

# DISCOVERY

## I S L A N D E R



**"Humour is the soul struggling to survive".  
-Victor Frankl**

**Signs at the start of the planned road into cut-block 12-651  
in Granite Bay. Let's save this forest.**

**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](http://www.nassichuk.com).





**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.

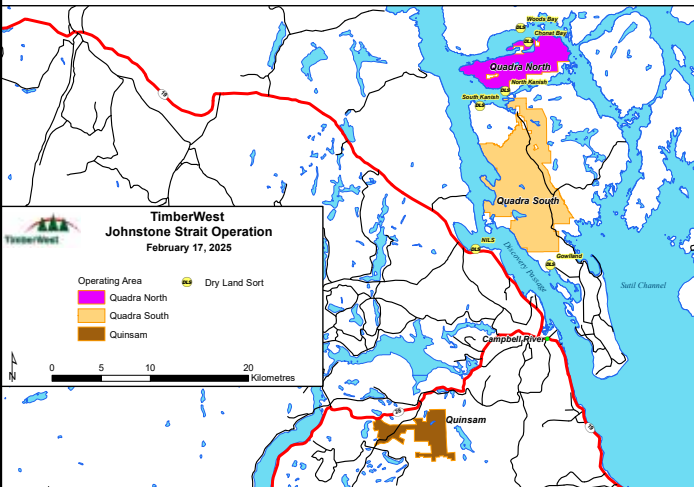
The proposed FSP amendment will be available for review at the following location, dates and time. To ensure a representative from Mosaic is available to discuss the proposed amendment any interested parties should phone in advance to arrange an appointment. If any interested parties are unable to review 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:

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**NEWS & EVENTS**

**Quadra Literacy is Hosting an Auction! Don't Miss Out**

Thanks to very generous donations, there is something for everyone. Our auction is being hosted by Zeffy, [www.zeffy.com/ticketing/quadra-literacy-networks-online-auction](http://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/quadra-literacy-networks-online-auction). Easy to navigate, simple to use, we hope you will visit throughout the weekend opening March 7 at 8 AM to March 10 at 11:45. During that time, you will have the opportunity to bid on over 40 goods and services which have been donated to support Quadra Literacy programs and services.

We have gift certificates for: herbs and spices from Gathering Place; body products from Bloom Botanicals; services at Isle Tech; printing at Inspirations; arboriculture from Island Roots; massage and physio assessments from The Samara; QI Golf; garden soil/mulch from IslandScapes; Tru Valu; meal certificates from Island Farm to Table, Kameleon, Aroma, Coveside and HBI. We have curated crates and baskets from Southend Winery, Spirit of the West and Juniper7 Care Products. There's some lovely jewelry donated for you to peruse. Artwork has been donated from local artists, from art cards to fully framed and ready to hang

by artists we know and love. How about some Tantrum No.1 canned albacore tuna, smoked and regular? We have paired some of your favourite LB chocolates with delicious Aroma coffees. Pottery from our amazing clay artists, handmade scarves, gorgeous earrings, Bayside gym membership: like we said, something for everyone!

Successful bidders will be notified on where to pick up their prizes and options for payment - you will not need to give payment information online.

Please take time ahead of the weekend to visit the website: [www.zeffy.com/ticketing/quadra-literacy-networks-online-auction](http://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/quadra-literacy-networks-online-auction) to view the items, then plan to compete in the auction to support Quadra Literacy, March 7-10. For information or to receive the auction link, email [quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com)



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# ISLAND CALENDAR

## DAY TO DAY

### Friday, March 7

- Quadra Literacy Auction opens, 8:00 am details page 2
- Friday Flicks presents: Queens, 7:45 QCC, doors @ 7:30, details pg 5

### Saturday, March 8

- Live Music with Celtic Chaos dinner show with Irish fresh sheet, HBI, pls call.

### Sunday, March 9

- A Generation of Women, The Legion, 2pm, tickets \$20 at the door, see pg 4
- 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 1

### Friday, March 14

- Live Music with Wharf Rats HBI Pub 8pm

### Saturday, March 15

- Quadra Island Conservancy AGM QCC Green Room 1:30pm
- 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
- Comedy Open Mic Night Quadra legion 8pm details page 5

### Friday, March 21

- Live Music with Go Dog Go HBI Pub 8pm

### Wednesday, March 26

- Way to Go meeting, QCC Rm. 3, at 3 pm.

### Monday, April 14

- Way to Go meeting, QCC Rm. 3, at 3 pm.

## 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

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- Drop off your item at *Inspirations* in Quathiaski Cove
- Bring it to our office at 701 Cape Mudge Road

# 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 March 7 - 21, 2025

### THIS WEEK: March 7 - 14

**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: [smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com](mailto:smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com); 6 Chi Gong with Kai; 7:45 Friday Flicks Presents: Queens

**SATURDAY:** 10 Tai Chi with Nicki; 10 ICAN Gluten Free Sourdough workshop; 7:30 Sierra Quadra talk with Sarah Cox

**SUNDAY:** 10 Nature Sketching for Adults (with Elke)

**MONDAY:** 8:30 am Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Yoga with Susan Bishop; 1 Sing for Pure JOY; 2:30 Caregivers Support Group; 2:45 Afterschool Yoga with Anita; 5:30 Iyengar Yoga; 7 Garden Club

**TUESDAY:** 9 Quadra Quilters Guild Meeting; 2:30 Afterschool Handball with Dave; 5 Circuit Training with Nicki; 5 Hatha Flow with Trinity; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

**WEDNESDAY:** 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 10 Baby Clinic; 11 Art in Nature for Homeschoolers; 12 noon Community Kitchen Lunch; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong; 4 Afterschool Basketball with Dave; 5:45 Warm Flow Yoga with Elizabeth

**THURSDAY:** 10 Parents and Tots Dance with Kate; 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

**FRIDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 10 Spinners and Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: [smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com](mailto:smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com); 6 Chi Gong with Kai

### NEXT WEEK: March 15 - 21

**SATURDAY:** 10 Tai Chi with Nicki; 10 Jam Making with ICAN; 1 AGM for Quadra Island Conservancy and Stewardship Society (QICSS); 7:30 Quadra Concerts Presents: Montreal Guitar Trio

### (Spring Break - Note \*\* no school gym programs running)

**MONDAY:** 8:30 am Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Yoga with Susan Bishop; 1 Sing for Pure JOY; 1 Jewellery Making with Q.Circle; 5:30 Iyengar Yoga with Dood

**TUESDAY:** 10 Organic Arts with Elke Spring Break Camp; 10 Balance & Core Strength with Q.Circle; 5 Circuit Training with Nicki; 7 Tai Chi with Nicki; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

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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 there: <http://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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### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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.
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### NEXT DEADLINE

**7pm Monday, March 17**  
for publication on  
**Friday, March 21, 2025**

## 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 fact-based 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](mailto:theatreworks@shaw.ca). For more information call 250 792 2031.

TheatreWorks presents  
**A Generation of Women**

March 8th - 7:30 pm  
Abby Studio, Cumberland

March 9th - 2:00 pm  
The Legion, Quadra Island

Tickets \$20 at the door  
or reservations at [theatreworks@shaw.ca](mailto:theatreworks@shaw.ca)  
More info 250 792-2031

## Poetry in the Afternoon

Sunday March 9, 2 to 4 pm,  
Heron's dining room @ HBI

Doors open @ 1 pm

Poets: Julie Douglas, Carol Gall, Rena Patrick, Karen Talbot, Chris Thompson, Ann McLean, Karen Baily and Cliff Mooney reading Annette Yourk's poems.

Admission by donation. Door prizes. Fundraiser for Quadra Island Land Trust Society

## 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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## Open AA Meetings

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

## Meet NDP Candidate

On March 22nd, SouthEnd Winery will be hosting a meet and greet with Tannile Johnston, the federal NDP candidate for our riding. Come on out and meet the candidate so you can share your concerns and find out what Tannile would bring to the table as our representative.

## Friday Flicks

**MARCH 7**, doors open 7:30, showtime 7:45 at Quadra Community Centre. Yummy treats and great social opportunity!

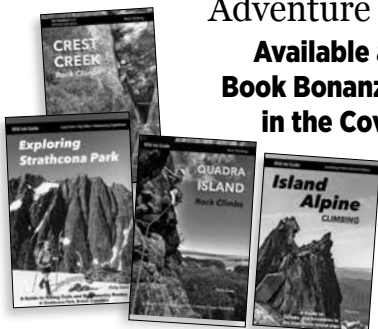
### QUEENS (Switzerland, Peru, Spain)

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 will give rise to contradictory feelings, reviving old regrets and generating new illusions. "an intense and moving tale of initiation, in the spirit of the '90s. TIFF March 21, Drive Back Home (Canada)

In the winter of 1970, a cantankerous, small-town plumber from rural New Brunswick must drive his beat-up work truck 1,000 miles to Toronto to get his estranged, gay brother out of jail after his arrest for having sex in a public park. The two men are then forced to drive back home together at the behest of their hard-nosed mother. Inspired by a true story. "uplifting and incredibly satisfying" mygaytoronto.com

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## Way to Go

Join us on Wednesday Mar. 26 (note change of date) from 3 pm to 4:30 pm, QCC Rm. 3, for a time of sharing, presentation by Emily Bootle on end-of-life care, discussion, & business. Bring \$2 for rental. Info or zoom link at <way2go.ca>, or 285-3298. Next & final mtg. until fall on Mon. Apr. 14.

## At The Legion

• **SUNDAY MARCH 9 THEATREWORKS** with Kymme Patrick presents *A Generation of Women* with Kymme Patrick \$20 at the door. See article on p4

- Sat. March 15th 8:pm Comedy open mic night. Aspiring comedians come sign up tell a few funny jokes or story, in front of live audience! Donations going towards future comedy nights
- Legion General meeting Monday March 17th 7:pm We could use help with organizing events, activities and other things around the Legion! If you would like to help out, we would love to see you
- Sat. March 22nd 7-9:30 Bingo!
- Hopefully the Legion Kitchen will be opening soon!

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

**WITH SPRING IN THE AIR**, here are our upcoming events:

- 12 MAR, WEDNESDAY** Kayak to Open Bay and Breton Islands
- 19 MAR, WED** – hiking to TBD
- 21-24 MARCH, FRIDAY** Multi-day hiking from Powell River
- 26 MAR, WED** – hiking the Yellow Mud Trail

Details about Club outings are available at: <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-fall-winter-2024-25/>

## Kindergarten Registration

### Welcome to Kindergarten Quadra Island.

It is time to register your Kindergarten aged child at Quadra Elementary School. I am very excited to meet all the children on June 6th which is our Welcome to Kindergarten event!

All children registered by April 3rd will have the opportunity to join us, along with a parent, in the classroom for an afternoon in May or June. This is a sneak peak for both you and your child.

Please contact me at [Lesley.brown@sd72.bc.ca](mailto:Lesley.brown@sd72.bc.ca) if you have questions you would like answered before you register your children. I would be happy to help!

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## The Co-op Curious Learners Present Sessions #4 AND #5 The Story of the Cortes Natural Food Co-op

with Mary Lavelle (General Manager) and Amy Robertson (President of the Board)

On Thursday, March 27th at 7pm

AND

FARMER/FOOD PRODUCER CO-OP: The “Cow-op” (Cowichan Valley Cooperative Marketplace)

with Laura Boyd-Clowes (manager)

On Monday, March 31 at 7pm

Both events will take place at the HBI (Heron’s Dining Room)

Come early to Munch and Mingle over free refreshments at 6:30

About the Cortes Natural Food Co-op: Starting as a “buyer’s co-op” in 2003, the Cortes Natural Food Co-op has had a long and successful journey to becoming the grocery store and cafe it is today. It is one of the top employers on the island (employing 20 people even in the off-season), an attraction for tourists and visitors, and the go-to grocery store for many year-round residents. Active members enjoy several benefits, but membership is not required to shop there — so the store serves many times more people every year than its approximately 360 active members. With over \$2 million in sales each year, the Co-op also makes a conscious effort to be a good neighbour. As General Manager Mary Lavelle put it during an interview for Cortes Currents, “Staff, board, management — we’re always considering the community. That is one of the factors that we always consider in our decision making... And I think that’s part

of what makes us so special.”

About the “Cow-op”: “A farmers market meets the internet.” The Cowichan Valley Cooperative Marketplace is a non-profit farmer and food processor co-operative with an online marketplace of locally grown and harvested food, featuring a variety of produce, meats, eggs, fruit, baking and more all grown or produced throughout the Cowichan Region. This is a convenient system for food producers and customers alike, as the farmers save time and buyers are able to shop from their computer year-round while directly supporting local family farms and businesses. Farms take turns being the location for order pick-ups. Alternatively, customers can request delivery to their homes.

Please bring your curiosity and your questions. See you on March 27th and 31st! Donations to help pay our speakers welcome!

### Quadra Literacy presents Anti-Discrimination Response Training (A.R.T.)

Have you ever heard a racist, homophobic, transphobic, sexist or other discriminatory remark and felt unprepared to respond? Have you ever avoided a difficult conversation with someone who might be misinformed or has a different point of view?

The ART workshop, facilitated by Sanath Training, is grounded in the work of A.R.T. developer Dr. Ishu Ishiyama, whose Active Witnessing Model uses a witness-centred approach to disrupting racism and other forms of discrimination. This training is designed to encourage participants to shift from being frozen or silent bystanders to becoming active witnesses. In doing so, we can disrupt discrimination and misinformation and build safer, more inclusive communities.

In this 6-hour highly interactive workshop, participants will consider the impacts of being a passive bystander vs. active witness, gain greater empathy regarding the harmful impacts of discriminatory encounters, touch on the impacts of microaggressions and ways to respond, learn and practice a wide range of anti-discrimination responses and share some of your own, and practice difficult conversations.

April 12, 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., Quadra Community Centre, Rm. 3 upstairs.

Limited to 25 participants. Tickets: \$35 include lunch (vegan and gluten free options), available at Inspirations.

If cost is a barrier, if you have dietary restrictions or you would like further information, please email [quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com)

Proceeds from the Quadra Online Auction and a grant from Coastal Community Credit Union allow for the low cost of tickets for this workshop.

# Poetry & Live Music at the HBI Sunday March 9



Poetry in Herons 2-4 pm

Fundraiser for the Q.I. Land Trust Society  
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# REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Hello!

Warm greetings to residents of the Discovery Islands and Mainland Inlets, where the annual tree frog choir has begun its serenade.

### SUPPORT SERVICE COST ALLOCATIONS

As you may have gathered from local media reports, the February Board meeting was a little unusual. During the February 19 Board meeting we got only to agenda item four, where we stalled for the remainder of the meeting. Item four was a report titled "Support Service Cost Allocations".

Support service costs are costs which cannot be directly allocated to a particular Service and therefore need to be allocated in another way. The 28-page Cost Allocations report provided a high-level look at the distribution of these costs in select other regional districts and compared them to the SRD. Support service costs stem from 11 categories, including administration & financial services staff, human resources, & IT. You can read the cost allocations report here: [bit.ly/SRDSupportCostsReport](http://bit.ly/SRDSupportCostsReport).

In January, the Board amended the financial plan (aka budget) and moved that it be brought back for consideration at the February 19 Board meeting. In a surprising turn, the financial plan was not on the February agenda, but the Cost Allocations report was. And while the Board discussed the financial plan at the December and January meetings, February 19 was when we first learned that Campbell River Directors had concerns with the support cost allocations aspect of the budget.

### WEIGHTED VOTE IN FINANCIAL MATTERS

There are 14 Directors at the Board who each have an equal vote in general corporate matters and services which they are a part of. The exception is financial matters, which are subject to a 'weighted vote' based on population. So, when it comes to voting on the financial plan, the five Campbell River Directors hold enough weight that they can move changes to the financial plan and push them through.

### SUPPORT SERVICE COST POLICY & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The SRD has a policy on support service cost allocations which was adopted in 2010 (the policy is included in the report linked above). Reviewing the support service cost allocation policy requires thoughtful analysis of all the factors involved: thankfully the Board voted to defer this report to a fulsome discussion at the Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole includes all Directors -- Wikipedia says its purpose is 'to relax the usual limits on debate, allowing a more open exchange of views without the urgency of a final vote'. It remains to be seen if a Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled prior to the March 26 Board meeting, and further, what may

develop March 26. One thing is likely, that March 26th will be a lengthy Board meeting. There were 32 items on the February agenda which the Board did not consider, they were all deferred to the March meeting.

### POTENTIAL IMPACTS

I'm writing about this because these support cost allocations could have an impact on the 2025 tax requisition in Electoral Areas. However, the impact is currently unknown, which is why this report may sound unsuitably vague. Potential tax changes depend on if Campbell River Directors follow through on statements made during the February Board meeting, when Director Dahl stated that March 26 he would be moving to reduce \$1.3 million in requisition from Campbell River 'and then you can figure it out'.

### FINANCIAL PLAN

Here are a few of many numbers in the draft financial plan: the SRD's 2025 Operating Budget projects total revenue of \$38,188,872; \$20,326,281 of this is from taxation. The 'support service' costs under discussion are \$2,868,743. For those who are curious and want to examine the current draft financial plan, you can find it here: [bit.ly/SRD2025DraftBudget](http://bit.ly/SRD2025DraftBudget)

There is a deadline for the Board to adopt the financial plan: Regional Districts are required to submit adopted financial plans to the Province by March 31 of every year. Because the financial plan hasn't yet been adopted, it continues to be open for public input. Constituents are welcome to share comments with the SRD's Corporate Services Office by emailing them to [administration@srd.ca](mailto:administration@srd.ca).

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*Until next time,*

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# From SRD Emergency Services - Reflections and Thoughts on February 10th, 2025 5.4 Magnitude Earthquake

“If it knocks you down, go to high ground”. This is a protective safety message we have tried to engrain in your mind in regards to evacuating to high ground if you are by the ocean shore after a major earthquake. You should not wait for notifications from any other channels such as radio, cellphone and tsunami sirens as these will likely be damaged from the earthquake. The shaking was your warning about a tsunami. It is important that the protocol is the same if you receive an

Earthquake Early Warning (EEW) notification. If your cellphone receives an EEW notification (pictured left) but your partner’s cellphone who is right beside you doesn’t, please don’t second guess. Drop, Cover and Hold On immediately.



No complex technological system is perfect, and EEW is no exception. There are many rationale reasons why your cellphone would receive an EEW notification and your partner’s cellphone would not. For example, if your partner’s

cellphone is not equipped with the latest version of its operating software, it will not receive an EEW notification. To reiterate, if you receive an EEW Drop, Cover and Hold On immediately. For more information about how to protect yourself from an earthquake if you use a wheelchair or are driving

Following this earthquake Emergency Services received correspondence from a community member on Quadra Island questions why they received an EEW notification. The fact that someone on Quadra Island received an alert might mean that their device is serviced by a cell tower within the alerting area (red polygon) with a strong signal to some phones outside the area. The Earthquake Early Warning system only alerts areas where strong shaking is anticipated – which could cause harm. For people further from the epicentre, feeling lighter shaking, an EEW should not be expected. For this particular earthquake, Vancouver Island was located outside the region which was alerted.

## What is Earthquake Early Warning?



Earthquake Early Warning (EEW) is the rapid detection of earthquakes, real-time estimation of the shaking hazard, and notification of expected shaking. EEW provides seconds to tens-of-seconds of notice before strong shaking arrives, which can help reduce injuries, deaths, and property losses. The EEW system began operation in British Columbia in the spring of 2024 and will begin in Quebec and Ontario in early 2025.

### How and When Does Earthquake Early Warning Notify You?

The EEW system sends alerts to people via the National Public Alerting System (Alert Ready), which sends our EEW message to cell towers, radios, and televisions within the area where strong shaking is anticipated.

Even visitors to the area should receive these alerts. In order to receive a EEW emergency notification the wireless device must be:

- A wireless public alerting (WPA) compatible device, like a smartphone, capable of connecting to an LTE network (LTE is commonly referred to as “4G LTE”);
- Equipped with the latest version of its operating software; and
- Connected to an LTE cellular network at the time the emergency alert is issued or joins the network while the alert is still active.

A cellphone having the Alertable App means that that cellphone is more likely to receive an EEW notification. Because the EEW also goes through the Alertable App even if a cellphone is not equipped with the latest version of its operating software but the cellphone does have the Alertable App downloaded onto it – then that phone will receive the EEW (as long as it is connected to the cellular system).

It’s important to understand that an EEW notification is not the same as an Alertable Earthquake Advisory (pictured left). Alertable Earthquake Advisories are received after an earthquake is confirmed in an area that you have set your App Setting to receive notifications for. The purpose of an Advisory is to inform people about a situation that requires awareness, but may not necessitate immediate action.



### Finally, this is a good time to end with a reminder about 4 essential earthquake preparedness actions:

- Are there any heavy or glass objects over your bed? Remove them.
- Do you keep shoes near your bed? Water? Flashlight?
- Does your house have enough emergency supplies: food, water, medicines, pet food, etc. for at least 7 days?
- Are things in your house earthquake proofed? Shelves secured to walls. Heavy objects secured. Cabinets that latch. Glass objects secured.

- Shaun Koopman  
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## The Sinking of Carbon Sinks

Of the 37.4 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide we emitted into the atmosphere in 2024 from burning fossil fuels, about half was sequestered by the planet's oceans, soils, forests and other natural processes. But evidence is suggesting a weakening of this service, some of which is related to heat—and 2024, was the hottest year ever recorded since we were a Homo species inhabiting Earth. Among other factors, photosynthesis—the process that plants use to convert atmospheric carbon dioxide into sugars and an oxygen byproduct—begins to slow when temperatures rise too high, until it stops at 45°C. Consequently, certain areas of the planet sequestered absolutely no CO2 in 2023.

“We're seeing cracks in the resilience of Earth's systems. We're seeing massive cracks on land—terrestrial ecosystems are losing their carbon store and uptake capacity, but the oceans are also showing signs of instability,” says Johan

Rockström, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (“Are Earth's Carbon Sinks Collapsing?” by Patrick Greenfield, The Guardian Weekly, October 25, 2024). “Nature has so far balanced our abuse. This is coming to an end.” Should this happen, we will be unable to meet any of our climate goals.

Climate models suggested that the rise in atmospheric CO2 would actually increase plant growth and aid carbon sequestration. This was the theory for a while, but this benefit is now being undone by the consequences of higher temperatures. Because of deforestation and agriculture, some southern portions of the Amazon have now become net emitters of carbon dioxide, and an unprecedented drought has slowed plant growth and impaired sequestration in its soils. Meanwhile, the expansion of agriculture in Southeast Asia has altered it from being a net store of carbon to a net emitter. This leaves the Congo basin as the major tropical area sequestering CO2.

The sequestration of carbon dioxide in soils, once the second highest store for carbon after the oceans, is being handicapped by heat and dehydration. Some soils are now net emitters. This is expected to increase by 40% by the end of the century as microbes break down soils more quickly.

And the boreal forests, stretching across Scandinavia, Russia, Canada and Alaska, are the location of almost a third of all the carbon sequestered on stored land. But they have lost about one-third of their absorbing capacity due to fire, beetle infestations and logging. Indeed, in 2022, the boreal fires in Canada emitted about as much carbon dioxide as six months of emissions from the United States. Russia's forest fires made a similar contribution to global emissions. And Finland, which carefully monitors both its emissions and sequestration, discovered that its 43% reduction in anthropogenic carbon dioxide production was completely negated by the losses in its land sequestration.

The oceans have been the largest single absorbers of atmospheric carbon dioxide, but as they warm and acidify, they are also losing this sequestering capacity—not that we want acetic oceans. And, as ice sheets melt and ocean temperatures rise, we are impairing the migration of phytoplankton to the surface to feed on algae, so this transfer of millions of tonnes of carbon from the air to storage at the bottom of the ocean is now slowing.

Meanwhile, as carbon sequestration is being threatened, anthropogenic CO2 emissions continue to rise. Emissions were 36.3 billion tonnes in 2021, 36.8 billion tonnes in 2022, 37.15 billion tonnes in 2023 and, as previously noted, 37.4 billion tonnes in 2024. Past decades of attempted emission reductions have been futile. And the objective of keeping the rise in global temperature to below 1.5°C is now, by most scientific accounts, in “tatters”.

This alone is worrying enough, without the prospect of losing any of the natural carbon sinks that have been compensating for our failed efforts to keep down the level of atmospheric carbon dioxide. It is now at 426.91 parts per million as of February 28, 2025, compared to the 180 parts per million that we once had for climate stability.

Except for the few who are in a state of denial, the sobering reality is that most people know about the unfolding environmental disaster and have a sense of its seriousness, but are too immersed in the comfort of the moment to change their behaviour.

Ray Grigg

for Sierra Quadra

## Quadra Island Conservancy and Stewardship Society AGM

The Quadra Island Conservancy and Stewardship Society (QICSS - <https://www.qiconservancy.ca/>) is holding its 34th Annual General Meeting on Saturday March 15th between 1:30 and 3 pm at the Quadra Community Center. All welcome.

QICSS was formed in 1991 to purchase and protect 57 acres on Morte Lake. This was the only private parcel on the lake, and would ensure that the path around the lake would remain open to the public. The purchase also protected the Morte Lake watershed from being logged.

In addition to the Morte Lake property, QICSS has three conservation covenants on Quadra and one on Cortes, at Linnaea Farm. As covenants are held on property in perpetuity through registration with the BC Land Titles office, we do annual monitoring of the covenants we hold. We encourage people to think of making a donation to QICSS in their wills as we are building an endowment fund to ensure protection of properties we love on Quadra and adjacent islands.

This year, we have started some new stewardship activities. We are building a greenhouse at Quadra Elementary School to provide a native plant nursery. There will also be an education program for students and the public at large, about native plants and mushrooms.

Please come if you are interested to know more about conservation, covenants, native plant education, or our new endeavours. We welcome ideas regarding the conservation or stewardship of any land on our beautiful Island. This year we will be looking for some new Board members to join in our efforts. We hope to see you at the meeting! For more information please contact Michael Mascall (tel: 250 202 1968)



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## Q&A re: the Quadra Island Fire Hall #2 Replacement Project

**We have seen that there is quite a bit of discussion on Facebook regarding the proposed replacement of Fire Hall #2 in Heriot Bay.** Discussion is important and it is great to see that it is happening. We are seeing some questions being posed and want to take the opportunity to be transparent and to provide answers based on accurate information.

**For a full list of Questions and Answers, please visit the FAQ page on the Project website at [www.qifirehall2.ca/faq](http://www.qifirehall2.ca/faq).**

We will continue to add to this list as new questions arise.

Any further questions or concerns? Please use the contact form on the website or email us at [Qifirehallreplacement@gmail.com](mailto:Qifirehallreplacement@gmail.com). Or come chat with us in person.

**We have one more Fire Hall Chat coming up on Thursday, March 20, 6:30-8:00pm** at Fire Hall #2 at 1515 West Road in Heriot Bay.

Hope to see you there.

**Question:** Will the boundaries for fire protection services change with the new fire hall?

**Answer:** No. When the proposed new fire hall #2 in Heriot Bay is built, the boundaries of the Fire Protection District will remain the same.

**Question:** Does the Quadra Island Fire Department provide services outside of its boundaries?

**Answer:** Yes. The Quadra Island Fire Department has agreements in place to provide services OUTSIDE OF ITS BOUNDARIES as follows:

- Contract with the We Wai Kai to provide fire protection services to Cape Mudge/Tsa Kwa Lutén and Rebecca Spit.
- Contract with BC Wildfire to respond to wildfires UPON REQUEST.
- Contract with Emergency Health Services (EHS) to provide assistance in particular circumstances (e.g. cardiac arrest) UPON REQUEST.
- Contract with Emergency Management BC to provide road rescue in the case of a motor vehicle incident.

**Question:** Is there somewhere we can view the budget for the proposed new fire hall?

**Answer:** Yes, the construction budget with estimates of all costs is part of the Information Package that was submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Please see page 13 of the Information Package, found on the Documents page of the project website [www.qifirehall2.ca/documents](http://www.qifirehall2.ca/documents).

**Question:** Can we build a cheaper, smaller hall instead, without all of the “bells and whistles”?

**Answer:** No. The proposed new fire hall #2 is actually a very basic fire hall without “bells and whistles.” It only has what is required of a fire hall that meets today’s standards and can act as a command centre in the event of an emergency.

Indeed, most of the cost of construction is for non-discretionary items that are required as per modern standards for fire halls. The Fire Chiefs and Trustees on Quadra are quite frugal and have made every effort to save money when possible in the construction and maintenance requirements. They are also committed to “getting it right” the first time to avoid expensive additions and changes down the road.

Here are the basics that the proposed new fire hall will include:

- Storage space for firefighting apparatus (vehicles) and equipment, including equipment for fighting wildfires.
- Meet current building standards as well as seismic post-disaster standards; be equipped and ready to serve as a command centre in an emergency.
- Meet WorkSafeBC requirements for gear storage, cleaning, and the decontamination of members and firefighting equipment
- Separate areas for radio communications, mechanical, electrical, gear, storage, offices, and laundry (separation is required but not possible in the current Fire Hall #2).
- Water and septic, as well as in ground bulk water storage for fire fighting. Note: the new water storage capacity is what will make it possible to apply for “superior tanker shuttle accreditation” in the future, which, if received, would lower home insurance costs for people living within a certain distance of the hall. (Please ask your insurance provider to see if you could benefit based on where you live.)
- Space to build dormitories e.g. for crews coming from off island to assist during a major event (e.g. wildfire or earthquake), crews needed onsite during a major wind or snow storm, or providing accommodation to future staff who do not live on island.
- Kitchen, a basic requirement for crews or staff staying overnight or working long shifts when assisting with a major event or storm; also for frequent use by current members while volunteering and for community events.

**Question:** If the borrowing of \$2.9 million to build the new fire hall is not approved, will the Trustees go back to the drawing board and come up with a new option?

**Answer:** No. If the borrowing of funds is not approved through the AAP, the Board of Trustees may proceed with holding a Referendum or a Special Meeting. Either of these options will require 50% of eligible property owners to oppose the bylaw, as compared to 10% with the AAP.

If the borrowing of funds is still not approved, the Trustees will have to go back to the drawing board. However, they really don’t have many other options as the fire hall they are currently proposing is already quite basic, and they must replace the current fire hall #2. Meanwhile, the costs of construction will go up, meaning that the amount that needs to be borrowed could go up as well. So acting now is the best choice in terms of keeping costs as low as possible.

**Question:** Are there any comparables e.g. other fire halls that are being built on Vancouver Island?

**Answer:** Yes, we have researched all of the fire halls that are currently being proposed, constructed, or have recently been completed on Vancouver Island. At \$2.9 million, our proposed fire hall comes in as one of the least expensive. Here are ALL of the comparables we found on Vancouver Island:

- Hornby Island \$2.54 (4 fire truck bays plus ambulance bay: completed in 2018)
- Mount Washington \$2.5 million (addition of 2 truck bays to existing building; projected completion 2026)
- Cumberland \$4.2 million (3 bays, additional space for museum, training, gym, lounge: completed 2021)
- Crofton (North Cowichan) \$4.8 million (addition of training, administrative and equipment storage spaces to existing 4 truck bays; completed 2024)
- Union Bay \$6.3 million (construction to begin in 2025)
- Dashwood (volunteer fire dept north of Qualicum Beach) \$6.46 million (2 bays, projected completion 2025)
- Cowichan Bay \$14.6 million (projected completion 2025)
- Saanich \$44.6 million (projected completion in fall 2025)

- The Trustees of the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District

## Fire Hall Sticker Shock

On February 22, we received a letter from the trustees representing the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District informing us of a plan to construct a fire hall in Heriot Bay at an estimated cost of 2.9 million.

The current fire hall is aging out and needs replacing. So who pays and how much? This annual tax increase only applies to those property owners in the South QI Fire Protection District. We would pay \$23.50 for every \$100,000 of assessed property value for the next 20 years. According to the District, the new fire hall will, “serve the wider community of 2,700 residents,” but our letter states the cost will be borne by 1,668 property owners.

So what does all this tax gobbledeygook mean? In our case, we paid \$3,332 in property taxes in 2024 (minus the homeowners grant). Of that amount, \$535 was paid to the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District. Now they’re asking for another \$235 a year which would raise our taxes for that one line item to \$770, for a total property tax bill of \$3,567. And it doesn’t include the \$490 we may have to shell out for Strathcona Gardens. Our 2025 property tax bill could be over \$4,000 (plus \$3,000 for house insurance).

With all due respect to those who keep us safe and those who have worked hard to cost out the fire hall building plan, one can debate about the pro’s and con’s of a new fire hall and the cost, but in the end, it’s the 1,668 property owners that are footing the bill.

Why is no other option being presented and why is this proposal not going to a referendum? If the project goes over budget, the District states on their website, “they will need to come back to the property owners in the District ... to borrow more money.” More than 2.9 million? Really!

After pouring over the district’s website, reading their rationale, examining the architect

drawings, the cost breakdown, etc., my first question was – why aren’t all the households on the island contributing to the cost? According to the District, “only the property owners within those boundaries receive and pay for fire protection services from the Quadra Island Fire Department.” See the boundary map on their website.

We are not completely opposed to a new building but the current plan is too expensive. Nearly twenty percent of our income already goes to paying property taxes and house insurance. With Trump tariff’s set to kick in before the ink is even dry on this letter, we may be headed into the worst recession since the early 1980’s.

If this tax goes ahead, we will be looking at four payment options. Pay our property taxes including this tax increase every year for the next 20 years. I will be 91 and my husband will be 103 when the fire hall is paid off. Still looking for us to pay more? Our new address will be the QI cemetery – natural burial section.

We could cancel our house insurance, aggressively Firesmart our property at our own expense and pay only the property tax. Or we could continue paying our house insurance required to defer our taxes at 4.9% interest rate. Or we could sell our property – which has more than quadrupled in value the last 14 years (along with the taxes) – leaving the tax burden and the inflated property prices for the next generation to pay.

Our only other option is to object to this tax by signing an Owner Response Form located on the South QI Fire Protection District website. It must be mailed before the March 27 deadline to either ... an address in Duncan OR emailed to [QuadraAAPresponse@gmail.com](mailto:QuadraAAPresponse@gmail.com)

If 167 property owners send in this form, the property tax would have to pass another hurdle giving us all more time to examine the plans and budget, look at other possible options and debate this tax.

In summary, the current process to approve this new tax doesn’t allow enough time for meaningful taxpayer input. It imposes a tax increase on a limited number of taxpayers who are already paying for fire protection services but only offers limited coverage to those living outside of the District’s boundaries who need it. And it’s too expensive! Ergo to avoid sticker shock on our next tax bill, our ONLY option is to sign the Owner Response Form.

Has anyone looked at the option of a Quonset building?

Claire Heffernan

## Reminder from QI Cat Rescue:

People can request assistance with getting their cats fixed by completing the form on our website at: [www.quadracatrescue.com/spay-neuter/](http://www.quadracatrescue.com/spay-neuter/)



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## Regarding Granite Bay Forest (#12-651)

Open letter to Colin Coszman, land use manager Mosaic:

Under your new amended Forest Stewardship plan, in your 4 page "Forest Operations on Quadra Island: History, Facts and Information" you say, under KEY FACTS: "100% of the planned harvest is in second growth forests".

On p.3 you say "...12-651 is second growth forest. More than 5 hectares of old forest area surrounding 12-651 will be retained to build on the old forest recruitment network."

(1) I have been to 12-651 several times and followed the flagging which goes into the forest between Two Mile Lake and the ancient bog. There is no difference on either side of the flagging (Falling Boundary) between your so called "second growth" and the "old forest area" -it is all one forest. The whole area under discussion has never been logged, affected by fire in 1925 but still a complex ecosystem and important wildlife corridor and very important carbon sequesterer.

(2) In the Forest Practices Report on infractions by Timber West (managed by Mosaic) et al., on p.9 the technical panel introduces the concept of Primary Forests:

"It describes primary forests as naturally regenerating forests whose structure, composition, and dynamics are dominated by ecological and evolutionary processes. They include naturally disturbed areas (wildfires) and forests managed by indigenous peoples. Primary forests have not been disturbed by industrial activities."

(3) Doubtless Mosaic has its own definition of what a second growth forest is but, given the obvious conflict of interest, its definition has questionable validity and credibility.

Given these 3 points, please do not log this forest.

Please be aware that over 700 people have signed the online or written petitions concerning #651.

Eileen Sowerby

## Sierra Quadra presents Sarah Cox

Saturday March 8 at QCC

Join us for an evening with award-winning author Sarah Cox, whose latest book Signs of Life answers these tough questions: What's to be done when only three spotted owls are left in Canada's wild? When wolves eat endangered caribou, cormorants kill rare trees, and housing developments threaten a tiny frog?

As an environmental journalist Sarah has witnessed what happens when we drive species to the brink of extinction. In writing Signs of Life, she tagged along with the Canadian military, Indigenous guardians, biologists, conservationists, and ordinary people all racing to save hundreds of species before it's too late.

Her presentation takes us across the country as she recounts unusual stories of people bringing species back from the precipice. She delivers both an urgent message and a fresh, upbeat perspective on how we can protect biodiversity and begin to turn things around.

Join us on Saturday March 8 at the Community Centre for a compelling presentation by one of Canada's foremost environmental journalists. Admission is by donation; desserts and hot beverages will be available. Doors (and kitchen) open at 7pm, and Sarah's talk begins at 7:30pm.

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## The Big One Is Coming .... Soon!

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So come to the BIG ONE, OUR BIG ONE, on May 10, 2025, 11 am – 3 pm., QICC, organized by the Quadra Island Emergency Program, QIEP volunteers working to help make Quadra resilient and resourceful in a Disaster.

There will be volunteer organizations, businesses, and local and provincial agencies, from Quadra Island and beyond, in booths, manning displays, providing demonstrations, giving advice, in the Community Centre Hall and the CC parking lot, to show you how, and with what, you can prepare yourself, your family, and your home for a disaster.

The Salvation Army Food Truck will also be there so you can sample the Evacuees' menu already enjoyed by thousands who were fleeing floods and wildfires in BC.

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# You are Invited! To Strengthening Community Connections 2025

## Connect Belong Impact!

An event for Organizations & Groups on Quadra Island & those interested in volunteering with them. Everyone who would like to attend is welcome!

Please tell ALL of your staff & volunteers, and ask them to RSVP.

Do you ever wonder: What motivates people to volunteer? How important is connection, belonging, and impact? How can we get better at utilizing and keeping volunteers? How could we work together to support volunteers on Quadra?

### Let's find out!

Please join us on Saturday, March 22, 2025, 10 am - 3:00 pm (Lunch provided), at the Quadra Community Centre (main hall). Pay at the door: \$10 (for lunch)

### Hosted by the Quadra Island Foundation

RSVP now at <https://forms.gle/mEfGmwj3LqzgjMKo6>

or email Jen Banks-Doll, event facilitator, at [events@quadraislandfoundation.ca](mailto:events@quadraislandfoundation.ca)

### More Information

Last Year the Quadra Island Foundation brought together local groups and organizations for the first ever "Strengthening Community Connections" event! Attendees reported that they really appreciated the chance to gather and it was a very worthwhile event! "Bringing engaged islanders together was a brilliant idea! This needs to be done on

a regular basis!" "I learned so much and left feeling very energized!"

This Year we are going to focus on the #1 challenge we discovered in our 2024 survey of Quadra groups and organizations: Volunteer Capacity.

In the survey, groups and organizations reported such issues as:

- Lack of time and overwork of current volunteers
  - Aging out of volunteers
  - Difficulty attracting younger or new volunteers
  - No one to "pass the torch" of leadership to
- Research shows that impact, connection and belonging are the top three reasons why people volunteer. This is especially true for people who are retired and people who are new to their community. If we are trying to attract and retain volunteers, and support volunteers as a community, we should understand these three things and how we can get better at them.

Let's explore what can be done to improve in the areas of impact, connection and belonging for volunteers.

### What to expect:

- Great coffee and nourishing food to fuel the day
- An opportunity to connect with engaged community volunteers
- A keynote presentation exploring research and best practices regarding attracting,

keeping and managing volunteers, with a focus on connection, belonging and impact

- A chance to discuss the common challenge of volunteer capacity and come up with solutions
- An update from the Foundation on their plans for 2025

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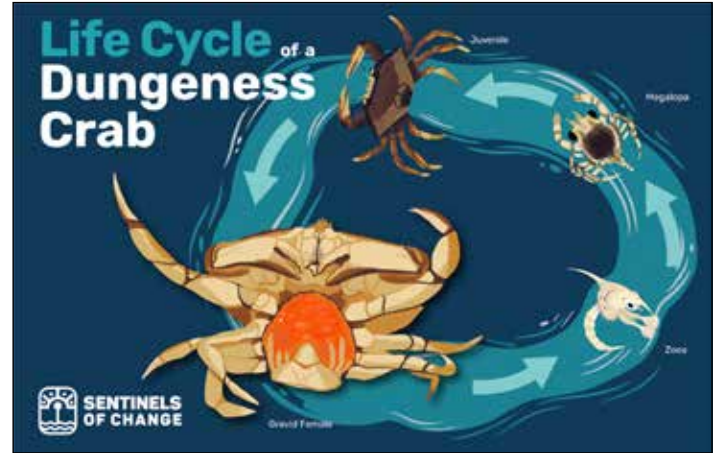
## Upcoming Events at Quadra Quilter's Guild

In the Next few months we have many projects and a retreat to take part in: First, there's our group Pres. Fay Bullocks' quilt "Sticks and Stones" hanging in the Quadra Circle Office (2-654 Harper Rd.) for all to see. Overtime we hope to see many more members' quilts displayed. March 4, 5, 6, are the dates for our annual Retreat at Camp Homewood. This includes Jackee's Pop-Up-Shop and hours of sewing and camaraderie, as well as a 2 hr. Workshop complete with a kit to make a jewelry bowl! March 8, there's a Kawandi Workshop with Sally Davies! Also, April 8, we have Terry's Procroin Dyeing Workshop to attend. Marni Fisher will teach a Reverse Applique Class, April 22. June gives us the option to vote on Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer for the next 2 years. Hope to see you all there at this exciting time. Any questions can be directed to our President, Fay Bullock at 250-285-3934



## Volunteer with Us!

The Hakai Institute is looking for volunteers to be part of a team collecting valuable data on baby Dungeness crabs using light traps as part of the Sentinels of Change program.



We document and monitor the movement of young dungeness crabs along the Salish Sea by capturing, counting and releasing them throughout the spring and summer.

From mid April to the end of August we'll be checking our trap 3 mornings a week. In previous years we've found baby octopus, squid, a variety of fish species, worms and crabs. It is a fantastic way to learn more about our marine environment, the creatures that inhabit it, and contribute to the understanding of this important species.

Training, equipment and support will be provided.

To find out more about this project you can visit our website at <https://sentinels.hakai.org/>

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## Unfinished Business



heritage. The following is an excerpt from their conversation.

In the introduction to Anatomy of the Spirit, American author Caroline Myss recounts a personal experience that profoundly altered the direction of her life. Upon arriving in Alaska to start her summer job, she shared a brief tea with Rachel, a woman in her early eighties of both Russian and Athabaskan

Caroline writes: Following my gaze, Rachel said, *“See that blanket on the wall? That blanket is very special. In the Athabaskan culture, being a blanket maker, or a songwriter, or having any occupation, is a matter of great honour. You have to have permission from a songwriter to sing a song because his songs contain his spirit. And when you are a blanket maker, you are forbidden to begin weaving a blanket unless you know you will live long enough to finish it. If you find out that you need to die” – mind you, she said ‘need to die’ – you must perform a ceremony with someone who will agree to finish the task for you, because you cannot leave one part of your work unfinished before you die. Otherwise, you leave a part of your spirit behind.”*

Rachel continued, *“That blanket was almost finished, when the Great Spirit came in a dream to the woman who was making it, and told her to prepare to leave here. She asked the Spirit if she could live long enough to finish the blanket, and the Spirit said, yes, she would be given that much more time. She died two days after finishing that blanket. Her spirit is in that blanket in a good and powerful way, and it gives me strength.”*

Life is simple, Rachel said. “You are born into life to care for each other and for the earth. And then you receive word that your time is coming to an end, and you must make the proper arrangements to depart, leaving behind no ‘unfinished business.’ You must make your apologies, pass on your tribal responsibilities, and accept from the tribe its gratitude and love for your time with them. Simple as that.”

Rachel paused to pour our tea, then began again.

*“Tomorrow night I go to a ceremony, a potlatch ceremony. A man is preparing to leave the earth, and he will give to the tribe all of his belongings. He will lay his clothes and his tools in a long dish. The tribe will symbolically accept his belongings, meaning that he will be released from any tribal responsibilities, so that he can complete the work of his Spirit. Then he will leave us,”* said Rachel.

I was dumb struck by Rachel’s serenity and matter-of-fact attitude, especially her calmness about death. Where was all the fear about death to which I was so accustomed in my own culture? Rachel had just blown up my entire world as I understood it – in particular, my concept of the spiritual dimension of life, or God – yet, she was as casual as a summer rain. I wanted to dismiss the truth she offered over tea as nothing more

than primitive beliefs, but my gut feeling told me she knew a God that was far more real than my own.

*“How does this man know he is going to die? Is he sick?” I asked.*

*“Oh,” she said, “he went to the medicine man. The medicine man looked at his energy. His energy told the medicine man what was happening to him.”*

*“How does the medicine man know these things?”*

She seemed shocked at my ignorance. “Tell me,” Rachel said, looking directly into my eyes. “How is it that you do not know such things? How can you live without knowing what your spirit is doing and what your spirit is saying to you?”

Written by Caroline Myss, submitted by Margaret Verschuur

## Montreal Guitar Trio

**THE MONTREAL GUITAR TRIO** will be here on Quadra Island on Saturday, March 15. 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. This is your opportunity to see and hear these three world class guitar players as they present music from the legendary composer, Ennio Morricone. This special concert dedicated to his memory will also feature special surprises with the unique flair that only the MG3 can offer.



Give yourself a treat and come out to the QCC at 7:30pm for a wonderful evening of music. And, of course, if you want a “sweet treat”, the concession will have an assortment of specialty desserts. Advance tickets for \$20 are available at Inspirations in Q Cove, Copper Coast in Heriot Bay and online through Tidemark

Theatre. Tickets will be at the door for \$25.

Be sure to mark your calendars now. On Saturday, April 12, Quadra Concerts is presenting Coig Trio for our final concert of the 2024/2025 season. With a fiery Celtic style as their musical core, Rachel Davis & Darren McMullen, accompanied by Zakk Cormier, offer a fresh and exhilarating mix of traditional tunes, lively instrumentals and contemporary songs performed on over a dozen instruments (vocals, fiddles, guitar, banjo, mandolin, viola, bouzouki, whistles, and more) - in a lot of non-traditional ways!



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DATE	TIME PST	M.	FT.
<b>07</b> Fri	01:11	4.36	14.3
	05:44	3.87	12.7
	10:02	4.28	14.1
	18:15	1.15	3.8
<b>08</b> Sat	02:31	4.49	14.7
	07:50	3.87	12.7
	11:17	4.10	13.5
	19:26	1.17	3.8
<b>09</b> Sun	03:29	4.62	15.2
	09:12	3.69	12.1
	12:54	4.01	13.1
	20:29	1.19	3.9
<b>10</b> Mon	04:13	4.71	15.5
	10:04	3.45	11.3
	14:12	4.01	13.2
	21:22	1.24	4.1
<b>11</b> Tue	04:48	4.76	15.6
	10:44	3.19	10.5
	15:18	4.07	13.4
	22:09	1.35	4.4
<b>12</b> Wed	05:19	4.77	15.7
	11:18	2.93	9.6
	16:17	4.16	13.6
	22:51	1.53	5.0
<b>13</b> Thu	05:46	4.75	15.6
	11:50	2.68	8.8
	17:11	4.24	13.9
	23:30	1.77	5.8
<b>14</b> Fri	06:10	4.69	15.4
	12:19	2.43	8.0
	18:01	4.30	14.1
<b>15</b> Sat	00:06	2.07	6.8
	06:31	4.61	15.1
	12:49	2.19	7.2
	18:48	4.34	14.2
<b>16</b> Sun	00:41	2.40	7.9
	06:51	4.53	14.8
	13:18	1.97	6.5
	19:35	4.33	14.2
<b>17</b> Mon	01:15	2.73	9.0
	07:10	4.44	14.6
	13:49	1.79	5.9
	20:23	4.29	14.1
<b>18</b> Tue	01:50	3.04	10.0
	07:28	4.34	14.2
	14:23	1.65	5.4
	21:16	4.23	13.9
<b>19</b> Wed	02:28	3.32	10.9
	07:47	4.24	13.9
	15:01	1.57	5.1
	22:18	4.18	13.7
<b>20</b> Thu	03:12	3.54	11.6
	08:08	4.14	13.6
	15:45	1.54	5.0
	23:35	4.15	13.6
<b>21</b> Fri	04:11	3.72	12.2
	08:35	4.04	13.2
	16:37	1.55	5.1

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#### MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT.

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We are seeking someone who can work one/two days weekly and offer flexibility to cover for vacation / sickness.

Some computer experience is vital but full training given. We are a friendly, hard-working team, who look forward to welcoming a similarly minded person.

Please email any queries and applications, with a resume, to Tina at [-qimcmanager@outlook.com](mailto:-qimcmanager@outlook.com) Please send before **March 14th**. Applications will be acknowledged.

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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](mailto:ron@bcwasteandfibre.ca)