

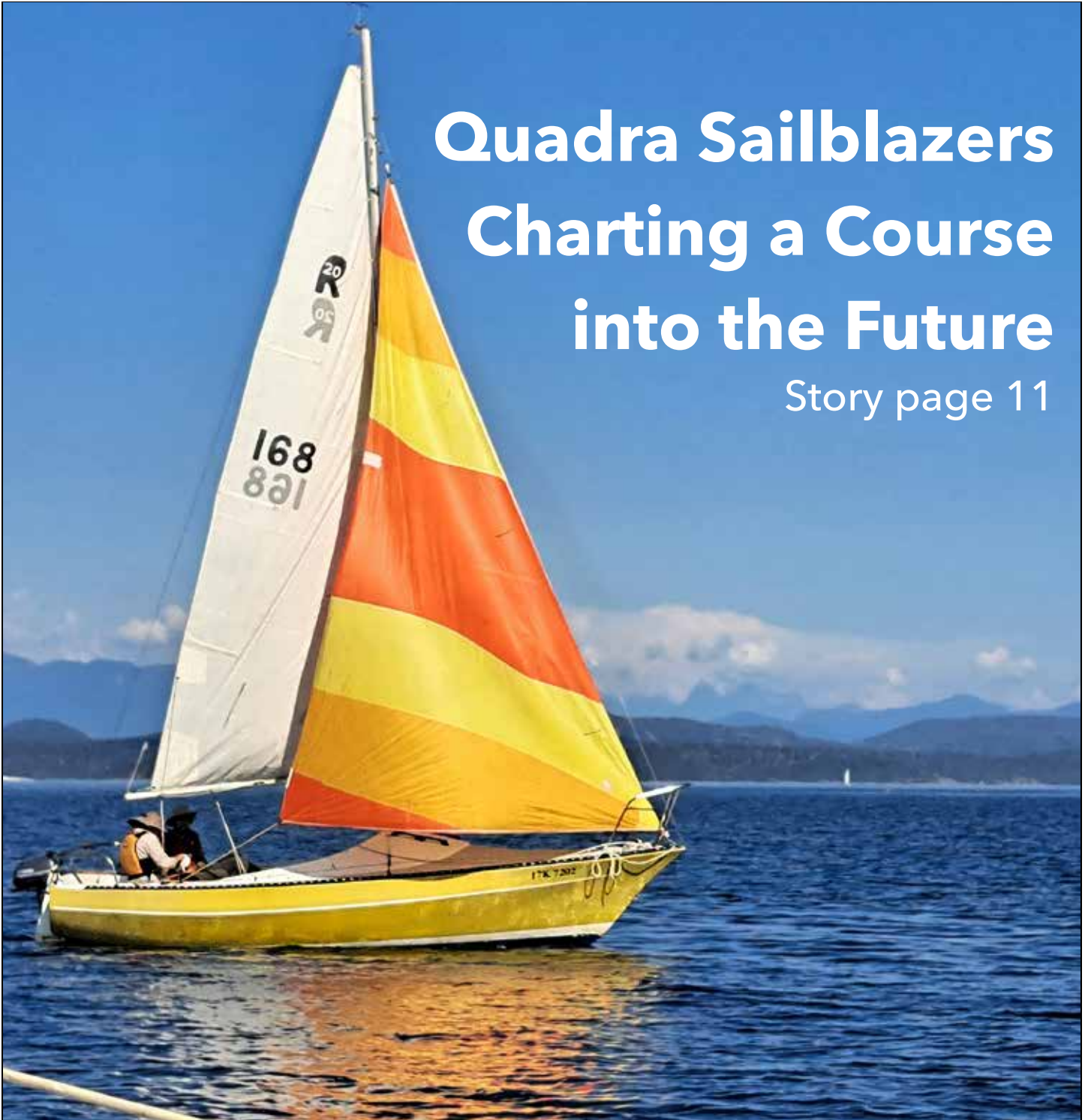
# Discovery Islander

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## Quadra Sailblazers Charting a Course into the Future

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# Heriot Bay – Whaletown Terminal Upgrades

## Hello Quadra and Cortes Island community members,

I'm happy to share the following updates on work that will be finalized over the coming months at both Heriot Bay and Whaletown.

### Completed work:

- The demolition of the old berth and temporary trestle at Heriot Bay was completed in March.
- Additional shoreline riprap work at Heriot Bay was also finished in March.

### Upcoming work:

- Paving at both terminals is planned for mid-April, and once complete, the installation of fencing, gates, and railings will take place.
- Minor fine-tuning and adjustments to the new infrastructure are ongoing.
- Revegetation along the shoreline at both terminals is planned for spring.
- The dock fit for the Island Class vessel is planned for spring, in advance of its summer deployment.

I'd like to thank the community once again for the patience shown as we finalize the Heriot Bay-Whaletown Terminal Project work.

This will be our last advertorial in the Discovery Islander but you can continue to read updates about the **Heriot Bay – Whaletown Terminal Projects** by visiting: [bcferriesprojects.ca/heriot-bay-whaletown-tp](https://bcferriesprojects.ca/heriot-bay-whaletown-tp)

Thank you,

**Jeffrey Li**  
Project Manager, BC Ferries



## Day to Day

### Friday, April 17

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

### Saturday, April 18

- Discovery Islands Affordable Housing Soc. AGM, Quadra Library, 12:30pm
- Quadra Singers Spring Concert - Earth Songs, QCC doors: 6:30pm details pg. 10

### Sunday, April 19

- Heriot Bay Inn Heritage Celebration, HBI, 11:30pm

### Monday, April 20

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

### Friday, April 24

- Live music with Age Against the Machine, HBI Pub, 8pm, no cover

### Saturday, April 25

- Garden Club Plant Sale, QCC, 10-11 am details pg. 5
- Purr-fect Poetry Book Launch Cat Rescue fundraiser, Quadra Library, 2pm dets page 7
- Young Musicians Concert & Fundraiser, QCC, 6-8pm details page 5

### Monday, April 27

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

### Saturday, May 9

- Quadra Island Birding Big Day, Quadra Island all day, details page 6

## 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

### List your event in our Island Calendar

Email news@discoveryislands.ca **Drop off** your item at *Inspirations* in Quathiaski Cove **Bring** it to our office at 701 Cape Mudge Road

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING at QCC

**THIS WEEK: Apr 17 - 24**

**FRIDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Spinners and Knitters; 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; 7:30 Quadra Singers Presents - The Elements - Earth Songs

**MONDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Yoga with Josephine; 1 Sing for Pure Joy; 1 Jewelry Making - Quadra Circle; 1:30 Way To Go; 7 QIRS AGM

**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; 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; 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

**NEXT WEEK: Apr 25 - May 1**

**SATURDAY:** 9:30 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10 Garden Club FLASH Plant Sale; 10:30 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki; 6 Young Musicians Fund Concert

**SUNDAY:** 10 Community Sewing Bee; 5 GAMES NIGHT

**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 Photography Club

**TUESDAY:** 9 Quadra Quilters Guild; 9:30 Pilates; 11 Balance, Core Strength & Bone Health; 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; 4 Whiskey Point Improvement District AGM

**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; 7 Indoor Floor Hockey for Adults - School Gym

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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 27**  
for publication on  
**Friday, May 1, 2026**

## NEWS & EVENTS

### 5 Week Beach Clean Report

Hello Quadra. The Quadra Island Beach Clean Dream Team is fast approaching it's half way point of our 3 month long beach and shoreline clean up.

Our biggest challenge is encouraging people to come out and help, time and time again, as the pollution keeps coming on most every tide.

We can't wait for politicians and government agencies to do something. Our team is hoping to keep our oceans and beaches cleaner so that future generations can enjoy Quadra's precious natural beauty without pollution.



We ask everyone to "Do what you can, where you can, when you can."

That means if you are a waterfront property owner, clean your beach and help your neighbours clean theirs.

If there is garbage on your roadside, clean it up.

We have been promised an area for marine debris only at the new recycling center once it opens. Many delays have forced us to store collected marine debris on our own properties.



Wednesday April 8th at 10 am we will meet at the Shellaligan Pass trail head closest to the beach.

Saturday April 11th there will be a opportunity for all to help clean Rebecca Spit. Meet at 10 am just before the boat ramp.

Saturday May 9th we are teaming up with Quadra Kayaks to clean up the Breton Islands. Details to follow.

If you want to be on the notification email list email [Quadrabeachclean@gmail.com](mailto:Quadrabeachclean@gmail.com). Please remember #319 for your Spirit Points at either Tru Value grocery store fuels us later.

### 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/)

### 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@royalpage.ca](mailto:HeidiRidgway@royalpage.ca) or mail to Box 129, Heriot Bay V0P 1H before May 31, 2026.

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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!

## 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.

## CR Art Gallery

Now in its final two weeks! Don't  
miss the 44th **Annual Members'  
Show** at the Campbell River Art  
Gallery, running until Saturday,  
April 25 presented by the CRAG  
and the CR Arts Council.

Join us for our Panel Discussion  
'**Succession: Cultural Advocacy  
& Evolution**' 1PM Sat. April 18th  
at the CRAG, 1235 Shoppers  
Row, Campbell River.

**Gallery and Gift Shop Hours:**  
Tues. - Sat. 10AM - 4PM

## DI Affordable Housing AGM

Saturday, April 18th, 12:30 pm  
Quadra 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

## Outdoor Cooking Course

ICAN presents a real outdoor  
cooking experience at the  
Spit. Learn to cook like you're  
camping with a dutch oven, tube  
oven, and other surprises.

You'll outdoor-cook enough to  
enjoy a tasty lunch. No BBQs,  
hot dogs, or s'mores! This is  
real woodsy, outback camping,  
hosted by Bruce Classen (chef  
from Kameleon) and his wife  
Heather, who've taught outdoor  
cooking for Scouts Canada.

It's happening 10 am to 1 pm Sat  
May 9 at Rebecca Spit fire pits.

Cost: \$20 for food. Let's cook  
outside!

Register now, space limited:  
quadraicanfoodteam@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!**

## LA Plant Sale and Scholarship

Join up May 3rd, 10 am - 12pm at  
the Legion for our Annual Plant  
sale. Plant donations welcome -  
call 250-285-3714 for pick up! We  
will even help dig them up!

Kay Dubois Scholarship open  
until June 15th for Quadra  
students entering their first  
year of Post Secondary School,  
call 250 202-2217 for more info  
or submit at heidridgway@  
royalpage.ca

## 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.

Let's make new history together! Dress the part—1906 style!!

# Heritage Celebration SUNDAY APRIL 19



Heriot Bay Inn  
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## TUG-OF-WAR PHOTO

**11:30 AM Under the Maple Trees**

Join us in re-enacting a game of Tug-of-War  
from 1906 between miners & loggers at the  
Heriot Bay Inn with photographer Carla Duffy.

All are welcome to participate & spectate!  
For details, email: Sheri@heriotbayinn.com

## HIGH TEA 11:30 AM in Herons

- Macarons
- Scones & Jam
- Tea Sandwiches
- Brownies
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- & Pub Menu
- Historic Photos  
& Antiques
- Stories from Past  
Owners & Staff
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## Quadra Island - Birding Big Day

Part of the Global Big Day May 9, 2026

A full day of spotting birds on Quadra Island!



The idea is to see and record as many species as possible within the 24 hour period. This is a part of a Global Big Day, when people will look for birds all around the globe.

To participate:

- - get out and look for birds!
- - keep a careful list of what you see
- - report your results...

There will be prizes!

You can enter the Quadra event, individually or as teams, under the following categories:

- Backyard Birds - spotted from a single location (eg - from a fixed location in your yard)
- Unmotorized (individual or team) - transport limited to foot, bike, horse..... (no motors at all – even between count sites)
- Open (individual or team) - anywhere on Quadra, any form of transportation
- Youth - birders 16 and under
- Bird Photo (or Birder!) - must be taken during this 24 hour period - pictures of birds or of people looking at birds

### How It Works

- no need to pre-register - just get out and look for birds!
- keep a list of the species you see (and correctly identify)
- binoculars and spotting scopes are ok
- birds positively identified by sound may be counted
- no audio lures, please
- for unusual or rare species, please add a few notes of documentation: description of the bird, the location/habitat where it was seen, who else saw it, etc
- this event relies on the honour system - so please be honourable...

### Reporting Results

- For the Quadra event - at the end of May 14, send your final list of species and/or photographs to kamanry@gmail.com - don't forget to mention which category you are entering.
- For the Global event (optional, but fun!) - post your results to an eBird account (easy

and free to create).The eBird link is: <https://ebird.org/news/global-big-day-2026>

- it would be great to have the results posted on the Quadra Birds FB group too...

Questions - call Mark or Kathryn at 285-2103

## Quadra Literacy Expands Digital Support Services for the Community

Residents of Quadra Island and the Discovery Islands now have even greater access to free, personalized help with technology, thanks to expanded services from Quadra Literacy.

Recognizing that digital skills are increasingly essential for everyday life, Quadra Literacy offers one-to-one support for anyone needing help with smartphones, tablets, laptops, or desktop computers. Whether someone is just getting started, feeling stuck, or looking to build confidence, support is available in a comfortable setting—often right in their own home or within the community.

At the heart of the program is the Digital Support Outreach Worker, who provides patient, step-by-step guidance tailored to each person's needs and pace. The service is open to adults of all skill levels, with a special focus on those new to technology. Grant is also hosting drop-in services at the Heriot Bay Inn Bayview Room on Monday April 20 and 27 from 2 – 4 and the Community Centre, Room 2 on Wednesday April 22 and 29 from 11:30 – 1:30.

In addition to hands-on help, Quadra Literacy also addresses the challenge of aging or unaffordable equipment. Through a partnership with ReuseTechBC, the organization offers low-cost refurbished computers, helping extend the life of devices and reduce electronic waste. Support is also available for upgrading operating systems or exploring free alternatives that can breathe new life into older machines.

For adults aged 50 and over, additional assistance is available through a partnership with Connected Canadians, offering free remote tech support by phone or online.

Quadra Literacy's Digital Support Services are part of its broader mission to build confidence, connection, and lifelong learning across the community. By meeting people where they are and providing friendly, accessible help, the program ensures that no one is left behind in an increasingly digital world.

### Get in Touch

To access support or learn more:

- General digital support: [digitalsupport@quadraliteracy.com](mailto:digitalsupport@quadraliteracy.com)
- Help with equipment or operating systems: [dave@quadraliteracy.com](mailto:dave@quadraliteracy.com)
- Low-cost computers or general inquiries: [kathie@quadraliteracy.com](mailto:kathie@quadraliteracy.com)

Adults 50+ can also access free support through Connected Canadians:

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# Purr-fect Poetry Book Launch

April is National Poetry Month, and the purr-fect time for a fun(d)-raising book launch of *A Life Amongst Cats*, a new collection of original poems and drawings by two Quadra islanders.

The book launch will include readings by an all-star cast of island performers and an animated presentation showcasing the artist's illustrative journey.

Join the fun at the Quadra Library in Quathiasi Cove on **Saturday, April 25 at 2 pm.**

Early reviews of *A Life Amongst Cats* are pouring in, with critics calling the original poetry the mother of all meows, and Sophie Whittingham's illustrations, the feline-est pyjamas.

Industry experts & cat literati have weighed in:

- "It absolutely knocked my socks off." — Puss'n Boots
- "Left me smiling." — The Cheshire Cat
- "You'll love it and that's my bond." — Pussy Galore

See for yourself when you pick up *A Life Amongst Cats* at Inspirations in the Cove. Copies are available by donation (recommended minimum \$15), and all proceeds support Quadra Cat Rescue.

Quadra Cat Rescue volunteers have been working to reduce the number of homeless cats on our island since 2009, and every year, kittens born on Quadra far outnumber local homes wanting pets. More information, including spay-neuter request forms and adoption applications are available at [www.quadracatrescue.com](http://www.quadracatrescue.com). Please let us know about stray cats that need help by email to [quadracatrescue@yahoo.com](mailto:quadracatrescue@yahoo.com) or telephone 250-285-CATS (2287).

Support Quadra Cat Rescue:

- Volunteer to temporarily foster or become a neighbourhood monitor.
- Adopt an already-fixed adult cat from Quadra Cat Rescue to free up foster space.
- Sponsor a kitten's healthy start (\$400 covers vaccinations, neutering, and fostering).
- Designate proceeds from beverage containers at Return-It depots across B.C.
- Donate Tru Value Foods Spirit Board points (#280 at both Quadra Island stores).
- Purchase Tru Value gift cards for either store at Inspirations in the Cove.
- Donate to Quadra Cat Rescue (provide phone number, email, mailing address for tax receipts!):

• e-transfer via email to [quadracatrescue@yahoo.com](mailto:quadracatrescue@yahoo.com)

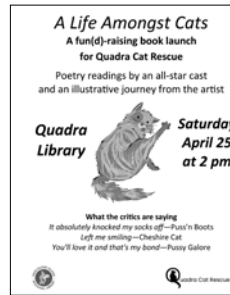
• Mail a cheque (Box 192 Heriot Bay, V0P 1H0)

• Through Coastal Community Credit Union

• Through the CanadaHelps or PayPal link at [www.quadracatrescue.com](http://www.quadracatrescue.com)

• Spay or neuter before kittens are five months old. (One unfixed pair of cats and their offspring can produce 500 kittens in three years.)

Contact Quadra Cat Rescue by email [quadracatrescue@yahoo.com](mailto:quadracatrescue@yahoo.com), or call 250-285-CATS (2287).



## Quadra Island Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

April is the end of our "winter" season, so we are coming to the end of that schedule. Here are the upcoming events:

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

**26 April, Sunday** – Summer Planning meeting

Following the Summer Planning meeting, we will develop the "summer" schedule. We are looking forward to all the opportunities that this brings with it. The planning meeting will be held at the Community Centre in room 3 from 2:00 to 4:00. It's an opportunity to brainstorm about all the destinations we would like to visit through the spring, summer and fall months. Everyone is welcome.

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

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Beyond contributing to national research, participants have a chance to win significant prizes:

- **Grand Prize:** \$1,000 in grocery gift cards
- **Additional Prizes:** 40 food prize packs (valued at \$200 each), featuring gift cards for groceries, as well as Too Good To Go, Skip the Dishes, Monkey and Pebbles, and Fenigo. <https://tinyurl.com/w2vw8jk8>

Deadline for submissions is April 27, 2026

**Want to get more involved with food?** Consider joining the Garden Club/ICAN Food Security team, contact us: [quadraicanfoodteam@gmail.com](mailto:quadraicanfoodteam@gmail.com)

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## Quadra Island Pantry Looking at Community Dependence

We've seen what happens when small and mid-sized nations become dependent on a larger neighbour. Trade imbalances turn into pressure points, and those nations start to be treated more like resource projects than sovereign partners.

The same can be true between communities. When a small community relies too heavily on a larger one, it opens the door to the same kind of imbalance, and it shows up in taxes for unwanted services, and loss of control over our future.

And that's where the frustration comes in. Decisions are being made without us, and no one wants to see their property taxes rise, especially for services we feel disconnected from or rarely use.

We can continue to protest and write to our Regional Director and Strathcona Council. Those are valid responses.

But we can also address the root of the issue by choosing who we support. Choosing to move our community toward resilience instead of dependence. As we have seen on the world stage, an effective way to push back is to become more self-reliant, to place more focus on local trade.

Imagine if even a portion of the money we spend elsewhere stays here on Quadra. We

might have our own small seasonal swimming pool. Maybe even an ice rink on the horizon. More importantly, we would have started building infrastructure that reflects our own needs and priorities.

Change has already begun, in a small but meaningful way. A community owned co-op is taking shape. Something tangible that keeps decision making local and invests in the people who live here. It's not just a store; it's a step toward greater control over our future.

Supporting local doesn't mean changing everything overnight. But it does mean choosing, when we can, to keep our dollars at home.

Because if we want a stronger voice tomorrow, we need to invest in ourselves today.

Want to stay informed about the process of the co-op? Sign up for the Co-op Times monthly newsletter and be part of the conversation. [qipantrycoop@gmail.com](mailto:qipantrycoop@gmail.com)



## Quadra Residents: Have Your Say On SRD/ Strathcona Gardens Decisions

### Letters Sent to Provincial Authorities - Now It's Your Turn to Be Heard

Formal letters have been submitted to the Honourable Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Christine Boyle, and to the Office of the Inspector of Municipalities regarding serious concerns with the Strathcona Regional District's (SRD) recent processes tied to Strathcona Gardens service expansion and associated bylaws.

These letters outline key issues, including the lack of meaningful consultation with Quadra Island residents and questions surrounding the inclusion of Quadra within service areas and long-term financial obligations.

Community voices matter. Residents are encouraged to continue writing to the SRD, the Ministry, and the Inspector of Municipalities to ensure Quadra's concerns remain visible and addressed.

These letters were prepared and submitted by Mark Alexander, a long-time Quadra Island resident committed to transparency and accountability in local governance.

**For more information or to connect:** [mca.letters@gmail.com](mailto:mca.letters@gmail.com)

Read the full letters and supporting documents:

Minister Christine Boyle: <https://bit.ly/3QznRtc>

Inspector of Municipalities: <https://bit.ly/4cG5snd>

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Mark Alexander

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The money we can save doing this will off set your tourist tax, but at the same time deprive the local community of the dollars it would otherwise collect.

We have discussed this with friends and family who also visit the island and agree the tax is counter productive to the residents and businesses on Quadra Island.

Thank you,  
Fred and Kris Poustie

## Re: RCMP Traffic Enforcement

Having recently experienced, yet again, a near death experience on my motorcycle at the hands of a 'Quadra Island late for the ferry stop sign runner', I find myself compelled to ask "Do the RCMP even do traffic enforcement anymore?" Let's face it, other than a brief waving of the flag when the kids go back to school and then the odd, flavour of the week, usually well advertised enforcement blitz, you rarely see them out on the road. I'm talking about out on the road doing what had been, in not so distant times, one of their more visible roles, particularly in sleepy jurisdictions such as this where there generally isn't a great deal of more serious criminality to pursue. Don't get me wrong, I'm well aware that if called they will respond, day or night, but that isn't the visible traffic enforcement presence that used to keep us all on our somewhat best driving behaviour, for fear of getting a ticket. The odds of now getting a traffic ticket has become something approaching zero and we have some of the abysmal driving to prove it. Like many rural jurisdictions, we only have one layer of law enforcement, so if not the RCMP, then who?

On the off chance that my little missive may have garnered their attention, these are the driver behaviours that I feel present the most common hazards on Quadra Island: Speed not appropriate to a particular stretch of road or conditions, possibly still within posted limits, although possibly

well over. "Stop" signs being treated as a mere suggestion, or if there's absolutely no other option than to actually stop. Poor/inattentive lane keeping. Unsecured and/or dangerous loads. Vehicles with inoperative lights, some quite literally for YEARS and others with multiple unserviceable lights, ie: one headlight and one taillight.

I feel most drivers are inclined to try to do their best on the road, whether through a sense of civic responsibility, or just good old fashioned self preservation but there will always be those who require a little more encouragement and that is where some visible police enforcement presence, even if it's merely the threat of enforcement, has always made a difference. It is a service that our tax dollars are paying for.

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# Win Big While Giving Back: Quadra Seniors Spring Raffle On Now!

The Quadra Island Senior Housing Society Spring Raffle is now underway—featuring incredible prize packages that highlight the very best of our island community.

Five unique packages are up for grabs. The “Outdoor Adventures Quadra-Cation” (\$1,830) includes contributions from Saltaire Fishing, Farm to Table, Spirit of the West Adventures, Southend Farm & Winery, and Quadra Island Golf.

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The “Home Improvement – There’s No Place Like Home” (\$2,450) features Insumo Property Solutions, Cliff Mooney Electrical, Bold Point Plumbing, All Clear Septic, Sarah MacLellan Cleaning & Organizing, and Quadra Builders.

Tickets are available now from board members, tenants, and at Inspirations and Copper Coast Gallery & Gift Shop, or online at [www.qiseniorshousingsociety.ca/2026-spring-raffle](http://www.qiseniorshousingsociety.ca/2026-spring-raffle).

The first ticket drawn gets first pick of any prize package, with draws two through five choosing in order.

Every ticket sold supports affordable housing for seniors on Quadra Island—helping ensure our community remains a place where seniors can continue to live with dignity, connection, and security.

Thank you to all our generous donors and supporters.

Don’t miss your chance to win while supporting a truly important cause!

# Quadra Singers Concert Earth Songs

Saturday, April 18 at 7:00pm

For the past three and a half months, Quadra Singers have been rehearsing for our Spring concert. We’d love to have you join us at the Community Centre at 7:00 on Saturday, April 18. We’re celebrating the “Awakening” of Spring and the “Common Ground” we share. (Those are both songs titles!) We are sure you’ll experience a joyful, relaxing evening of music that will have you tapping your toes and clapping your hands. You might even feel inclined to sing along with us to a couple of songs you’ll recognize. We’ll introduce you to some new songs as well. Not only will we delight your ears, we’ll also have concession treats to delight your taste buds. Advance tickets are available at Inspirations in the Cove and Copper Coast in Heriot Bay. Adults 17 and over are \$15, ages 6 to 16 are \$5 and those 5 and under are admitted free. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5 more so plan to pick up your tickets early.



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# Set Sail on Quadra: Join the Sailblazers!

## Quadra Island's own community sailing club invites you to get involved!

Have you ever dreamed of being the captain of your own ship - charting a course, setting the sails and sailing into the sunset? For members of the Quadra Island Sailblazers, that dream becomes a regular after-work or weekend reality. Whether you're new to sailing or interested in the friendly camaraderie that comes from having others to sail with, Quadra Sailblazers offers an opportunity to get out on the water and become a part of our sailing community.

### A Club Rooted in Community

The Quadra Island Sailblazers have been creating sailing opportunities for Quadra Islanders for more than 25 years. Founded by passionate local sailors Frank and Shirley Wallace, the club began as a grassroots sailing program for island youth and has since grown into a welcoming club for all ages. From its early days launching Lasers off Rebecca Spit to its current home adjacent to Taku Resort in Drew Harbour, the Sailblazers has always been guided by one purpose: sharing a passion of sailing and fostering a connection to wind and water.

The club is now entering a new phase with renewed energy focused on strengthening programming, sustainability and community connection.

### The Fleet: A Boat for Every Sailor

The Sailblazers fleet offers something for every style of sailor, from relaxed coastal cruising to high performance solo sailing - without the cost of boat ownership. There are opportunities to get involved with every aspect of the club from boat maintenance to event planning, mentoring others or joining the board. Our fleet includes:

**Ranger 20 Sailboat** The Ranger 20 is an entry point for interested keelboat sailors. A stable, comfortable 20-foot coastal cruiser for a more relaxed and social sailing experience. With a roomy cockpit with space for 4 and swing keel, this is the boat for skill building and gaining confidence. It's ideal for sailors who want to sail together, practice solo sailing on a larger boat or simply explore the waters around Heriot Bay.

**Laser 2 Sailboat** New to the club this year the Laser 2 is a two-person performance dinghy designed for teamwork and communication. It's a great option for two friends who want to learn the art of crewing together. Responsive and fun in a breeze, it is well-suited to intermediate sailors or pairs who want to develop their skills together.

**Laser Sailboat** The Laser is one of the world's most popular single-handed sailboats, and the Sailblazers fleet includes five of them. The Laser is best suited to confident solo sailors who enjoy a physical challenge, have solid basic skills, and thrive on the freedom of sailing independently. The club's evening sails often feature a lively fleet of Lasers out on the water together.

### Why Join the Sailblazers?

Membership in the Sailblazers opens the door to everything the club has to offer. Membership includes access to the full fleet of club boats — the Ranger 20, the Laser 2, and all five Lasers — without the costs and responsibilities of boat ownership. As a small volunteer-driven club, we encourage members to get involved and learn about boat maintenance, help with club events and ongoing club development while strengthening sailing skills in a supportive, welcoming environment grounded in safe practices and shared learning. Throughout the year events are opportunities to celebrate the art of sailing: BBQs, evening group sails, film nights and UofQ presentations at the Heriot Bay Inn. The club remains committed to keeping membership affordable and accessible, reflecting the founders' original vision that sailing should be

available to the whole community. For current membership rates and details, visit the club website or reach out directly through the contact form.

Note that members are expected to have some prior sailing experience and be capable of handling the boats safely and responsibly. If you're newer to sailing, the club's website points to nearby learning opportunities — including programs at the Comox Bay Sailing Association — to help you get ready for your first season on the water.

### Come Aboard

Quadra Island offers one of the most spectacular places to sail in all of British Columbia. Drew Harbour, with its protected bay and warm water is the perfect starting point. North/South winds beckon you to explore the waters beyond and we are the entry point to Desolation Sound. The Quadra Island Sailblazers is a friendly, community-minded club that has been nurturing Quadra's love of sailing for more than a quarter century.

Whether you're drawn to the solo thrill of a Laser, the teamwork of the Laser 2, or the coastal cruising Ranger 20, if a breeze has you dreaming of sailing adventures then come, find your people and see what the club has to offer. We also welcome armchair sailors with movie nights, fundraisers, positions on the board - join our sailing community!

The 2026 AGM will be held at Taku Resort Stone house April 19 3-6pm - as usual it will be a potluck and all are welcome! Please don't park in the Taku Resort parking lot.

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## Invitation: Join the Quadra Literacy Task Group

Are you passionate about building a strong, connected community where everyone has the opportunity to learn and thrive?

Quadra Literacy is inviting new members to join our Community Literacy Task Group, a welcoming, collaborative group of individuals who care about literacy & lifelong learning on Quadra Island.

### What is the Task Group?

The Task Group brings together community members and organizations to:

- Identify local literacy needs and opportunities
- Share ideas, resources, and experiences
- Support programs that strengthen learning for all ages
- Help shape a more inclusive, informed, & resilient community

Literacy today goes far beyond reading and writing—it includes digital skills, health literacy, financial understanding, and the everyday knowledge we need to navigate life.

### Who Should Join?

We welcome anyone who is:

- Curious, thoughtful, and community-minded
- Interested in education, learning, or community development
- Connected to (or simply caring about) people of any age or background

No special expertise is required—just your perspective and willingness to participate.

### Why Get Involved?

By joining, you'll:

- Be part of meaningful community conversations
- Help guide local literacy initiatives
- Connect with others who care about making a difference
- Contribute to positive change on Quadra Island.

### Get Involved

We meet a few times a year, with flexible opportunities to participate. To learn more or express your interest, please contact: [kathie@quadraliteracy.com](mailto:kathie@quadraliteracy.com)



## Planning Ahead: What to Know About RRSPs and RRIFs at End of Life

Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) and Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs) can be valuable tools for building retirement income—but they can also create significant tax implications at death if not thoughtfully planned.

In Canada, when someone dies, the full value of their RRSP or RRIF is generally treated as income on their final tax return. This means the entire amount may be taxed at the highest marginal rate, potentially reducing what is passed on to beneficiaries. This can come as an unwelcome surprise.

There are, however, important exceptions. If a spouse or common-law partner is named as beneficiary, the funds can usually transfer on a tax-deferred basis, with tax paid only as withdrawals are made over time. Rollovers may also be available for financially dependent children or grandchildren.

One way to reduce the overall tax burden is through gradual withdrawals during retirement. Rather than leaving a large balance to be taxed all at once, some people choose to “melt down” their RRSP or RRIF over time. By withdrawing moderate amounts each year—especially in lower-income years—you may pay less tax overall compared to a large, one-time tax hit at death. This approach requires some planning, but it can significantly preserve the value of your estate.

RRSPs and RRIFs can also bypass the estate by naming beneficiaries directly, which may simplify administration and reduce delays. However, this doesn't eliminate the tax—only who receives the funds and how quickly.

Ultimately, the goal is to be intentional. With a bit of foresight and perhaps advice from a tax accountant, RRSPs and RRIFs can be managed in a way that reduces tax, supports your loved ones, and aligns with your broader end-of-life planning.

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## Hello,

The maples are blooming and early mornings are a feast for birder's ears: I hope you are finding time to enjoy spring's wonders. This report has an update on the long-anticipated Recycle Depot and ongoing advocacy to get the promised long-term care facility for Campbell River back on track.

### STRATHCONA GARDENS SURVEY

First, a big thank you to the hundreds of island residents who have taken a few minutes to share their data and thoughts in the Strathcona Gardens + Quadra Island survey. If you haven't yet clicked the link and taken three minutes to engage, there's still time: the survey closes April 22.

**Find the survey here:** [forms.gle/fdpsTPL4Y2XMpCrM6](https://forms.gle/fdpsTPL4Y2XMpCrM6). There are also paper versions available at the Quadra Island Pantry and the Quadra Library, for those who prefer an analog survey experience.

If you're looking for context and information on this topic, search 'Strathcona Gardens' on [RobynMawhinney.ca](https://robynmawhinney.ca) and find several previous reports with many details.

### QUADRA'S RECYCLE DEPOT

The recycle depot building on West Road is complete and there is an operator contracted to run it. When will the depot open and accept our recycling? At the CSWM meeting April 9 it was decided that the depot will be opening May 29! However, due to a contract snafu with Recycle BC, the depot will be operating, in a limited capacity this summer and will be fully operational October 2026.

This summer Quadra will be experiencing a "staffed soft launch" of the recycling depot. This means that the existing bins (currently near the library) will be moved to the new depot site. The new depot will have limited hours of operation, four days a week. The benefit of the staffed depot will be to minimize contamination and illegal dumping: the current system has been experiencing a high level of contamination which has driven tipping costs up to \$280/tonne. CSWM staff reported that the soft launch will "help residents acclimate to sorting materials and adjust to new hours, prior to implementation of strict Recycle BC contractual terms, audits and potential penalties", and that it will "manage the anticipated stockpile surge gradually, preventing a single day opening rush that could overwhelm the Depot and impact user experience".

While we wait for full operations to unfold in October, Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) staff have found middle ground with Recycle BC, who have offered to accept all Recycle BC materials as a 'pop-up' at the depot twice monthly for the four open days. This means that glass, soft plastics, and more will be able to be dropped off, per the schedule which will be released shortly. Details on the depot's opening and schedule will be posted here once determined: [cswm.ca/quadradepotconversion](https://cswm.ca/quadradepotconversion)

### LONG-TERM CARE IN CAMPBELL RIVER

The 2026 Provincial budget dealt a blow to construction plans for a long-term care facility in Campbell River. The facility has been a strategic priority and in the financial plans of the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District (CSRHD) for several years. In 2023, during a visit to Campbell River, Premier Eby officially announced it would go ahead.

The planned facility represents essential infrastructure to meet current needs and to ensure seniors receive dignified care close to home. Providing appropriate support to those in need of long-term care could also alleviate pressure on the Campbell River Hospital. Unfortunately, the promised Campbell River facility was one of seven across BC which was deferred.

The CSRHD Board is focused on advocating for reconsideration of the deferral decision. CSRHD Chair Doug Hillian has requested an in-person meeting with Premier Eby to outline local and regional implications, ensure an understanding of the urgency and importance of this project, and explore pathways toward reversal of the deferral. As Vice Chair of CSRHD I intend to support the in-person advocacy.

Long-term care demand in the North Island region is approximately 35% higher than the Island Health average, and the highest of any community on Vancouver Island in terms of demand relative to population size. As well, the North Island has about 10% fewer long-term care beds per 1,000 people aged 75+ than the Island Health average.

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The Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital Board is committed to partnering in the funding of this vital health infrastructure. Typically, the CSRHD provides 40% of funding for capital equipment and capital projects for local health facilities. The Province, through Island Health, provides the remaining 60% of capital funding. Myself and the Board are advocating where possible for a solution which gets the project back on track and a new long-term care facility for Campbell River and the region.

**CONNECT**

You're welcome to connect with me with questions or concerns: email [RMawhinney@srd.ca](mailto:RMawhinney@srd.ca), or call 250.203.2468. Visit [RobynMawhinney.ca](http://RobynMawhinney.ca) for links to helpful community resources and 'back issues' of Director Reports. Visit [srd.ca/government/agendas-minutes](http://srd.ca/government/agendas-minutes) to keep up to date on SRD governance happenings. *Until next time, respectfully,*  
*Robyn Mawhinney*

## Embrace the Past: A Luddite's Survival Guide

If you were around to watch live images of the Apollo mission land on the moon, you are likely of an age to be called a "Digital Immigrant" which means you entered into this modern digital work as a stranger in a strange land. In order to keep up with the times you had to learn customs, traditions and turns of phrase completely unfamiliar to previous generations. The younger people "Digital Natives" remain completely comfortable in a world of ISPs, URLs, and packet sniffers. They speak in a strange language which at the risk of being called cheugy I will refrain from analyzing. The term "Luddite" is often hurled as a digital-age insult, conjuring images of a confused person shaking a fist at a cloud server or struggling to open a PDF. Historically, however, the Luddites of 19th-century England weren't offended by technology itself, but by how it was used to devalue their craft and dismantle their communities. In our current era of hyper-connectivity, being a modern Luddite isn't about a total rejection of progress; it is about reclaiming the right to choose which technologies deserve a seat at the table of our lives.

There are many reasons for not embracing digital culture. Whether it be to preserve a simpler less complex lifestyle, to preserve individual autonomy or to escape the chaos of the modern world. There is a lot to be said for sitting in your favorite chair with a hot cup of coffee and your newspaper of choice first thing in the morning.

Furthermore, the "digital world" often operates on a philosophy of more, faster, and newer. We are encouraged to upgrade our hardware every two years and our software every two weeks. The Luddite perspective challenges this planned obsolescence. It asks why a perfectly functional tool should be discarded simply because it doesn't support the latest proprietary ecosystem. There is a quiet, rebellious dignity in maintaining an older operating system, repairing a piece of hardware with a soldering iron, or choosing a mechanical tool over a digital "smart" equivalent. This isn't just about frugality; it is about individuality. It is a refusal to be a passive consumer in a cycle that views the user as a data point rather than a person.

We live in an age of algorithmic curation where our music, news, and even social interactions are pre-chewed by machine learning. To be a Luddite today is to realize that when everything is made easy, something

essential is often lost. There is a profound difference between a digital playlist generated by an AI and the tactile, intentional act of flipping through a crate of records or tuning a radio to find a blues station cutting through the static. The former is a utility; the latter is an experience.

Our world is currently balancing on a very dangerous precipice where at the press of a button, everything we know and hold dear could suddenly cease to exist as we know it. In those times, the technology we have come to rely on for our daily existence may no longer be available. Many skills that were commonplace in previous generations are now lost. If not the mechanics of the skill, but the muscle memory. There are plenty of books around about blacksmithing but how many of us have actually done it? The post apocalyptic society will treasure the luddite. Those who can recognize edible plants and mushrooms without an app. Those who understand textiles and materials made from locally procured ingredients. The future world may not value the social media influencers or Bitcoin miners but a friend who can fix your worn out shoes, that is a valuable skill.

If you are a luddite for whatever reason, don't hide your light under a bushel. Be proud. It is not easy rejecting technology in these modern times and to those who pull it off, my hat is off to you. And lastly, perhaps the most perishable skill is the ability to sit in silence and endure. Modern tech provides constant dopamine hits. Without it, the "psychological shock" of the quiet and the sheer physical labor of daily survival would be the hardest barrier for most to overcome.

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)

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# A Moment for Methane

**Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>—a single atom of carbon with two attached atoms of oxygen) gets most of the attention as the cause of global warming because it can persist in the atmosphere for centuries.**

Methane is a gas (CH<sub>4</sub>—a single carbon atom with four attached atoms of hydrogen) that deserves attention, especially because every portion of a degree is crucial in avoiding the worst consequences of global warming.

Although methane persists in the atmosphere for only about 20 years, it is about 80 times more warming than carbon dioxide, so its importance in the short term is critical.

*“Cutting methane is the single most important strategy in slow near term warming,”* says Durwood Zaelke, the president of the Institute for Governance and Sustainability (The Guardian Weekly, November 21, 2015). Its pre-industrial atmospheric concentration was about 715 parts per billion, and its 2025 level is presently measured at about 1930 ppb, an increase of nearly 270%.

Because of the short life of methane, these high levels are maintained and increased by the continuous and rising rate of emissions. As a gas that is colourless and odourless, methane tends to be ignored as a pollutant. However, it is emitted in huge amounts in the production of oil, the extraction of coal, and leakage in the drilling and handling of natural gas, including LNG—methane is the principal flammable component of natural gas.

An estimated 10% of methane emissions come from agriculture—the flatulence of ruminates like cattle, and from the decomposition of organic material such as manure and sewage. The rotting of material in landfills also produces methane, which can be collected and used as a supplement to natural gas.

At the COP26 meeting in Glasgow, more than 150 countries agreed to reduce their emission levels by 30% between 2020 and 2030, a measure that would have a considerable effect on slowing the rate of global warming.

Unfortunately, the major emitters, India, China, United States and Russia, were not signatories, and the US, under Donald Trump, who even denies the basic science of climate change, is not cooperating.

An analysis of methane production in The Guardian Weekly estimates that capturing the escaping gas would be easy and inexpensive to do. Indeed, capturing just one third would result in no net cost, since the methane would have an estimated sale value of \$1 trillion per year.

As individual citizens, we can each help by electing politicians who are cognizant of the methane problem. Governments can impose stricter controls on the manufacture and distribution of natural gas and LNG, and support the COP 28 decision to “phase out fossil fuels.”—coal, in particular, emits large amounts of methane simply by venting mines.

Government regulations can end coal mining, cap oil wells, curtail fracking, and encourage the collection of methane from landfill sites.

Rotting forest debris creates both carbon dioxide and methane.

As individuals, we can also reduce our consumption of beef. As a food source, cattle are inefficient and environmentally costly to grow. Pastures displace forests, pollute waterways and use vast amounts of water—about 1,542 litres is required to grow 100 grams of beef.

About 60% of global farmland is used to produce beef, which supplies less than 5% of the world’s protein. As our planet warms, every fraction of a degree that can be avoided will be immensely helpful.

Reducing methane would be easy, effective and cheap. Every little bit would help, and we certainly need help.

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DATE	TIME PDT	M.	FT.
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	12:36	1.164	3.8
	19:20	4.697	15.4
<b>18</b> Sat	00:47	2.928	9.6
	06:09	4.637	15.2
	13:12	0.825	2.7
	20:13	4.846	15.9
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	13:53	0.599	2.0
	21:08	4.903	16.1
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	07:11	4.528	14.9
	14:39	0.508	1.7
	22:09	4.877	16.0
<b>21</b> Tue	03:23	3.668	12.0
	07:49	4.400	14.4
	15:30	0.554	1.8
	23:16	4.808	15.8
<b>22</b> Wed	04:38	3.757	12.3
	08:34	4.208	13.8
	16:24	0.721	2.4
<b>23</b> Thu	00:26	4.743	15.6
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	09:31	3.950	13.0
	17:24	0.982	3.2
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	11:01	3.671	12.0
	18:29	1.299	4.3
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	13:01	3.524	11.6
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	15:58	3.751	12.3
	21:45	2.264	7.4
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	22:39	2.571	8.4
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	23:31	2.860	9.4
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	12:32	1.099	3.6
	19:44	4.673	15.3

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