to drive it and found it was impossible, so graciously agreed that they needed to do something. The "something" that their "rule book" gives is still stupid! So I have asked her to please go back to Engineering and see if we can start over. The local woodlot owner had kindly offered to take down the one tree blocking the view. Emcon has offered to do all the clearing of the brush !

Federal help with coastal issues

I have a conference call arranged for 2:30 tomorrow, March 29th, with MP's from this coast who have influence in Ottawa to deal with a number of issues. First of all is the bad decision to give BCFS \$51million as "waiver of tariffs" for ships to be built off shore! This will not translate into lower fares. We will also be talking about the closure plans by CCG for the Comox Radio and Traffic Centre scheduled for March 31st. I am hoping that this plan can be stopped cold! The other station at Tofino (Ucluelet) needs to be reopened (already been closed) as was demonstrated by events around the tragic sinking of the Leviathan whale watching vessel in October. The continuing staffing of our Lightstations is also on the agenda. We have a written confirmation from the previous Federal government that staff will remain on the Lights and I want the same from this government. All it takes is a simple letter of reaffirmation. To say I am nervous would be an understatement with so much riding on this call. I'll let you know how it goes!

Miscellaneous meetings, etc.

I will meet with the Quadra Island Conservancy tomorrow night to get further ideas regarding a recreation area around Morte Lake and the surrounding area. The Board has accepted this investigation as part of this year's work plan!

Interspersed throughout the month there will be more Board and Committee meetings and some meetings of the Comox Valley Regional District and the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District. Some I will need to miss some of these due to the other meetings out of town. I have already arranged for my able Alternate Director to attend in my place and he will represent you well.

I will be attending the Nuyumbalees Art Auction on April 2nd to help them raise funds for the Cultural Centre that we are so lucky to have on this island. I hope to see you there. Great food, entertainment and fabulous art. Right after I return from the meeting with Minister Stone, I will then travel to Nanaimo for the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for three days of intensive meetings, workshops, presentations and networking. The work that comes out of our resolutions sessions will then be passed on to UBCM and the government.

I return home and re-pack for my annual UBCM "Advocacy Days" meeting of the Executive in Victoria where we will meet with up to 20 Ministers and many more staff as an entire Executive of UBCM. This is where we put on the "full court press" to get what we need for Local Govt. We meet all day and evening for three days straight. Exhausting but necessary if we want to get anything done!

On April 25th and 26th I will be attending the Marine Area Planning Partnership Implementation meeting in Campbell River. As you know, I have been the Board appointee on this Provincial / First Nations initiative for the past four years, along with stakeholders from all other interests. This is now entering the implementation stage, where "the rubber hits the road". How will this effect our communities and what will it mean for each of us? There will be ads up soon about the meeting.

Then there is another Board meeting on April 28th. It really never ends. I also will be dealing with all of your emails and phone calls and posting a number of times per day on FaceBook, mostly regarding ferries. If you have not visited my site, please do, because I post the most up to date media and related information on the ongoing battle with government and with BCFS. This all effects you and your life on the islands, so have a look. (address below)

Ok.. That is it. I have run out of day! Feel free to contact me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends or holidays, 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

DI ARTS REPORT • by Dom Fetherston

Gary Falck: Ceramics



hen I visited Gary Falck, he was involved in preparing ceramics for the upcoming Artist's Studio Tour and was happy to answer my questions about his craft. Ceramics include any pots, tableware and other artifacts created from clay and hardened by heat. Gary creates functional and decorative stoneware and raku.

Prior to creating a work, Gary looks to nature for inspiration. He pulls ideas from the ocean, sea life, driftwood and kelp, and from vegetation in his own garden. He sometimes uses leaves and other natural stuff to imprint on clay prior to further handling. He showed me a piece of weathered wood he had used to provide a natural texture on a stoneware platter he created recently.

Gary works with fresh clay and uses a wide variety of tools and techniques to inscribe decorative patterns and embellishments, and to form the clay into the desired shape. He hand builds his work rather than producing objects created on a pottery wheel. Three of the most common techniques of creating hand built ceramics are pinchpot, coiling and slab methods.

Fresh moist clay is rolled out with a rolling pin or a large slab roller. Sometimes Gary uses a wooden spoon to stretch the clay. Another technique involves throwing the clay onto a horizontal surface to flatten it. He has a small handheld roller wheel with replaceable heads that provide an array of different patterns. He also utilizes rubber stamps, sticks, mallets, spoons, forks, nuts and bolts, Lego pieces, seashells, pine cones, as well as cutting, cleaning and carving tools. Both the tool and it's angle determine the design imprinted. Often old dishes, and recyclable plastic containers on which clay is draped, provide molds that assist in forming the clay into the desired shape.

After decorating and manipulating the clay into the desired appearance, Gary bisque-fires the objects in a kiln set to about 455C (850°F). The bisque firing process produces a white ceramic with a matte appearance and texture. The purpose of bisque firing is to remove moisture from the clay in order to work with a product that is hard enough that it can be held and glazed without bending or breaking. To make raku, Gary uses a propane kiln while his stoneware is produced in an electric kiln.

Stoneware is strong opaque ceramic which is fired at a high temperature and renders a nonporous product. It is usually baked at temperatures from 1180C to 1280 C (2156°F to 2336°F). In contrast, raku involves firing items at a lower temperature ranging from 800C to 1000C (1470°F to 1830 °F). Temperature has huge influence on color. After the final "glaze firing" of the bisque ware, raku pieces are very carefully transferred to and covered in a container in which a nest of combustible materials ignite and smoke, producing colors and patterns. Gary explained that

each of the two types of ceramics require different types of clays and glazes depending on the intent of the artist. He glazes stoneware with the relatively easy processes of pouring, dipping, and/or painting. Raku is a much more labor intensive practice that involves hours of meticulous brushwork to apply glazes around and within his elaborate carved and imprinted designs. However, raku is more quickly gratifying than stoneware. After placing it in the combustible container, raku can be removed 30-40 minutes later, whereas stoneware can take days to cool. The final products are impressive and beautiful.

This year will be Gary's third year showing with the Quadra Island Studio Tour which provides a great opportunity to view his art. Be sure not to miss seeing this artist's superb work!

Dom Fetherston -Discovery Islander Arts Editor



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'She Could Be Trouble' Heads To Campbell River Art Gallery April 23 For Intimate Concert



Musicians Tracy Riley, Brodie Dawson and Christy Vanden of She Could Be Trouble.

She Could Be Trouble,

a dynamic trio of musicians blending blues, gospel, folk and funk, will be performing a concert at the Campbell River Art Gallery Saturday, April 23.

These three women's original songs and luscious harmonies have been captivating audiences around BC, and the Campbell River Art Gallery is thrilled they'll be performing in the Main Gallery for local music lovers to enjoy. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available now at the Gallery. Hurry and get your ticket today – only 80 are available for this intimate show!

The band features three hugely talented musicians: Brodie Dawson, Tracy Riley and Christy Vanden. Dawson, who was named Vocalist of the Year at the 20145 Vancouver Island Music Awards, has proven that breaking many of the established rules of the music industry and staying true to her own style works. Her latest single release, All This Time, has had an overwhelming response and was nominated for Best Roots/Folk Recording of the Year at the 2015 Vancouver Island Music Awards – a tribute to her passionate songwriting and gorgeous voice.

Riley is a multi-talented musician who plays acoustic guitar, harmonica, bass and percussion. She is a powerful presence, captivating audiences across North America for years with her soulful voice and off-grid humour. Performing on radio, at festivals or in concert halls, Riley has kept company with some of best, including k.d. lang, Connie Kaldor, Odetta and Ellen McIlwaine.

At only 21 years old, Vanden brings her own style of playing to the tradition of the Fender Stratocaster electric guitar. A guitar player since the age of seven, she can hit you with her powerful electric or charm you with her beautiful acoustic picking. Her performance at the 2014 Sunfest Country Music Festival main stage to a crowd of 30,000 was pure magic.

Mark your calendars and head to the Campbell River Art Gallery to get your tickets today. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 12 pm to 5 pm.

She Could Be Trouble performs at 7:30 pm Saturday, April 23, with doors open at 7 pm.

Yoga

Wake up your body and get centered. This is a vinyasa style class, which means we will begin with a series of standing, heat building postures (about 45 mins), then move to the ground for some longer held, cooling and calming postures. 5-10 minutes of deep relaxation included at the end of practice. All levels welcome. Sundays (last class May 1) 10:30-12:00 at KA Yoga studio, 767c Smith road (follow the sign to the very back!). \$15.

For more info, contact Kate at movewithkate. ca or 250-203-6850.

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Theatre Quadra - Play Readings for Fall 2016

Theatre Quadra is considering plays for its Fall 2016 production. The selection process continues with public readings of a number of scripts that have been put forth as candidates. Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute their voices to the chorus:

• Wednesday, April 20 7-9 p.m.at the Bay View Room, Heriot Bay Inn

• Wednesday, April 27 7-9 pm. at the Bay View Room, Heriot Bay Inn

Members of Theatre Quadra (\$5 cheep) present at each reading will be asked which of the plays they prefer. The Steering Committee will make a final choice of the production no later than the end of May, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact theatrequadra@ gmail.com or phone Allen Perkins at 285-2302 or Trudi Richter at 285-2008.

Quadra Island Seniors

B.C O.A.P.O -- Branch 91

We have had great weather for Easter. Our gardening is underway. Plans have been made for opening our Tourist Booth in May.

We had a great time visiting Cumberland for the North Island O.A.P. Regional meeting, our members all won interesting prizes. We listened to music and stories about mining days. Our last meeting was with the Saint Patrick's Day Theme and we sang songs about Ireland. We enjoyed a delicious Pot Luck with Irish Stew, Boston Baked Beans, Salads, meatballs ,corn chips, and delicious desserts.

Our next meeting will be at Heriot Bay Inn on April 19th where we will be treated to a delicious luncheon. To our members, please contact Daphne @ 3842 if you are planning to attend. For membership please contact Lois @3061 for transportation call Ruth @3801 or cell 250-895-9188.

Apply for Local Scholarship

Quadra Legion Ladies Auxiliary is accepting applications for the

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From veterans descendants entering postsecondary education. An award will be based on academic & citizenship criteria. First year students. Mail to box 129, Heriot Bay, BC VOP 1H0

Application closes May 31

Take Time for 'TAKE 10' - Quadra's Festival of Short Plays

Coming to an island near you this May is Theatre Quadra's fabulous festival of short plays: 'TAKE 10'.

This 2nd annual theatrical extravaganza marks the springtime blossoming of Quadra Island's cultural scene. It will be a fun-filled four days of diminutive dramas, showcasing thirteen plays in total. The festival will include performances for audiences of all inclinations:

• Thursday, May 12: Dinner & Drama (3 yummy courses + 3 funny plays!)

Heriot Bay Inn - doors at 6:00

• Friday, May 13 & Saturday, May 14: Adult Amusement (from first dates to final rites!) Six pocket-sized theatrical gems at the Quadra Community Centre - doors at 6:30

• Sunday, May 15: Family Friendly (fun for kids and grownups alike!)

Three plays, puppets, storyteller and music at the Tsa Kwa Luten Lodge - doors at 1:30

But let's dial it back a bit. How did Quadra become such an entertaining island? The lively arts on the lively isle have deep roots back to the heyday of the Quadra Players, during the 70s, 80s and 90s. Following those dramatic decades there was a brief hiatus, until a sudden resurgence with the very popular production of 'Mama Mia' in 2010.

Building on the renewed energy in community theatre, Theatre Quadra was officially formed in 2011 with a mandate to entertain the island, provide creative outlets and promote theatrical involvement for anyone and everyone, from on-stage to behind-the-scenes.

In recent years, Theatre Quadra has mounted eye-popping pantomimes, madcap musicals, thought-provoking one- and two-act plays and intriguing partnership productions. But something's been missing... the short form! So, Darcy Mitchell and Doni Laird (the



festival's intrepid organizers) were inspired to unleash a passel of pintsized plays in last year's spring season.

That 2015 inaugural 'TAKE 10' festival was such a huge hit, that it has now become an annual event aimed at engaging islanders and enticing visitors. What a terrific way to kick off the tourism season and share the benefits with local businesses and tourist outlets.

As Co-chair of the Theatre Quadra Steering Committee, Linda Lolacher observes, "Theatre Quadra is excited to see that 'TAKE 10' is attracting a wide variety of enthusiastic volunteers to participate as actors, scriptwriters and backstage talents, which is exactly what we encourage and promote. We are creating four entertaining days that will bring out the considerable talents we have on Quadra, and we're confident the event will be embraced by our local audience and will delight our visiting vacationers."

The 2016 festival includes offerings from prize-winning published writers and outstanding Quadra playwrights. The plays average ten minutes in length, offering a veritable smorgasbord of theatrical snacks. The slate of directors includes stage veterans and eager upstarts, all of them inspired and enthusiastic. And the performers range from 6 to 65 – ingénues to island idols.

Among the many stellar actors on Quadra, the island is particularly proud of its youngsters. Doni Laird has made it her mission to motivate and stimulate Quadra's youth in theatrical workshops and performances. Now she's taking the next step, along with awesomelytalented Kate Pokrandt, to coordinate a family-friendly, kid-inclusive production on Sunday afternoon of the festival.

Doni says, "Workshopping and performing drama allows children to explore creative possibilities, express themselves, interact with others and take ownership and pride in the productions they put on. They grow in the process and we gain in the community." Look for a fabulous family show at Tsa Kwa Luten Lodge on May 15.

The second annual 'TAKE 10' festival promises fun for everyone, so come out to indulge in the drama, escape in the entertainment, and support the island arts scene! Tickets for all events will be available by April 15 at:

Quadra Island: Inspirations, Works of H'Art, Heriot Bay Inn (exclusively for Dinner Theatre on May 12)

Campbell River: The Music Plant

Online: Tidemark Theatre

Enjoy excellent community theatre on Quadra Island in May... ten minutes at a time!



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Island Theatre Kids

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Spring session begins April 16 and goes until June 18.

Island Theatre Kids will run every Saturday for 10 weeks, from 10:00am-1:00pm. \$275 per child (1/2 Price for Siblings) Ages 6-11.

Now offering classes for Early Stages: from 1:10 – 2:00pm. \$90 per child (discounts available for additional siblings). ages 3 – 5

You can register by contacting the Quadra Community Centre: 250 285-3243

*Contact Kate to inquire about full or partial scholarships.

Tip-top Chimneysweep It's that time of year Gabe Aston 204-5228

The War on Rats

Further to Philip Stone's rats feature on the front page of the previous Discovery Islander a month ago here are a few more points. Yes, the removal of feral cats from Quadra is one reason that rats have increased their numbers here. However, our native birds benefitted greatly by the cats removal and other factors influence rat numbers. Other factors are: (1) global warming is making winters warmer, thus life is easier for rats. (2) the past year has seen a drop in eagle numbers along the west coast: eagles eat rats. Hawks and owls too prey on rats and maybe their numbers are down too. (3)There is more food for rats as the island's human population rises.

Most people flinch instinctively, primordially, when they unexpectedly confront a snake, a large spider, or a rat as all of these can be deadly to us. Humans have always been at war with rats. It is a war against a parasite which robs humans of millions of tons of food annually, spreads diseases, and befouls our living spaces.

Rats indirectly wiped out one third of humanity in just four years, between 1347 and 1351, during The Plague, by carrying the plague-infected flea onto ships and spreading it throughout cities around the world. Rats transmit diseases and they bite humans and pets. A rat bite usually requires antibiotic treatment and in previous times could be deadly. Prehistoric humans realized the value in domesticating cats and dogs to keep rats away from themselves and from their food stores. As technology advanced we developed rodent traps which can do the job of dogs and cats. Using a variety of controls is often the best strategy.

Trapping rats is a useful survival skill and a useful housekeeping and propertymanagement skill to learn; and by eradicating rats we help to keep our environment birdfriendly, reptile friendly, insect-friendly, and human-friendly; as rats will prey on virtually everything that moves and eat virtually every growing plant.

If rats colonize your home they can then spread to neighbouring homes. If you suspect that your rats have come from a neighbour's property you should let the neighbour know and request some action from him/her against the rats. If this does not work The Health Department can be called in. It pays to work with your neighbours when dealing with rat problems.

Rats are attracted to chicken coops, and to human homes where there are warmth, dryness, and food. There is some merit in trying to rat-proof your home, but other methods such as traps, poison, or a cat are usually always needed also. A concrete bunker with a tight steel door would be about the only rat-proof building.

When rats invade our space we must either destroy them, or become refugees and abandon our homes to the rats. Take action as soon as you hear or see the first signs of rats in your home or on your property and do not let them establish themselves there.

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World Rhythms this April brought to you by Quadra Singers and Friends

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"In these times where many people are uprooted from their homelands and welcomed to new communities such as ours, it is wonderful to give tribute to those who seek refuge from strife," says choir director Linda Cannon. "We look forward to welcoming our family, friends and neighbours to an evening of music that brings global traditions and cultures that encompass our tiny planet."

The concert will showcase the talent of Quadra singers and musicians performing traditional songs from Brazil, Jamaica, Wales, Nigeria, South Africa, Pakistan, New Zealand and Hawaii.

Guest performers include Quadra Folk Dancers and Drumming by Claudia Raaen

Mark your calendar for World Rhythms, 7 p.m., Saturday, April 30th at the Quadra Community Centre. Pay at the door: adults \$12, youth (to 12 years) \$5. Free for children under five. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and there will be treats at the intermission!

Learn more about Quadra Singers on the choir's Facebook page. Or contact the choir by email (quadrasingers@gmail.com) or telephone (250-285-2393).

Quadra Literacy News

TELLING TALES is a digital photo story workshop for seniors where you will learn how to create a personal story using photographs and text.

We use a program compatible with iPads. You can bring your own or borrow an iPad mini from Quadra Literacy for the duration of your project. A series of three sessions, over a two-week period, will help you develop your ideas and create a project that you can share with family and friends.

Workshops will be offered in late April and again in May depending on interest. Days and times will be determined by participants and room availability at the Community Centre.

This project is funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors. For information on these workshops contact Robin @250 285 3185 or email robin.quadraliteracy@ gmail.com



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By fax – 250-285-2532

Or by email to desk@ capemudgeresort.bc.ca

No calls please

The closing date for this posting is April 8, 2016.



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Tsa Kwa Luten Lodge is accepting resumes for seasonal work for bussers, dishwashers, servers, cooks, housekeepers, front desk clerk.

Please send resume with cover letter for attention of Manager of Human Resources by email to desk@capemudgeresort.bc.ca or fax 250-285-2532.

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