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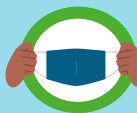
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Complete the provided recipe card and return to the one of the drop boxes located at Inspirations, Heriot Bay Tru Value plaza outside Works of H'Art, and the Children's Centre

Please have all submissions in by November 30th 2020

Quadra PAC Fundraisers

The Quadra Elementary PAC would normally be gearing up for our annual bottle drive however, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to this year. Fortunately the Heriot Bay Tru Value Bottle Depot is currently accepting bottle donations for the PAC. Once you have sorted your returns just let them know you would like to donate. Appointments can be made by calling Heriot Bay Tru Value at 250-285-2436. We appreciate your support!!

We would also like to announce that Quadra PAC will be presenting a new fundraiser in January!! Delivery in time for Valentine's Day! Order some yummy local chocolates from LB Sweets and/or specialty cheeses from Natural Pastures Cheese in Courtney! Keep your eyes out for our advertising early January!!

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Take care,

Jamie Swanson

Quadra PAC

Online Christmas Market

Thank you Quadra for you fabulous support to local artisans this holiday season! Without the regular Christmas markets we are really grateful to you for seeking us out through the online market and Solace Artists Outlet. Keep it coming!

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Photo courtesy of James Smith

Christmas Shopping at Solace in the Cove!

We are all disappointed that there will be no Christmas Craft Fair this year but, if you are looking for beautiful reasonably priced gifts for Christmas, Solace is currently open 7 days a week from 10 am – 4 pm. After December 1, we will be open until 6 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday until Christmas. You can find this wonderful shop next door to Amped on Nutrition and it is an artist collective with every artist volunteering their time to run the shop. There is a large variety of handcrafted items created locally by 21 artists. You can choose from a great selection of jewellery, cards, soap, garden hangers, Christmas ornaments, photographs, alcohol ink art, fused glass, metal works, dream catchers, paper ballerinas and fairies, crocheted items, hand sewn items, children's books, chocolates, original paintings, prints and giclees, buttons, etched glasses, belts and buckles, as well as African baskets and more. No credit cards please but most artists accept cash, local cheques and e-transfers.

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We welcome items for publica-
tion on subjects of interest to the
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Here are a few guidelines:

- **300 words** is an ideal length for
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- **Please use the title** of your item
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7pm Monday, January 4
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Friday, January 8, 2021

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Island Shopping

In an effort to help islanders shop
locally some artists are opening
their studios over the holiday
season.

Many of you may be familiar with
Ann McLean's poetry.

Her studio at 779 Piddock Road
will be open from 10 am - 4 pm
daily.

Most of Ann's art features Quadra
themes.

Her poetry which is published
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At The Legion!

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wonderful holiday! We greatly
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Her heartfelt Thank You to All.



Quadra Island Outdoor Club Latest Status

The Outdoor Club has gone
dormant following Dr. Henry's
increased pandemic restrictions
on Nov 19th. Complying with
her limitations on gatherings
and socializing, even outside,
we have suspended all outings
until January 8th at the earliest.
We certainly regret that this is
necessary. However, we are all
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Thanks to everyone who has supported our initiative by purchasing water storage tanks. Our goal is to raise awareness of the universal need to save water. We offer 250 gallon containers at an affordable price to help meet that need. It feels like we have more than enough water this time of year, yet we have had wells run dry in recent summers. Saving the water that runs off our roofs into containers can supplement the water available to us during the dry times. For more information about collecting rain water, *Essentials of Rainwater Harvesting* by Rob Avis, is available at Book Bonanza. There are, also, many You Tube videos on the topic. We have found homes on Quadra and Read Islands for 43 food grade tanks that have metal frames and include an attachment for a hose connection. We currently have 7 water tanks left on Quadra for sale. Buy one now and pick it up or we can store it for you until Spring. Spring is the busy time for our supplier, so we would like to beat the crowds and get our order in early. Please order yours now. We won't ask for payment until we get the delivery date. Payment can be by e-transfer, check or cash. The current price is \$200/tank. If we order before Spring, we can keep that low price. To buy a tank now or order one for Spring, contact Jude McCormick at 250-285-2302 or dunnjudy@hotmail.com Thanks for your support and your help in saving water! Thanks, Jude McCormick

Dear Editor

Please include this plea for kindness in your next issue: A great divide is happening. The propaganda machine is working overtime on *all* sides of this global happening. The way through this is together as a community, regardless of what is or is not on your face. Masks are now mandated. Perhaps we can stop the passive-aggressive FaceBook guilt trips, the childish name calling and the gross exaggeration of what a handful of, generally island bound, long time Quadra residents who don't want to wear masks will do to our island and health.

There is unfortunately, a high probability that COVID will be diagnosed on the island, even with mask use, as there are too many moving parts to control, (ie: people working, shopping etc...). Not listening to each other and further mocking and name calling will only make some travel farther away for necessities. Lessening both island safety and much needed profits for our small business.

Kindness, acceptance and patience are what will truly get us through. Let us all do what this island has been so good at in the past and enjoy the eccentrics! Protect those with a different point of view as we all want them to do for us. Perhaps we lead by example? We're *all* members of this fantastic community that were never going to agree [sic] on any one thing excepting that we got it right to choose Quadra and Quadrites as our friends and neighbours.

Respectfully submitted
Enthusiastic Quadrite

2020 Retrospect

The New Year dawned, it was twenty twenty,
A new beginning in a world of plenty.
We welcomed the future with hope for tomorrow,
We could not know it would bring such sorrow.
The Ides of March brought Corona's plague,
The early news was slow and vague.
With the speed of lightening the virus spread,
There was hardly time to count the dead.
Around the planet it infected all nations
it altered the course of our human relations.
While science searched for a cure or the cause
The life we once knew was put on pause
Our economies faltered our future on hold
While the curse of covid took a toll on the old.
We washed and wore masks and kept our distance
Isolating ourselves in respectful coexistence.
In town and country communities locked down,
In order to stem a pandemic meltdown.
Confined to our homes in our family bubble
Was the only way to stay out of trouble.
By summer the numbers began to drop
We let down our guard, we partied and shopped.
Soon a second wave swept around the world
As Corona's ferocious fury unfurled.
Our leaders struggled, in search of solutions,
Was this virus man made or is it evolution?
As the year twenty twenty nears it's end
This global pandemic we must transcend.
Our world will change, may it be for the best
With peace, health and wisdom may we all be blessed.
- Ann McLean

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The seats may be empty at the Heriot Bay Inn on Christmas Day but we will fill our belly's with the wonderful tastes of the season.

Close your eyes and savour the flavour with memories of Christmas past and future.

The Inn's complimentary Community Merry Christmas dinner will be take-home this year, prepared lovingly by the HBI cohort volunteers headed up by our Sous Chef Richard Vilus. Donations are welcome from any and all who are inclined.

Happiest of New years to everyone, cheers to new beginnings! We are forever grateful to live and work in this amazing supportive community, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Please phone the Inn to preorder your Christmas Dinner:

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Pick up times will be assigned.

If you know someone in your neighbourhood who would need dinner picked up please help them out and ride share with their turkey dinner.

If you are unable to pick up let us know we'll make sure someone gets it to you. (south of Hope Springs Road and working on if further areas if needed)



HBI Christmas Dinner 2016



HBI Christmas Dinner 2013



Eileen Sowerby playing Christmas Carols

Photos: Buffy Bye



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Seasonal Deer Hunting Hits Too Close to Home

Island residents that say trespassing and gunfire near their private properties have raised safety concerns.

By Shauna Lewis

“We are hearing gunshots that seem too close for comfort and, with an increasing number of younger families with children moving into the area, we are especially concerned,” said Bold Point resident, Lucretia Schanfarber.

Schanfarber says the gunfire is mostly heard during the day but says she has also heard shots at night. She suspects hunters are crossing hers and neighbouring private properties to get to the crown land in the area. Recently, Schanfarber was approached while walking the road near Village Bay Lake. She says a pick-up truck moved up beside her and a man leaned out to asked her for directions to the Campbell River ferry. Afterward Schanfarber says the truck continued to follow her awhile until driving away.

“They were dressed in hunting fatigue. There was a real sense of unease. To see strangers, especially during Covid...I don’t even get that close to my neighbours,” she said, adding that the number of off-island hunters visiting the island this year who aren’t familiar with the areas is “cause for concern.”

Jake Etzkorn understands the frustration. As Schanfarber’s neighbour, Etzkorn has also heard gunfire within a few hundred meters from his home.

“It’s disconcerting to have people firing off rifles that close to the house,” he says. “I’d like people, if they are hunting in the area, to know that there are private properties and public trails that people might be using.”

Etzkorn says he is concerned for his young children who enjoy walking the area trails and woods behind his home and adds he that while he is aware that hunters must obtain a license and take training courses, the rules around hunters and land familiarity don’t seem clear to some.

But BC Conservation officers says hunting regulations are carefully outlined and it is the hunter’s responsibility to abide by them. Firearms are not to be unloaded 100 meters from buildings or livestock.

“The onus is on the hunter. They’re supposed to educate themselves,” says Gordon Gudbranson, conservation officer for Northern Vancouver Island. “It’s their responsibility to do their research on where to hunt,” he explained.



Bold Point resident, Jake Etzkorn and son, Aedon, stand beside one of the few ‘No Hunting/Trespassing’ signs in the area. Etzkorn says he plans to erect more signs on and around his property. Photo credit : Jake Etzkorn

Gudbranson says that regional hunting zones are stated online in the Province of BC’s Hunting & Trapping Regulations Synopsis. Further he says hunters can access apps for their phones that help determine regional hunting zones and maps.

Gudbranson suggests landowners post ‘private property’ signs to help educate hunters. He says if steps are in place and hunters continue to disobey regulations then landowners can file charges under the Trespassing Act, the Wildlife Act, and if need be, the Criminal Code of Canada.

“There are different pieces of legislature that, if unfollowed [sic], law enforcement can take place,” he assured.

Meanwhile Etzkorn says he has contacted the RCMP regarding the issue.

Cpl. Sean Bulford, Quadra Island RCMP detachment commander, says he has been in communication with conservation and confirms the 100 meter firearm discharge regulation near buildings and livestock. However, he also agrees the permitted distance is too close.

“One hundred meters isn’t very far. It doesn’t make anyone feel safer. It makes people feel vulnerable,” he said.

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Annual report for the Ashram in North India

This year \$8,444 was raised to help children at the Arya Sugandh Sansthan ashram in Uttar Pradesh, India. As there were no markets on Quadra or Cortes raising money has been slower this year; however, there was a kind donation from a will.

I was unable to send money for six months because the ashram was quarantined and the police brought food to them. My friend Kuldip and his wife who live there say that everyone is coping well - just that there is a shortage of fresh fruit and vegetables. I am, now, able to send money for fresh fruit and vegs., and new clothes and repairing the boys' dormitory.

The ashram was started to help children with physical paralysis from polio. Fortunately, there has been no epidemic for 7 yrs; the ashram now has about 50% mentally challenged children -most of them ineducable. Kuldip tells me that since the children are getting better looked after at the ashram they are doing better socially. Other than being in lockdown they have not been affected by Covid.

If you would like more information please contact me. I hope sometime next year that we will have our farmers' markets back.

Eileen Sowerby 285 2434

Seasonal Gratitude

Quadra Elementary School would like to thank the following members of our community who have helped us to make the Holiday Season extra special for some of our students and their families. This allowed us to provide those families with food hampers, gift cards for groceries, and full Christmas dinners. This generosity is appreciated by all of us here at Quadra School and has made a positive difference in a time when many things are not too cheery.

A great thank you goes to:

Quadra Fire Department
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That unease has given way to more calls from Island residents to law enforcement, Cpl. Bulford confirms. He says twenty-eight complaints regarding hunting gunfire have been called into the RCMP detachment this year. "It's one of the more common calls we get," he says.

Jim Abram, Strathcona Regional District Director and Island resident, says hunters are getting off far too easily when they disobey regulations.

"If hunters know the rules and are breaking them then it's up to police to bust them and give them a fine and not just a warning" he says. "Warnings do diddly squat but when a ticket costs more than the deer costs then that counts," he added.

Abram says the south end of the Island, between Cape Mudge village area and the lighthouse, has been active with rifle gunfire for years. The south area, which only permits shotgun use with pellets and cross bow hunting, has a high powered rifle ban.

"There's a number of concerns," Abram explains. "There's hunting out of season, hunting after dark (pitlamping), hunting in close proximity to residences and the use of high powered rifles in

banned areas, but a lot of guys are still using slugs," he says.

"There should be no discharge of a firearm in populated areas period," Abram adds, while also questioning the skill of hunters in the area after witnessing injured deer he's seen on his property.

"The fact that someone can't shoot the broad side of a barn means they shouldn't be hunting," he says.

For now Bold point residents say they will obtain 'No Hunting' and 'No Trespassing / Private Property' signs in the hope that hunters take heed of private lands and respect their safety.

"It's concerning," says Schanfarber. "This is not just some hillbilly backwater where you can show up and shoot your gun," she says.

Residents are encouraged to call the local Quadra Island RCMP detachment and regional conservation officers if they hear gunfire close to their homes or witness disobedience to wildlife regulations.

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Well, it is that time of year again! Holiday Season. From my family to yours, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a much better New Year!

This has been a difficult one and probably the first any of us have experienced with restrictions on being with family from outside of our homes, but I hope everyone realizes the seriousness of this pandemic that we are facing and that extreme measures may be warranted for the safety of all. It will certainly be a sacrifice for our family and I am sure for yours also.

I hope that everyone will cope as best as they can and follow the guidance of the Public Health Officer. It is short term (although at an unfortunate time) and we will get through it and have next year to get back to normal ! (If we do the right things this year).



Christmas time is always a time for reflection for me and I think back to my own childhood and the magic of the Christmases that my parents could provide. They were modest but always remembered as the best and my current family does its best to continue on with those special traditions. Our kids appreciate it even though they are adults with kids of their own (our grandkids). And the traditions continue.

No matter what one's faith, this time of year is magical for all of us. It is the celebration of the winter season and we enjoy

things like warm drinks by a fire and possibly a snow man in the yard. For some, the exchange of gifts and the joy of giving. It should be a year round practice but in our society we seem to set aside this time of year for these traditions.

I am sure we will all make the best of it and enjoy our loved ones who are at home with us. If we are all good about how we behave, we may be able to get back to more visits with more people sooner than we think. Let's hope so. So once again, Merry Christmas to all.!

Issues

I am only going to make a list (and it's not for Santa!) of the many projects that continue to come up daily, even during this holiday season. I am working on them all, daily and will continue into the new year

Cell coverage and Internet (various proposals) are coming to town. I cannot give the details yet due to confidentiality orders, but I can say that we are talking about prior to October of 2021.

The interesting part will come when cell towers are proposed under one of the proposals in a number of neighbourhoods. They will require rezoning and Public Hearings, so you will get a say. I am sure the health vs. convenience will once again be the issue discussed the most. We'll see!

The Shellinck proposal will be coming forward in the near future and will need to go to public hearing. It is such a serious issue from the comments that I have been receiving that I am thinking that we will need to wait until we can have an in person public hearing rather than virtual. More on that in the new year.

This Friday is the deadline for the senior Governments to make their decision to renew or not renew the 18 farm licenses in the

Discovery Islands based on the Cohen Commission Report that the existence of these farms be reviewed in 2020.

The IPP issue in Bute and Toba Inlet is close to a decision point by the Provincial Govt. I have lobbied every person known to have any influence in this issue. The NDP were adamantly opposed in the last round of application in 2011 and numerous Ministers have assured me that this will not go through, yet their staff are not so sure. So, we will see. There have been massive landslides and flooding in the Bute drainage in the past two days and this alone should show that the area is unsuitable for industrial development.

A new Bylaw enforcement officer has been hired and starts this week. We'll see how that goes as we have a number of outstanding files on Quadra.

Senior's Housing... I don't need to say much on this one as it was adequately covered by the Society in the last issue of the DI "Tis the time when people call me often regarding **Highways issues**. I suggest your first point of contact is Eric at Mainroad on Quadra. Next in line would be Ashley Cousens at the Ministry in Courtenay Ashley.Cousens@gov.bc.ca She is our manager

There has been lots of chatter on Facebook lately suggesting that the **SRD zoning is stifling development of housing** in the Cove. We just completed a simple two lot subdivision on Nole Road, on the sewer. No fuss, no muss! It went through without problem. This confirms my comments to some on Facebook that it is not SRD Zoning that is the problem but that people are not stepping up to the plate and actually developing the housing needed! That has to come from them, not the SRD.

Recently I began working on opposition to a massive 373,000 cubic yard **disposal site**

application for contaminated waste that is being barged up from Squamish. It is at Sarah Point on the Mainland at the entry to Desolation Sound. The public is livid and I am writing letters to the appropriate Minister and officials and keeping in touch with the Chair at the Powell River (quachet) RD and their Board. It is on our Area C boundary.

This will be my last Report for this year. Thanks to all of you for all of the support you have given me over the past year. It has been one heck of a year especially with the pandemic added in. Thank you! I really appreciate it and hope that my back will be further healed in the next six months. I really want to get back outside doing some "real" work! For the time being, while I am recovering from my injury, please email me rather than the other choices. After that, feel free to contact me between the hours of 9am and 4pm, 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... You can read occasional updates on issues that I will post on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JimAbram, but please do not use this medium as a way to communicate regarding SRD business. 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!

Emails and phone messages received over the weekend or on holidays will (hopefully!) be returned promptly on the next regular work day

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Abram, Director, Discovery Islands-Mainland inlets, Area C, SRD

Forest Classroom at Quadra Elementary School

You may have noticed that a white pavilion tent has popped up in the school forest adjacent to Anderson Rd. This is part of a forest classroom initiative at the school led by teacher, Sheldon Etheridge. Here is a summary of how the Quadra Forest Classroom came to be. In August of 2020, School District 72 announced that all elementary schools would have an EHUB or distributed education program (learning from home with support from a teacher) available for families who are concerned about COVID19 in schools. As a result of strong parent lobbying, our local Quadra EHUB class was given the mandate to have interaction days outside with a strong focus on nature-based and outdoor education. It became clear that if our program was to be successful throughout the wet season, we were going to need a shelter. We explored everything from tarps to permanent covered spaces and researched what other schools around the world were doing. In a wonderful moment of serendipity, a member of the PAC found out that Jim Thieven was selling his party tent business. Our PAC connected with Jim and they purchased a 20' X 20' tent complete with walls to keep out the nasty Southeasters.

Outdoor classrooms have been increasingly featured in schoolyards around the world. Learning outdoors has many benefits and a brief study of the literature proves that the benefits are more than

just anecdotal. Research has shown an overall increase in student achievement when students learn in and about nature. Research into learning outside suggests that a greater range of children's intelligences are utilized when engaged in a natural setting. Many researchers attribute these positive learning outcomes to the increased relevance and hands-on experience of learning outdoors.

The importance of place-based learning in our schools is now more important than ever. Outdoor experiences help students increase their understanding of their natural and human communities which leads to a sense of place. Through connection to place, students develop an ethic of stewardship towards both their home and global communities. Our survival depends on student's intimate knowledge of what sustains us. Sir David Attenborough suggests that our biggest hope may lie with the concept of re-wilding or ecosystem restoration. Our forest classroom initiative proposes that parts of the school yard be restored into a more natural state. Starting with the areas adjacent to the forest classroom, we are planning to pull invasive species and plant indigenous ones in their place. Indigenous or native hedgerows can be planted along the ditch beside the field to provide habitat for birds, insects, amphibians and small mammals. We have proposed that a nearly permanent wet area of the upper field close to the forest classroom be converted to a small wetland. Not only would this wetland provide ecological services (habitat, water retention) but would also provide an amazing living

laboratory for our students. We are hoping to work with the BC Wildlife Federation Wetlands Institute school wetland project team to make this happen.

It is my opinion that the intersection of place-based education and indigenous ways of knowing is one of the most important aspects of the outdoor classroom movement. If we are to authentically engage with the Laichwiltach, Klahoose, and K'omoks First Nations upon

whose territories we educate our children, we need to do more than simply acknowledge their traditional territory. We must embed their languages, their cultures and their ways of knowing deeply into our educational system. Place-based education in conjunction with outdoor education can lay a foundation for learning the traditional knowledge and wisdom of the original peoples of this place. Our survival might just depend on it.

Special thanks to Tara Taylor, Bryce Young, Ramona Aston, Deb Cowper, the Quadra PAC, Stewart and Nguyet Smith and all the Quadra Ehub parents for their advocacy and support for this initiative. I would also like to thank Jim and Rhonda Thieven for their help in setting up the tent.

Please contact Sheldon Etheridge for more information on how to get involved with this initiative.

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-Sheldon Etheridge



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Changing the Guard at the HBI

Amidst the quiet hustle of this unique festive season something rather big is happening at the Heriot Bay Inn: a shift in management is underway. Lois Taylor has adroitly led the "old girl" for 12 years now, through seasonal fluctuations and teapot-tempests, all with a calm and measured hand. Lois's enthusiasm and vision for the Inn, along with the 26 "Community Custodian-Shareholders", have provided the Inn a stable footing and set it on a successful path.

The shareholders didn't have to look far to find someone else with passion for the Inn and its success: Christi Edwards, currently the HBI's Food and Beverage Manager is stepping in to the General Manager's role as of January 1, 2021. Christi, looking to 2021 and her new role, said "this Covid era is a distinct opportunity; we must develop in new ways and directions that have yet to be dreamt".



As Lois prepares to step back (but not entirely away, she promises!) she said of this shift: "sometimes when there are large changes in our lives there is a sense of uncertainty, for me there is no uncertainty about this transition, it is the right time. For my trust and faith in Christi there is no uncertainty, it is the right time. And for the staff, guests, and community it is the right time for new energy and future dreams." "Cheers to the Future!", from Lois, Christi, the staff and custodian-shareholders of the Heriot Bay Inn.

Last Word for 2020

Well it's been a heck of a year but we made it through. Here's to a positive 2021. As we turn the page on 2020 I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to all the DI's contributors, advertisers and the readership. Thank you for the ongoing support, keeping our local press rolling and our community informed, engaged and connected. A special shout out to Chris Thompson for literally keeping the press turning. Cheers to one and all. - Philip Stone



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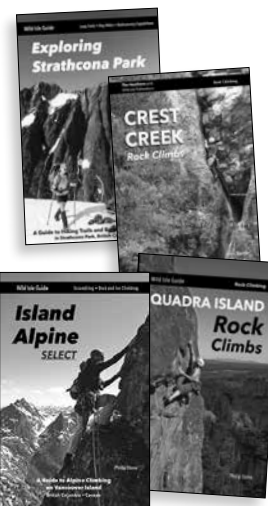
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