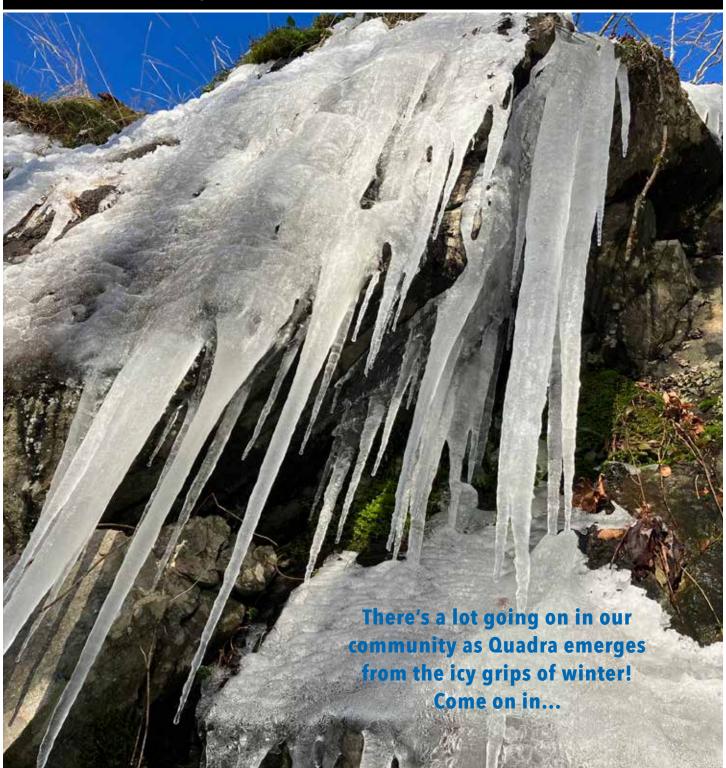
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NEWS & EVENTS

International Women's Day

THEATREWORKS CENTRE for Performing Arts is proud to present 'A Generation of Women' on International Women's Day March 8 at the Abbey Studio in Cumberland (as well as on March 9 at the Legion on Quadra Island).

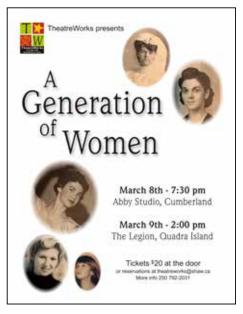
The International Women's Day theme for 2025 is "For ALL women and girls: Rights, Equality, Empowerment."

Theatreworks, under the artistic direction of Kymme Patrick, tells the humorous and insightful stories of five generations of women who

helped shape our community with their dreams.

Patrick, a well known actor, writer, and director, has written this one-woman show to celebrate and honour women who fought for justice, fairness and equality. It is a fitting tribute to International Women's Day.

'A Generation of Women' is a factbased historical look at the coal mining town of Cumberland in 1910, the docks of Comox in the 1920's,



Campbell River logging in the 1930's, and into modern times. Patrick plays five interesting characters to tell the stories of our local history and contributions of women. This is a proud story of strength and resilience.

Showtimes are March 8, 2pm matinee and 7:30pm at the Abbey Studio in Cumberland; and on March 9, 2pm at the Legion on Quadra Island. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Reservations are recommended, at theatreworks@shaw.ca. For more information call 250 792 2031.





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ISLAND CALENDAR

DAY TO DAY

Friday, February 21

• Friday Flicks presents: Goodrich, 7:45 QCC, doors @ 7:30, details pg 4

Saturday, February 22

• At The Legion: Dinner by Wild Rose, and bingo. Details pg 4

Sunday, February 23

• Way to Go meeting, QCC Room 3, 3 to 4:30pm, details pg 4

Tuesday, February 25

• Co-op Curious Learners & U of Q: We Are In This Together, 7pm HBI Pub

Sunday, March 2

• Death Education Fair, QCC, 1 to 4pm, details pg 6

Monday, March 3

• First Fire Hall Chat 6:30 to 8pm, at Fire Hall #2, 1515 West Road. See pg 14

Friday, March 7

• Friday Flicks presents: Queens, 7:45 QCC, doors @ 7:30, details pg 4

Sunday, March 9

- A Generation of Women, The Legion, 2pm, tickets \$20 at the door, see pg 15
- Poetry in the Afternoon, Heron's Dining Room, 2 to 4pm, doors at 1pm. By donation

Monday, March 10

• QI Garden Club presents Growing Winter Vegetables, 7 to 9pm, QCC. See pg 16 Saturday, March 15

- Harry Manx at the HBI Herons! Doors @ 6, show 7:30-9:30. See ad pg 5
- Montreal Guitar Trio 7:30pm at QCC, tickets \$20 / \$25 at door. See pg 16

REGULARS

Sundays

• Meditation Group: Quadra Children's Centre, 10am

Mondays

- Pickleball, at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 10am-noon
- Badminton at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 7:30pm

Monday & Friday nights

• Open AA meeting, at Cape Mudge United Church, 7:30–8:30pm

Wednesdays

- Pickleball, at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 6-8pm
- Poker Night: Quadra Legion 7:30pm

Thursdays

- Pickleball, at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 6-7:30pm
- Badminton at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 7:30pm
- Shakespeare Discussion Group QCC Room 2

Saturdays

• Meat Draw: Quadra Legion 5 to 6:30pm



WHAT'S ON AT QCC



Jump into the action at the Quadra Community Centre! Come down, get involved and be part of YOUR community!

WHAT'S HAPPENING at QCC February 21 to March 7

THIS WEEKEND: February 21 to 23

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 10 Spinners & Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecovery quadra@gmail.com; 6 Chi Gong with Kai; 7:45 Friday Flicks Presents: Goodrich

SATURDAY: 10 Tai Chi with Nicki SUNDAY: 3 Way To Go

THIS WEEK: February 24 to 28

MONDAY: 8:30 am Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Yoga with Susan Bishop; 1 Jewelry Making (Quadra Circle); 1 Sing for Pure JOY; 2:30 Caregivers Support Group; 2:45 Afterschool Yoga with Anita; 5:30 lyengar Yoga; 7 Photo Club TUESDAY: 9 Quadra Quilters Sewing Bee; 2:30 Kids Afterschool Sports with Dave (Intro to handball); 2:45 Sewing Crafts for Kids; 5 Circuit Training with Nicki; 5 Hatha Flow with Trinity; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 11 Art in Nature for Homeschoolers; 12 noon Community Kitchen Lunch; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong; 4 Kids Afterschool Sports with Dave (Intermediate basketball); 5:45 Warm Flow Yoga with Elizabeth

THURSDAY: 10 Parents and Tots Dance with Kate; 10 Pelvic Floor Training (Quadra Circle); 12 Shakespeare Study Group; 3 Art in Nature with Elke; 5 Core Strength with Nicki; 6 Beginners Dance with Heidi; 6 Drop-in Floor Hockey for Kids (Quadra School Gym); 7 Drop-in Floor Hockey for Adults (Quadra School Gym); 6:30 Quadra Singers

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NEXT WEEKEND: March 1 & 2

SATURDAY: 10 Tai Chi with Nicki: 12 noon ICAN Celebration Event

SUNDAY: 1 Way to Go - Death Education Fair

NEXT WEEK: March 3 to 7

MONDAY: 8:30 am Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Yoga with Susan Bishop; 1 Sing for Pure JOY; 2:45 Afterschool Yoga with Anita; 5:30 Iyengar Yoga with Dood; 7 Strathcona Gardens General Petition Meeting

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For further info phone 250-285-3243. OR go to our website and to our Recreation Guide tab to view the guide: www.quadrarec.bc.ca OR navigate to our new REC DESK calendar to see what's happening each day, (click on each activity in the calendar to expand its details): https://quadrarec.recdesk.com/Community/Calendar

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We welcome items for publication on subjects of interest to the Discovery Islands community.

- 250-300 words is a good length for community announcements.
- Send articles in the body of an email.
- Canadian spelling please: centre, colour, jewellery etc...
- Please use the title of your item in the email subject line.
- Remember to **include credits and captions** for photos & artwork.

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NEXT DEADLINE

7pm Monday, March 3 for publication on Friday, March 7, 2025

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Invite to First Fire Hall Chat

WE INVITE YOU to attend our first of two informational open houses on Monday, March 3rd from 6:30 to 8pm, at Fire Hall #2 at 1515 West Road in Heriot Bay. Please drop by to see the conceptual plans for replacement Fire Hall #2 and speak with fire department members and trustees.

At The Legion

THURSDAY FEB 20 8pm Cortes Rocks with guests Vanessa Marshak, The Broadfork Band, Secret Emcky, Hank Pine, J-Bird & Sweet D, Carolyn Mark, Kitty & The Rooster, Ailish D. This is going to be a fabulous night of music! \$15 obo

SATURDAY FEB 22 YELLOW ROSE is bopping across the parking lot to the Legion and cooking dinner. Choice between brisket or gourmet grilled cheese sandwich!

SATURDAY FEB 22 BINGO! Proceeds this month are going to the Wounded Warriors program! The Vancouver Island group is running from Port Hardy starting Saturday February 22 and arriving at the Campbell River Legion on Tuesday February 25 at 5pm. If you would like to come support and cheer them on for the last leg of the race that ends in Victoria, come join us.

FRIDAY FEB 28 8PM LIVE MUSIC! Details coming soon.

SUNDAY MARCH 9 THEATREWORKS with Kymme Patrick presents *A Generation of Women.* See article on p??????

We could use help with organizing events, activities and other things around the Legion! If you would like to help out, please let us know

QI Outdoor Club

WE CONTINUE to have very diverse outings in the schedule. Here are our upcoming trips:

24 FEB, MONDAY Hike a Shellaligan Loop
3 MAR, MONDAY Snowshoeing at Mt Washington
12 MAR, WEDNESDAY Kayak to Open Bay and Breton Islands
21-24 MARCH, FRIDAY Multi-day hiking from Powell River

The details about Club outings are available at www.qioutdoorclub. org/schedule-fall-winter-2024-25/ FTo learn more about the Outdoor Club visit www.qioutdoorclub.org/ or email qioutdoorclub@gmail.com

Open AA Meetings

Monday and Friday nights, 7:30 to 8:30pm at Cape Mudge United Church at 29 Tekya, Cape Mudge. Everyone Welcome!

Way to Go

JOIN US on Sunday, February 23 from 3 to 4:30 pm, QCC Room 3, for a time of sharing, presentation on MAiD by Dr. Hughes, discussion, and business. Bring \$2 for rental.

Info or zoom link at <way2go. ca>, or 285-3298.

Upcoming events: Death Education Fair March 2 from 1 to 4 pm, regular meetings March 17 and April 14.

Friday Flicks

FEBRUARY 21, GOODRICH

(USA). Andy Goodrich's (Michael Keaton) life is upended when his wife and the mother of their nine-year-old twins enters a 90-day rehab program, leaving him on his own with their young kids. Thrust into the world of modern parenthood, Goodrich leans on his daughter from his first marriage, Grace (Mila Kunis), as he ultimately evolves into the father Grace never had.

MARCH 7, QUEENS (Switzerland, Peru, Spain) Everything happens very fast in Lima in the summer of 1992, Lucia, Aurora, and their mother Elena are about to leave. They are apprehensive about saying goodbye to a country, to family and friends, but above all to Carlos, a father and ex-husband who has all but disappeared from their lives. In the midst of Peru's social and political chaos, their departure gives rise to contradictory feelings, reviving old regrets and generating new illusions. Reinas is an intense and moving tale of initiation, in the spirit of the '90s.



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Poets Read for QI Fundraiser

SPRING IS just around the corner and the newly formed Quadra Island Land Trust Society is pleased to announce their first fundraising event Poetry in the Afternoon on Sunday March 9 from 2 to 4pm in Heron's dining room, Heriot Bay Inn.

Quadra Island poets include Julie Douglas, Carol Gall, Rena Patrick, Chris Thomson and Ann McLean. Stay tuned for more poets and other details.

Coffee and tea are provided and a special menu from the HBI kitchen will be available. Herons dining room opens at 1 PM. Seating is limited so arrive early or reserve a spot by calling the HBI 250 285-3322.

Admission is by donation with door prizes. There is a poets table where folks can meet the poets and purchase their publications. The Heriot Bay Inn is cohosting the event.

The goal of the Quadra Island Land Trust Society (QILTS) is to acquire properties and create public land trusts for the benefit of current and future generations of Quadra Islanders

"We hope to secure properties either through purchase or donation for such purposes as affordable housing, agriculture and green space and to provide education and other opportunities," said director Cathy Slater. "This is a chance for islanders to enjoy a local poetry event and learn more about land trusts and how they can support our efforts."

QILTS founding board members include Sandy Blackburn, Connie Cooper, Claire Heffernan, Helen OldField, Patricia Reid, Cathy Slater and Lynda Unterthiner.
QILTS is a member of the Land Trust

QILTS is a member of the Land Trust Alliance of BC which oversees over 40 land trust organizations across BC.

For more information please contact event organizer Claire Heffernan Call/text 250 880-0791 email islandhome2015@gmail.com

Calling all Quadra Artists

2025 QUADRA ISLAND WEEKEND STUDIO TOUR JUNE 7TH AND 8TH

Your 2025 Quadra Island Studio Tour Committee is hard at work in planning and organization of this June's annual Studio Tour. We are expecting new artists in new media to participate this year both in their studios and at the Community Centre. Artists are reminded to submit their applications to participate in the annual Weekend Studio Tour and/or the Year-Round Open Studios by February 28th, 2025. First-Time Studio Tour Artists can apply for a Fee Waiver for the Weekend Studio Tour. Two Fee-Waivers will be awarded this year! Artists without studios can apply to exhibit at the QI Community Centre. Pick up and drop off applications at Inspirations in Q Cove or email: syung@ catalysus.com to receive and submit your application online. Questions: Contact Sylvia Yung at 778.288.8693 or the email above.



Quadra Recreation Welcomes its New Executive Director!

IT IS WITH excitement that the Quadra Island Recreation Society (QIRS) Board of Directors welcomes Jane West into the role of Executive Director. Jane has worked at the Quadra Community Centre and for the QIRS in the role of Recreation Program Coordinator for the past five years. Jane is a truly charismatic leader, bringing her own sparkle and easy



smile to all her interactions at the Community Centre. Jane has demonstrated her leadership and collaboration through organizing

summer recreation and vibrant events such as May Day, Halloween Fun Night, and the Quadra Craft Fair. Jane is truly dedicated to Quadra Island volunteers and community care, and the QIRS is privileged to welcome her as our Executive Director. Thank you, Jane, for stepping into this role.

Adrienne Mann, QIRS President

Your Submissions to the DI are Welcome!

We especially appreciate submissions to be sent by email to: news @discoveryislands.ca



dinner show in Herons

Two course

Saturday March 15

Doors open: 6:00pm Show: 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Sunday March 16

Doors open: 5:00pm Show: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Tickets: \$49 show only | Reserve your seats, call 250.285.3322



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Recreation Program Co-Ordinator

THE QUADRA ISLAND RECREATION SOCIETY is seeking a dynamic,

society is seeking a dynamic, detail-oriented, community focused professional who can provide comprehensive support to the Executive Director. Position includes planning and development of youth programs and community projects, managing administrative tasks, facility management, community outreach and volunteer recruitment. The successful applicant has a dedication and passion to building community through recreation.

25-30 HOURS PER WEEK.

TO VIEW FULL JOB DESCRIPTION

please go to the link on the Quadra Community Centre Website: www. quadrarec.bc.ca "Employment Opportunity."

APPLICATION PROCESS: Interested candidates should submit a résumé and cover letter outlining their qualifications and professional references to info@quadrarec.bc.ca on or before March 7, 2025.

Editor's note: The above ad did not run in the print edition due to an error. We apologize for any inconvenience.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Death Education Fair March 2, QCC

COME JOIN US for the Death Education Fair on March 2nd, from 1 to 4pm in the QCC. Drop



by anytime and stay as long as you like. This welcoming event offers a warm and friendly opportunity to learn about aging, dying, death, and grief while you have the

cognitive and emotional capacity to do so.

Most of us would like to age in place, die in our own homes surrounded by loved ones, and leave this earth in the kindest way possible. Yet, in Western culture, this is often not the reality. We meticulously plan for things like buying appliances or organizing vacations, but we shy away from planning for death, fearing it will cast a shadow over our lives. By not taking the time to prepare, we unintentionally accept the prevailing cultural norms, unaware of alternatives that might offer a healthier, more compassionate, eco-friendly path.

Reena Lazar from Willow EOL shares this: Here's something remarkable we've discovered after facilitating hundreds of endof-life conversations: while death is inevitable, many of our deepest fears about dying are not. In fact, many of the scenarios that keep people up at night can be prevented or managed—if we're willing to face them.

Most of us know this. We know we should plan. We know we should prepare. Yet we don't. We put it off, push it away, promise ourselves we'll do it "someday." Even when we understand the consequences. Even when we've seen others suffer from lack of preparation.

Why? Because thinking about death feels overwhelming. Because we don't know where to start. Because some of the tasks don't interest us. Because it seems like there will always be more time.

Until there isn't.

The Fair will feature informational tables covering topics such as estate and personal planning, community-led death care, natural burial, caskets and shrouds, Threshold Choir, hospice, grief and loss, MAiD, and more. Attendees are encouraged to browse at their own pace, ask questions, and engage with knowledgeable members of their own community who can offer guidance and insight.

You are invited to bring a picture or memento to place on the 'In Remembrance' table. In this way, you can acknowledge your grief for those you miss, and show your gratitude for how their lives have touched yours.

In the Green Room, relax in the Death Café and engage in guided conversation while enjoying tea and cookies.

In the Yoga Room, we'll have four scheduled 20-minute presentations on: Compassionate Communities, Estate and Personal Planning, Community-Led Death Care, and the Quadra Island Cemetery.

Come discover that learning about death isn't morbid or depressing—it's empowering. Gaining knowledge, exploring alternative approaches, and acknowledging death is part of life can lighten your heart and sweeten your days

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NOTICE TO REMOVE PRIVATE LAND FROM WOODLOT LICENCE W0042

Please be advised that Forever Wood Ltd. is proposing to remove 28.3ha of private land from Woodlot Licence W0042 located on the southern end of Ouadra Island.

Legal description: District Lot 125B, Sayward District, Plan VIP25183 Written Inquiries/comments to this proposal must be submitted to Ron Mecredy, RFT, at 252 Berne rd, Campbell River BC, V9W 6G9 by April 7, 2025.

Only written inquiries received by the above date will be responded to.

Information about this proposal can be obtained by contacting Ron Mecredy RFT, by email at ron@bcwasteandfibre.ca

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello!

Every day our daylight is expanding, and winter is melting away in the rearview mirror. When we raise our eyes and scan about, we see the state of the world is quite something: tariff uncertainties affecting employment in our region, repeated threats to Canada's sovereignty, and a continued news blackout on Facebook, where many folks gather and share. Despite these dark clouds, there is good happening here at home!

It warms my heart that there is a newly formed Quadra Island Land Trust, started by Quadra Islanders recognizing a community need and the future benefits which a land trust will bring to our island community. Big gratitude to the folks doing the work to get this off the ground. It is also heartwarming to see islanders exploring and learning about the benefits of co-ops. I'm intrigued to see how these explorations may evolve: there are so many options, from groceries, to growing, and even housing.

GRANITE BAY ROADBUILDING

There is a section of Granite Bay forest containing a number of pre-wildfire old/veteran trees, forest which has not previously been logged. This area, labelled Block 12-651 by Mosaic Forest Management, had been slated for roadbuilding in February 2025, to be followed by logging.

Because of the U.S. threatening to impose additional tariffs on Canada, Mosaic has reduced their road construction plans for several operating areas and as a result, road construction in 12-651 will not occur during February as originally scheduled. This info came to me through recent conversation with Mosaic foresters. When this might be back on the work plan has not yet been shared with me: I'll let you know if/when I learn more.

FOREST PRACTICES BOARD REPORT, SRD FOLLOW-UP

In October I submitted the Forest Practices Board report to the SRD Board asking the Board to write to the Province, seeking a remedy to the FPB findings. The Board referred the report to the First Nations Relations Committee (FNRC).

In February the FNRC received news that Chief Chickite invited the Committee to meet with the We Wai Kai Nation at its Treaty Boardroom to discuss this matter. I'm very grateful for the invitation to discuss Quadra forestry with the We Wai Kai Nation — forestry is a provincial issue where the role of local government reps is largely advocacy, and landscape level planning is a discussion which Nations engage in with the Province. I'm looking forward to learning through this forestry dialogue with Chief Chickite.



FOREST PRACTICES BOARD REPORT: MOSAIC FOLLOW-UP

Following the Forest Practices Board 'Management of Old Forests on Quadra Island' report, Mosaic has drafted an amended strategy to address the FPB's recommendations. There is Public Notice posted seeking public feedback on the nonspatial amendment they are proposing; "the amended strategy will describe how the full target amount of old forest will be achieved in the Quadra Landscape Unit". You can read the Public Notice and book a time to view the amendment at this link: https://bit.ly/4hHm7Xx

OUTER ISLANDS "FOREST NUTRIENT PROGRAM"

A heads up for Sonora, Hardwicke, West Thurlow and East Thurlow Islands. The February 19 Board agenda includes correspondence regarding a Forest Nutrient Management Treatment planned to occur March-April 2025 on these islands.

Funded through BC's Forest Investment Program, "The primary objective is to sequester carbon dioxide (CO2) as a means of mitigating climate change. The application of fertilizer will increase the amount of available nutrients, which will improve tree growth and storage of atmospheric carbon, allowing trees to store up to 55 tonnes of carbon per hectare over a 10-year period. A secondary objective is to improve timber volumes and value for future harvesting". "The increase in volume can be up to 30 cubic meters per hectare in a 10-year period".

The plans for this project have been shared with and approved by local First Nations, forest licensees, and the Ministry of Forests. The fertilizer being used is granular urea. Signage will be posted on roads to inform the public of any safety hazards or delays.

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Until next time, Respectfully, Director Robyn Mawhinney

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SOUTH QUADRA ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Notice of Alternative Approval Process Heriot Bay Fire Hall #2 Construction Project

The Trustees of the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District are seeking the approval of the property owners in the District through an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to adopt a loan authorization bylaw. The purpose of the bylaw is to borrow funds for construction of a new Fire Hall #2 for the Quadra Island Fire Department on property owned by the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District at 1525 West Road in Heriot Bay.

The South Quadra Island Fire Protection District proposes to borrow funds from RBC for construction and to convert that borrowing to a loan through the BC Surveyor of Taxes when the new Fire Hall is completed. The amount to be borrowed is up to \$2.9 million. The estimated yearly cost of the borrowing to each property is \$23.50 per \$100,000 of assessed property value, to be paid through taxation, and the term of the loan will be up to 20 years.

The new Fire Hall #2 in Heriot Bay will replace the current hall, which was built in 1970 on leased property. When construction is complete, the Quadra Island Fire Department will have a Fire Hall in Heriot Bay that is compliant with current building codes and meets the needs of a modern Fire Department serving a growing population (currently numbering approximately 2,700).

The Trustees of the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District will commit to borrowing the money through the adoption of "Hall #2 Construction Borrowing Bylaw" unless by Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 12:00 midnight at least 10 per cent (167) of the eligible voters in the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District indicate their opposition to the borrowing by signing an Owner Response Form. The Alternative Approval Process applies to the entire area within the boundaries of the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District.

For the purpose of conducting this AAP, the number of eligible electors is determined to be 1668. If at least 10% (167) or more electors return signed Owner Response Forms by the deadline, the bylaw cannot be adopted without approval of the landowners through a referendum or a vote at a Special General Meeting

An information package is available at www.qifirehall2.ca and is being mailed to all registered property owners in the District. Starting on February 20, 2025, Owner Response Forms are available between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday to Thursday (unless staff are responding to an emergency) at Fire Hall #1 at 844 Heriot Bay Road in Quathiaski Cove. The form can also be requested via email to Qlreplacementfirehall@gmail.com and downloaded from www.qifirehall2.ca.

The only Owner Response Form that will be accepted by the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District is the one provided by the District, or an accurate copy of the form.

Deadline: Completed and signed Owner Response Forms must be received by the Returning Officer by 12:00 midnight on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Forms may be submitted:

- BY MAIL to J. Winter, PO Box 21082, Duncan RPO Duncan Village, Duncan, BC V9L 0C2 OR
- · BY EMAIL to QuadraAAPresponse@gmail.com.

In accordance with the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District Letters Patent as amended from time to time, you are eligible to submit an Owner Response Form if you are: a Canadian citizen; and, age 18 or older on the day of submission; and, an owner of property in the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District; and, qualified to be registered as a voter in British Columbia; or, the authorized agent of any board or corporation that is an owner of land in the District; or, the legal representative of any owner of land in the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District who has died, become insolvent or is incapacitated and who is qualified to be registered as a voter in British Columbia.

Only those people who own property or are legal representatives of property owners in the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District may submit an Owner Response Form. No person may submit more than one Owner Response Form.

Joanna Winter

Returning Officer, South Quadra Island Fire Protection District



How Much Does it Cost to Put Something in the DI?

This is a question I often receive by email or phone so it's probably overdue to help clarify how the DI works in the actual paper!

Editorial items run free of charge.

That's the service a community paper provides. That includes: news stories, events, thank you's, lost and found notes, essays and press releases from local organizations, etc...

Advertising that is paid space includes: Display advertising like you see to the left, classified ads, legal notices, obituaries, help wanted, etc...

I hope that helps clear things up. As always we prefer to receive material by email, so please send yours to: news@discoveryislands.ca – Editor

At the HBI Pub: U of Q Presents...

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25:

We Are In This Together – Intentional Community Living: Our 20 years of experience in cohousing, with Bernie Amell, 7pm.



THE QUADRA PROJECT

Uninhabitable - Part 2

DAVID WALLACE-WELLS divides his book, The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming, into four sections, each dealing with the effects of a warmer planet on human life. The first, "Cascades", deals with the general notion that every single climate event will trigger a multitude of effects. For human civilization, this will mean a multiplying of stresses all amplifying the seriousness of each other in a "cascade" of complex problems, none of which can be solved without solving all the others. Once problems reach some unspecified level of disruption, they become so interconnected that they overwhelm our ability to address them. This means that we regress rather than progress. And just as progress tends to amplify itself, the same applies to the deconstruction process, until the structure of a civilization is so riddled with dysfunction that it is no longer viable.

In the second section of his book, called "Elements of Chaos", Wallace-Wells explores 12 of them. The themes can usually be identified by the titles:

- "Heat Death"—parts of the planet will be too hot for normal outside work or even for human habitation.
- "Hunger"—rising temperatures and extreme weather will cause increasingly large crop failures.
- "Drowning"—oceans will continue their unstoppable rise, inundating hundreds of coastal cities and crop-growing areas, supplemented by floods from extreme precipitation that will cause inland havoc.
- "Wildfires"—they will become more common, hotter, less predictable, and will accelerate the climate change disaster.
- "Disasters No Longer Natural"—many disasters, previously called "natural", will have to be attributed to human behaviour, with widespread philosophical, psychological and political ramifications.
- "Freshwater Drain"—the 1% of the water on Earth that is fresh and available for human use will become increasingly scarce as populations rise, as agricultural needs expand, and as droughts become more common.
- "Dying Oceans"—acidification and rising water temperature will reduce the ability of oceans to provide food.
- "Unbreathable Air"—in addition to the deleterious effects of particulate air pollution, higher levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide will impair human cognition, and will eventually be deleterious to plant growth.
- "Plagues of Warming"—a warming planet will lure diseases and pests northward, bringing new plagues and parasites to places that were once immune to them.
- "Economic Collapse"—economic security is dependent on social, political and environmental stability, all of which will be stressed by global climate change.
- "Climate Conflict"—environmental, resource and migration stresses will intensify geopolitical tensions and increase the likelihood of internal civil unrest and multinational wars.
- "Systems"—system failure is another term for the "threat multiplier" that will occur when the networks that stabilize and harmonize human interactions begin to fail.

Wallace-Wells calls the third section of his book "The Climate Kaleidoscope", by which he means the ways in which the climate crisis is broken down into such disconnected fragments that we fail to recognize it as an actual crisis. This section of the book is divided into six parts:

- "Storytelling"—we have a long history in our mythology about impending apocalypses, but they are so rendered as fiction that they keep us from recognizing the impending climate crisis as an actual event.
- "Crisis Capitalism"—we have a huge, complicated and demanding economic system that is devouring the very resources that it needs to survive, while denying that this is happening.
- "The Church of Technology"—our worship of technology incorrectly assures us that some invented technology is going to save us from the

same problems that were created by technology.

- "Politics of Consumption"—to consume is to prosper, a strategy that will ultimately destroy our ability to consume.
- "History After Progress"—when our traditional measure of progress is stripped from our sense of history, we will be bewildered by what to do next.
- "Ethics as the End of the World"—various speculative dystopias are considered as people try to understand what remains of an entire civilizational structure that could collapse on itself.

Part four, called "The Anthropic Principle", is based on the scientific reality of our situation and is, in effect, the summary message of the book. Our prospective future, unlike the past, will no longer be based on the vagaries of nature, but on our own decisions. We have become such a dominant influence in determining the behaviour of Earth's key ecosystems that what befalls us and life on our planet will be determined by the course of action or inaction that we choose. The proposed name for this geological epoch, the Anthropocene, is an acknowledgement of this influence and the immeasurable weight of responsibility that it places on us, not only for our own survival as an orderly civilization, but for a continuation of the natural ecologies that have supported and enriched our existence as a species.

We now have the option of controlling our future to an unprecedented extent. We know what we are doing to our planet, we have a fairly clear idea of what the disruptive effects will be, and we understand what we have to do to avoid an unfolding catastrophe. We are already getting an uncomfortable sample of these changes. Some are so firmly established in Earth's ecological systems that they cannot be stopped. As for what happens next, that will be determined by the choices we make now. Ray Grigg, for Sierra Quadra



May 31st & June 1st

West Road and Industrial Way

Oceans Day Beach Clean-Up

"Seas the day, help us keep our beaches clean"

The Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) service and the Quadra Island Beach Clean Dream Team are hosting a beach clean-up event for residents who have collected beach debris.

Volunteer for the weekly Wednesday beach clean-ups and/or for sorting, collecting, and filling the bins with materials collected on May 31st and June 1st. Sign up to get notifications at: quadrabeachclean@gmail.com

All ocean debris will be recycled through the Ocean Legacy recycling depot in Cumberland. CSWM would like to thank its partners for their continued partnership. We look forward to many more years of keeping the Discovery Islands beaches clean.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH







Questions? Call: 250-792-0026

The Danger of Apathy: Why We Must Stay Engaged in Democracy

THIS MOMENT needs us all.

Watching ignorance, constitutional erosion, and hate spread through the US is deeply disturbing. Donald Trump's rhetoric and policies have fueled division, disinformation, and a dangerous erosion of democratic norms (threatening judges?). His reckless stance on climate change threatens the planet's habitability, and similar trends are emerging here in Canada.

Pierre Poilievre's rise in federal politics has sparked concerns about the spread of populist, divisive, and regressive ideas. If we want to stop this regression and build a better, safer, more inclusive world, we need more people to actively engage in democracy. The stakes are too high to sit on the sidelines.

THE COST OF CYNICISM

Frustration with the political system is understandable, but disengagement only strengthens those who thrive on division and apathy. Many of us aren't voting, and democracy asks so much more of us. This disengagement leaves the field wide open for bad actors—both foreign and domestic—who seek to undermine democracy and push harmful agendas.

The solution to apathy and the polycrisis, including climate change, is the same:

inspiring policies, powered and guarded by masses of engaged citizens. We must take action to build a political culture rooted in mutual aid, solidarity, and care for others.

HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- Mobilize across political divides: Support organizations that rise above partisanship to push for collective solutions. Check out Cooperate for Canada, Common Horizon, or Don't Get Played. Demand political coalitions and electoral reform.
- Get involved with a political party: Join a party that aligns (enough) with your values and help shape its policies. Volunteer, support their efforts, and amplify their ambition on pro-social policies. Good people are working in every party—you won't be alone.
- Support community-building policies: Advocate for solutions to systemic issues like inequality, racism, and climate change. Back leaders who listen to diverse voices and work toward inclusive solutions.
- Engage in conversations: Talk to friends, family, and neighbors about the importance of organizing, voting, and staying informed. Share your concerns and hopes for the future, and encourage others to get involved.
- Support candidates: Don't let frustration with party leaders stop you from supporting local candidates who genuinely care and are real humans. Volunteer and donate to help them win.
- Vote: While voting is the least impactful action on this list, it's still essential. Your vote is your voice, and it's one of the tools we have to shape the future.

BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

The rise of dangerous politicians and ideologies is a wake-up call. Democracy is not a spectator sport—it's something we all have to fight for. By staying engaged, we can ensure the future is shaped by those who care about building a better, more inclusive world.

And here's the thing: we need to organize political power anyway to achieve the levels of ambition required for climate safety. It's a win-win.

In our riding, we have a real, sincere, caring candidate with a good chance of beating Poilievre's local dude: North Island–Qathet NDP candidate Tanille Johnston.

IT'S NOT AS BAD AS IT LOOKS

Chris Hatch writes, "46% of Canadians say they're fearful of a Conservative government under Poilievre. Far fewer (35%) are hopeful. And 54% say the Conservatives have 'a hidden agenda they won't reveal until after they win the election."

While the polling looks bad, it's not hopeless. With hard work, enthusiasm, shared goals, and organization, we can stop this country from regressing and get much needed progress.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Members of the Cortes Climate Action Network team are working to inspire action in the lead-up to the federal election. Together, we can train, share the load, and fight for the better world we know is possible. Get in touch if you'd like to join us—we need all of us. Bring a friend. Contact: cortesclimate@proton.me *Max Thaysen*





Creating a Self-Sustaining Economy for Today and the Future

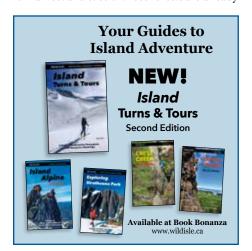
RECENTLY there has been discussion about upcoming forest harvesting plans on Tree Farm Licence 47 on Quadra Island. This area is within the unceded and core territory of the We Wai Kai Nation, who approves all forest management activities on the TFL.

The Nation and Mosaic Forest Management have worked closely to develop a constructive relationship based on the recognition that as title holder, We Wai Kai has the right to ensure that resources on Quadra Island are being managed consistent with their conservation values and their right to benefit economically from resource extraction on their title lands. The Nation's logging company, Way Key, is conducting all harvesting on the TFL on Quadra.

Both We Wai Kai and Mosaic recognize there is interest in future harvesting activities. We also know that Islanders want a map that identifies where the old growth is (as part of a spatially explicit strategy) before harvesting occurs.

Mosaic has committed to supporting this work, however that cannot begin until the Nation and the Province have completed landscape planning. Until then, the current legislation, Non-Spatial Old Growth Order, will be used to identify and maintain areas for old-growth recruitment and retention, as well as monitor progress. Using B.C.'s Landscape Unit Planning Guide, we have identified 10.4% old and mature stands which exceeds the target of 9%.

Current harvesting plans do not impact old forest targets because 37% of the forested area of the Quadra landscape unit is not available for harvest and 89% of those forests are already



mature or old forest. The areas proposed for harvesting are second growth and almost all of the harvest will go to local sawmills; most of which are struggling to survive.

Despite differences in opinions, we can all agree that Quadra Island is beautiful and we want it to remain so for generations to come. We can achieve that by working together, focussing on the facts and respecting the leadership of the We Wai Kai Nation, as stewards of the land, to lead us to a truly

sustainable economy.

To review and comment on Mosaic's amended Forest Stewardship Plan, visit MosaicForests.com/stewardship-plans. *Ronnie Chickite and Jimmie Hodgson*

Ronnie Chickite is Chief Counsellor of the We Wai Kai Nation and Jimmie Hodgson is Acting Vice President, Sustainability and Chief Forester at Mosaic Forest Management, forest manager for TimberWest, the licence holder for TFL

Whose Forest?

IN THE LAST Discovery Islander issue, Eileen Sowerby called #12-651 "Jolie's Forest" but it is *not* an appropriate name. This old growth forest is not mine nor is it anyone's forest, be it the Crown Land Corporates or even the First Peoples. It belongs to ITSELF with its own unique ecosystem of balanced flora and fauna. I am only one of many who advocate for this special place and its wildlife inhabitants who have no voice in the human world.

Traditionally, Quadra Island is the ancestral land of the Coast Salish and later the Laichwiltach People. Quadra Island's We Wai Kai Nation live both here and at the everexpanding Quinsam in Campbell River. The We Wai Kai have proven to be excellent in businesses from a Salmon Fishing Fleet to the Shell, Starbucks and Smoke Signals at Quinsam Crossing and much more. They have a revenue sharing agreement with Mosaic and are contractors for all their logging on Quadra Island. First Nations have resource managed for millennium and kept the balance of nature/ man in check, and hopefully this can continue when they take over portions of TFL #47 on Quadra. Logging is yet another way for their Nation to sustainably look after themselves economically on their Traditional Territory. Chief Ronnie Chickite says it best, "We have the right to benefit in our territory from natural resources."

I am in total agreement with their historical and legal rights to the resources on their land in perpetuity and am not against logging. But... Chief Chickite has never been to #12-651 and seen the towering trees, ancient bog and lakes and its wildlife inhabitants. Forest #12-651 is not just timber, it is a special place, and should be protected as a Wildlife Corridor, Wetland and Watershed! Other members of his Nation are also asking Chief Chickite to look beyond the monetary means of #12-651 and not log it. (Jolie Shea, Granite Bay, Quadra Island)

With permission to share, Jamie Bryant of the We Wai Kai Nation writes: "Dear We Wai Kai Chief and Council, Mosaic Forest Representatives, Quadra Island Representatives, and Paula MacKay: I am a We Wai Kai Member and I do not approve of logging area 12-651. I refuse to call this area a cut block as it holds significant value to me and that value is not monetary.

"When I first moved to my grandmother's traditional territory, I lived just south of Luoma Lake, the lake that is visible from Granite Bay Road as you head north to Granite Bay. For years I explored the territory between the bog and Two Mile Lake amazed by the incredible beauty, stillness, and serenity. This is where I saw my very first, and only, wolf prints in the snow. There were four wolves in the area, with cougar, deer, eagle, and so much more. The space between these two water sources should be preserved for our animal brothers and sisters. These are my family, and as I type to you, my heart aches for I know this territory, and I know the presence of our animal kin. This holds value for our community, both Laichwiltach and non-Indigenous.

"Have you explored this land? I ask as someone who was involved with large cultural cedar exploration with Mosaic and Nanwakolas about seven years ago. I now believe we must know the land, to respect the land, and protect the land. I know this land, so I will do what I must to protect it. It is the same with Granite Bay, which holds significance to our people. To all of you, I want you to consider whether you would like to have human bodies blocking the way to this territory, as I am willing to do this to protect this important eco-system. I know I will have support.

"Chief and Council, please remember your people, our ancestors, and consider what is most valuable to all of us. While you can say it is our unceded territory, it is also the unceded territory of your membership, your ancestors, and animal kin - awi'na'kola - and our job is to care for ALL of them. We must not lose our way.

"**Please, preserve area 12-651.** I thank you for your time." *Jamie Bryant*

Strathcona Gardens

Please place this letter on a public SRD Board Agenda as Correspondence:

WE HAVE OWNED PROPERTY on Quadra Island since 1989, do not reside there full-time, visit often, and have been paying escalating annual property taxes.

The purpose of the email is to voice our strong objection to the inclusion of Quadra Island taxpayers in funding the multiplelayered, multi-million dollar, Strathcona Gardens project. As we understand it, the facility will primarily be used by residents of Campbell River and Electoral Area D. Discovery Islanders (Area C) are not in the primary inclusion area. To propose that Quadra Island property owners are to share in the capital cost defies common sense, is unfair to Quadra Island residents, is unnecessarily harsh for them, and may already have violated or be about to violate the rules of natural justice and possibly the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Quadra Island residents, for the most part, do not use the current facility and are unlikely to be more drawn to a new one. The reasons are many but definitely include ferry costs and time-consuming travel. To affix a hefty tax to help pay for another community's recreation appears to be a misguided approach.

Instead of increasing the taxes for Quadra Island property owners, why not charge extra admission to those who are not Campbell River or Area D residents? There are, in other words, alternate options for the SRD to consider and weigh.

To help us understand the procedure more clearly, can you please inform us in your response of any reliable data showing what

percentage of users of the current facility have been Quadra Island residents? If such data has not been collected then please advise why this has not been done; data of this sort could help to ensure that the process has been, and will continue to be, comprehensive and fair to all concerned.

It is deeply concerning to many that a referendum was not conducted of Quadra Island residents. Surely this would be key to a fair and fully informed process of ascertaining the taxpayer base, as well as need and capacity.

Campbell River and Area D taxpayers should be responsible for paying for their project (or with help from the B.C. Government); no part of the burden ought to be shifted to Quadra

The way the SRD has proceeded to date seems like a steamroller approach, and in our view offends due and democratic process. Brian Bruser and Deborah Bruser

Is Holly the New **Broom?**

HELLO FELLOW ISLANDERS,

Remember how broom took over open spaces? It looks like holly trees are now spreading rapidly in the woods near human habitation. For example, the big vacant property between the Seniors' Housing and the gas station in the Cove is full of young holly trees about 5 ft high.

I know holly is a beautiful Christmas decoration and many of us love it because it looks beautiful too. But...

Holly is considered an invasive here. It is only in the last few years that it seems to be sprouting a lot of seedlings.

The red berries are evidently poisonous but not to birds, which eat them and spread them. Our deer population does not seem to like holly. Too bad!

Even young trees are very hard to pull. Unfortunately the tree does not die when you cut it but creeps along under ground and makes lots of suckers, an unpleasant problem as the leaves are so spiny.

If you live anywhere near a mature holly tree you will find seedlings if you look. Consider pulling them.

Just a heads up,

R. Vogt

Breaking Up with Telus

TO: CRTC, copy to Discovery Islander, CBC Marketplace:

I am totally fed up with Telus.

My reasons: A few weeks ago I wanted something from Telus, I had to wait one hour, listening to elevator music before I could talk to a human.

Today 18 January 2025 I wanted to report that my phone has no dial tone, again I was informed there was a one hour waiting time before I could talk to someone, but I was told they would call me back. Never did!

So later I called back, again I was told there was a one hour wait before I could talk to an agen. I gave up! Is this public service?!

Are you aware that this goes on?

I am sure Telus has some obligation to serve the public for the privilege of making money off the public.

Pal Horvath





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

Opinions expressed herein are those of the authors, not the publisher.

Coexistence with Wildlife on Quadra

LAST SATURDAY Sierra Quadra presented a conversation with biologist Sabina Leader-Mense about her experience with the Cortes Island Wolf Project since 2009. Based on her experience she told us that "we cannot manage wild wolves but we can manage ourselves, by adopting behaviours that do not put wolves at risk." The wolves then take their cues from us and together we effect coexistence. Consistency is the key to success.

Sabina, who lost a dog to wolves in 2009, presented five guideposts for learning to live with wolves on our islands. To keep our wolves wild and ourselves and our animals safe, here's what each of us can do:

1. NEVER FEED WOLVES

It is illegal and completely irresponsible to feed wolves, as this endangers you, your fellow community members – and the wolves!

Take care not to leave meat or seafood scraps out near your home or in your compost pile. Dispose of these responsibly; dig them into a pit or feed them to the crabs.

2. DO NOT FEED DEER OR RACCOONS -

they are prey species of wolves. Food-conditioned deer and raccoons *will* attract wolves to your doorstep and your neighbours. Be responsible to yourself and your community.

3. KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

Haze wolves when you encounter them in a residential area, *ie* near your home, your neighbourhood, the community halls, stores, schools, etc.

Wave your arms to make yourself look bigger, shout loudly and use noisemakers.

Let the wolves know, in no uncertain terms, that they need to respect you and you will not tolerate their presence in this place! Use your most aggressive body language; take on the alpha role.

Take an airhorn and/or bear spray along as an extra precaution when hiking alone off the beaten track or working the beaches at night.

4. KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE

Dogs must be leashed when on walks – unleashed dogs are seen as prey by wolves.

Take an airhorn and/or bear spray along as an extra precaution when walking dogs, as dogs are a magnet for wolves. Wolves view all dogs as a territorial threat.

Ensure all pets are secured overnight in sturdy, predator-proof kennels outside; or keep them inside your house at night.

Keep outside pet-feeding areas clean; never leave uneaten food in them.

Do not take your dogs with you when hiking in natural areas frequented by wolves.

5. PRACTICE GOOD ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Ensure all livestock are secured inside sturdy, fenced enclosures (minimum 6ft high) by day and predator-proof shelters by night. Freeranging livestock are seen as prey by wolves.

If wolves approach livestock during the day, haze them: scare them away, shooting over their heads if necessary.

After butchering livestock, dispose of carcasses responsibly; bury them deeply and ideally well away from residential areas.

As a community, let's work together to consistently follow these guidelines. We must keep our wolves wild in order to live together with them. Please report wolf encounters of concern to the BC Conservation Officer Service at 1 877 952 RAPP (7277).

Michael Mascall

Re: 51st State, eh?

THIS RECENT opinion piece contains a statement that is an affront to all ancient primates throughout early human history. To compare the current assistant president of the United States to the extinct Neanderthal species is extremely harsh, and defamatory to prehistoric humans. Scientists theorize that Neanderthals were actually very intelligent and accomplished creatures, quite unlike that #\$@&%*! in Washington.

Most sincerely, Patrick Foley Plano, Texas

Sending a Photo to the DI?



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1600 x 1200 pixels is a good target







Invite to Fire Hall Chat about the Replacement Fire Hall #2

AS YOU MAY BE AWARE by now, the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District is planning to build a replacement fire hall in Heriot Bay. We will be conducting an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) between February 12th and March 27th, 2025 as we seek to gain approval from property owners in the Fire Protection District to borrow funds to construct a new hall. The window for submitting Owner Response Forms will be February 20th to March 27th. In the meantime we will be communicating with Quadra Islanders in various ways, including regular articles in the DI, in an effort to share valuable information about this project and the AAP process.

In the last issue of the DI we talked about the reasons why Fire Hall #2 needs to be replaced. Today we would like to take a moment to share the different ways we have been working hard to inform the community about our plans to build a replacement fire hall in Heriot Bay and the process that we have chosen to use to ask property owners to approve

the borrowing of funds.

DI Submissions

The Discovery Islander
welcomes written
submissions of interest
to the Discovery Islands
community:
news, events, opinion and
musings are fair game.

Please
keep your item to a
reasonable length:
750 words is
a good target
for longer articles.

In the interests of efficiency and

hygiene please email your text and or photos to: news@discoveryislands.ca We have published several articles so far in the Discovery Islander, beginning with the January 24th issue. We have also been submitting shorter articles to the Bird's Eye. And we have been posting on Facebook on a weekly basis, both on the Quadra Island Fire Department page and on the Quadra Island Corkboard page. All of our articles and posts suggest that people go to our website www.qifirehall2.ca for more information, or contact us directly by phone or email.

To gain approval to borrow the funds for construction, we chose to use the Alternative Approval Process (AAP). This method requires us to post two Public Notices in a local newspaper, each placed one week apart. We have done this by publishing the Notices in Quadra's only weekly newspaper, the Bird's Eye, appearing in the February 12th and 19th issues. We have also published a Notice in Quadra's

biweekly newspaper, the Discovery Islander, which appears in this issue. Further to using print media we have posted Notices in seven public locations around Quadra, including at both Fire Halls.

In order to do our utmost to ensure that property owners are aware of the request for approval to borrow money to build, we have decided to do something that is not required and send detailed information out by mail to all property owners within the District. If you are the owner of property located within the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District, you will be receiving (or have already received) a letter in your mailbox. The letter will provide you with all of the pertinent information about why we need to build and what you need to do if you wish to oppose the request to borrow money to build a replacement fire hall.

HOW DO I OBTAIN AN OWNER RESPONSE FORM?

If you would like to oppose the borrowing of funds by the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District to construct a replacement Fire Hall #2 in Heriot Bay, please submit an Owner Response Form, by email or mail, by the deadline of Thursday, March 27th, at midnight. Forms can be obtained at Fire Hall #1, located at 844 Heriot Bay Road, during business hours (Monday–Thursday 9am–3pm unless on a call). They can also be found on our website www.qifirehall2.ca/documents or requested by an email to QIfirehallreplacement@gmail.com.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

For more information and to sign up for email updates please go to www.qifirehall2.ca. We encourage you to reach out to us if you have any questions, either by email QIfirehallreplacement@gmail.com or by phone 250 285 3262 or using the contact form on www.qifirehall2.ca. We will update the FAQ section of the website as new questions come in. The Trustees of the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District

The Spring Fling, March 22

QUADRA CHILDRENS CENTRE and Society of GRIT are collaborating to bring you 'The Spring Fling', a fundraising event at Quadra Community Centre featuring music from Clanna Morna.

Not just for kids, Frog Man (balloon artist) will be there for added amazement and entertainment! Get ready for a night of fun, dancing, and giving. Doors open at 6:30pm with music starting at 7. Early bird tickets are available at Inspirations and Copper Coast for \$18, or \$20 if purchased at the door. (Teen, senior and family pricing is available at the door.) Stay tuned for more details!

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NEWS & EVENTS

Launch Your Fiction or Nonfiction Writing Project

HAVE YOU got a writing project ready to launch? Or perhaps it's a flagging manuscript that needs a recharge? Margo McLoughlin and Jeanette Taylor will take participants through all the elements of creative writing, from planning to establishing livewire characters and 'scenes.' They'll also share tips for maintaining momentum through to revisions and publication.

The five-part series runs in-person Sunday afternoons in March at the Museum at Campbell River, at \$195, plus GST.

Taylor and McLoughlin have taught writing workshops for five years and both have decades of experience in the field. Their goal is to support and encourage participants to achieve their best, through interactive discussions, writing exercises, readings and homework—with a view to getting your project well underway.

Sign up early because seats are limited, and the instructors will begin to work with registrants before the first class.

The workshop includes information sheets, reading lists and the use of Google Classroom, as a means of sharing work between sessions.

Call the Museum at Campbell River to register at 250-287-3103, Tuesday to Sunday afternoons; or through their website at: crmuseum.ca.

A Generation Of Women

THE PLAY, A Generation Of Women, evolved from a single monologue written twenty-five years ago into a saga spanning a century with five different storytelling descendants. As the writer and performer Theatreworks' Kymme Patrick tells humourous and insightful stories of five generations of women who helped shape our community with their dreams, with obstacles overcome and achievements for women in workplaces formerly dominated by men.

Creating *A Generation Of Women* began with an historic look at women on Vancouver Island, incorporating facts about the mining town of Cumberland in 1910, the docks of Comox in the 1920s, the Campbell River logging activities in the 1930s and a variety of local areas with details that depict the changing times and challenges. Whether Maggie is escaping the coal pits of Wales to journey to a better life in Canada, or Lillian is cooking meals for the loggers while dreaming of faraway places that the steamship travels, or Florence is building airplanes during wartime while pining for romance and peace, or Lulu is having a moment of clarity while enjoying free love and pesticide-free farming life, they each add a colourful thread to the tapestry of women's experience throughout the twentieth century.

"In this play I explore how women have struggled during their times with issues of poverty, prejudice and deadly working conditions. I became fascinated by the changing roles of women and of the working class in the Comox Valley and surrounding area."

Kymme Patrick is a well-known actor, director and writer of dozens of plays, winning awards from Theatre BC in all areas of theatre production. After much deliberation she decided to perform the piece as a one-woman show. "I don't leave the stage between characters," she explains, "because I dress in layers to make quick transitions. A new look, a different voice, I'm ready to go!" Although Patrick has performed A Generation Of Women several times any thought of retiring this piece has been met with another request. "Women like to watch it," she says, "with their mothers, daughters, sisters and friends."

So come out to celebrate the sisterhood of women and bring your mothers, daughters, sisters and all those who love them.



TimberWest Forest Corp. Quadra – Quinsam Forest Stewardship Plan

Mosaic Forest Management (Mosaic), on behalf of TimberWest Forest Corp., North Island Operation, gives notice and invites written comment on a proposed amendment to the approved Quadra-Quinsam Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP). The purpose of this amendment is to update the strategy related to the Order Establishing Provincial Non-Spatial Old Growth Objectives. The amended strategy will describe how the full target amount of old forest will be achieved in the Quadra Landscape Unit.

In accordance with FRPA Section 18 and Forest Planning and Practices Regulation Section 20, the proposed FSP amendment is available for public review and comment for a 60-day period, from February 21, 2025 to April 22, 2025. The proposed FSP amendment may be revised as a result of written comments received during the public review and comment period.

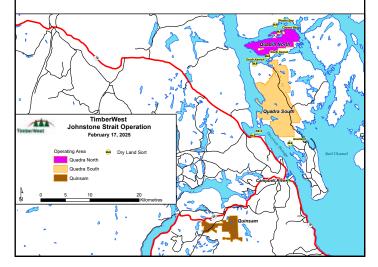
The proposed FSP amendment will be available for review at the following location, dates and time. To ensure a representative from Mosaic is available to discuss the proposed amendment any interested parties should phone in advance to arrange an appointment. If any interested parties are unable to review the proposed FSP amendment during these times, arrangements can be made to view the plan at a time of mutual convenience.

Location	Date	Time
Mosaic Forest Management 4475 N. Island Highway Campbell River, B.C.	February 21, 2025 to April 22, 2025 Weekdays, excluding Holidays	9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 to 4:00 pm

The FSP may be viewed online at the following website: https://www.mosaicforests.com/stewardship-plans

Written comments related to the proposed FSP amendment must be received no later than April 22, 2025. If you wish to make an appointment to discuss the proposed FSP amendment in more detail or provide written comments, please contact or address all comments to:

Jennifer Peschke, RPF Area Forester, Mosaic Forest Management Box 2800 Campbell River, B.C. V9W 5C5 e-mail: jennifer.peschke@mosaicforests.com phone: (250) 716-3722



Montreal Guitar Trio

COME OUT and show your support for high quality live music right here on Quadra Island! No additional ferry costs, no parking issues, wonderful community hall stage, low ticket prices, great desserts, terrific opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbours. What more could you ask for?

Quadra Concerts is presenting the Montreal Guitar Trio on Saturday, March 15 at the QCC starting at 7:30. We are delighted to welcome Sébastien Deshaies, Glenn Lévesque, and Marc Morin to our stage and we hope our Quadra audience will come out to support these wonderful professional musicians who have toured the world. Their performances have taken them from Alaska to Korea, Romania to New Zealand, as well as Los Angeles, London, Frankfurt, Brussels, Tallinn, Brisbane, Christchurch and now they are performing for Quadra Island! Advance tickets for \$20 will be available at Inspirations, Copper Coast and online through Tidemark Theatre. Tickets will be available at the door for \$25. This is truly a concert you don't want to miss.



The Montreal Guitar Trio (MG3) surprises, amazes, exalts, and ignites audiences with their dynamic and breathtaking stage presence. This passionate trio has been sharing their work with fervor for over 25 years. In addition to their three guitars, these multi-instrumentalists also sing and play the

violin, mandolin, bass, accordion and more. Renowned as one of the finest ensembles in the country, the Montreal Guitar Trio (MG3) has been showcasing its virtuosity and captivating stage presence both nationally and internationally for over 25 years. Now, the trio of guitarists is presenting a tribute concert in memory of the great Ennio Morricone. From the beginning of their career, the music of this legendary composer has been a significant part of the trio's repertoire. This special concert dedicated to his memory will also feature special surprises with the unique flair that only the MG3 can offer.



The Quadra Island Garden Club Presents:

Growing Winter Vegetables Under Low Tunnels

With Local Horticulturist Ryan Nassichuk Monday, March 10, 7-9pm at the Quadra Community Centre

VEGETABLE ENTHUSIAST Ryan Nassichuk will present the crops, techniques, timing, and strategies he uses to enjoy fresh vegetables throughout the autumn and winter seasons.

Why are we doing a presentation about winter gardening in March? Ryan says that he finds it helpful to have a plan in place for year round harvests before the sowing of any crops begins in the spring. This is in order to figure out what to start when (it's often earlier than you think for winter crops) and to plan to have vacant garden space available at the right times.

You will learn:

- Some of the food crops that survive and thrive under our winter conditions
- Optimal sowing and transplanting dates
- Materials and techniques used in the construction of simple low tunnels
- Garden planning strategies to allow for year-round harvests and avoid scarcity and excess
- Some of the relationships between latitude, continentality, solar intensity, and crop production possibilities

ABOUT RYAN:

Horticulturist Ryan Nassichuk has spent much of his life in gardens and on farms. He is dedicated to learning and disseminating tools and techniques that encourage joyous and productive vegetable gardens,

orchards, and mushroom patches. In addition to winter vegetables, Ryan is keenly interested in soil mineral balance, fruit production, cover crops, and the outdoor cultivation of edible mushrooms. Ryan works with soils, gardens, and orchards in a variety of capacities, on Quadra Island, elsewhere in BC, and in Hyogo Prefecture,



Japan. In spring and summer, he leads a weekly vegetable gardening course with his long-time collaborator and fellow horticulturist Jessica Hammersmark. His website is www.nassichuk.com.

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Quadra Island Visual Arts Meet & Greet

MORE THAN 40 visual artists (and creatives) came together February 1st at the Community Centre to connect, have great conversations and suggest how the Quadra Island Visual Arts Community should evolve.

At the beginning, we enjoyed a fashion show by a young dress designer-seamstress, then drew continuous-line portraits of each other, with entertaining, enlightening, sometimes hilarious results. Bob Lloyd presented the QIRS Expansion Committee's early ideas for future development of the Community Centre that envisions new facilities for arts activities. He received valuable input from attendees who welcomed the initial proposal.

The event, sponsored by the 2025 Quadra Island Studio Tour Committee, yielded excellent suggestions to develop and maintain connections among artists, to keep the public informed about and invited to our activities, and support artists' efforts to promote and sell their work. Together, those three themes unified what we learned into an emerging vision of the Quadra Island Arts community.

Attendees indicated significant interest in these objectives:

- Artists connecting and communicating more easily with other artists.
- Artists meeting, visiting studios and working together in small groups to learn from one another.
- Developing more opportunities to exhibit their work within the greater community.
- Supporting classes and programs for children.
- Provide more art education in general.

One key suggestion, and a first step, is to generate an 'Online Directory of Quadra Island Artists/Creatives as well as using platforms such as Facebook Groups and Instagram accounts that are broader in scope and separate from Studio Tour events.

Organizing successful Studio Tours is a big job, and we need your help. The committee has lost several experienced members, so we are short-handed. There are many things yet to do for the Weekend Tour and, we would welcome anyone interested in joining the team. For example, a small team could develop and produce an online directory of Quadra Island Artists. If you would like to help make this happen or have any questions, please contact Sylvia Yung at syung@catalysus.com with your contact details and availability.

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Quadra Literacy: Reducing the Digital Divide

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FUNCTIONING in today's world demands a smartphone, tablet or computer, but purchasing or replacing an outdated device can be out of reach for folks on low or fixed incomes. An added challenge for those with aging equipment is that Microsoft will no longer be supporting Windows 10 operating system after October 2025.

Quadra Literacy has partnered with BC Technology for Learning Society to provide refurbished PC laptops and desktops, equipped with Windows 11 and Microsoft Office or Libre, at a cost of \$175 or on a 'pay what you can' basis for low income people.

Quadra Island's branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library and Quadra Circle have excellent services to assist with providing solutions to tech challenges.

In addition to providing laptops and computers, Quadra Literacy will also track applicants' needs for affordable smartphones and tablets, with a plan to source and distribute these devices as well.

The application process will be available soon. For more details, including ways to benefit or contribute, please email Kathie at quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com or call 250-285-3056 between 9 – 2 on weekdays.

Thank you to the Quadra Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and Decoda Literacy Solutions for financial support for this project. *Kathie Landry*

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Strengthening Community Connections 2025 Connect, Belong, Impact!

LAST FEBRUARY, the Quadra Island Foundation brought together local groups and organizations for the first ever "Strengthening Community Connections" event. It was an opportunity to learn about and connect with each other, to share common strengths and challenges, and to discuss ways to work together to combine strengths and address challenges. Attendees reported that they really appreciated the chance to gather and it was a very worthwhile event!

The #1 challenge that emerged was volunteer capacity. For example, groups and organizations were dealing with such issues as aging and health issues of volunteers, trying to attract younger volunteers, lack of time and overwork of current volunteers, and succession planning. For the 85 groups and organizations that we were able to identify, this is not surprising as most of the work is being done by volunteers, spread between a huge number of groups and organizations, on one island!

This year we are convening again for Strengthening Community Connections 2025! And this year we are going to hone in on that challenge and explore what can be done, both as groups and organizations working alone, and more importantly, what we can do by working together, to address challenges related to volunteer capacity.

Our theme is "Connect, Belong, Impact!" Research shows that these are the top three reasons why people volunteer. So let's explore how we can all get better at these three things!

Strengthening Community Connections 2025 will be taking place on Saturday, March 22nd, 10am-2pm at the Quadra Community Centre. Members of existing groups and organizations are welcome to attend, as well as people who are not currently involved but would like to be.

To find out more and to register for the event, go to www. quadraislandfoundation.ca or email: events@quadraislandfoundation.ca. Let's continue the conversation between all of the volunteer groups on Quadra! Let's include everyone who wants to join in!

The Co-op Curious Learners and U of Q Present:

The Co-Housing Model of Community Living with Bernie Amell

Tuesday, February 25th at 7 pm at the HBI Pub

WE HAVE ALL heard of the commune cults of the 60's and 70's that almost universally failed due to various forms of "group think" or guru domination. Meanwhile, we visit long established villages in Europe, Africa, and Asia and can see and feel the benefits of cohesive community life at a human scale.

Cohousing is a modern form of building communities of trust and sharing, without a basis in uniform religion or other ideological impositions on individual or household diversity.

Bernie Amell and Susan Stratton were founding members of the Prairie Sky Cohousing Community, and lived there from 2003 until 2022, when they moved permanently to Quadra Island. Bernie will present their learnings about the benefits and challenges of this form of community living. Spoiler Alert – the "challenges" are often the sources of the greatest benefits.

Coming up next... We are working on a number of other presentations for March and April, including consumer co-ops and worker co-ops. Stay tuned!

Island Group Begins Journey to a Community Retail Food Cooperative

WHEN THE FOR SALE SIGN went up at The Island Pantry last fall many loyal customers urged Owner, Deb Banta to consider the idea of a co-op store.

Out of those initial meetings in the fall, two groups emerged. One group focused on a measured, inquiring approach. Their goal is to learn more about cooperatives and how they can benefit the Quadra community. The "Coop Curious" group is actively planning and providing a series of informational events and meetings in February and March.

The other group decided to dive into a plan to establish a retail food member-owned cooperative. Recently, they formed a Steering Committee to initiate the Quadra Island Community Cooperative using the Quadra Island Pantry as a starting point. The Steering committee, consisting of Bruce and Deb Banta, Wendy Porter and Mike Gladish would welcome a few more people to take on organizing roles on the steering committee. The Steering Committee will serve as the Board of Directors for the first year of operation and then elections will be held in subsequent years.

The committee is currently planning a community information session to be held on March 29 at the Community Rec Centre from 10am to 2pm. By that time the steering committee will be able to provide more information regarding membership fees and investment opportunities. They will also solicit feedback regarding products and services that Quadra Islanders would like to see at the store.

The current product line will continue to be offered. A survey will soon be underway to determine the products that would entice islanders to shop locally.

A cooperative should mean that prices and product offerings will make membership attractive. The main goal of the Quadra Island Community

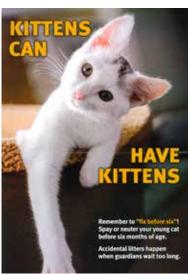
Retail Cooperative will continue to focus on 'simply providing affordable wholesome food with environmental integrity'. In addition, the Community Retail Cooperative will work towards food security and supporting Quadra producers.

Cortes, Sayward and Tofino are three examples of communities with cooperative grocery retail stores with a proven track record.

Meanwhile Quadra
Islanders are welcome to
drop by the Island Pantry to
express support or provide
ideas for products and
services – or contact the
Steering Committee by email
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Quadra Literacy Auction

QUADRA LITERACY is hosting an online auction fundraiser March 7 to 10, 2025. Join us from the comfort of your own home! We have a delightful line up! Gift baskets, bodywork sessions, artwork, gorgeous silver jewelry, pottery, body care products and more.

Quadra Literacy is a community-minded, needs-driven organization with each member of this great island considered as we plan and work to support literacy through fundraising events. We recently hosted the Kerplunks for a Family Dance during Family Literacy week. Our early literacy kits are housed at the Children's Centre for all Quadra families to access. We also provide books in waiting rooms, restaurants and other spots for your enjoyment. Our Task Group gathers several times throughout the year to support our Literacy Coordinator, Kathie Landry, as we brainstorm together to find ways to bring the best ideas right to our doors. Literacy affects all of us!

Quadra Literacy relies on community collaboration and support to provide literacy programs including family literacy, digital literacy and emotional literacy. Fundraising maintains the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program for young children and supports Parents and Tots. Quadra Literacy also recently began assisting seniors and low income families to acquire affordable digital equipment and access help with set up. Another priority is hosting skill building workshops for adults that deepen understanding of diversity and increase communication skills to respond skillfully and compassionately to discrimination and misinformation. We have a workshop planned for April and your contribution to our upcoming online auction will help make it happen!

Watch for posters with the web link to connect you directly to the auction where the successful bidders will be announced after the close on March 10. For information email auctionquadraliteracy@gmail.com. *Kathie Landry*

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QIF Celebrates Neighbourhood Small Grants Recipients

QUADRA ISLAND Foundation's (QIF) Board recently approved \$4,500.00 to fund 13 Neighbourhood Small Grant (NSG) projects on Quadra and the Outer Islands.

These community building small grants bring out the creativity of individuals in our community and have funded several innovative projects. These include a Community Seed Sorter/Air Separator, the Community Kitchen's Festive Community Lunch, an event hosted by the Building Community Through Song, Literacy Kits for Preschoolers, and Caregiving and End of Life Library to name but a few.

Successful applicants were awarded up to \$500. For a complete list of funded projects, please visit the QIF website at www. quadraislandfoundation.ca.

Projects funded with Neighbourhood Small Grant money must be free to attend and accessible and welcoming to all. The projects are meant to be grassroots and all are for the benefit of residents of Quadra and the Outer Islands. Experience has shown that magic happens when neighbours connect, and those connections are what these grants are to support.

QIF would like to thank Anita Georgy, NSG Coordinator for organizing and administering the NSG Fall 2024 grant cycle and the volunteer NSG Grants Committee, Melanie Circle, Kris Wellstein, and

Sulyn Cedar for their time, review and recommendations on the NSG applications. Lastly, QIF would like to thank all the NSG applicants who applied for the NSG funding.

Regretfully, funding limitations meant the QIF could not approve all submissions.

We are excited to announce that with the help from the Vancouver Island Network and the Vancouver Foundation we will be offering another round of Neighbourhood Small Grants in the Fall of 2025. If you would like to contribute to extending the reach of our NSG program please reach out to us.

Find out more about QIF at www.quadraislandfoundation.ca. Learn about the NSG program at www.neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca. Get in touch by email: grants@quadraislandfoundation.ca.

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