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Live Music and Seasonal Events at the HBI & Quadra Legion
October 31

- see inside if you dare...>!

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Socks for Literacy Are Back!

Warm toes, colourful gifts, and a little literacy love for Quadra Island!

Looking for a gift that's practical, colourful, and supports a good cause? Socks for Literacy are back, just in time for the holiday season!

Quadra Literacy is once again selling a wonderful selection of socks that make perfect stocking stuffers, thoughtful gifts, and easy-to-mail surprises for friends and family. Or why not treat yourself to a little foot-friendly comfort?

There's something for everyone, with two lovely collections to choose from. The colourful Merino wool socks are warm, soft, itch-free, and fully washable, making them a cozy choice for chilly winter days. Available in women's, men's, and children's sizes, they're sure to be a hit with the whole family.

Prefer bamboo? The soft bamboo socks come in plain colours and fun prints, with three styles to choose from: dress, activewear, and health. Available in men's and women's sizes, they offer breathability and moisture-wicking comfort to help keep feet feeling dry and refreshed throughout the day.

All the socks are produced by Blue Sky Clothing, a fair-trade company, so your purchase supports a business committed to fair trade as well as a local community cause.

Where can you find Socks for Literacy?

- Quadra Winter Markets: November 7, December 5, and December 19.
- Quadra Thrift Shop: November 12 through Christmas.

Every pair purchased helps support literacy projects on Quadra Island. All proceeds from sock sales go directly toward Quadra Literacy initiatives, including the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Parents and Tots, low-cost refurbished computers, Family Literacy Day, and other programs that help Islanders of all ages learn, connect, and thrive.

So, when you're doing your holiday shopping, think socks! You'll be giving someone a cozy gift while helping Quadra Literacy bring valuable learning opportunities to our community.

Warm feet, happy recipients, and stronger literacy on Quadra Island — now that's a gift that keeps on giving!

Festival of Trees 2026

Local businesses, groups & families are invited to participate in our Festival of Trees, Nov. 29–Dec. 19

Join us in creating a magical holiday experience for our community while gaining valuable exposure. Get creative with a tree that showcases your business, group or family! Think whimsical, artistic or wonderfully unexpected. All materials welcome, including real or artificial trees. *Space is limited.*

To request an application or learn more, email Sheri@heriotbayinn.com
Set-Up: Nov. 25–28 | **Festival:** Nov. 29–Dec. 19 | **Take-Down:** Dec. 20

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Day to Day

Friday, October 30

- **Live music with Adam Beattie & Fiona Bevan**, HBI Pub 8-10pm

Saturday, October 31

- **Halloween Fun Night**, QCC, Trunk or Treat 5 pm, Pumpkin Walk, Fireworks at 8 pm
- **Halloween Bash with Ripple Rock** Herons Dining Room, at the HBI Pub: **Scare-aoke**. $20 at the door gets you access to both rooms! See pg. 6 for more dets
- **Live music with Adham Shaikh & Pom Poko**, Quadra Legion, 9pm, $20 adv, $25 door

Friday, November 6

- **Friday Flicks presents The Christophers!**, QCC, 7:30pm dets pg.7

Friday & Saturday, November 6-7

- **Paranormal Investigation at the HBI!!**, with Beyond Belief Paranormal Events, pg.6

Wednesday, November 11

- **Remembrance Day Service**, Quadra Legion, pls be seated by 10:45am sharp, pg.4

Thursday, November 12

- **McMillan Camp Town Boys & Remi Dean with Railroad Tye**, Quadra Legion 8pm

Friday, November 13

- **Live music with Hal Douglas Blues Band**, HBI Pub 8pm

Digital Support Is Back!

Quadra Digital Literacy returns from summer break!

Need a hand with your computer, tablet, phone, or email? Grant is here to help. You can book a one-on-one session and work through your questions together, at your own pace.

We can help with things like:

- **Email:** Sending, finding, and organizing messages
- **Photos**: Saving, sharing, and backing them up
- **Windows 11**: Getting comfortable with the new system
- **Passwords and online safety**: Managing passwords and staying safe from scams
- **And more**: Anything else that's been puzzling or frustrating you

Cost: Free!

To book a one-on-one session, email Grant at digitalsupport@quadraliteracy.com.

Drop-in Mini-Workshops Are Back, Too!

Grant will also host free drop-in mini-workshops following Community Lunch, from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the upstairs room of the Community Centre.

Some workshops will focus specifically on Android or Apple devices, and participants will be invited to bring their own devices to follow along and practise.

Drop in! Free, everyone welcome.



What's Happening at QCC
October 30 - November 13

Come down, get involved and be part of YOUR community!

THIS WEEK: October 30 - November 6

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Spinners and Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 SMART Recovery Support Group; 2 - 4 PUMPKIN CARVING - everyone welcome!

SATURDAY: 9 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10:15 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki; 5 Halloween Fun Night! Trunk or Treat 5 pm, Lighted Pumpkin Walk, Fireworks at 8 pm

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Feldenkrais Awareness; 10 Parents and Tots; 1 Jewelry Making; 1 Sing for Pure Joy; 5:15 Restorative Yoga; 7:15 Candlelit Yoga with Kate

TUESDAY: 9:30 Pilates Mat; 11 Balance, Core Strength & Bone Health; 2:30 Rec and Sports with Dave - Quadra School Gym; 5 Hatha Flow with Trinity; 7 Intermediate Spanish; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 10 Polaris Law Clinic; 12 Wednesday LUNCH; 12:45 Digital Support - Quadra Literacy; 1 Mosaics; 3 Art IN Nature; 3 Ping Pong; 4 Intermediate Basketball with Dave - Quadra School Gym; 5:45 Warm Flow Yoga

THURSDAY: 8 SLUG CLUB; 9:30 Pilates Mat; 10 Parents and Tots DANCE with KATE; 11 Communities Talking; 3 Sew Much Fun!; 5 Core Strength with Nicki; 6 Floor Hockey for Kids - Quadra School; 6:45 Quadra Singers; 7 Adult Drop In Floor Hockey - Quadra School

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Spinners and Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 SMART Recovery Support Group; 7:45 Friday Flicks - The Christopher's

NEXT WEEK: November 7 - 13

SATURDAY: 9 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10 Winter Market; 10:15 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Feldenkrais Awareness; 10 Parents and Tots; 1 Jewelry Making; 1 Sing for Pure Joy; 7 Garden Club; 7:15 Candlelit Yoga with Kate

TUESDAY: 8:30 Quadra Quilters Guild; 9:30 Pilates Mat; 11 Balance, Core Strength & Bone Health; 2:30 Good Grief Support Group - Quadra Circle; 5 Hatha Flow with Trinity; 7 Intermediate Spanish; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

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Go to our website **www.quadrarec.bc.ca** to view the latest Rec Guide, OR navigate to REC DESK to register for kid's programs or see what's happening each day on the community calendar. https://quadrarec.recdesk.com/Community/Calendar Click on the calendar for more details! Phone the Community Centre at # 250-285-3243. Or E-mail: info@quadrarec.bc.ca

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

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- 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, November 16
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Quadra Concerts Presents: From Guadeloupe to Quadra

GRAMMY-Nominated Malika Tirolien & Her Electrifying Five-Piece Ensemble

Prepare to be swept away by soaring vocals, infectious Caribbean rhythms, and an exhilarating fusion of soul, jazz, and funk! Internationally acclaimed for her work with Snarky Puppy and Bokanté, Malika Tirolien is a magnetic performer whose extraordinary voice and boundless musical imagination have captivated audiences around the world.

And this is no ordinary concert. Something truly special is taking shape right here on Quadra Island.

Following acclaimed residencies with Jeremy Dutcher and Elisapie, Tirolien becomes Quadra Concerts' third artist-in-residence, spending an entire week on the island creating, rehearsing, and bringing to life an exciting new musical project.

Inspired by the rich musical heritage of her native Guadeloupe, the project draws on the hypnotic rhythms of traditional GwoKa, weaving them into a bold contemporary sound bursting with soul, groove, and Caribbean energy.

Joining Malika is an exceptional ensemble featuring Mikael-Issa Tirolien (vocals/kalimba), Caulder Nash (keyboards/backing vocals), Dave Hjin (guitar/bass), and Axel Bonnaire (drums/percussion), alongside Malika Tirolien herself on lead vocals and keyboards.

Together, these five remarkable musicians promise a thrilling evening of soaring vocals, irresistible grooves, dazzling musicianship, and spontaneous musical magic.

What makes this performance so extraordinary is that the music is being developed right here in our own community. Rather than simply hosting another stop on an international tour, Quadra Concerts is helping bring a new artistic vision to life, offering audiences the rare opportunity to experience the results of a week of creative exploration.

For one night, our intimate island stage becomes the setting for a world-class musical experience unlike anything else on the concert calendar.

If you love the adventurous brilliance of Snarky Puppy, the irresistible global grooves of Bokanté, or simply the thrill of discovering extraordinary music, this is a concert you won't want to miss!



Saturday, November 28, 2026 | 7:30 PM

Quadra Island Community Centre

Tickets: $30 at Aroma Cove Café, Copper Coast Gallery, Inspirations, or online at www.quadraconcerts.ca

Advance tickets strongly recommended.

Quadra Legion Events

Chef Kevin Lancaster of Salt & Cedar Kitchen & Catering, serving incredibly delicious dinners, Friday & Saturdays starting at 5pm. With something different each week, come check it out. Families with children are welcome to dine in the hall. Thank you for the community support, it's been wonderful!

- Kevin will be away Nov. 13th & 14th but we have **Patrice in on Friday Nov. 13th** with his very tasty **Kung Pow Chicken & on Sat. Nov. 14th** we are thrilled that Kameleon is cooking up a delightful dinner!!
- **Monday nights-Pool Tournaments** 8pm
- **Tuesday nights- Crib Tournaments** 7pm
- **Wednesday nights-Texas Hold'em Poker**, New time 7pm
- **Saturday nights-Meat Draws** 5-6:30pm
- You can purchase **Raven Bingo Cards** at the Legion & we stream the bingo game Wednesdays at 7pm, if you would like to join us
- Oct. 31st 9pm **Haunted Glow Forest Halloween Party** with Adham Shaikh & Pom Poko and other DJs Tickets on sale now at the Legion, Inspirations & The Clove, $20 or $25 at the door
- Sat. Nov 7th **Pipe Band, Poppy Pup Crawl** 5:30-6pm & then off to the HBI
- Our annual **Remembrance Day Service** will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 154 on Wednesday, November 11th, 2026. Please be seated by 10:45 am sharp. Everyone is welcome! The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a luncheon following the service.
- Thurs. Nov. 12th 8pm, **McMillan Camp Town Boys & Remi Dean with Railroad Tye** opening $20 This is going to be very good!
- **Next General Meeting** Mon. Nov. 16th 7pm
- Sat. Nov. 21st 8pm, **That Is!** Excellent new local band! $10
- Friday Nov. 27th **Comedy Night** is back!! 9pm
- Sat. Nov. 28th 7-9pm **Bingo!!**



Open AA Meetings

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

Way to Go

Join us on Monday, November 16, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, QCC Rm. 3, for a time of sharing, a presentation by our Quadra Notary, Sally Houghton, discussion, and business. $2 for rental. This will be our last meeting until January.

Hal Douglas Blues Band

The Hal Douglas Blues Band will be playing **The HBI Pub on Friday Nov 13 at 8 PM.**

Joining Hal are Dylan Alps on Bass, Mark Whittington on Drums, Don Doolittle on Sax, Julie Frank on Vocals and Dave Blinzinger on Keyboards. Come on down for great Music, Dancing and Drinks. No cover.

Hal Douglas on Sunday

The HBI Pub presents **Hal Douglas on Sunday Nov 15 from 3-5 PM.**Joining Hal are Julie Frank and Dave Blinzinger.

Come on down for great Music, Food and Drink. No cover.

Next DI Deadline

Monday, November 16th at 7pm
news@discoveryislands.ca

Quadra Island Outdoor Club

Upcoming Events

We had a great winter planning meeting with lots of participation and suggestions. We already have trips scheduled into January. As the season turns, we will have more forest walks and hopefully snowshoeing in the mountains.

Here are the known trips for November and early December:

3 Nov, Tuesday – Hike a loop to Reed and Nighthawk Lakes

9 Nov, Monday – Hike to Nugedzi

18 Nov, Wednesday – Hike to the Stramberg Old Growth grove

25 Nov, Wednesday – Hike a Kay Dubois Loop

2 Dec, Wednesday – Hike to Plumper and Deepwater Bays

7 Dec, Monday – Hike a Deadfish and Tripod Loop

16 Dec, Wednesday – Hike in K'was Park, Cortes

This schedule includes the full range of classic and off-the-beaten track destinations, with easy and moderate hikes. The details for these hikes can be found at: https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-fall-winter-2026-27/

New members are always welcome. For more information, visit the webpage at https://qioutdoorclub.org or e-mail to qioutdooclub@gmail.com.

Moonrise Rock Opera

Moonrise Rock Opera is a creative re-telling of ancient Celtic myths providing insight and encouragement to us humans as we find our ways in the wilderness of our present times. The original music, poetic storytelling, and puppetry will awaken imaginations to the wild, wondrous and magical worlds within and around.

The themes in Moonrise explore topics of ecological desecration, social injustices and the psychological distresses of a fraying social fabric. Themes also include overcoming and healing the wounds of imposed gender norms. The protagonist is a queer, gender-fluid being, as are many of the characters that help them find their way. We believe the protagonist's journey is a story that can resonate with all who are seeking self-discovery and discovery of one's place in a web of interconnectedness.

After the play, audience members are invited to gather in a circle for a time of reflection, integration and digestion 'post-trip'.. This will be a space for audience members to share about their experiences of the play and to explore reflections and questions with each other and members of Moonrise. The space will be gently facilitated and will include grounding practices and perhaps a soothing lullaby or two.

Sunday Nov 29 - Quadra Island Quadra Community Centre
Doors 2:30 pm, show 3 pm

Debrief Circle with Cast and Crew- 4:30- 5:30

https://www.facebook.com/share/1dXpTZZDCc/

Ticket Price 25-50 at the door, no one turned away for lack of funds and humans under 16 free

For other tour dates and more info, follow us:

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61594374906093





Raise Your Voice In Glorious Song!

Fall Term: Every Monday until December 7th from 1:00 -2:30 at the Quadra Community Centre.



Sing For Pure Joy! is a safe, non-judgmental Song Circle where every voice is welcome. No experience needed. When you sing with a group of people, you learn to subsume yourself into a group consciousness because a cappella singing is all about the immersion of self into community. To stop being 'me' for a little while, and to become 'us.' For most of human history people sang together, and it wasn't seen as a competition; it was a joyful communal experience. Raise your voice in splendiferous song with heart-felt melodies, soulful gospel songs and rousing spirituals, meditative chants, luscious layered song and robust rounds from all around this glorious Earth! Songs from the sublime to the ridiculous!

Songs are led by Mary Dennison & Kate Alexandra.

For more info contact Mary at (250) 202-1003 or singforpurejoy@gmail.com

It's Spooky Season at the Heriot Bay Inn

As the full moon hangs low over Heriot Bay, its pale light catches the maple branches as they sway in the night breeze. Beyond the windows of the Heriot Bay Inn, the marina lies silent as boats gently rock against their moorings. Inside, the last warmth of the evening lingers around the river-rock fireplace as the old cedar walls hold their shadows close. Somewhere upstairs, floorboards creak from slow deliberate footsteps pacing the hallway, though no one has been seen climbing the stairs. Down below, a woman sits beside a window. Her silver hair is pulled into a high bun. Moonlight glistens on her pale skin as she stares out the window. She never looks away from the water while her hands move steadily over a piece of knitting. Is she is waiting for someone who never returned?

The Heriot Bay Inn was established in 1895 by Mr. Hosea Arminius Bull. The original lodge burned down in 1910, and its Victorian-style replacement met the same fate the following year. The building standing today dates to 1912 and has witnessed generations of island life.

According to local lore, not everyone who has passed through its doors has moved on.

What happens when the lights go out at the Heriot Bay Inn?

On November 6 and 7, we're hosting our second annual paranormal investigation of the Heriot Bay Inn led by Beyond Belief Paranormal Events, an experienced team based on Vancouver Island.

Over two evenings, participants will explore reportedly haunted corners of the Inn, learn to use professional paranormal investigation equipment and see what—if anything—they can uncover. The team will also review evidence collected at the HBI over the years.

The cost is $259 plus GST per person, including both nights of investigation, **equipment use and training. Space is limited! Call the front desk at 250-285-3322 to book your spot.** More information is available at tinyurl.com/HauntedHBI.

Ghouls Just Wanna Have Fun

Prefer spirits you can sip and rock 'n' roll you can dance to? Our annual Halloween Bash takes place Saturday, October 31, from 9 pm to midnight! Ripple Rock is bringing high-energy classic rock to Herons Dining Room, while the HBI Pub hosts Scare-aoke. $20 at the door gets you access to both rooms!

Costumes are highly encouraged—and could win you some wicked prizes! The best couples costume wins dinner for two, the best group costume scores a cabin rental, and the best individual costume takes home a ticket to the sold-out Woodstove Music & Arts Festival.

Behind the Scenes of BOO! The Musical

This November, Theatre Quadra's father-daughter duo Anna and George Nickoloff will share a behind-the-scenes look at bringing BOO! The Musical to life at University of Quadra (UofQ), our free community speaker series.

George has called Quadra home since 1994. A lifelong songwriter and musician who loves performing fun, shout-along rock and roll anthems with his bands The Campfire Boys, Love Handles Messiah, Sack O Hammers, and GoDogGo—a familiar favourite at the HBI Pub on Friday nights—and wrote songs for Theatre Quadra's Murder at the Queenie in 2025. Anna has been involved in Quadra Theatre for years, contributing to productions in a variety of roles. She developed her love of performing through Carihi musicals and continued her theatre journey with the UVic Drama and Musical Theatre Club. Working together on BOO! gave the pair a chance to bring their creative interests together.

Join Anna, George and the caste of BOO! On November 17th in Herons Dining Room at 7 pm for their UofQ presentation "Writing a Musical."

The Heriot Bay Inn has weathered fires and changing times, but our role as a community gathering place remains central to our story. We look forward to seeing your costumes on Halloween night and invite you to join us for UofQ on Tuesday evenings, and—if you're brave enough—join in our spooky late-night investigation of the Inn.

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Friday Flicks

Friday Flicks resumes its Fabulous, Fall Film Festival on November 6, doors open at 7:30 with showtime at 7:45. The Christophers (UK) is a witty deep dive into art, commerce and legacy. Lori (Michaela Coel), is a freelance art restorer who works the window of a food truck, is enlisted by an old classmate (Jessica Gunning) and her brother (James Corden) to finish some famous unfinished works of their father Julian's (Ian McKellen) while working undercover as his "assistant". Ed Solomon's (Men in Black) script is layered, with language that sings in the mind. Ian McKellen's mastery as an actor is unparalleled, and as this has-been artist, he just luxuriates in this role and has himself a good old time. This is a meaty role that the seasoned actor just sinks his heart into, and it is a joy to behold. The conflict between Lori and Julian is obvious, but Julian is oblivious. He is the kind of self-involved individual who takes over old men who are nearing the end of their lives, leaving them alone. The Christophers subtly explores how artists explore the loss of love through their art. It also is about what happens when artists aren't appreciated and nurtured. What a gift it is to be able to create a physical manifestation of emotions, particularly lost love, in a painting. Directed by Stephen Soderbergh, The Christophers is a delightful examination of how what is left behind is valued and how sometimes it's the family who are the ones who understand us least of all. TIFF



Sunday, November 8, at 1:00 - a special Overland Travel Documentary with YouTube adventurers and film makers Alex and Meg in attendance. 45,000 km.16 countries. 22 months. One unforgettable journey. Alex and Meg will show the best moments from their epic Slow Roamers adventure, traveling from the top of North America to the southern tip of Argentina in their rusty delivery van, Betty. Co-hosted by Friday Flicks and the filmmakers.

November27 - The Mother and the Bear (Canada) After her daughter falls into a coma following a late-night fall on the ice, Sara travels more than 9,000 kilometres to Winnipeg in the depths of winter. Charming, unusual and ultimately heartwarming, this Canadian film features a powerful central performance and a memorable score.

The Quadra Island Garden Club Presents:

Growing Annuals and Perennials for Beauty and Biodiversity

With Robin Beaton

Monday, November 9th, 7-9pm

At the Quadra Community Centre

Gardening with annuals and perennials offers endless opportunities to create colorful and visually appealing landscapes. Successful garden design combines the strengths of both annuals and perennials, while thoughtful flower combinations create season-long interest and visual impact.

In addition to their ornamental value, many flowering plants and companion flowers in the vegetable garden support a healthy ecosystem by attracting pollinators, beneficial insects, and birds.

Drawing on her gardening experience and enthusiasm for plants, Robin will share practical ideas for growing annuals and perennials, creating successful flower combinations, and incorporating plants that enhance both the beauty and biodiversity of the garden.

About Robin:

Robin Beaton is a longtime Quadra Island resident and avid gardener. She discovered her passion for plants at an early age through growing and caring for houseplants. That early interest blossomed into a lifelong enthusiasm for gardening.

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!





Palestine 36 - Film Screening Fundraiser for Gaza

Join us at the Quadra's Southend Winery on Saturday, November 14th at 7 PM for a showing of the historical film, 'Palestine 36' (2025), by acclaimed writer/director Annemarie Jacir whose previous features include Salt of the Sea (2008).

Palestine '36 takes a prescient look at the Arab Revolt against British colonial rule and land appropriation in Palestine during 1936-1939 from a Palestinian perspective, with a raw portrayal of colonial brutality.

The film was shot on location and completed in Palestine (West Bank, Jerusalem, Jaffa, and Bethlehem), in the face of many security obstacles that forced it to relocate to Jordan for a time. It is the only feature film produced as of today in Palestine during the assault and occupation of Gaza. Jacir describes the making of the film as a "revolt in itself" for its "refusal to disappear". The Natural beauty and green lushness of the land, mountains, sea, cotton fields and olive groves speak to the tragedy of dispossession, resilience and enduring ties in the hearts of those who inhabit it.

Palestine 36 was selected as the Palestinian entry for the best International Feature film to the 98th Academy Award Oscars, received a 20 minute standing ovation at the Toronto International Film Festival, won Best Film at the Tokyo International Film Festival, and premiered at the BFI London Film Festival (and was banned in Jerusalem).
It's been highly praised for its intimate human-centered portrayal of everyday Palestinian people (farmers, chauffeurs, priests, children) in tumultuous political times:

Doors open at 6:30pm, with a short introduction at 7:00 pm by Keith Simmonds, a minister of the Campbell River United Church and a former human rights observer in Palestine and Israel.

Concession (popcorn, desserts, coffee, and tea) and Admission by Donation.

Proceeds will be directed to non-profit Gaza Soup Kitchen (Parents for Palestine), and Sulala Animal Rescue Society

Plan to join us,

Sanja C.

- 115 minute running time

- Film is rated 14+

contact 285-2807 for more information)



From the film Palestine 36



Words at the Theatre:
Readings by Local Authors

Words on the Water, Campbell River's Spring Literary Festival, is pleased to once again present **Words at the Theatre:** An Evening of Readings by Local Authors.

Happening on **Friday, October 30th**, on the Rivercity stage, **Words at the Theatre** will feature original readings, short stories, and dramatic pieces from Campbell River and area authors, including many of our own Quadra literati.

Host Dennis Hawkins-Bogle will be joined by Glenda Bonne, Josh Brearley, Jim Creighton, Ian Douglas, D Ross Fisher, Sheryl Hebb, Terry Jordan, Barbara Lee, Samuel Ntama, Kristina Percy, and Anne Tenning. This line-up of diverse and talented writers is sure to engage, inspire, inform and entertain. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to soak in the ambiance of the spoken word, and support arts and culture in our region.

Words at the Theatre is a fundraiser in support of the 23rd annual Words on the Water Writers' Festival happening on March 5th and 6th, 2027.

The event starts at 7 PM at Rivercity Theatre, 1080 Hemlock Street, Campbell River. Tickets are $27 each and can be purchased online at www.wordsonthewater.ca.

Correction

In the 16 October edition of the Discovery Islander (Issue 892) the submitted article '**A Conversation About the Cove's Future**' states "*The Community Centre has been discussed in conversation between the Ministry and the Market's committee.*"

Representatives from the Quadra Island Farmers' Market have clarified that statement is incorrect and no such discussion between the MOT and market committee has occurred.

My apologies for the error.

- Philip Stone, publisher

Is Your Phone Listening to You? The Truth Behind Targeted Ads

by Dave Tomblin

In my volunteer work with Quadra Literacy, I frequently hear from people who are concerned about how their devices are affecting their privacy–and how technology can sometimes seem to be invading their very thoughts. I'm guilty of harbouring those same fears. Since digital literacy is as much about evaluating and understanding information as it is about accessing it, I decided to dig a little deeper into this so-called phenomenon.

Have you ever found yourself chatting with a neighbour about needing a new pair of rubber boots or some random item, only to open your phone an hour later and see an ad for that exact item? It is a spooky experience that leaves many folks wondering: Is my phone secretly listening to my everyday conversations?

The short answer is no, your phone isn't secretly recording everything you say. However, the real technology behind how ads target us—and how our phones handle audio—is fascinating.

How Phones Actually Listen

Your phone is listening, but not in the way you might fear. Modern smartphones contain a small, low-power chip that passively listens for specific trigger phrases, such as "Hey Siri" or "OK Google". This wake-word audio is processed directly on your device in tiny, temporary loops. These audio snippets are instantly discarded unless the trigger phrase is detected. It is only after the wake word is spoken that your phone records audio and transmits it to cloud servers for processing.

Why Ads Feel Like They're Reading Your Mind

If your phone isn't listening to your conversations, why do ads feel so remarkably accurate? First, tech companies build massive, detailed behavioral profiles based on your search history, location data, app activity, and website cookies. They don't need to listen to your voice when your digital footprint already paints a complete picture of your daily habits, interests, and needs.

Second, ad networks leverage shared network data. In a small community like Quadra, where friends and family regularly share Wi-Fi networks or spend time in the same physical locations, ad algorithms connect the dots. If a housemate or friend searches for a specific product, ad networks infer that you might be interested in it too.

Finally, our own psychology plays a role through a cognitive bias called the Baader-Meinhof phenomenon, or the "frequency illusion". You notice an ad intensely right after talking about a topic, while completely forgetting the thousands of irrelevant ads you scroll past every day.

Real Privacy Risks to Keep in Mind

While voice assistants aren't wiretapping you, genuine privacy risks do exist:

• App Permissions: Many apps request microphone access for features like voice typing or video recording. You can review these permissions anytime in your settings.

• Microphone Indicators: Current mobile operating systems display a visual alert whenever an app accesses your mic—look for an orange dot on iPhones or a green dot on Android devices.

• Malware: In rare instances, malicious software or spyware can illegally bypass permissions to access your microphone.

How to Protect Your Privacy

If you want tighter control over your device's privacy, here are a few simple steps you can take:

1. Disable Voice Assistants: Turn off "Hey Siri" or "OK Google" in your device's settings menu.

2. Revoke Unnecessary Permissions: Check your privacy settings and disable microphone access for apps that don't strictly require it.

3. Reset Your Advertising ID: Resetting or clearing your mobile advertising ID in your Apple or Google account settings will help break tracking profiles and clear out targeted ad history.

Last Wednesday, Quadra Literacy hosted the first of a series of **Tech Talks** conducted by our Digital Support Worker, Grant Holland, on the topic of Controlling Your Privacy on META (Facebook etc) . I found the presentation and conversation fascinating. Quadra Literacy will be hosting these free Tech Talks on a variety of topics on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the QCC from 12:45 - 1:45, following the Community Lunch. The next Talk, Spotting Online Scams, will be held on Nov. 4th.

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

To book an appointment with our Digital Support Outreach Worker, contact Grant at digitalsupport@quadraliteracy.com.

If you have general questions about literacy or need help finding an affordable device, please contact Kathie at Kathie@quadraliteracy.com



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Roots & Neighbours:
Quadra Island Housing News

Every Halloween, the seniors at Quadra Island Senior Housing look forward to welcoming little ghosts, witches, superheroes, and all sorts of costumed characters to the Harper Complex for trick-or-treating. With carved pumpkins, fun decorations, and plenty of Halloween spirit, the seniors create a wonderful display for children and their families to enjoy while handing out candy to their eager visitors.

But for the seniors, it's about much more than candy and decorations. It's a chance to connect with the younger generations, share a few smiles and laughs, and be part of the excitement that makes Halloween so special. Seeing families at the complex, admiring the displays and enjoying the festivities, brings a real sense of joy and anticipation to the occasion.

Opportunities like this are an important part of keeping seniors connected and visible in our community. They remind us that seniors are not simply neighbours who happen to live in a seniors' housing complex; they are active members of our community with so much to share. These simple, happy encounters help build connections between generations, create a sense of belonging, and show children that our older neighbours are an important part of community life.

For the seniors, the annual Halloween tradition has become something truly special — a chance to welcome families, and share in the fun. They look forward to it every year, and the smiles on both sides of the doorstep make all the effort worthwhile.

So, if you're out trick-or-treating this Halloween, be sure to stop by between

4:30 - 7:30 at Quadra Island Senior Housing - 688 Harper road. The seniors will be ready with treats, spooktacular decorations, and a warm Quadra Island welcome!



MAID in Canada:
What's Changing?

Canada's laws on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) are entering a new phase. On October 7, 2026, the federal government announced plans to maintain the exclusion of people whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness and to introduce legislation allowing advance requests for MAID in certain circumstances.

Mental illness and MAID

Under current federal law, MAID is not available when a mental illness is a person's sole underlying medical condition. This exclusion is scheduled to expire on March 17, 2027. The federal government intends to introduce legislation to maintain the exclusion indefinitely, with no set date for it to end.

The decision follows a parliamentary committee review that heard differing views on whether Canada's health-care system and medical professionals are adequately prepared for such cases. Concerns include determining whether a mental illness is irremediable and ensuring people have access to appropriate mental-health care and other supports.

Advance requests

The federal government also plans to introduce legislation that would make advance requests for MAID legally possible. An advance request allows a person to document their wishes while they still have decision-making capacity, in anticipation of losing that capacity in the future. This is particularly relevant to people with progressive conditions such as dementia.

However, changing federal law would not automatically make advance requests available across Canada. Each province and territory would need to establish its own legislation or policies to permit and regulate the practice.

What happens next?

Both proposed changes must still go through the legislative process. How advance requests are implemented will depend on decisions made by each province and territory, potentially resulting in different rules across Canada.

Way To Go supports our community in preparing for end-of-life through conversation and education. We help loved ones care for their own dying and deceased—offering guidance, empowerment, and assistance from diagnosis through death and after death—making home-based, holistic care more accessible.

Visit us at: way2go.ca; view upcoming events, read previous articles, & join our email list.

Written by Margaret Verschuur

Hello,

In this unusually dry October, I hope you enjoyed the rain! This report covers post-election steps at the SRD, referendum outcomes, and news about a 'preservation celebration' on Read Island.

New term, somewhat new Board

Two elections in two weeks, what a whirlwind! Now that local government election results are finalized, we know that community representation around the SRD Board table will change. The new term begins November 18, when Directors will be sworn in prior to the inaugural meeting the same day.

Tahsis, Zeballos, Sayward and Gold River all have newly elected mayors. We won't know who will be representing Campbell River at the board table until their council votes on it. Campbell River council saw a shake-up, and I'm looking forward to some new voices from the SRD's largest municipality. The four Electoral Area Directors remain the same as last term. Congratulations all 'round to everyone who stood for election and was willing to serve their community.

Budget season around the corner

The Board will begin work on the annual budget at its December 9 meeting. There will be an orientation to the budget process for new members, along with discussion of regional and sub-regional service budgets.

In the past, SRD staff have offered a budget info meeting on Quadra Island, but this practice was discontinued before my time because attendance was minimal. As we begin a new term, is there community curiosity in learning from SRD staff about regional, sub-regional and Area C services? Please let me know if this interests you.

Referendum results

On October 17, Quadra Island residents voted on two referendum questions, while Outer Discovery Island residents on one. Turnout on Quadra was incredible, with some folks waiting 45 minutes or longer to cast their ballots. Thank you for your patience!

Bylaw 643, which proposed adding Quadra Island to the Strathcona Gardens Service, received 98% "No" votes on Quadra. Because a slim majority of the Board refused Quadra a separate referendum, and Quadra's votes were combined with those of residents of Campbell River and Area D, the Bylaw 643 referendum questions passed with 65% support overall. The Board is scheduled to consider final adoption at its October 28 Board meeting, after the DI submission deadline.

Bylaw 627, proposing a Woodchipping and Climate Resilience Service shared with Area B (Cortes Island), did not pass. During the lead-up to the referendum I heard a variety of worries about this proposed service. These included a lack of trust in the SRD, fairness for outer island residents, and a desire to avoid additional taxes during the current affordability crunch.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the conversation and took the time to vote. Climate uncertainty isn't going away, and building community climate resilience remains important. Perhaps other avenues for this work can be explored in the future.

Preservation celebration

It was a real pleasure to take part in a community celebration on Read Island recently. Close to 100 people attended, with residents from surrounding islands joining Read Islanders to celebrate the preservation of about 1,250 acres of regenerating forest. This achievement grew from the vision and perseverance of Lannie and Ralph Keller, working with Wilderness International.

Wilderness International (WI) is a conservation organization dedicated to protecting wilderness for future generations. Alongside land protection they support scientific research and education. Its teams work in Canada, Germany, and Peru.

Although the land on Read Island differs from the kind of property WI typically protects (often old growth forest), the organization described Read Island as the 'epicentre of kindred spirits'.

Forests & bogs for the future

Ralph Keller explained that when he and Lannie arrived on Read Island forty years ago, much of the island was mature second-growth forest. Much of it was cut shortly afterward, dramatically changing the landscape. Ralph reflected on how much trees can grow over a lifetime. The newly conserved lands may look scruffy and smallish now, but the forest will mature over time, strengthening Read Island's biodiversity for generations to come.

Part of the conservation land is an incredible bog that forms the headwaters of two salmon-spawning streams. The event included an informative presentation on bogs and fens by Kai, a summer student who helped build a trail and platform this summer to improve community access to the bog.

Huge congratulations to the Read Island community, Lannie and Ralph Keller, and Wilderness International Canada on this important investment! In the future!

OCP survey time

SRD Planning staff recently held three community events about the Official Community Plan (OCP) which were well attended by residents of all ages. The OCP Early Directions survey was the focus of the events.

Through the survey, Planning staff are seeking your feedback on draft OCP objectives and policy statements on nine different topics. Is the language headed in the right direction? Has anything been missed? Your responses will help confirm what's looking good and where adjustments are needed. Anyone who completes the full survey, all 14 pages, can choose to enter a draw for a $150 gift card to a local business of their choice.

You can pick up a paper copy of the survey at the Quadra Island library, from me at Chat with the Director, or complete it online. Survey closes December 11. Scroll to the bottom of this page to find the survey: srd.ca/area-c-ocp.

Connect

The next 'Chat with the Director' at Aroma Cove Café is Thursday November 5, from 8:30 to 10am. Please stop by, say hello, and share any questions or topics on your mind. You are also welcome to connect with me any time, email RMawhinney@srd.ca, or phone 250.203.2468. Visit srd.ca/government/agendas-minutes to keep up with SRD governance or watch the meetings on YouTube.

Until next time,
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QUADRA ISLAND REAL ESTATE TEAM

Job Opportunity: Literacy Outreach Coordinator

Quadra Literacy Network

Are you passionate about building community, inspiring a love of learning, and helping families thrive? Quadra Island Literacy Network is looking for an enthusiastic and creative Literacy Outreach Coordinator to lead and grow literacy initiatives across Quadra Island.

This is an opportunity to make a meaningful difference by connecting people of all ages with programs that strengthen literacy, build digital skills, and create opportunities for lifelong learning. Working alongside the Literacy Task Group, community organizations, schools, and Quadra Children's Centre, you'll help develop and deliver engaging programs that respond to local needs and bring people together.

Key responsibilities include:

- Coordinating digital literacy projects, programs for young families, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, events and other literacy initiatives.
- Building community partnerships and promoting literacy programs and opportunities.
- Supporting planning, meetings, grant applications, and reporting.
- Taking a lead role in fundraising initiatives.
- Managing the program budget and carrying out financial and administrative duties.

About the position

- Hours: An average of 11 hours per week, approximately 42 weeks per year
- Pay: $35 per hour
- Position: Part-time, seasonal contract
- **Start date: January 4, 2027**

Qualifications

We're looking for someone who is creative, organized, self-motivated, and comfortable working independently and collaboratively. The successful candidate will have:

- Strong communication, relationship-building, and organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently & collaboratively.
- Administrative and budgeting experience, with attention to accuracy and detail.
- Proficiency with Google applications (including Sheets, Forms, Documents, and Gmail) and/or Microsoft Word and Excel.
- A valid BC driver's licence and access to reliable transportation.
- The ability to work flexible hours to accommodate community events.
- Willingness to undergo a criminal record check for working with vulnerable populations.

Experience in community-based programs, digital literacy, family programs, fundraising, and grant writing and reporting, as well as knowledge of local services and programs are an asset.

To apply: Please submit a résumé and cover letter by November 24 to quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com. For a full job description, please email quadralitracynetwork@gmail.com.

Help strengthen literacy and connections in our island community!

Quadra Island's 2% MRDT Approved:

DICC Seeks Oversight Committee Members

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce (DICC) is pleased to announce that the Province of British Columbia has approved a 2% Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) on eligible accommodation on Quadra Island, effective January 1, 2027.

This is an important milestone for Quadra Island, creating a dedicated source of funding to support a stronger, more sustainable tourism economy, improve visitor services, encourage shoulder-season visitation and help address tourism workforce challenges.

Help Shape the Future of Tourism on Quadra Island

DICC is inviting applications from community members interested in serving on the MRDT Oversight Committee. The committee will provide advice and recommendations to the DICC Council on the priorities, allocation and performance of MRDT funds, supporting transparent and responsible decision-making.

We welcome applicants with experience in tourism and accommodation, outdoor recreation, marketing, events, finance, governance, research, community development.

The committee will include tourism-industry representatives, a DICC Council representative, a housing liaison representing the Discovery Islands Affordable Housing Society (DIAHS), and up to two additional subject-matter advisors.

Through its partnership with DIAHS, DICC will explore potential tourism workforce housing initiatives. Subject to provincial requirements and approval of eligible projects, up to 50% of annual MRDT revenues may support tourism workforce stabilization.

How to Apply

Email admin@dicc.ca to request an application form and return the completed form to the same address.

DICC Council will review applications and discuss committee composition and next steps at its general meeting on November 16, 2026. Depending on the applications received, the Chamber may also approach individuals to ensure an appropriate balance of skills and representation. Appointments will follow once a suitable group of members has been identified.

The Chamber encourages community members who want to contribute to Quadra Island's economic vitality and sustainable tourism future to get involved.

Carol Ann Terreberry
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SRD Board Decides Not to Adopt Bylaw No. 643

Strathcona Gardens Recreation Facility Service

(Campbell River, BC) – At its October 28, 2026 meeting, the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) Board considered Bylaw No. 643 – Strathcona Gardens Recreation Facility Service for final adoption. Bylaw No. 643 proposed expanding the Strathcona Gardens recreation facility service to include Quadra Island and establishing a revised cost-sharing formula among participating areas.

Following months of discussions at the Board table and consideration of the October 17 referendum results, the Board has chosen not to proceed with adoption of the bylaw.

During the October 17, 2026 referendum, held in conjunction with the local government elections, a majority of voters supported the proposed bylaw, with 7,307 votes in favour and 3,973 votes opposed, representing approximately 65% support. At Quadra Island polling locations, approximately 98% of votes cast were opposed to the bylaw, with 1,288 votes opposed and 26 in favour. Results at other voting locations included 6,705 votes in favour and 2,457 opposed at Campbell River voting locations and through City mail ballots, and 576 in favour and 228 opposed at Electoral Area D polling locations.

Quadra Island residents also attended the October 28 Board meeting to express their opposition to the proposed bylaw.

Although the referendum received majority support, final adoption remained a decision of the SRD Board. With the Board's decision not to adopt Bylaw No. 643, the proposed changes to the Strathcona Gardens recreation facility service will not proceed at this time.

Clarification of the Assent Voting Proces.

The SRD also wishes to address recent public statements and legal correspondence questioning the legality of the assent voting process for Bylaw No. 643.

In response to allegations that the Board's decision to conduct a combined assent vote was contrary to the Local Government Act, the SRD obtained an independent legal opinion confirming that the Board complied with all applicable statutory requirements and acted within its authority when it approved a combined vote for the existing and proposed service areas. This decision was approved by the required two-thirds majority at the April 29, 2026 Board meeting.

The Board takes allegations that SRD staff acted unlawfully seriously and firmly rejects these claims. The circulation of inaccurate or misleading information can undermine public confidence in local government and the employees responsible for carrying out its decisions.

The Board recognizes that residents have differing perspectives on Bylaw No. 643 and respects the right of residents and elected officials, past and present, to question its decisions. However, legitimate disagreement does not justify misrepresenting the facts, particularly when the relevant records are publicly available.

Next Steps

Any future direction or next steps regarding the proposed service changes will be determined by the SRD Board.

The SRD remains committed to transparency, accountability and providing accurate, factual information to residents.

For additional information regarding Bylaw No. 643, including referendum results, frequently asked questions and background information, visit srd.ca/bylaw_643.

Wilderness International Canada Protects

1,250 Acres of Coastal Rainforest on Read Island

Major land acquisition safeguards significant forest, wetland and wildlife habitat in B.C.'s Discovery Islands.

Wilderness International Canada (WIC) has purchased a total of 1,250 acres of forest and wetlands on Read Island , protecting a significant area of coastal rainforest in British Columbia's Discovery Islands.

The milestone was achieved through two rounds of acquisitions between May and August of 2026, bringing together 11 properties conservation area. The protected landscape encompasses mature second-growth forest, remnant old-growth trees, rare woodland ecosystems, and extensive wetlands, including a peat bog complex.

"This is an important achievement for Read Island and a signifi cant step forward for wilderness conservation in British Columbia," said Dominique Hrytsay, Executive Director of Wilderness International Canada. "By securing these lands, we're protecting valuable ecosystems today while giving younger



The conservation milestone builds on WIC's longstanding relationship with the Surge Narrows Community Association (SNCA) and local residents, who have contributed valuable local knowledge and demonstrated a strong commitment to protecting Read Island's natural landscapes. Their continued involvement will help support the long-term stewardship of the protected area.

"The outer islands community is ecstatic!" stated Lannie Keller, member of the Surge Narrow's Community. "Now we have an opportunity to align our local economy with conservation and wilderness appreciation—the values most of us moved out here for."

While some areas contain mature forest, others are recovering from historical logging. Protecting these younger forests allows them to regenerate naturally and develop into the old-growth ecosystems of the future.

Wilderness International and the Surge Narrows community will celebrate the achievement on Saturday, October 24, 2026, with a gathering on Read Island. Community members, First Nations representatives, conservation

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The Peace of the Forest

Jane Goodall died suddenly of natural causes on October 1, 2025, at age 91. In her organized, diligent and meticulous way, she left a recorded message to humanity in which she spoke frequently about the importance of hope in her life and the uplifting energy that it could provide to everyone. Her advice to always remain hopeful was a necessary resource in her long and arduous struggle to protect the chimpanzees— and later the gorillas—that she studied and loved. But her strength and perseverance may have come from something much deeper that she shared with her primate relatives.

Serenity is one word that seems to capture the essence of how she conducted her life, her studies, and her endless quest to protect the diminishing patches of forest that sustained the lives of Flint, Flo, Melissa, Midge, Freud, and all the other chimps that she knew so personally. A better explanation, however, comes from a more casual comment she made. “People say to me so often, 'Jane, how can you be so peaceful...?' I always answer, that it is the peace of the forest that I carry inside.”

This is a primal peace that Jane Goodall carried and shared with the chimps, the gorillas, and all the other animals, insects and plants that comprise any forest anywhere. Although none of those who feel separate from a forest can explain it, everything that is alive knows this peace because it is what allows them to be who and what they are.

The wholeness and the completeness of a forest ecology has a complexity that exudes a stillness which can only be felt while in a state of acute awareness. All the countless parts belong and coordinate like a silent symphony. The trees communicate with each other using pheromones. The many branches negotiate for light. The roots entwine and share. The dark and secret fungi trade nutrients with their tall and towering fellows. The mosses and lichen adorn the ground with their delicate diligence. And underground, the soil bacteria perform the intricate and microscopic dances that enliven the life above. Indeed, the forest is a living civilization more carefully tuned and balanced than any music we can ever know.

This is the peace of life at its fullest, at the stillness that can only be attained when all the parts have arrived at their place of belonging. Nothing can be changed without disturbing this stillness. Any infringement on the peace and quiet creates an alien and noisy discordance.

None of the living things in the forest can articulate this peace because they are living it. It is who and what they are. We humans, when we are able to escape from the confinement of ourselves and from the busy purposefulness of our endeavours, can feel the stillness of this peace. This is the feeling that expands us beyond the confinement of our little selves and makes forests sacred places of emancipation.

When we lose forests to the slaughter of chainsaws and the brutality of machinery, we lose the deepest part of ourselves that communes with the wholeness in which we belong. The silence and the stillness of a clearcut is the lifelessness wreckage on a battlefield that waits hopefully for a slow and painful recovery. Faith is the trust that hope will somehow eventually repair, revitalization and resurrect some semblance of the original wholeness. But that will never happen. The wholeness, once broken, will never return to what it once was. The loss is permanent. The scars never heal. Once the endless unfolding of time has been disrupted, the starting place can never return to its beginning. We should remember this when our little, selfish selves tamper with the wholeness of things.

We think that we are great and important, and yet, compared to the stillness and the peace that encloses and teaches us, we are—as Shakespeare reminded us—like the poor players who strut and fret our brief hour on the stage, full of sound and fury but signifying nothing.

Jane Goodall was in touch with this stillness and peace. It imparted to her the perspective and equanimity that allowed her to live her life with the purpose and resolve of compassion and caring. That, perhaps, is what we will miss most about her. Her quiet determination changed the way we understand and relate to the wholeness in which we belong. If we all knew what she knew, remembered what she selflessly taught, and did as she did, the peace that inspired her would be more evident. And before we become hopelessly lost, we would still have the forests that we need for finding our greater selves.

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Recycling Oral Care Products

Avid recyclers noticed that the recycling of oral care products disappeared for a time from the Cove Pharmacy. This was due to Terracycle discontinuing their free program. The good news is that through generous donations from the Quadra Community, the ICAN Live Lightly Team has funds to pay for a program that will keep all those toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and dental floss cases out of the landfill. Due also to the goodwill of the Cove Pharmacy, the oral care product recycling program is back!

The Cove Pharmacy also continues to host the recycling of shaving products.

Recycling used pens, markers and ink cartridges lives on at Inspirations, Quadra Elementary School and the Quadra Children's Center. Thanks also to these hosts.

These small recycling programs are projects of the ICAN Live Lightly Team. Since we now have a RecycleBC Depot on Quadra ... yay!!! - the ICAN Live Lightly team is looking for new projects and new volunteers. If you are interested, please email quadraicansoceity@gmail.com

Bonus: If you don't like the name ICAN Live Lightly, you can rename this team.

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Quadra Island Cemetery Update

Please take a few minutes here to see what has been going on in regard to Quadra's Memorial Grounds this past few months.

First and foremost a tribute to two wonderful Quadra residents and volunteers, Alf and Ruth Williamson. They have both been very involved with the QI Cemetery for many years with Alf serving on the Board for over 25 years and Ruth contributing many volunteer hours in the Cemetery garden, watering, planting, weeding, and designing. Alf has shared his skills and life experience at Board meetings and at the Cemetery where he is an indefatigable worker and reliable member of the team that ensures each burial proceeds in a dignified, efficient manner. As Ruth and Alf close the Quadra chapter of their life together and prepare to move to Courtenay, we wish them well and thank them very, very much for their devoted service to our Island's cemetery.

In May of this year a few dozen people gathered at the cemetery for "A Walk in the Memorial Park". They witnessed the unveiling of the Natural Burial Memorial which now provides a prominent place to memorialize those interred in the Natural Burial section at the south end of the cemetery. Headstones and permanent grave markers are not permitted in natural burial as the goal is for the area to naturalize over time and blend into the forest. You can learn more about Natural Burial, Traditional Burial, and Cremation Burial on our website.

As the season is now well underway it is time for the

Cemetery Annual Fall Clean up:

Saturday, November 7 from 10 am – 12 noon

Volunteers Welcome (Bring gloves, and if possible a leaf rake)

Anyone who has placed in the cemetery, vases, mementoes, or keepsakes that they would like to keep, please come and get them before the 7th. All items that are removed by our volunteer crew will be held in storage until next year.

The Quadra Island Cemetery Board includes Grant Hayden (Chair), Ian MacPhee (Treas.), Vic Gladish (Sec.), John Arnold, Tom Vanderstine, Denise Chisholm, Jeff Dubois, and Gary Krook.

You can visit our website, quadraislandcemetery.com, and send a message to the Board. We will do our best to respond within 24 hours.



BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

SOUTH QUADRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that **Ministerial Order No. 302** was approved and ordered **on August 06, 2026** authorizing an amendment to Letters Patent for South Quadra Fire Protection District, effective from that date. The authorizing legislative provision is section 679 [amendment of letters patent and reissue of letters patent] of the Local Government Act. The purpose of the amendment is to adjust the boundary for South Quadra Fire Protection District to exclude parcels of land described as. L1 PI 15207 DL Sayward Land District Grouse Island PID 001-852-540 and L2 PI 15207 DL Sayward Land District Grouse Island PID 001-852-540.

As well as DL 210 Sayward Land District PID 007-752-563 Gowlland Island and DL 667 Sayward Land District Stag Island PID 000-849-049.

A copy of the Ministerial Order and map showing the boundary of the South Quadra Fire Protection District may be viewed or obtained from 844 Heriot Bay Rd.

This notice is published in accordance with section 780 [publication of letters patent] of the Local Government Act.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW

WOODLOT LICENCE W0025

WOODLOT LICENCE PLAN UPDATE

The woodlot licensee (CP Forestry Inc., Ken Price, Randy Craddock and Jay Craddock) hereby give notice that an updated Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) for Woodlot Licence W0025 (409 hectares) located on Quadra Island will be made available for public review. This plan will replace the previous WLP and differs from it in minor format changes and the addition of new legal requirements and terminology.

Woodlot 0025 consists of 4 parcels of public forest land on Quadra. They are near Camp Homewood, Smith Road, Open Bay and Valdes Road.

The WLP documents strategies and practice requirements that the licensee will achieve in all operations on the woodlot. The content includes specific and technical wording to meet the current legislative requirements in the Forest and Range Practices Act and the Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation. The plan identifies the forest practices required to maintain or protect all resource values and cultural heritage on the woodlot. When approved the WLP will form the basis for future issuance of cutting and road permits, which provide the authority to harvest and to build roads. The term of the plan will be 10 years.

The plan is available for review and comment by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the District Manager, Campbell River District. Questions or comments specific to the content of the WLP may result in amendments.

The plan will be available for review upon request by email to andrea@huock.ca, or phone 250-650-5573. Please include CPForestryinc@gmail.com in the email. In person meetings can be arranged.

To be considered prior to WLP approval, comments on the content should be submitted before December 4th, 2026 in writing to andrea@huock.ca.

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	20:07	4.310	14.1
31 Sat	03:54	0.683	2.2
	11:49	4.921	16.1
	17:38	3.754	12.3
	21:03	4.068	13.3
01 Sun	04:50	0.941	3.1
	12:51	4.872	16.0
	19:04	3.507	11.5
	22:24	3.782	12.4
02 Mon	05:51	1.288	4.2
	13:43	4.837	15.9
	20:14	3.126	10.3
03 Tue	00:22	3.582	11.8
	06:57	1.686	5.5
	14:25	4.805	15.8
	21:09	2.674	8.8
04 Wed	02:07	3.599	11.8
	08:05	2.089	6.9
	15:02	4.770	15.6
	21:53	2.215	7.3
05 Thu	03:34	3.780	12.4
	09:11	2.470	8.1
	15:33	4.727	15.5
	22:32	1.797	5.9
06 Fri	04:51	4.057	13.3
	10:11	2.815	9.2
	16:02	4.671	15.3
	23:08	1.450	4.8
07 Sat	05:55	4.363	14.3
	11:08	3.114	10.2
	16:30	4.603	15.1
	23:41	1.188	3.9
08 Sun	06:48	4.637	15.2
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	12:55	3.556	11.7
	17:26	4.436	14.6
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	08:19	4.954	16.3
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	17:54	4.344	14.3
11 Wed	01:20	0.894	2.9
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	14:35	3.797	12.5
	18:23	4.245	13.9
12 Thu	01:55	0.940	3.1
	09:44	4.938	16.2
	15:27	3.839	12.6
	18:55	4.135	13.6
13 Fri	02:32	1.044	3.4
	10:28	4.851	15.9
	16:26	3.824	12.5
	19:28	4.006	13.1
14	03:11	1.192	3.9

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