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## Quadra Singers Present "Earth Songs"

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"Earth Songs" is the fourth in the series of concerts on the elements of Earth, Fire, Wind and Water. Doors open at 6:30pm and the concert starts at 7:00pm.

Advance tickets are available at Inspirations in the Cove and at Copper Coast in Heriot Bay. Adults 17 and over are \$15; student 6 to 16 are \$5; children 5 and under are admitted free. Tickets will be available at the door but they will be \$5 more so plan ahead and get your tickets now!

There will be a concession with delicious goodies along with tea and coffee. You're sure to recognize some of the pieces and you'll definitely recognize some of the 50 singers! Please join us for a "down to earth" evening of great music under the direction of Thom Knutson with accompanist, Joyce Baker.



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## Roots & Neighbours: Quadra Seniors Housing News

The Board of Directors of the Seniors Housing Society would like to extend heartfelt thanks to those who have recently contributed their time, talents, and generosity.

A special thank you goes out to Berwick by the Sea and their tenant association for their wonderful donation raised through their craft sales. Your support makes a meaningful difference in enhancing the lives of our tenants and strengthening our community.

We are also deeply grateful for a generous donation from the Victoria Foundation. Their support helps us continue to build a strong, connected, and caring environment for our residents.

We would also like to recognize Emily Brown of Albatross Painting for her incredibly in-kind contribution of painting one of our units in preparation for a new tenant. The space looks wonderful, and her care and attention to detail have helped create a warm and welcoming home.

As part of our Simple Sharings intergenerational program, residents recently went to the school-age program to enjoy a movie afternoon together. The children created tickets and a fun movie theatre atmosphere, and everyone enjoyed popcorn while sharing in the experience—an afternoon full of connection and smiles.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce our upcoming Spring Raffle and would like to acknowledge the incredible support of local businesses who have donated to help us create some truly wonderful and impressive prize packages. With over \$8,000 in prizes across five different packages, this raffle promises to be an exciting opportunity for the community. Through the generosity of donations and the community's support of this raffle, we will be able to continue offering affordable seniors housing to our community and ensure seniors can remain in the place they call home.

As operating and maintenance costs continue to rise, ongoing donations and fundraising efforts are essential to sustaining our seniors' housing. This support is critical to maintaining our current 22 units and ensuring they remain safe, comfortable, and affordable for local seniors.

Thank you again to everyone who helps make Seniors Housing such a vibrant and caring place to live.

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Monday, April 13 @ 7pm



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# Island Calendar

## Day to Day

### Friday, April 3

- Live music with The Brice Tabish Band, HBI Pub, 8pm, no cover

### Tuesday, April 7

- Quadra Island Health Society AGM, QCC Members only, see page 6 for more details

### Friday, April 10

- Live music with Tangled Rigging, HBI Pub, 8pm, no cover
- Docudrama film: The Voice of Hind Rajab, QCC 7pm, details pg.14

### Saturday, April 11

- African Chamber Music Ensemble, QCC doors 7pm details page9

### Monday, April 13

- Quadra Garden Club - After the Harvest, QCC, 7-9pm details page 7

### Wednesday, April 15

- iNaturalist Workshop, QCC Room 3, 6:30-7:30 pm details pg. 14

### Friday, April 17

- Live music with Rebel Heart, HBI Pub, 8pm, no cover

### Saturday, April 18

- Quadra Singers Spring Concert - Earth Songs, QCC doors: 6:30pm details pg. 2

### Monday, April 20

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

### Saturday, April 25

- Garden Club Plant Sale, QCC, 10-11 am details pg. 6
- Young Musicians Concert & Fundraiser, QCC, 6-8pm details page 6

### Monday, April 27

- South Quadra Island Fire Dept. AGM, #1 Fire Hall Heriot Bay Road, 7pm

## Regulars

### Sundays

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

### Monday & Friday nights

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

### Wednesdays

- Poker Night: Quadra Legion 7:30pm

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### THIS WEEK: Apr 3 - 10

**FRIDAY:** 12 noon SMART Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com

**SATURDAY:** 9:30 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10:30 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki

**MONDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Yoga with Josephine; 1 Sing for Pure Joy

**TUESDAY:** 9:30 Pilates; 11 Balance, Core Strength & Bone Health; 5 Hatha Yoga with Trinity; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

**WEDNESDAY:** 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 10 Baby Clinic; 12 Community Lunch; 12 Digital Support with Grant Holland; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong

**THURSDAY:** 9:30 Pilates; 10 Parents and Tots Dance with Kate; 11 Fall Proof - Quadra Circle; 5 Core Strength and Stability with Nicki; 6 Indoor Floor Hockey for Kids - School Gym; 6:30 Quadra Singers; 7 Indoor Floor Hockey for Adults - School Gym

**FRIDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Spinners and Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 noon SMART Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com; 7:45 Friday Flicks - The Voice of Hind Rajab

### NEXT WEEK: Apr 11 - 17

**SATURDAY:** 9:30 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10:30 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki; 7:30 Quadra Concerts Presents - African Chamber Music Ensemble

**MONDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Yoga with Josephine; 1 Sing For Pure Joy; 1 Jewelry Making - Quadra Circle; 2:30 Cares Together Group - Quadra Circle; 7 Garden Club

**TUESDAY:** 9 Quadra Quilters Guild; 9:30 Pilates; 11 Pilates Workshop; 3 Good Grief; 5 Hatha Flow with Trinity; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

**WEDNESDAY:** 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 12 Community Lunch; 12 Digital Support with Grant Holland; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong; SRD Community Meeting; 6:30 iNaturalist Workshop

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**Quadra Island Recreation Society Annual General Meeting: Monday, April 20 | 7:00 pm.** Community members are welcome to attend the QIRS AGM, taking place in the Main Hall at the Quadra Island Community Centre.



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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, favourite 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, April 13**  
for publication on  
**Friday, April 17, 2026**

## Quadra Island Cat Rescue

**QUADRA CAT RESCUE** offers a lower-cost spay-neuter program for people needing assistance to get cats or kittens fixed.

Please complete the form at: [quadracatrescue.com/spay-neuter/](http://quadracatrescue.com/spay-neuter/)

## North Island Survivors' Healing Society Online Auction

The North Island Survivors' Healing Society is holding its annual online auction from April 13 to April 15, 2026 to raise funds for professional counselling for people affected by trauma and abuse.

There are over 230 auction items this year, with values for every budget - something for everyone! You are invited to visit [www.nishs.ca](http://www.nishs.ca) on April 13th to create your online profile and start bidding.

For over 25 years North Island Survivors' Healing Society has assisted people to reduce the negative impacts of trauma from a range of events such as abuse, accidents, assaults, war zone, medical diagnoses and sudden family changes.

For further information about the online auction and the services provided through North Island Survivors' Healing Society please visit [www.nishs.ca](http://www.nishs.ca) or call 250-287-3325.

Thank you for your support!

## Improv Workshop and Show

Are you curious about improv comedy (a live performance in which the actors make up scenes, dialogue and characters on the spot?) If so, Theatre Quadra has your back. We are bringing a Vancouver-based professional improv comedy group, People You May Know, to Quadra for a day of fully improvised action. People You May Know performs frequently at Little Mountain Gallery in Vancouver's Gastown and some of the group members have performed at the Vancouver International Improv Festival.

Join us on Sunday, April 12th at the Quadra Community Centre for a double header of a high-energy improv comedy workshop and an even higher energy evening show.

First, from 1 - 12:30pm, People You May Know will lead a fun beginner friendly workshop for teens and adults. This is a hands-on way to learn the basics of improv, play some games, and have a great time.

Then Sunday evening from 4 - 5pm the group will present a completely unscripted and hilarious show. Come out, be entertained, laugh until your sides ache and support live comedy! The show is suitable for teens and adults. Price of the workshop is \$10 and the evening show is \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets for the workshop will be sold at the door. Tickets for the evening show will be on sale at Inspirations, Copper Coast Gallery and Gifts and at the door. "We hope to see you there! Sincerely, People You May Know - Maybe you know us.... maybe we just haven't met yet." (Show's Sponsor Sharla Bowker RMT)

## Open AA Meetings

**MONDAY AND FRIDAY** nights, 7:30 to 8:30pm at Cape Mudge United Church at 29 Tekya, Cape Mudge. Everyone welcome!



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## Quadra Island Fire Department AGM

Monday, April 27, 7pm at #1 fire hall. All welcome

## Way to Go

Join us on Mon. Apr. 20, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, QCC Rm. 3, for a time of sharing, presentation on Advance Care Planning, discussion, and business. \$2 for rental. Next meeting Sept. 21.

## Campbell River Art Gallery

The Campbell River Art Gallery and the Campbell River Arts Council presents the 44th Annual Members' Show until April 25.

Join us for our Panel Discussion 'Succession: Cultural Advocacy & Evolution' 1PM Sat. April 18th at the CRAG, 1235 Shoppers Row, Campbell River, BC. V9W 2C7  
**Gallery and Gift Shop Hours:**  
 Tues. - Sat. 10AM - 4PM

## Jazz on the Rocks

Jazz on the Rocks will be performing at the HBI Pub on April 12 from 3-5pm.

In the group are Marnie Younger on Vocals, Dave Blinzinger on Sax plus Flute and Hal Douglas on Guitar. Come on down for great Food, Drink and Jazz Standards.

## DI Affordable Housing Society AGM

Saturday, April 18TH, 12:30 pm  
 Quadra Island Library  
 654 Harper Road - New Meeting Space

Come and see what we have been up to this year!

- Introduction to DIAHS Website
- MRDT Updates
- Open Board Positions
- Bring your ideas for moving forward

## Coming up at the Legion!

• **FRIDAY APRIL 3RD** Comedy Night

• **SAT. APRIL 4TH 5-7:30PM**, Patrice will be serving his remarkable Prime Rib dinner \$29.

• **SAT. APRIL 4TH 9PM** Joe Abbott & The Flying J's are a roots/folk/country/rock band from Vancouver and the Reviverators are a surf rock power trio from Vancouver who's high energy originals and terrific renditions of 60's surf rock classics are sure to get feet on the dancefloor. \$15 at the door

• **FRIDAY APRIL 10TH 8:PM**, Karaoke night, with True & Audrey! Sure to be a blast

## Help For Students

A monetary award for students entering their first year of post-secondary education is offered by the Quadra Island Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Applications for the annual Kay Dubois Memorial Scholarship are now being accepted and should provide information on both the academic achievements and community activities of the student.

The scholarship fund has been assisting island students for almost 30 years. It has helped those seeking their degree and others opting for vocational training.

Email your application letter to HeidiRidgway@royallepage.ca or mail to Box 129, Heriot Bay V0P 1H before May 31, 2026.

## In Loving Memory of Nadine Mar

**Nadine, a devoted wife, mother, Nona, and sister, passed away at Campbell River Hospital on July 21, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.**

A lifelong resident of Vancouver Island, Nadine settled on Quadra Island with her high school sweetheart, Jack, where they added a further 47 years to the life they built together.


Nadine was a pillar in the community, serving at the Quathiaski Cove Post Office for more than three decades. Known for her bright smile, inclusive spirit and kindness, she also had a love of shared meals, folk dancing, Mahjong, kayaking, puzzles and walks in nature. Her greatest joy was her family (immediate, extended, in-laws all!).

She is deeply missed by her husband, Jack; daughters Tia, Crystal (Jeff), and Kailee (Jesse); and her beloved grandson, Cole who will forever cherish his "Nona."

A Celebration of Love will be held May 2nd at the Quadra Island Community Centre with 1:30 meet and greet and 2 pm service starts. Open to all who knew her.

If you have a message to share with the family or at the service about Nadine (a funny story, a memory, a wish etc..), please bring it with you or email it to: regardingnadine@gmail.com



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## Quadra Island Health Society AGM

The Quadra Island Health Society's 2026 Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 7, 2026 @ 7:00 pm at the Quadra Island Community Centre for members only.

Notification of the meeting will be sent to registered members and we are asking you to pre-register and a package will be sent to you. Updates to our bylaws and constitution will be considered at the AGM.

If you are not a member and would like to be, contact Jeanne @ 250-285-2835 or email [quadraislandhealthsociety2019@gmail.com](mailto:quadraislandhealthsociety2019@gmail.com), and a membership application will be provided.

## Call For Performers!

The Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund is currently seeking young (age 18 and under) performers for our Annual Young Musicians Fund Concert and Fundraiser on April 25th at the Quadra Community Centre, with a dress rehearsal after school on April 24th.

This concert is a chance for children and youth on the island to share their music with the community and get comfortable with performing. It is also the main fundraiser for the Young Musicians Fund which supports music education and experiences for young people on Quadra.

To submit a song(s), please email us at [quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com](mailto:quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com) and we will direct you to the online form.

The deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 12th. However, the sooner the better!

## You Are Invited

Ninth Annual Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund Concert & Fundraiser takes place on Saturday, April 25th, 6-8 pm at the Quadra Community Centre

Listen to Quadra's aspiring young musicians perform.

Support music education and experiences for children and youth on Quadra.

Drinks & Desserts for sale. Admission by Donation.

For more info, to perform, volunteer, or donate, please contact [quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com](mailto:quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com).

## Quadra Island Garden Club Plant Sale

Spring is in the air and that means it's time for the Quadra Island Club's annual spring FLASH plant sale fundraiser! Scurry over to the Community Centre Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Choose from a variety of plants while they last! This year we will feature home grown vegetables/tomato starts, perennials, berries, herbs, trees, gardening books and a whole lot more! Your generous donations will go towards bringing in fantastic guest speakers for the upcoming garden club year.

Would you like to learn more about gardening on Quadra? Come sign up to become a member.

If you have plants to donate, please drop them off before 9:00 am at the Community Centre side door. For more information contact Jeanne Stoppard at 250-202-5759.

We appreciate your support. See you there!

# Easter Weekend

## TURKEY DINNER

Friday April 3 - Monday April 6

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## Quadra Island Garden Club Presents - **After the Harvest** With local gardener Ramona Aston

Monday, April 13th, 7-9pm  
At the Quadra Community Centre



Is it your goal to grow enough food this summer to last all year long? Great! But what exactly do you need to do with all of that fresh food to make it last? How can you ensure that you will be eating

your garden produce year-round? Come find out at this presentation by a gardener who's tried it all!

### This talk will cover:

**Storage:** Varieties of vegetables that store long term, different methods of storage,  
**Preserving:** fermenting, freezing, canning, dehydrating  
**Cooking:** recipes, serving suggestions

**The Quadra Island Garden Club meets monthly to exchange gardening knowledge, promote sustainable and productive practices, and foster friendship among island gardeners.**

Everyone welcome! Members FREE, Guests \$5.00. Come early to renew your annual membership (Individuals \$20/Family \$30), chat with fellow gardeners, and enjoy some coffee/tea and goodies. Doors open at 6:30. Stay to the end for your chance to win a great door prize!

## Quadra Island Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

We're happy to be welcoming spring. Here are the upcoming events:

**8 April, Wednesday** – hiking some Quinsam River trails

**19-23 April, Sun-Thurs** – camping and hiking in the Cowichan Valley

**26 April, Sunday** – Summer Planning meeting  
Our camping and exploration of the beaches, waterfalls and hill tops in the area from Qualicum to Nanose went very well. Now the spring wild flowers are starting. We have trips near and far in the next month, and the summer planning meeting at the Community Centre in room 3 from 2:00 to 4:00. It's an opportunity to brain-storm about all the destinations we would like to visit through the spring, summer and fall months. Everyone is welcome.

The schedule and the details about these events can be found at <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-fall-winter-2026/> We hope that you can join us for some of these activities.

For more information about the Outdoor Club, please visit [qioutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:qioutdoorclub@gmail.com).

## Letters

Editor, Discovery Islander,

I feel I must respond to the misinformation circulated by the goofy grannies and a Quadra hiker.

**First** - there are currently no "clearcuts" on Quadra Island, nor have there ever been any on TFL 47 or South Quadra Island. To see clearcuts, go to the west of Williams Lake.

**Secondly** - the Bruntland Report called for 13% of the forest to be saved for a connected biodiversity area. That has been surpassed in BC and on Quadra Island.

Our low-intensity logging *is* sustainable.

The "recreational trails" are virtually all old logging roads as is Hyacinthe Bay Road. These roads allow access to the forest. The current logging spurs will look similar to these trails in a very few years.

The existing old-growth has been left - see the Deepwater Main, and old trees have been left where old-growth is absent.

Having tourism as the dominant industry on the island (or anywhere) is a very bad idea! Some is good, large amounts are not.

Hyacinthe Creek is losing none of its forest cover; the riparian zone is wide. The new growth planted quickly re-establishes forest cover; simply view the areas Skookum logged along the Walcan Road 30 years ago; the growth rate is phenomenal. Biodiversity quickly re-establishes itself - first cedar are planted, hemlock, alder, maple and cherry soon re-seed, as does a healthy fern, etc... ground cover.

Remember, what's here now has grown back from virtually total clearcut pre-1925.

Logging/forestry is by far the greenest industry! Read non-granny literature and learn; do not believe their lies!

Arne Liseth



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11am – Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Heriot Bay Inn – Bay View Room



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# Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce and Discovery Islands Affordable Housing Partner to Support Workforce Housing and Year-Round Visitor Economy

Quadra Island, BC – The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce and the Discovery Islands Affordable Housing Society are pleased to announce a new partnership focused on advancing workforce housing and strengthening the long-term sustainability of the Discovery Islands visitor economy. Many businesses on Quadra support tourism without being directly involved in tourist activities, and they are all struggling to find staff. That is in part because of lack of housing. This initiative will support our businesses. The initiative will align a portion of Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) revenues with housing solutions for employees working in tourism, hospitality, and related service sectors. Local accommodation providers have expressed strong, unanimous support for a balanced approach that invests in destination marketing while addressing the housing needed to sustain the workforce delivering visitor services.

Online accommodation platforms will also play an important role, as applicable short-term rental operators will be required to collect and remit the MRDT. These contributions will significantly enhance the program's impact, expanding resources for destination marketing and tourism workforce housing initiatives.

Through the Chamber's MRDT five-year strategic plan, efforts will focus on expanding overnight visitation for shoulder-season travel, and supporting the transition to a more resilient, year-round visitor economy—helping ensure the workforce capacity needed to deliver high-quality visitor experiences. "Tourism businesses depend on a reliable workforce, and that workforce needs housing," said Carol-Ann Terreberrry, President of the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce. "By aligning destination marketing with workforce housing initiatives,

we are supporting long-term sustainability while helping transform Quadra Island into a stronger year-round destination." Terreberrry added: "We are deeply grateful to the hoteliers on Quadra Island for their shared support of workforce housing. Their leadership reflects a clear understanding that a thriving visitor economy depends on a stable and supported workforce."

The partnership supports priorities identified in the Quadra Island Economic Diversification Plan, which emphasizes strengthening year-round economic opportunities while reducing reliance on seasonal cycles.

Pam Gøijberg, Vice President of the Discovery Islands Affordable Housing Society said: "Housing is essential to the vitality of our community and the success of our local businesses. This partnership recognizes that housing and economic sustainability are closely connected." The Discovery Islands Affordable Housing Society will work with the Chamber and partners to advance initiatives that increase long-term rental housing for employees working in tourism and related sectors.

MRDT revenues will be used in accordance with provincial guidelines and the Chamber's approved plans, supporting destination development, visitor experience enhancement, and long-term sustainability.

This collaborative approach reflects a growing recognition that sustainable visitor economies depend on strong local communities. The partnership has been developed with the support of local accommodation providers, recognizing their shared interest in a stable tourism workforce and a resilient year-round visitor economy.

Together, the organizations are committed to supporting destination development, workforce stability, and sustainable tourism growth so the Discovery Islands remain a vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

## Quadra Island Pantry A Community Solution

### What Happens When the Last Locally-Owned Store Closes?

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Because when a local business disappears, we lose far more than a store. We lose local jobs. We lose opportunity. We lose choice.

That job is gone, and with it, a way for someone to earn an income close to home. As work becomes harder to find on the island, the cost of travelling off island for employment rises. For some families, there's no choice but to move away. And when that happens, the whole community feels it. Fewer families, fewer connections, less resilience.

Even the small things start to add up. A trip off island for a bag of screws or a liter of milk becomes part of everyday life. Meanwhile, the larger stores that remain hold the advantage. With less competition, prices rise, and decisions are often shaped by seasonal tourism rather than the needs of the people who live here year-round.

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# The African Chamber Music Ensemble

## Quadra Concerts Season Finale

Saturday, April 11

As the final notes of this remarkable season approach, Quadra Concerts invites you to join us for a truly special evening: our season finale on April 11 featuring the vibrant and boundary-breaking African Chamber Music Ensemble — a project led by Curtis Andrews. After a season filled with extraordinary artists and unforgettable moments, we would love nothing more than to celebrate together in joyful fashion with the audience members who have made this year so memorable.

This unique ensemble brings together a dynamic string quartet with master musicians of African percussion and voice, creating a musical dialogue that is both uplifting and deeply moving. The program reimagines African musical traditions through the intimate lens of chamber music, blending the expressive warmth of violin, viola, and cello with the layered rhythms of African percussion and the mesmerizing sound of the mbira. The result is music that is rich in spirit, groove, and imagination.

At the heart of the ensemble are master artists rooted in African traditions, joined by adventurous string players who expand the



possibilities of the classical quartet. Together they weave music inspired by Zimbabwe's Shona mbira traditions and the intricate vocal and rhythmic heritage of Ghana's Ewe culture, creating a sound world that is joyful, soulful, and utterly captivating.

For this final concert of the season, expect rhythms that pulse through the hall, luminous string textures, and moments of

collective musical celebration that remind us why live music matters. It is the perfect way to close a season that has brought our community together through shared musical experiences.

Most of all, this evening is about celebrating with you — the audience whose warmth, curiosity, and enthusiasm make concerts on Quadra Island so special. Your presence throughout the year has

helped create a vibrant musical community, and we hope you'll join us one more time to mark the end of the season with energy, connection, and joy.

Come celebrate the finale with us. Let's fill the hall, lift our spirits, and send this season out in style.

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# Elisapie Meets with Homalco Language Team

- Jim O'Rourke

Members of Homalco First Nation's Language Team returned to Quadra Island March 3 for a language-focused "mini-retreat" at Taku Resort, which included a meeting with Quadra Concerts' visiting artist Elisapie Isaac.

Homalco is working to revitalize and expand their threatened Salishan language, ʔayʔajuθəm (Ayajuthem). The language is shared with Sister Nations Klahoose, Tla'amin and K'òmoks.

Sarah Sopracolle of Quadra's Sound Seed Yoga opened the mini-retreat with a "sound immersion". Moving from silence to sound was a sensory metaphor for (re)finding one's voice.



Elisapie Isaac, by Mark Wunsch.

"I really enjoyed the surprise guest," said Homalco Elder Mariena Hackett. "That lady was really good at what she does."

An experiential language-based activity focused on travel to Homalco sites such as m̄sq̄n (Old Church House), saȳgen (Hole in the Wall) and p̄p̄q̄naç (Orford Bay).

"I really liked the walkaround experience to talk about where we used to live and what we used to do in each season," said Homalco Elder Gerald Joseph. "To me it

brought back some memories of what we used to do as young people." Klahoose Language Coordinator Duane Hanson observed that "(g)etting out on the land with purpose of a narrative placed my heart and mind where it needed to be (...), an understanding that (...) place, names, and narratives is medicine."

Later in the afternoon the team met with Quadra Concerts' visiting artist Elisapie Isaac, joined by others from the community. The ensuing discussion confirmed the strong connections between music, language, history and emotions.

Brody Naknakim of We Wai Kai and Gerald Joseph of Homalco



Brody Naknakim of We Wai Kai sings a welcome song, by Mark Wunsch.

welcomed Elisapie and the expanded group with a song and a prayer.

Elisapie, a trilingual Inuk musician, spoke engagingly about her experiences. Born in Salluit, Nunavik, Elisapie lives in Montreal and has performed around the world. She is one whose journey has woven different cultures and languages into her worldview without diminishing her identity as an Inuktitut-speaking Indigenous woman.

"The people from Elisapie's community must be so proud of her for what she's done," said Hackett.

Elisapie discussed the personal connections that brought her to reanimate folk, pop and rock songs by translating them into her first language of Inuktitut.

"I liked listening to Elisapie talk about where she grew up and about using her language to convert songs, said Joseph. "After we got home I started thinking about how we could convert a song to ʔayʔajuθəm."

Elisapie demonstrated the art of throat singing, followed by her Inuktitut version of Leonard Cohen's That's No Way to Say Goodbye. Rachele Loos of Homalco concluded with a powerful rendition of the Chief Dan George prayer song.

In appreciation, Homalco Language Team presented Elisapie with a copy of XWEMALHKWU Hero Stories, a graphic collection of stories from Homalco elders. Since its publication in 2024, the collection has been translated into a French/ʔayʔajuθəm version and a unilingual ʔayʔajuθəm version. The stories offer – like Elisapie - a unique multilingual viewpoint of a local Indigenous history and culture.

Homalco Language Team raises their hands in appreciation: č̄č̄hatanapešt to Elisapie Isaac for her engagement and artistry; Taku Resort and Cindy Wirgau for the enthusiastic welcome and impeccable venue; Sarah Sopracolle at Sound Seed Yoga; ʔop qayumix™ (Homalco) and sister nation toq qayumix™ (Klahoose) for their commitment to the revitalization of their language and culture; Brody Naknakim from We Wai Kai; Jason Sharp, Peter Kinskofer and Mark Wunsch of Quadra Concerts for their support and collaboration.



Elisapie accepts gift of Homalco stories, by Mark Wunsch.

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## Where's the ICAN Tool Library?

**Nowhere. Unlike Waldo, no matter how hard you look, you won't find the ICAN Tool Library.**

When ICAN rebooted in 2020, a group of enthusiastic and capable volunteers formed the ICAN DIY Support Team. They conducted a survey to ascertain the interest in a lending library to offset the need for everyone to purchase their own tools, especially those that would be used infrequently. Side by side with the library might be a makerspace where said tools could be used, since not everyone has such facilities. What happened? The Quadra Community was ecstatic. Yes, please, they said. Let's have a Tool Library. The DIY team went into full fundraising mode and gathered approximately \$5000 by an online auction and garden tool sharpening workshops. The project was in high gear. And then, one by one, life moved on for the members of the DIY team. Many in the community are sad that this Tool Library is nowhere to be found. The ICAN Board of Directors is equally sad and fully aware that ICAN has not upheld its promise to the community. We have your money. We still think the Tool Library is a good idea. Our volunteers get asked about it weekly, if not daily. What to do?

Attempts to find new members of the DIY team have so far failed. So, the ICAN Board is taking drastic measures. There is no problem that cannot be solved by PIZZA.

Pizza will be served at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at The Clove Restaurant, compliments of ICAN. If you have any interest in this project moving forward, please bring your ideas and join this discussion. We need to find a location, a building and a lending process. Come help us make good on our promise.

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## Digital Literacy: And The Digital Divide

by Dave Tomblin

**If you were born in one of the last five decades, let me apologize in advance because this article will likely not be for you.**

Recently I was both shocked and saddened by a news feature on Chek 6 News regarding a senior citizen, Mark Plank, who was facing eviction from his home. He was being evicted for unpaid rent in the amount of \$74.52. Mr. Plank is not, by his own admission, 'tech savvy'. His building is operated by AQP Management, who had sent out an email to the tenants of the building in December 2025 notifying them of a rent increase of \$24.84 a month. Mr. Plank had been paying his rent through automatic deductions which were set up by a tech savvy friend. His only digital device is a flip phone and he does not own a computer. The building management firm served a 10-day eviction notice this week for unpaid rent. He has since paid the balance of the unpaid rent but AQP has so far stood firm on their intent to evict. Let's ignore the horrendous moral implications of evicting a fixed income senior who is in poor health for now, and look at the ramifications and solutions to being non-tech-savvy in this day and age.

How often have you called a business, bank, or government office only to hear the dreaded "Your call is important to us. We are experiencing longer than usual wait times. You can log onto [www.blahblahblah.com](http://www.blahblahblah.com)..." but here you sit, looking at your flip phone wondering how do I do that? There is no escaping the creeping surge of technology, and it seems opting out of it is no longer an option. While businesses and agencies are relying increasingly on digital communication, they are also increasingly reducing the available physical or off-line services. It is becoming a point where not being technically savvy

can have serious consequences.

What barriers stand in the way of someone becoming technically savvy? Marc Prensky, an American educator specializing in digital technology coined the phrase "Digital Native" to describe people who are of an age to have been immersed in technology from birth and "Digital Immigrant" to describe those of us raised with rotary phones and licking stamps on letters. Just like immigrants who arrive here from distant lands, and have had to learn the local language just to survive, Digital Immigrants need to obtain the equipment and skills to survive the Digital Divide. Many older people find the digital world frightening. Fear of scams, online fraud, privacy issues are some of the more common concerns I hear about. Another issue is cost. Face it technology is expensive. I hear of people paying upwards of several hundred dollars a month for a cable and data plan. One can easily drop a thousand dollars at the local computer store without even trying. Another issue is motor skills and dexterity. Many seniors struggle to peck out the tiny keys on a phone with shaky hands and diminishing eyesight.

Quadra Literacy has a program for providing low-income persons with used, but still serviceable laptops and desktops. Our Quadra Literacy outreach worker can go to your home and help you set up and teach you to operate a variety of

devices. Telus and Mascon have a program called Internet for Good which will provide internet connectivity for as little as \$10 per month for those who qualify.

Through a new partnership with Connected Canadians, Quadra Literacy is pleased to offer adults 50+ on Quadra Island and throughout Electoral Area C free one-on-one tech support by phone, text, or online through the Tech Helpline. Call 1-877-304-5813 or visit [help.connectedcanadians.ca](http://help.connectedcanadians.ca).

Although the Mark Plank story is an extreme example of someone who has suffered from lack of digital resources, there are many less tragic examples, and we at Quadra Literacy are here to help with your digital journey.

As always, I welcome any feedback on my articles. I am happy to help anyone who wants to learn how to navigate the digital world. You can reach me at [dave@quadraliteracy.com](mailto:dave@quadraliteracy.com)

To book an appointment with our new Digital Support Outreach Worker, contact Grant at [digitalsupport@quadraliteracy.com](mailto:digitalsupport@quadraliteracy.com).

If you have general questions about literacy or need help finding an affordable device, please contact Kathie at [kathie@quadraliteracy.com](mailto:kathie@quadraliteracy.com)

- It has been reported in the news March 31 by Chek 6 News that Mark Plank has reached an agreement with AQP Management to allow him to stay in his apartment.

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## Quadra Circle

### A Quadra Quandary

Close to half of our population is a Boomer (born 1946-1964) or Great Gen (born 1927-1945). In other words, there are a whole lot of us 62 years old and older. I'm a late Boomer. Everyone reading this will have their own perspective about age and aging.

According to Erikson's Psychosocial Stages - (Saul McLeod, PhD) 65 onward are "old age" - the 8th and final stage of psychosocial development. In this stage, our psychosocial "job" is to assess and make sense of life and the meaning of our contributions. The basic conflict to resolve in this stage of development is integrity vs despair. Do we view our experiences as meaningful and have a sense of satisfaction and readiness to face the end of our lives or do we feel we have fallen short, have regrets, bitterness, or a fear of death. If we resolve this conflict toward positive preparation for the end of our lives, we attain wisdom. The idea is that we can still do something we interpret as meaningful and feel at peace with who we have been and who we have become.

Even if we don't enter this 8th Stage with awareness of our own mortality, we have reminders such as the pictures of those who have passed taped to the grocery store door. We may have memories of each of them and grieve that we won't be able to make more. We certainly feel the meaning that that person's life had for us. Seems the toll is additive and may begin to feel overwhelming. I have heard many of my cohorts freely expressing that sense of overwhelm. We are grieving and need to support each other.

With loss comes change, and with change, comes grief. Grief is a universal human experience we all have yet may feel alone in our own. As difficult as it is, grief is a tool to help us bear and work through our feelings of loss. At first, grief offers a stage of denial to buffer our reality. Then other emotions such as anger, deep sadness, and numbness flow in and out as we attempt to figure out our life as it is now. Time and gradual opening to possibilities soften our grief and help it find its place along side us in our everyday life. We tend to cherish the joyful memories that make life worth living and use our regrets as lessons - stepping stones toward self-acceptance and wisdom.

That is Quadra's Quandary - a large portion of our population are involved in taking stock of their lives while experiencing multiple losses. While it is a normal stage of life, it is happening in a concentrated setting. None of us should have to carry this weight alone. One avenue of support on Quadra is Good Grief. This free, drop-in, peer support group offers a safe place to share sadness, memories, coping strategies - your journey with grief and feel heard and supported by others who understand. For more information, contact me - Jude McCormick [dunnjudy@hotmail.com](mailto:dunnjudy@hotmail.com) or 250-285-2302

#### More Resources:

- Webinar: "Finding Your Way Through Caregiver Grief"
- Family Caregivers of BC [caregiver support groups](#)
- BC Bereavement Helpline: 604-738-9950
- Canadian Virtual Hospice - Videos & resources on caregiving & end-of-life care
- Mygrief.ca - Online, accessible modules on all types of grief
- Pallium Atlas CareMaps tool
- Aboutgrief.ca - Canadian Grief Alliance
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- Caregivergrief.com
- Canadian Centre for Caregiving Excellence

## Holding Space for Men



This article was summarized from a video by Suzanne O'Brien, Founder of The International Doulagivers Institute, and guest Adam Daviau.

From an early age, many men are taught how to be strong in ways that leave little room for tenderness. "Don't cry." "Keep it together." "Handle it on your own." These messages are often offered with care, yet over time they can narrow the emotional world a man is allowed to inhabit.

When grief arrives—and it always does—many men have never been given permission to meet it openly. Losses accumulate quietly: friends, coworkers, brothers, neighbours, fellow veterans. Life moves on, and so are they expected to. But grief does not disappear when it is unspoken. It settles into the body, into habits, into silence.

Over the years, unexpressed grief may show itself as anger, addiction, withdrawal, numbing behaviours, depression, or physical illness. And at the end of life, when the usual distractions fall away, these long-held emotions often rise to the surface. Not as something to be fixed, but as something asking to be witnessed.

This is where men showing up for one another can matter deeply.

A man sitting at the bedside of a longtime friend. A neighbour dropping by regularly, not to "do" anything, but simply to be there. A brother, cousin, or community member willing to stay present when the conversation grows quiet or heavy. When men offer this kind of companionship to one another, something softens. The unspoken becomes easier to speak.

Many men find it simpler to open up in the company of other men—especially those who share similar life experiences, work, or cultural backgrounds. In these moments, vulnerability often arises without effort. Stories surface. Old griefs are named. Laughter and sorrow can coexist. There is relief in not having to explain or justify what is being felt.

What men often need at the end of life is not advice, reassurance, or solutions. They need to be met as they are. To have their fears, regrets, humour, and tenderness received without judgment. To know that strength does not have to be performed anymore—that simply being human is enough.

When men show up for one another in this way, they are offering more than companionship. They are quietly giving permission: permission to feel, to remember, to grieve, and to rest. This kind of presence does not require special training or the right words—only willingness, honesty, and care.

In standing alongside one another at the end of life, men have the opportunity to reshape what strength can look like. Not as silence or endurance, but as presence, courage, and shared humanity—right to the very end.

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# Regional Director's Report

Hello,

The March 25 SRD Board meeting was certainly memorable, with between 80-100 residents of Quadra Island and Area C crowding into the boardroom's public gallery and overflowing into the foyer. They were there to observe as the Board considered a report regarding adding Quadra Island (or all of Area C) as annual tax paying participants of the Strathcona Gardens Recreation Service. That is what this report focuses on.

## WHAT THE REPORT STATED

The consultant's report compared funding for Strathcona Gardens with indoor recreation funding in other coastal regional districts, outlined indirect regional benefits, and provided usage statistics, ferry traffic numbers, and mobile phone data as indicators of Quadra Island's 'functional proximity' and receiving 'broad public benefit' from the recreation facility.

The report concluded that there are "minimal precedent examples of an Island community supporting recreation services in an adjacent centre" however "functional proximity, access to essential services, and employment opportunities provided in a regional centre should be key considerations when establishing a funding area for recreation and related quality of life services". You can read the entire Strathcona Gardens – Sub Regional Recreation Study here: [bit.ly/StrathconaGardensServiceExpansion](http://bit.ly/StrathconaGardensServiceExpansion).

## TOWARDS TAXING QUADRA ISLANDERS FOR STRATHCONA GARDENS

In a close vote of 7 - 6, the Board moved Yes to considering an amendment bylaw that would add Quadra Island as an additional participant in the Strathcona Gardens Recreation facility service. Likely due to 'limited functional accessibility and travel constraints' as outlined in the report, the Outer Discovery Islands and Mainland Inlets are not being considered.

At a future Board meeting (perhaps April 29) the Board will consider an amendment based on the funding model proposed in the report (\$600/year for the average property) or possibly other options (proposed by SRD staff).

There are no other coastal island communities equally funding indoor recreation amenities on the 'big island', the report confirmed. Denman and Hornby Island ratepayers fund Comox Valley recreation facilities at a rate of 10% of full Service participants. Recreation is expensive and requires subsidizing. Here on Quadra Island, we fund our highly used Community Centre through an annual tax requisition, whereas in Area D, the only recreation they fund is Strathcona Gardens.

## LIKELY NEXT STEPS

Once/if the Board settles on an amendment to the Strathcona Gardens Service bylaw, the next step is that the Board moves three readings of the bylaw amendment. After three readings, the Board determines if elector assent will be sought through binding referendum or Alternative Approval Process. The amendment is submitted to the Provincial Inspector of Municipalities for approval, who confirms technical and statutory requirements are met before approving that elector assent can be pursued.

How elector assent will take place is where things get a little hazy: the origin story of Strathcona Gardens plays into this, along with deliberations of the Board. It is unclear if AAP or binding referendum

would seek assent of each participating area individually or altogether. The Service was created in 1970, and I have yet to source any solid information on how electors assented 50+ years ago. The next staff report on this topic will provide these details.

## STRATHCONA GARDENS, EXPANDING & EXPENSIVE

Rebuilding recreation facilities is a costly endeavour requiring significant debt, something Campbell River and Area D have been planning for years as sole Strathcona Gardens Service participants.

Within the last two-and-a-half years the Board authorized two Alternative Approval Processes (AAPs) seeking elector approval for \$122 million dollars of loans to rebuild the Strathcona Gardens swimming and ice rink facilities. Both AAPs were successful, indicating a low level of concern for the increased annual costs of their recreation facility from the residents of Campbell River and Area D. Quadra Island residents were given no say in the shouldering of the burden of long-term debt and many residents have told me being added to the Service after the fact equates to 'taxation without representation': I entirely understand this frustration.

## CONSISTENT COMMUNITY OPPOSITION AND ONE REQUEST

Since this topic was first brought to the Board in 2023, residents of Area C have written letters, signed petitions, and presented as delegations about their strong opposition to joining the Strathcona Gardens Service and their desire for an Electoral Area C-only referendum. One petition the Board received in May 2025 has 1226 signatories, 44% of the population of Area C.

Letters to the Board have outlined the constraint & costs for islanders accessing Strathcona Gardens, robust use of on-island amenities, and extreme concern about an extraordinary tax increase being devastating for too many, especially fixed income seniors.

It remains to be seen if the Board will heed the many voices of Area C residents and support meaningful consultation and an exclusive referendum as has been petitioned. I will ensure your voices are heard at the Board table.

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## SURVEY ABOUT YOUR THOUGHTS!

Quadra Island residents access Campbell River for many reasons, including shopping, employment, and a variety of recreational activities. I've created a quick survey asking about your Strathcona Gardens usage and what percentage of the annual Strathcona Gardens tax is most appropriate for Quadra Island property owners to contribute to Strathcona Gardens. If you're an Islander, I'd be grateful if you took three minutes and shared your thoughts. Find the survey here: <https://forms.gle/Lf459E4GiayvefU28> and thanks in advance.

## CONNECT

You're welcome to connect with me with questions or concerns: email [RMawhinney@srđ.ca](mailto:RMawhinney@srđ.ca), or call 250.203.2468. Visit [RobynMawhinney.ca](http://RobynMawhinney.ca) for links to helpful community resources and 'back issues' of Director Reports. You can watch Board meetings on the SRD's YouTube channel and visit [srđ.ca/government/agendas-minutes](http://srđ.ca/government/agendas-minutes) to keep up to date on SRD governance happenings.

*Until next time, respectfully,  
Robyn Mawhinney*

## Discover Nature with a Free iNaturalist Workshop

Quadra Literacy is inviting adults to explore the natural world in a whole new way with a free Seek by iNaturalist workshop on April 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Quadra Island Community Centre, Room 3.

Facilitated by Courtney den Elzen, this one-hour session will introduce participants to Seek, a user-friendly app that helps identify plants, animals, and fungi using a smartphone.

Whether you're out for a walk or in your own backyard, Seek makes it easy to learn about local biodiversity and engage with nature in a fun, interactive way.

No prior experience is needed. Participants are encouraged to bring a smartphone or tablet if they have one.

This workshop is part of Quadra Literacy's ongoing commitment to supporting digital skills and lifelong learning in the community.

For more information or to register, please contact [kathie@quadraliteracy.com](mailto:kathie@quadraliteracy.com)

## Fund-Raiser for Gaza

Join us for a Academy Award nominated docudrama film to be shown at Quadra Community Centre on Friday, April 10th.

The Voice of Hind Rajab was written and directed by Franco-Tunisian, Kaouther Ben Hania and tells the story of Hind Rajab, a six year old Palestinian girl who was fleeing in Gaza City with six relatives in 2024 when their car came under fire by the Israel Defense Forces. Set in the dispatch room of the Palestinian Red Crescent, the film focuses on the efforts of a 911 team as they try to coordinate her rescue. It portrays the circumstances of the occupation and the outcomes of attempts to negotiate a humanitarian response to lethal circumstances.

Palestinian lead actor Motaz Malhees, who played the role of a call center operator in the film, was not able to participate in the recent Academy Awards presentations since he was blocked from entering the US because of his Palestinian citizenship. Of this unjust decision he says, "It hurts. However, you can block a passport but you cannot block a voice...I am Palestinian, and I stand with pride and dignity. Our story is bigger than any barrier, and it will be heard."

Mandy Patinkin and Kathy Grody from International Rescue Committee, express the following of what they call an extraordinary film. "I didn't want to see it. I thought it would devastate me, but it did the opposite. This is a film that anyone who is human should see. It reminds us of how insane our species has gotten and how beautiful it could be. This is a human story of a small child, a beautiful little girl, whose voice will stay in our minds, our hearts, our souls forever. It is essential for the survival of our species that you find your way to this film, so we can continue to have hope and one day have a better world to bring to our children and grandchildren. This is a profound gift to all of us. It is a heart that is speaking to you from beyond and you must find your way to it. It will change all of our lives, the more of us that embrace it and see it."

Doors open at 7:00 for our concession with a short overview and discussion at 7:15 led by Keith Simmonds. Keith is the minister of the Campbell River United Church and was a former human rights observer in Palestine and Israel. Admission is by donation. Proceeds will go to aid a family in Gaza as well as to the Quadra United Church for its continuing peace efforts.

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# THE QUADRA PROJECT

## Gasoline

Driving a gasoline powered car is getting more expensive these days as a consequence of the war with Iran and the closure to most oil tankers of the Strait of Hormuz. Our industrial and consumer world is still largely energized and sustained by oil, and about 20% of the global consumption of about 100 million barrels per day must pass unimpeded through that narrow gap in the Persian Gulf. Limit supplies and the price goes up. So, while the subject of oil is current and the price of gasoline has our attention, this is an opportunity to consider the environmental implications of what we are doing as consumers of these fossil fuels.

To produce a barrel of conventional oil results in the emission of about 60 kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e)—the oil from the tar sands in Alberta has been as high as 85 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per barrel but the province now contends efficiency has brought it down to 65.2 of CO<sub>2</sub>e. Globally, about 6 million tonnes per day of CO<sub>2</sub>e is emitted just to extract the oil. Then it has to be refined and distributed to markets. Not all this oil, however, is burned as fuel in vehicles. About 14% is used in the petrochemical industry to make such products as plastics. Although about 8% goes to make jet fuel and 7% for marine shipping, this form of oil is still burned and enters the atmosphere as CO<sub>2</sub>.

The barrel of oil to be burned as gasoline or diesel in motor vehicles contains 159 litres, and each combusted litre produces 2.7 kg of carbon dioxide. (Some statistics say 2.31 kg, but 2.7 would take into account the larger emissions for burning diesel rather than gasoline. Others suggest a realistic total of carbon dioxide emissions for all oil production and burning should be the tonnage times 3.664.) Using 2.7 kg/litre means that if the fuel consumption of a gasoline powered car is as low as 6 litres per 100 kilometres for a subcompact, 8 for most others, and more than 10 for large pickups, then the carbon

dioxide emitted into the atmosphere for driving 100 kilometres is 16.2 kg, 21.6 kg, and 27 kg respectively. Assuming that the average vehicle travels about 15,000 km per year, this equals about 3240 kg or 3.240 tonnes per year per vehicle, assuming a median fuel consumption of 8 litres per 100 km. The estimated motor vehicle population in the world in 2025 was about 1.65 billion. While about 20% of new cars sold globally in 2025 were electric, their numbers still represent only a small percentage of the total vehicles in use.

These statistics will vary from place to place and from time to time, but one statistic remains fairly constant. If global oil consumption is about 100 million barrels per day, and 71 million barrels per day are used for vehicular transportation (100,000,000 minus the 14% used in the petrochemical industry, minus the 15% for jet fuel and marine shipping), then each barrel burned will produce about 430 kg of carbon dioxide (2.7 x 159 litres per barrel). We can assume that the supply of gasoline and diesel meets the demand, otherwise surplus gasoline and diesel stocks would accumulate, which they do not. This totals 30,530,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emitted daily, or about 11 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year that is added into the atmosphere just from driving vehicles.

With such numbers, Earth feels like a small place in our modern world of instantaneous communication, global travel and

international politics. And the layer of air that keeps us warm and safe and alive is very thin and fragile. Given these circumstances, it should be easy to understand how the millions and billions of tonnes of our carbon dioxide emissions could have a disruptive effect on the balanced stability of an atmospheric miracle that is continually interceding between us and death.

We can't all have electric cars instantly, and they are still expensive, in part because they are larger and more complicated than they need to be. Eventually, a less venal market may provide an electric "people's car" that is small, efficient, simple, practical and reliable. This would be an immense benefit to consumers, but also to the environment.

Meanwhile, should you be driving a gasoline vehicle, consider how much you drive and for what purposes. Remember the 2.7 kilograms of carbon dioxide produced for each litre of gasoline burned. This is your contribution to an unfolding climate crisis. Regardless of the cost at the pump, the environmental price is debilitating heat, increased storm intensities, droughts, heavier rainfalls, floods and deranged seasonal weather. Each unnecessary kilometre that we thoughtlessly drive is moving us closer to a looming climate Armageddon.

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DATE	TIME PDT	M.	FT.
<b>03</b> Fri	01:16	2.707	8.9
	06:56	4.491	14.7
	13:39	1.457	4.8
	20:23	4.568	15.0
<b>04</b> Sat	01:58	3.009	9.9
	07:19	4.380	14.4
	14:11	1.341	4.4
	21:11	4.564	15.0
<b>05</b> Sun	02:40	3.275	10.7
	07:42	4.260	14.0
	14:46	1.295	4.2
	22:01	4.508	14.
<b>06</b> Mon	03:24	3.490	11.4
	08:04	4.136	13.6
	15:23	1.313	4.3
	22:57	4.422	14.5
<b>07</b> Tue	04:16	3.645	12.0
	08:26	4.009	13.2
	16:04	1.382	4.5
<b>08</b> Wed	00:02	4.338	14.2
	05:31	3.729	12.2
	08:50	3.880	12.7
	16:50	1.486	4.9
<b>09</b> Thu	01:15	4.291	14.1
	07:26	3.707	12.2
	09:21	3.742	12.3
	17:44	1.602	5.3
<b>10</b> Fri	02:20	4.297	14.1
	08:57	3.575	11.7
	10:24	3.590	11.8
	18:49	1.704	5.6
<b>11</b> Sat	03:09	4.340	14.2
	09:41	3.380	11.1
	12:46	3.504	11.5
	19:58	1.774	5.8
<b>12</b> Sun	03:45	4.399	14.4
	10:12	3.131	10.3
	14:21	3.577	11.7
	20:59	1.838	6.0
<b>13</b> Mon	04:14	4.463	14.6
	10:39	2.817	9.2
	15:31	3.740	12.3
	21:50	1.942	6.4
<b>14</b> Tue	04:39	4.526	14.8
	11:06	2.440	8.0
	16:35	3.960	13.0
	22:35	2.112	6.9
<b>15</b> Wed	05:01	4.579	15.0
	11:34	2.016	6.6
	17:33	4.215	13.8
	23:19	2.347	7.7
<b>16</b> Thu	05:23	4.618	15.2
	12:04	1.577	5.2
	18:28	4.474	14.7
<b>17</b> Fri	00:02	2.628	8.6
	05:45	4.640	15.2
	12:36	1.164	3.8
	19:20	4.697	15.4

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