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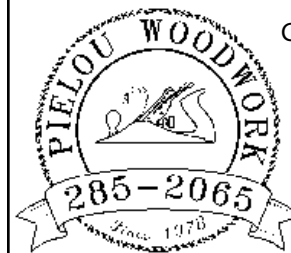
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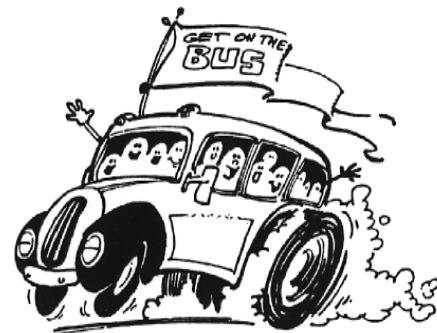
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9:15 Quadra Is. Building Supply
9:20 Quadra School

Children will be returned between 3:30-
4:00 pm



5 GREAT DAYS
JULY 6-10



June 1-13

-Altered Perceptions

Fool's Gallery

June 3-27

-David Birnie

C>R. Public Gallery

June 13, Sat.

-Goddess Grace workshop
10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Community Centre

-Romanza String Quartet
8:00 p.m. Admin: \$12

Gorge Hall

June 14, Sun.

-Meg Hickling
7:30 p.m.

QI United Church

June 20, Sat.

-Skateboard Park Grand Opening

-Cortes Garden Tour
9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Cortes Island

-Inglis/Stewart Book Launching Explore Gallery
4 p.m.

-Birthday Splash
Museum
11:00 am-4:00 pm

C.R.

June 21, Sun.

"Heinz 57" Dog Show
2:00 p.m.

Quadra Legion

-Cortes Garden Tour
9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Cortes Island

June 28, Sun.

-Family Bike-A-Thon
2 - 4 p.m.

Community Centre

-Make Beleive Naked-up
7:30 p.m.

Community Centre

July 5, Sun.

-African Singers from Uganda
7:30 p.m.

Community Centre

July 11 & 12

-QI Garden Tour
Island

Quadra

July 11, Sat.

-Arts Festival
11:00 am-5 p.m. evening 8 pm

Community Centre

Every Saturay

Farmers Market

Our Farmers Market is held, rain or shine, from the beginning of May to the end of September, every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. behind the Credit Union. Vendors must be from Quadra or the outer islands. Setup charge is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids. Bring your own table. Dancers, drummers, jugglers, musicians, etc. are very welcome - this is our village green! Please come join us to make the Market the best it can be. For more information phone Dalcyce 285-3180

Legion News

-Attention All Dogs- The Legion will be holding its first annual "Heinz 57" Dog Show on **June 21 at 2:00 p.m.** Prizes Galore! All dogs are welcome. Please make sure all owners are on a leash. The Sunday Brunches are continuing but will now be on the first & third Sundays of each month. See you at the Legion.

Altered Perceptions

Susanne Iles-Gaudin and the Fool's Gallery present **Altered Perceptions**: A collection of works created to inspire the imagination, set the soul free, and release the dreamer in us all. **June 1-June 13, 1998** at the Fool's Gallery.

CR Public Gallery

David Birnie, showing until June 27th, new paintings and sculptures. Children's Spring Art Class Program - **The Basics of Drawing (June 11 - 25). Gallery open Wed-Sat 12-5**

African Singers from Uganda

Don't miss this unique opportunity for a rich intercultural experience! This will be the choir's **first overseas trip**. Forty of the members of this adult mixed choir from Kampala (Capitol City) are competing at the Kathaumixw International Choral Festival in Powell River. Then lucky for our Island, they are spending one night here to share their music with us! **July 5, show at 7:30 pm**

Interested in billeting for one night? It's a wonderful chance to meet interesting new people and make good memories. For more info. call Carol at 285-3737

Fools Gallery



**SAVE THE FOOLS
Summer Show and Raffle!!**

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FOOLS
SUMMER PARTY**

Island Market, Heriot Bay

Book Launch

Joy Inglis and Hilary Stewart will be launching their new books at Explore Gallery on **June 20 from 4 to 6 p.m.** Come and browse the books and meet the authors, who will be happy to autograph your copies.

Joy's book, *Spirit in the Stone*, is the result of a research project on Quadra Island carved rock art. Nearly 100 petroglyphs have been found at 13 sites, making Quadra one of four of the great rock art sites of B.C. The book explores shamanic thought in relation to the petroglyphs, and the petroglyphs' connection to the great tradition of art on the Northwest Coast. It also includes maps to 11 Quadra sites and over 60 drawings by Hilary Stewart. *Spirit in the Stone* is published by Horsdal & Schubart and is on sale at Explore Gallery and the Kwagiulth Museum and Cultural Centre for \$9.95.

Hilary's new book is entirely different from any of her previous ones, which have nearly all been on First Nations' early technology and art. This book, entitled *On Island Time*, tells how she first came to Quadra, unexpectedly found property, and her search for the right architect. She writes of her delight in exploring the island's natural world of seashore, lake, and forest, gathering edibles and rearranging her property.

There are alternately humorous, exasperating, and poignant encounters with deer, raccoons, birds, bats, and other wildlife. She also glimpses some of the island people, events pertaining to weather, ferry episodes, and even notice board signs and the misspellings of the name Quathiaski.

The book, published by Douglas & McIntyre in hardcover, has 192 pages and nearly 200 of Hilary's pen and ink drawings. *On Island Time* will be available soon, at \$28.95.

QI United Church

Quadra Island United Church invites you to the next evening service on **Sun., June 14 at 7:30 p.m.** Meg Hickling, nurse and sexual health educator from Vancouver will speak about **Faithful Families**. Refreshments will be shared after the service. Everyone welcome.

Meg will also present body science lessons for parents and children on **Sunday and Monday, June 14/15**, at the school, co-sponsored by the Church and the Parents Council. Watch for more information.

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Quadra Painter Shows in Courtenay and Campbell River

Bettina Sluzki Lewis, a painter now residing on Quadra Island, will be showing her paintings and drawings, together with ceramist Deb Taylor, at the Comox Valley Art Gallery (formerly the Arts Alliance) in Courtenay, and at the Tidemark Theatre in Campbell River, during June and July.

At the Comox Valley Art Gallery: "PAINTED PRAYERS" is a show of highly coloured painted collages and watercolours, created in 1996-97, depicting whimsical figures, flower divas, moon people, couples, portraits and beings in an imaginative world. The paintings are enhanced by wide frames, hand painted by the artist, beautifully complementing the artwork.

Bettina states: "I paint WITH the images that appear on paper or canvas, I FOLLOW them, not forcing what I want but allowing them their freedom to be as they want. I like to be surprised, to find out what lies beyond my so very limited perceptions and opinions."

The show will be on from **June 23rd to July 18th** - Opening reception, meet the artist, SAT JUNE 27th, from 2pm to 4pm, 367 4th St, Courtenay, tel 338-6211

At the Tidemark Theatre: "RETROSPECTIVE: PAINTINGS FROM THE BEGINNING" brings an opportunity to view a painter's journey from the early beginnings to the present time. The paintings and drawings range from minute to enormous; they are all vibrant, energetic and contemporary in feel.

The show will run for the month of July and the opening reception, meet the artist, will be on July 3rd, from 7 pm to 9 pm.. The artist invites the community to attend each opening. Refreshments will be served.

Make Believe Make-Up

Make Believe Make-Up : Secrets of a TV Make-up artist.

There is a treat in store for all on **June 28**. A well known English make-up artist, Heather Stewart, will be on Quadra to give a lively and fascinating talk about her work in BBC-TV and film.

Heather has created a variety of special effects for a number of stars- from making a 40 year old man gradually age to 85, to turning actors into creatures from outer space with hairy faces and hands. Make-up goes beyond just faces to period hair styles, wigs, beards, scars and of course gory gashes, broken noses, burns, bruises and more. One special effect required medical research and the help of an optometrist. It was for a close-up film shot of a stabbed eye.

Heather's talk is sprinkled with anecdotes and full of information about the secrets of a make-up artist, and the audience is free to ask questions along the way. (Ask her about cutting John Lennon's hair - yes, really!!) She will show some of the items used in particular make-ups, and then, for two young volunteers from the audience, there is something special. Within minutes, this experienced make-up artist will create an ugly wound on their hands and they will be asked to go among the audience and show it. (If you faint at the sight of blood and worse, just close your eyes.) And here's a warning: parental guidance may be needed in getting youngsters to wash before going to bed that night.

So, mark **Sunday June 28** on your calendar for a delightful evening with Heather Stewart. Quadra Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. Admission is by donation, making this event affordable to all. All Proceeds go to C.C.A.P.

News & Events

Notes From Your Regional Director

First of all, I would like to congratulate all of Quadra Island for an incredible Centennial May Day Celebration. I'm sure there has never been a better attended event on this island. Although there were more than 100 people directly involved in putting the day together, I would like to acknowledge one "behind the scenes" person whom we can't do without. Sandy Spearing has, for the past 10 years, put her heart and soul into the organization of volunteers and events at May Day and we all owe her a warm round of applause for her tireless efforts. Keep up the good work, Sandy!

Three other issues need a bit of explanation before summer sets in.

1) The **Provincial Government's** proposal to make the B.C. Building Code mandatory throughout the entire province: Our regional district and all other local governments have the option to require mandatory building **inspection** and our regional district has **clearly stated** that they will retain the status quo in Area J and **there will be no mandatory building inspection** even if the province does implement the code provincially. The code was mandatory up until 1992 throughout B.C. From 1992 to present it was voluntary. If the province

succeeds with their proposal, it will be mandatory from October, 1998 on. However, as I've said, **there will be no building inspection**. Any comments you might have can be sent to Minister Jenny Kwan, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Room 236, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, BC. V8W 1X4.

2) The Unsightly Premises Bylaw: I stated that I had not supported the implementation of this bylaw for Area J. I have now heard a few people complain that we need such a Bylaw to keep our island beautiful. For those of you who wish to actually view the Bylaw, I suggest you call the C-SRD @ 1-800-33-6007 and ask to see a copy. It, in my opinion, removes many of your freedoms as a human being and is so totally over restrictive in its present form that I felt I was doing the right thing on your behalf. It is a very subjective bylaw that allows inspectors to enter your property and decide what is "unsightly" and what isn't. I cannot support this type of urban attitude. If I'm wrong, call me at 285-3351 or fax me at 285-3533, but read the bylaw first. I think most of you will agree that it is overly restrictive and gives far too much power to an "enforcement" officer of local government.

3) The Public Access - Marine Use

Area that has been applied for by the C-SRD at Granite Bay: Some people seem to think this is a plan to put in another park. **Absolutely false**. This idea came about when some commercial businesses (aquaculture related) applied for rezoning but were faced with the incredible liability expenses that go along with allowing the public to use their facility. So we sat down at the C-SRD as a group and came up with what appears to be a public-private partnership that will allow the province to lease the area to the Regional District for \$1.00; it will allow the local Quadra businesses access for their commercial needs thus creating local employment; and it will ensure continuing public access for the general public. The initial capital expenses will be borne by industry and the ongoing expenses of administration, management and maintenance will be shared amongst all the parties. Our 1996 Official Community Plan that was adopted by this island, fully supports maintaining public access at Granite Bay and Surge Narrows road-end. So, is there a down side? I haven't found it yet! Let me know your thoughts. Looks to me like a win/win situation, but I'm certainly open to suggestions.

Jim Abram

Director, Area J

Quadra Credit Union is now accepting applications for Camp Rainbow.

Camp Rainbow Basic level Program is a real-life, hands on learning experiences-the principles of self-esteem are shared, not taught, in an entertaining atmosphere of "equal opportunity interaction".

Applications are available to children who are between the ages of 14 and 16 and are members or children of members of Quadra Credit Union. Applicants must be able to attend July 26 to August 2, 1998.

Applications for Camp Rainbow must be received no later than 4:00 pm June 17, at the Cortes office and 5:00 pm June 18, 1998 at the Quadra office.

Quadra Credit Union is now accepting applications for the Curly Eastland Bursary.

Scholarship funds are available to members and to the children of members of Quadra Credit Union. Applicants must be grade 12 graduates or mature students planning post-secondary education.

Application forms are available from the Receptionist at the Quadra and Cortes Branches and must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm on June 29th at the Cortes office and 5:00 at the Quadra office on June 30th, 1998.



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Museum at Campbell River

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Please pre-register at least five days in advance of event date. Register at The Museum Shop, open 10:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Saturday, and noon-5:00pm Sunday. Prices given are for adults; and for seniors and students (full-time, with a valid card). Museum society members receive a 10% discount. Information (250)287-3103.

MITLENATCH ISLAND

Saturday June 13 & Sunday June 14

9:00am -

5:30pm

\$75.00/\$70.00

Guide: Dennis Mense

Discover the area's natural history and early exploration and visit a marine park/bird sanctuary aboard a 37' sloop.

BIRTHDAY SPLASH

Saturday June 20

11:00am - 4:00pm

Family entertainment, crafts and games celebrating the 40th birthdays of Centennial Park and the Museum at Campbell River.

No registration necessary - just drop by.

Puppet Theatre

Summer is here, and with it comes the annual Puppet Theatre Programme at The Museum at Campbell River! **As of June 23rd, shows will run at the Museum regularly, with performances on Tuesdays at 2:00pm and Thursdays at 11:00am and 2:00pm.** With this new season comes a special change in venue. Shows will now be performed in the Westmin Theatre at the museum, which is complete with a top-notch puppet stage and is fashioned after Campbell River's old Van Isle Theatre. This beautifully decorated theatre seats thirty, and is perfect for school visits and private parties. After-show activities are also planned, which allow the kids some hands-on fun while making a puppet they can take home.

However, if you can't come here, we can come to you! With portable stages we can do out-reach performances almost anywhere, indoors and outdoors. Great for festivals or celebration with a relaxed format to fit your event.

The plays are funny and engaging stories about the history of Campbell River and surrounding area with hand crafted puppets that bring the tales to life. Take a trip with Fred Nunns, Campbell River's first settler, or learn about the rock that liked to eat ships, and how an explosion broke Ripple Rock to pieces. The plays appeal to children aged 3 and up. All materials are supplied and the activities relate to the plays performed. Children are encouraged to interact and really become a part of the performance!

Admission for the regular Puppet Theatre shows is \$2.00/child. Private performances can be booked from June to August, at least a week in advance. The price for a special in-house performance is \$35.00. Out-reach performances are \$50.00 not including the additional travel expenses. For more information, or to book

performances contact Brenda or Rachel at 287-3103.

Birthday Splash

Come to our Birthday Splash on **June 20th**, co-hosted by The Museum at Campbell River and the Centennial Park Preservation and Enhancement Society. This year we celebrate 40 years in the community and the opening of the renovated outdoor pool and new playground.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the day, with ongoing events at both Centennial Park and the Campbell River Museum. Opening ceremonies are at noon at Centennial Park, and will feature choirs from the Ecole des Deux Mondes and Cedar schools. This year, after a year of fund-raising, Centennial Park has completely renovated their existing pool, built a brand new toddler pool, and constructed a new intermediate playground. The ribbon cutting for both the new pool and playground is at noon, with a draw to choose the first swimmer in the pool. Swimming will be free during the celebration so bring your bathing suits!

Other planned activities include a performance by Shoo Shoo the clown, face painting, Bocci ball, chalk drawing, a naturalist display, and a concession open from 11:00am-2:00pm. The Rotary Club will be selling Duck Race Tickets, with the proceeds going towards the toddler playground.

At 2:00 the focus shifts to The Museum at Campbell River. This day celebrates the 40th birthday of the Museum. A cake cutting ceremony and a performance by the Pacifica Ukes at 2:30 will start the afternoon's activities. At 3:00 in the new Westmin Theatre is the 1998 debut of the Heritage Puppet Theatre. Kids aged 3 and up will enjoy performances by the puppeteers on staff. The plays are funny and engaging stories about the history of Campbell River and surrounding area. Meet Campbell River's first settler, Fred Nunns, and come along for a puppet adventure! Then enjoy storytelling by Hazel Lennox, beginning at 3:30pm. Ongoing at the Museum, there will be guided tours, a craft table run by The Campbell River Child Care Society, a display of antique vehicles, a driftwood carving display and *Chickens* summer theatre activities.

The Birthday Splash is on June 20th, from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm. The Museum at Campbell River is located at 470 Island Highway. For more information about the Birthday Splash, contact the Museum at 287-3103.

Earth Day Babies


by Cori Inrig

On the morning of April 22, 1998 just before recess Graeme Binnars discovered two wet baby guinea pigs laying beside Abby. She was a mother! The kids raced over to tell the surprising news. After they had looked we went out for recess. When we got back there was one more baby. One was grey and white, with red eyes, one was brown and black and one was all different colours just like the mom. They already have all their hair, all their teeth and their eyes wide open.



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Quadra Island Garden Tour

The 1998 Quadra Island Garden and Heritage Sites Tour will be held on **July 11th and 12th**, with proceeds going to the Quadra Island Community Centre Additions Project. Ticket/maps with garden and heritage site descriptions will cost \$12 each and are good for either or both days. There are 12 spots to visit, and they will be open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day.

The ticket/maps will be on sale from May 23rd at several outlets: In Campbell River, at Page 11 Books, the Campbell River Garden Centre, Mystic Woods and Serendipity; in Courtenay, at Laughing Oyster Books and The Garden Gate; on Quadra Island, at Joanne's Country Charm, Explore Gallery and Heriot Bay Store. On the days of the Tour, tickets may be purchased at the Visitors' Booth in Quathiaski Cove, next to the Credit Union as you come off the Campbell River ferry. For bus tour information, please call Paradise Found Adventure Tours, Campbell River, 250-830-0662 or 800-897-2872; or Forest Bus Tours in Parksville, 888-248-4525.

For further information, call (250)285-3478.

People are still saying it was the best in 100 years and they are right! It took many people many hours to make it the great celebration it was. Among them were concession organizer Susan Swanson and her willing helpers. They kept the food and drink stands humming throughout the event and raised a marvellous profit of approximately \$3,400!

This amount was shared between Quadra's Minor Fastball League and the Community Centre Addition Project. Members of the C.C.A.P. committee would like to extend a very warm thank you for this generous contribution we are very encouraged by such support.

C.C.A.P. Committee

Cortes Island Garden Tour

The beauty of Cortes Island gardens will be open for public viewing on **June 20 and 21, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** (Father's Day weekend) during the first annual Cortes Island Garden Tour. This event, to raise funds for the Cortes Island Museum and Archives Society, will be an opportunity to attend the opening of the new museum as well. This double event will feature thirteen gardens and the first show at the museum, 'The Natural and Cultural History of Manson's Lagoon'.

Visitors can purchase their tickets at Cortes Island stores and on Quadra Island at the Heriot Bay Store. The ticket will be in the form of a map with locations clearly identified. Rain or shine, the tour is designed to be completed in one day between 9:30 am and 5:00 pm. However, tickets are good for both days and visitors can use the information with the map to select sites of interest or spread the tour over a leisurely two days.

Event organizers are hoping to visit Cortes. Off island visitors can catch the first ferry from Heriot Bay at 9:05 am and begin the tour with three gardens in the Whaletown area. A special garden tour lunch is available at three outstanding island restaurants; Cortes Cafe, Cafe Suzanne and the Old Floathouse Restaurant. Show your garden tour ticket and these restaurants will make a donation to the museum. For those who would like to spend the weekend, a bed and breakfast list is provided with the ticket or book into Holyhock Farm where all meals are included.

Car pools are a good idea and, of course, comfortable walking shoes. Twelve sites and the museum are accessible for elderly and handicapped. Call Carol at **935-8514** for more info.

Past May Queen Reunion

The Past May Queen Reunion was a great hit, after much research we tracked down who 59 of the past May Queens were, sent out 50 invitations, and had 35 make it to the Quadra reunion on May 22 at the Cape Mudge Hall and/or Mayday at the Spit on May 23. Vivian Yeatman Stewart, a princess from the Quathiaski School May Festival in 1923 made it back to Quadra as well as Eiva Oswald Noble, Rose Queen from 1930 and Violet Ralph Sigsworth, May Queen from 1939.

All the past Queens were given a

corsage name tag which were beautifully designed by Linda Inrig from the Colour Wheel and Dianne Thompson from Sprigs in Bloom, made up by Dianne Thompson, Heather van der Est, Joyce Fodar and Lynne Gamache.

Some of the past May Queens got together and decorated a float for the parade - many thanks to John, Anne & Miles Toelle for their patience, help, supplies, truck and trailer. After the ceremony the past Queens got together for a wonderful tea that Linda McCulskey organized, complete with cups and saucers and cucumber sandwiches. Many thanks to Linda & Mike McCulskey for everything they did - it was appreciated!! Thank you to all the girls that helped serve the tea - all of you did a great job. Thank you to Heriot Bay Store for all of your support, to the Red Radish for making all the goodies and a big thank you to Taku Resort who sponsored the tea.

Last but not least a huge thank you to Walcan Seafoods who sponsored all the other costs involved in bringing the past MayQueens together and who along with Heriot Bay Store are sponsoring the cots of the MayDay book- could not have done it without you.

The Mayday Book is still being worked on, sorry for the delay, there is much more information about Quadra's Maydays than I realized. Because of the delay, the 1998 Mayday will now be included. There will be two copies at the Quadra Branch of the Vancouver Island Library, one at the Community Centre, one at Quadra Elementary School, one at the eCampbell River Branch of the Vancouver Island Library, and one at the Campbell River Museum & Archives.

Food Concession Closed

The food Concession operated by Quadra Island Minor Softball at Blenkin Park has closed this season due to vandalism and theft.

We'd like to thank all of the Islanders for patronizing the concession, minor softball would also like to say a BIG Thank you to Sheri, Mike, and the employees of the Heriot Bay Store and Bakery for their help during the Baseball Seasons.

Audrey Turner

Invitational

A springtime invitational gathering was held at the lovely waterfront estate of Sharron and Barry Hatelt. It was a beautiful day for guests in attendance. After enjoying a light buffet enhanced by private reserve vintage wine, they listened to music on the deck overlooking scenic Drew Harbour. Special guests included long time Quadra residents

Ehren, River, Kelsey and Andy as well as childhood friends Travis, Mason, and Morgan. Sandy and Gwen attended with Ben from Read Island. After dinner and drinks, everyone enjoyed a hot tub under the stars, talking late into the night. In respect of Counterattack, those without a ride were invited to spend the night and although the guest accommodations were cramped, they were comfortable. It was Mother's Day and a good time was had by all.

Crime

On the evening of Sunday, May 10, approximately \$3000.00 worth of jewellery was stolen from the residence at 1522 Heriot Bay Road. Anyone with information concerning this crime is asked to contact Quadra RCMP or Barry or Sharron Hatelt.

Kwagiulth Museum

Kwagiulth Museum and Cultural Centre new **Summer Hours** - June to September, Monday to Saturday 10:30 am to 4:30 pm, Sundays 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. **New Carving & Artists Centre** opening to be announced.

Family Bike-A-Thon

Fourth annual Quadra Island Family Bike-A-Thon will be held on Sunday, June 28, 1998 from 2 to 4 p.m., beginning and ending at the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to join in this fun, family, outdoor event. Riders of all ages are encouraged to enjoy one of several bike routes around the island. Choose from a 5 km, 10 km and 18 km route, or a special circuit for mountain bike riders. **This is not a race**, but a pleasant outdoor adventure. Please note: there is no preregistration; please register on site: \$5 for individual riders, \$15 for families. All proceeds this year will be donated to the Quadra Elementary Playground Building Committee. Come early (between 1 and 2 pm) for a complimentary bicycle safety check! For further information, please call Karen Holmes (3781), or Pauline Falk (3682).

The Romanza String Quartet

The Whaletown Community Club presents...**The Romanza String Quartet** in an evening of classical music. **Saturday June 13, 1998, 8:00 p.m. at the Gorge Hall in Whaletown**, Cortes Island, Admission \$12.00. the Romanza String Quartet is a group of professional musicians who have been associated with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and/or the Vancouver Opera Orchestra. They have been playing the highest quality chamber music for 12 years. For more information call 935-6615

Quadra Island Arts Fest

On **July 11 at the Quadra Island Community Centre** the Arts Fest will once again take place with its deliciously colourful variety of art.

During the day, from **11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** an exhibition of painting, photography, sculpture and other forms of mixed media will be displayed throughout the day. I'm sure we will have a few creative surprises from our inventive islanders as well as some exciting artists recently new to Quadra Island. There will also be mouthwatering lunches offered in our outside cafe.

During the evening, starting at **8:00 p.m.**, a marvellous mixture of performance art, including poetry, dance, music, juggling and this year a slide show will take place. The evening performance will be over in time for Campbell Riverites to catch the last ferry.

If you are planning on going on the Quadra Island Garden Tour your ticket will get you in **free** to the day exhibition. So, come take a break, have lunch and look at Quadra's garden of art.

In the past the Arts Fest has been a wonderful Quadra event involving artists and performers of all ages from novice to professional. It possesses a magic of its own.

If you are interested in performing, displaying your art, volunteering or have any good ideas please call Sunday 2633, Laura 2533 or Donna 3595. Tickets for the

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We found a very nice rain jacket at the ball park on May 24th. Please call the Heriot Bay Inn (285-3322) to claim.

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Request to Stakeholders

At the ferry meeting May 12 where the Stakeholders Liaison Committee elections took place through nominations, as I did not get nominated, I would like Cortes and Quadra stakeholders to put forward to the NDP Gvt. responsible for collecting gas tax to the amount of \$68,400,000 in 1996. This is the average amount collected every year.

I am told by Glen Robertson this gas tax is to build highways only, yet when the NDP were trying to put another \$.05 a litre on gas tax last October, they said this tax will keep our ferries connected to our highways and highways in top shape. The Stakeholders should make them put our money where their mouth is. At least 25% of this gas tax should come to ferries.

We were notified some time ago that our wharves should be our responsibility. With Seattle Yacht Club and Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and all boat tourists using these docks, why should the marine gas tax not be spent this way, plus support our ferries? The Federal Government, \$30,000,000 for ferries!!

Ken Hansen

Dear Editor,

I would like to publicly acknowledge Sharon Brereton and Lois Taylor for the amazing job they have done in organising the creation of a world class skateboard park. Apparently it all came about from a conversation they had late one afternoon at the Legion. Sharon and Lois spent many long hours in planning meetings, fund raising, research, supervision, organising, manual labour and daily sometimes hourly trips to the park to check on progress.

Little did I know year ago when I first saw the plans that my company would be involved in the finishing of this project. Thanks to great drawings and advice from Murray Johnson, consultations with Sharon, Lois and the skaters, an enthusiastic foreman Kent O'Neill and several hundred yards of #1 grade sand castle building sand, we were able to pull it off. Truthfully if construction weren't so slow we would not have attempted it.

I have been pleased to see a few skaters wearing helmets, those people are to be commended. I would like to encourage all parents of skate boarders to make sure their skater has a helmet and is complying with the mandatory helmet rule. Skate boarding has risks and one injured skater would take the fun out of this great skate park in a hurry.

Thank you Sharon and Lois, this state of the art skate park is one that many Quadra Island skaters will be proud of for years to come. May you two inspire others

to promote projects which fill the needs of all children and young people of our community.

Sincerely,
John Toelle

Please respect parking.

Dear Editor,

Quadra Credit Union has been permitting local craftspeople and farmers to market their wares during the Farmer's Market on our property for approximately 5 years. we are happy to provide this site as a service to the community, and to judge by the turnout last Saturday (May 30th) it is a success for the merchants involved. we feel that the Market helps other Cove merchants by generating traffic in our business district.

Unfortunately, many people attending the market are parking in the Credit Union's parking lot. this has led to situations where members of the Credit Union have been unable to park when coming here to do business, and has provoked several complaints. We have even noted instances where people have parked in our handicapped spot, and have not been found on our premises nor are they displaying the required tag. we are not able to police the parking lot all the time, nor can we ignore any situation that is affecting our members.

We are asking that residents of the Islands respect the fact that parking on the Credit Union lot is for members of the Credit Union while doing business at the Credit Union. Please park elsewhere if you intend on visiting the Farmer's Market, and if you are parking on the Quadra Plaza or Cove Centre lot you should also patronize the businesses located there. If you have guests visiting Quadra that wish to attend the Farmer's Market please inform them where to park. Further, please do not park in the handicapped spot unless you are legitimately entitled to. We are asking the RCMP to monitor this spot while patrolling in our area, and to ticket violators, which I believe is a \$100 fine.

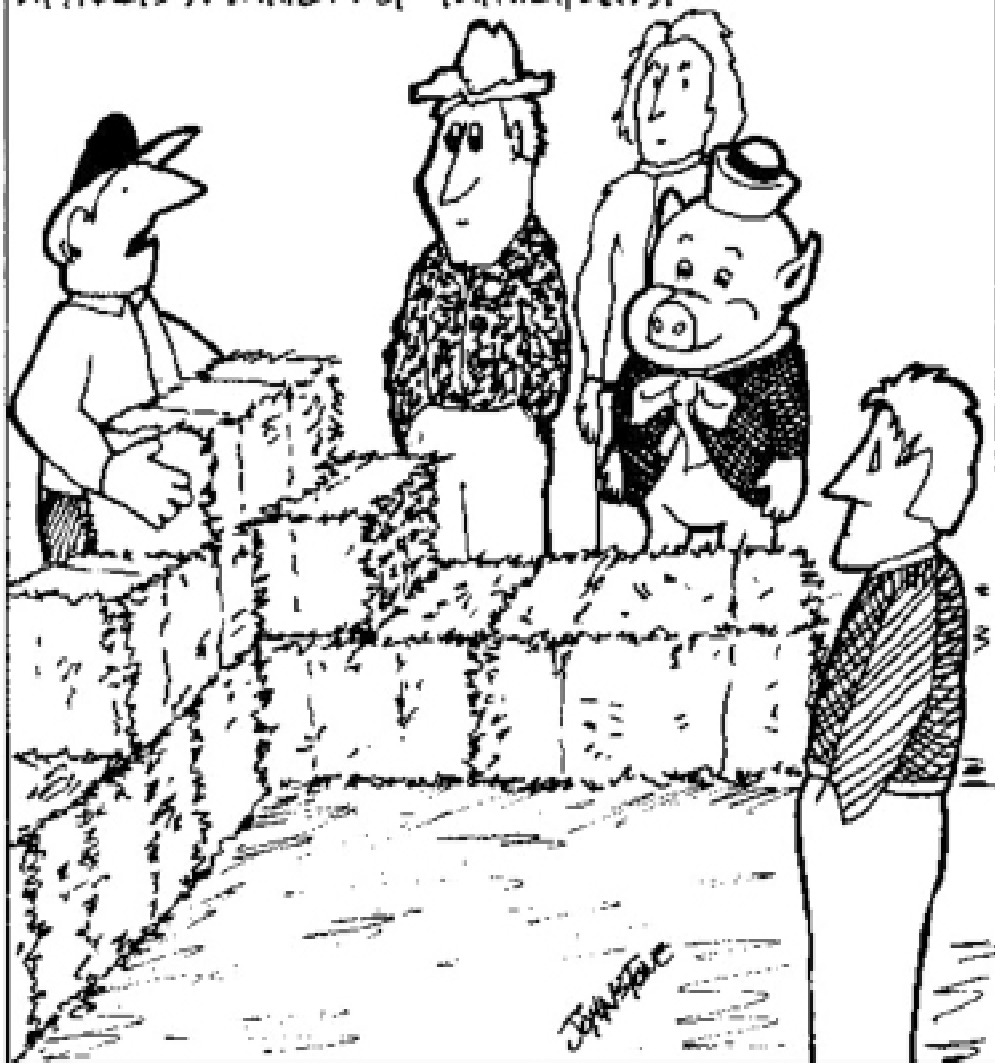
Thank you for your cooperation, and enjoy the summer!

Yours truly,
Steven Halliday, General Manager, QCU

Special thanks, West Road Walkers

What a great May Day that was! Well, West Road walkers, will you rise to the challenge? Another section of the Back Road now spring-cleaned from Milford to May Day and back. It's not so easy now the grass hasgrown up, but watch out when the mower goes past! *JB*

A WORKSHOP ON BUILDING WITH STRAW BALES
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Quadra Woman Evacuated from Indonesia

by Tanya Storr

Lucille Swanson, who grew up on Quadra, was nearing the end of a two-year contract teaching English in Indonesia a few weeks ago. Then rioting began in Jakarta as Indonesians took to the streets to protest President Suharto's leadership, and Lucille was one of many foreign nationals who had to be evacuated out of the country. Now safely back on Quadra, Lucille met me for coffee to talk about the ordeal.

"The evacuation was a frightening experience. I've had many life-threatening experiences during my travels but nothing quite as scary as that," she said.

On May 13 Lucille and the other teachers at the large private school sent all the kids home because there was trouble in Jakarta. Fortunately, all the students made it home before the rioting and looting began.

Lucille then went to her home in a neighbourhood just outside of Jakarta, populated by ex-patriots and wealthy Chinese-Indonesian businesspeople. She received two phone calls from the Canadian embassy, telling her the evacuation would take place on the 15th and 16th and that she could pack two bags: a light one and a heavy one. If the situation got really dangerous, she was told, she would be flown out in a helicopter and could only take the light bag. Otherwise, she would be bussed out and could take both.

During the few days prior to the evacuation, Lucille watched a crowd of approximately 1,000 rioters loot and then burn a large shopping mall near her home to the ground. They also set places around an international hotel on fire and smashed cars. Lucille could see much of the chaos from her windows, and she didn't sleep for three days. Her phone line didn't get cut off, luckily, so she was able to keep in touch with friends in the neighbourhood and her family on Quadra during that extremely stressful time.

"When the looting started to take place, all the men in our neighbourhood got together and camped out at the main gate for two nights. Being wealthy businessmen and ex-pats, all they had to protect themselves was golf clubs! They wouldn't have stood much of a chance against 1,000 rioters."

Fortunately, the rioters didn't try to get into the neighbourhood, although they did harass cars that tried to go in or out. Lucille managed to get back to the school within a safe period one day, so she could grab some important possessions like children's drawings. She locked up her Indonesian home for the last time at 2 p.m. on May 16th. The evacuation was an endurance test of rides in various vehicles with several stops en route to a military airport. At one point the evacuees ended up at a bus pick-up point protected by Suharto's tanks and military.

"I have never been so close to a tank before," Lucille said.

The bus that eventually came to pick them up had been through the riots, and had smashed sides and windows full of holes made by rocks. A soldier demanded money before he would let the bus leave the area. Two other soldiers with big bazooka guns sat at the front of the bus to guard the evacuees as they went into Jakarta.

"It started to rain and when it rains in the tropics, it really rains. Nobody was around because of the rain, so we were safe," Lucille recalled. "We saw a lot of looted and burnt out buildings and smashed cars. The city was in darkness as everyone had been told to leave their lights out. It was eerie."

Finally, they reached the airport. Lucille was on the second flight out, after waiting hours on the tarmac in the heat. The evacuees were flown to Singapore and then made their own way home from there.

Lucille said the riots were totally unexpected. "There had been an election in April and we were told then to be prepared for riots and to have a bag packed ready to go in case of trouble." However, the election was quiet and the riots a month later took everyone by surprise.

"The hardest part was leaving all my students and friends without saying goodbye. It was really hard to leave my Indonesian friends behind and not know what was going to happen to them," she said.

Suharto resigned five days after Lucille was evacuated from Indonesia, and she has spoken to some of her friends there since. "They're all fine. Things are calm and the school has reopened." Lucille's Indonesian teaching partner is finishing up the school year, but Lucille has been helping from afar by writing out report cards and faxing them to the school.

Lucille's harrowing experience in Indonesia has not diminished her love of travel and working abroad. In mid-June she leaves for three months in Hungary, where she has been invited back by her students to a previous teaching job. Then she plans to do some freelance English teaching in Sweden for awhile.

"I love teaching and people, and I believe in making every day an adventure," she said.

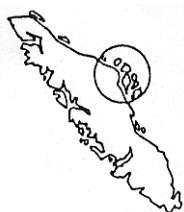
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- 98 May 01** Storage shed on Pinetree Rd. Broken into. Planter pots stolen.
- 98 May 05** Vandalism to wheelbarrow stored at Whaletown Ferry shelter. Suspects also spray painted graffiti on ferry shelter walls.
- 98 May 05** Break enter & theft to residence on Noble Rd. Suspects gained entry through window. Numerous items stolen including: fly fishing equipment, battery, Bose speakers, Indian Headdress, liquor, 4 fillet knives, wallet with cards & cash, rifles etc.
- 98 May 05** Raleigh Bicycle turned in. Bicycle found on Smiths Rd. Owner may claim at detachment. Bicycle is in very poor condition.
- 98 May 06** Break enter and theft from residence on Noble Rd. Items taken unknown at this time.
- 98 May 07** theft from vehicle parked on Green Rd. Suspects stole leather bag containing assorted cassette tapes, sunglasses also stole.
- 98 May 13** Theft from vessel in Gowlland Harbour. Suspects cut lines and stole various fishing equipment, including: 4 rods, 2 down riggers, tackle box, Loran "C" Sounder - fish finder model 2830 & 2 deck chairs.
- 98 May 14** Found vessel - 16 ft. Double Eagle boat with 50 HP Yamaha at Quathiaski Cove. Owner may claim by contacting Detachment.
- 98 May 14** Licence plate stolen from boat trailer parked at Quathiaski Cove.
- 98 May 15** Pentax 35mm autofocus camera found on Green Rd. Owner may claim at Detachment.
- 98 May 16** theft from vehicle parked at Morte Lake. Nikon 35 mm camera with matching 30-70 zoom lense stolen as well as 1 pair of Gortex hiking boots (size 8).
- 98 May 20** Theft of jewellery from residence on Heriot Rd. Numerous articles stolen including: silver locket with arching salmon on top, 18kg wedding band, 18 kg "eternity" ring with 10 diamonds, 3 silver chains, white gold and diamond necklace with matching earrings, 50 pounds of seafood etc.
- 98 May 20** Theft of 1998 9.9 Evinrude outboard from insecure shed on Spruce Rd. Theft occurred sometime over the winter.
- 98 May 22** Break enter and theft from residence in Manson's Lagoon, Cortes Is. Suspects stole liquor, change, brass spyglass telescope, 2 pellet guns, 2 hunting knives, wooden piggy bank containing change etc.
- 98 May 22** Theft of Homelite cordless weedeater from shed at Cape Mudge Boatworks.
- 98 May 23** Nikon 35 mm camera found at Rebecca Spit. Owner may claim at office.
- 98 May 23** Break enter and theft from concession at Blenkin Park. Pop, chips & chocolate bars stolen.
- 98 May 23** Break enter and theft to Fish Hatchery. Building was damaged and a compass was stolen.
- 98 May 24** Break enter and theft from residence on Summer Run Rd. Items stolen include jewellery, camera and money.
- 98 May 23** Break and enter to residence on Feeder Spring Rd. Nothing stolen.
- 98 May 25** Break enter and theft from residence on April Point Rd. Unknown items stolen.
- 98 May 25** Break enter and theft from residence on April Point Rd.
- 98 May 25** Another break and enter and theft from residence on April Point Rd.
- 98 May 26** Men's 21 "Giant-Iguana" mountain bicycle stolen from back yard on Animal Farm Rd.
- 98 May 27** Theft of gas from vehicle parked in 1400 block of Heriot Bay Rd.
- 98 June 01** Report of impaired driver on Heriot Rd. Male charged with impaired driving and blowing over the legal limit.
- 98 June 02** Theft from vessel moored at Cape Mudge. Items stolen unknown at present time.
- 98 June 02** Break enter & theft from cabin on 570 block Noble Rd. Suspect entered insecure premises and upset contents. Items stolen include filleting knife and a painting. Dwelling last noticed secure in early April.
- It was a busy month as the "stats" show. That is the bad news. The good news is two Quadra young offenders are presently before court, each charged with six counts of break, enter & theft. we are still investigating and further charges are expected. We request any seasonal residents or their property caretakers monitoring their property report any suspicious activity or thefts to the detachment. We have located some property and would like to return it to the owner(s). Items include fishing gear, flash lights, binoculars, carvings etc.

On a lighter note there is no need to worry about search & Rescue's presence at Drew

Harbour last Saturday. An emergency beacon was inadvertently activated by a prospective buyer at a garage sale! After a full day air & ground search it was located safe & sound in the seller's garage. It is comforting to note it still worked 12 years after the batteries had "expired"! (That is the first time I have had

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Business Profile

Lovin' Oven II a Favourite Community Meeting Place

By Tricia Morgan

What Jim Moats and Paul Horner like most about their business, The Lovin' Oven II, is that it is a place where friends and neighbours on Quadra gather. "And we make some awfully good pizza," said Horner.

Moats operated the Lovin' Oven I with a former partner about 19 years ago. "I really enjoyed being in business," he said, "but there was a smaller population on the island then and I was working 60 hours a week for 20 hours pay. It just wasn't financially viable." But he enjoyed knowing the community, even then, gathered at his place to discuss the news of the day.

He and Horner met at the Landing Pub in 1979 and joined forces in April 1996 to open the second incarnation of the restaurant. Interestingly, they later learned their fathers' families both came from the same small town: Parkersburg, Virginia.

The restaurant currently has eleven people on its payroll. In April of this year, they expanded their facilities and, on May 29, installed a second oven to accommodate the increase in business and the increased sales of their bread.

"We now have one oven for pizza and the second will be devoted to bread baking," said Moats. "The restaurant gives me a chance to get back to more creative work. I enjoy coming up with new desserts and unusual breads." Among their specialties are olive bread, savoury dill bread and rosemary and sun dried tomato breads. "We don't bake the usual white or wheat," he said. "We're more interested in the gourmet line."

The restaurant features a full menu of breakfast, lunch and dinner delights. They also offer a variety of vegetarian items including a Vegetarian Breakfast Quesadilla, a Vegie Club for lunch and there's Vegetarian Pizza on their dinner menu. They will soon be offering fresh burgers from their new char-broiler along with stir-fries and other pan-work.

And then there's the pizza. The Lovin' Oven's pizza crusts are made fresh daily with no additives and "no artificial anything." They serve a wide variety of toppings and have a good selection of taste-tempting specialty pizzas.

"The menu is still about a year away from being 'fixed'," Moats said. "So if someone likes something in particular, come in and order it. If there's enough demand, we'll place it on the fixed menu."

Horner and Moats have other plans for the restaurant, including the addition of entertainment. The original Lovin' Oven, which was located at the present site of the Petro Canada station, was host to a number of talented locals who went on to success including CBC's Ian Tamblyn and singer Holly Aronson. "The Lovin' Oven was her first paid gig," noted Moats.

The restaurant is licensed for beer and wine sales. "We think it might be fun to have some wine tastings, perhaps this fall," said Moats. "We already offer good, higher quality wines by the glass and find our customers enjoy trying something new without the expense of buying an entire bottle." He said they rotate their wine stock regularly and hope to

offer an even wider selection of good wines in the future. "We have wines from Chile, Australia and the U.S. now," said Moats. "And I have a wine from Argentina I'd like to add to the list because I really like it."

This community-minded restaurant also supports local artists by displaying their works on its walls.

The Lovin' Oven is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday to Wednesday, and from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They currently plan to stay open one hour later each day beginning July 1. They are located next to Quadra Foods.

With their expanded location, great menu and plans for the near future, The Lovin' Oven offers even more good reasons to drop by and have a bite while chatting with friends and neighbours.



Paul Horner (L) and Lovin' Oven II partner Jim Moats proudly display their new oven.
Photo: Tricia Morgan

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Into The Woods

Chauntaluf

by Heather and Rolf Kellerhals

We call our place "Chauntaluf", after a small mountain pasture above the town of Pontresina in Switzerland. The area is Raeto-Romantch speaking, so we presume the name must mean something like "song of the wolf". We do hear wolves occasionally from here, not often enough though, more wolves would surely keep deer numbers down, which might give our Cedar seedlings a fighting chance.

Our place is located at the north end of Hyacinthe Bay. It was homesteaded by the legendary (Skookum) Tom Leask in the 1890's and sold by his oldest son Henry to Americans from Seattle in the Mid-sixties. They had the schoolhouse from Thurston Bay on Sonora Island moved to the site and used it as a cottage. We bought the 64 ha homestead from them in 1976 and moved here into a newly built house in 1977.

It took us some years to realize that there were trees growing in the draws between all the rocky knobs we had bought, but by 1983 we were ready to get into some forest management. A timber cruise identified 34 ha of productive forest land in the 54 ha of land up and beyond the pastures and hay fields of the valley floor. Our timing with starting to do forestry was quite fortunate, for the next 10 years there was a lot of government help available for private land owners who wanted to get into forestry. There were courses, financial help with silviculture and management planning, free planting stock, etc. Initially there was so much federal government money available that there were difficulties with finding enough takers. Log prices were often good too, all of which helped.

When thinking about forestry at Chauntaluf the word "moonscape" comes to mind. This is how someone who saw the place in the early sixties described it to us. Henry Leask and others had logged here off and on and their visual quality objectives might not have been quite up to today's standards. What we like to keep in mind though is, that they made a living at it in difficult times, and were probably not much less enlightened than we are today. With modern machinery it takes but a few days to go from a "pristine" rural landscape to a "moonscape" and, with our forgiving climate, ten to twenty years later some of the less informed visitors will start raving about the "pristine" setting again. We do try to minimize the moonscape phase but also try not to lose sleep over bits of it here and there.

Another saying that keeps coming to mind when looking back over our forestry efforts is: "Oh, we don't do this any more". Ever since the late fifties, when the two of us first became involved in BC land use decisions, this sentence used to be the standard answer of forest companies when someone quizzed them about a particular problem or mess. After 15 years of trying our own luck at forestry, we have become slightly more charitable or less cynical about this saying: Not all of our undertakings were roaring success stories. Ten ha of small Alder, which we cut down in 1983 and replaced with Douglas Fir could have been thinned and left to grow, benefiting wildlife and us, too, eventually, with valuable logs. The 1987 clearcut of 3 ha is too clear, and the 1993 shelterwood resulted in too much shelter, not enough wood and not enough light for the next generation of trees. However, our forestry has also employed lots of people, produced surprisingly much wood, made some money here and there, and been lots of fun. If you own some land, and you don't need 30 ha, think about managing an area as a small woodlot, perhaps planting understory trees such as Cedar or Sitka spruce if it is presently all in Alder.

One thing we continue to pursue quite extensively is the growing of exotic tree species. Climate change is no longer seriously disputed, and while we won't grow oranges here soon, there will be slow, or maybe not so slow, changes in the forest landscape. We believe that some knowledge on the viability of trees that are now considered exotic won't hurt. We plant Ponderosa pine in rocky, dry, and root rot infested areas. Pines are resistant to the widespread laminated root rot. Giant Sequoia is native to the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada in California. It is being grown successfully all over Europe, as far north as Norway. We have 100 trees, in a stand mixed with Black Locust, a tree that fixes nitrogen and likes much drier sites than our Alder, the native nitrogen fixer. The most difficult excursion into exotics is a small plantation of hardwoods from Eastern North America, the Carolinian forest. We have somewhat over 500 trees of 30 species, including most edible nuts that might conceivably grow here. Escape is the ultimate "success" and a real concern when growing exotics. None of the trees we have planted is new to the West Coast, and no exotic tree has escaped here. No Jurassic parks for Quadra!

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Quadra In Context

by Ray Grigg

Context provides the relationship that makes information meaningful. Without context—without knowing what is happening in the wider world around us—local information becomes isolated and practically useless.

If we are to make thoughtful and intelligent decisions about land- and resource-use issues on Quadra Island, we need to know what is happening elsewhere in the world—both presently and historically. This broad-base of information then becomes the reference that gives meaning to local information. With a global perspective we have a compass to guide local decisions so they are more likely to be informed, relevant and far-sighted.

From considering the past we can be fairly certain of several disquieting trends: our planet is undergoing the greatest die-off of species in the last 65 million years, it has the greatest human population ever known, and we are collectively responsible for the greatest exploitation of natural resources at any time in history. The evidence is fairly conclusive that our combined activities are changing Earth's climate (United Nations, *Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change*), depleting its protective ozone layer, and continuing to pollute at an increasing rate.

We can be fairly certain of other unsettling information. Despite increased fishing capabilities and technology, the amount of fish being caught world-wide is decreasing, and at the present rate "many stocks will be eliminated within 25 years" (Pauly and Dalsgaard, *Fishing Down Marine Food Webs*). Three-quarters of the world's forests have been destroyed in the last 100,000 years and half of that loss has

occurred since 1950 (Meadows, Meadows and Randers, *Beyond the Limits*, 1992). More locally, half of all the trees ever logged in B.C. have been cut since 1972, and by 1996, 70% of Vancouver Island's ancient forests were gone (B.C. Ministry of Forests / Travers, *B.C. Forests Annual Report*, 1997). Of the approximately 350 watersheds in coastal B.C., about 69 remain intact, most of these in the mid-coast area of the province. Of the 170 watersheds on Vancouver island of over 5,000 hectares, only 11 remain unlogged. No unlogged watersheds exist on the east coast of Vancouver Island—the Tsitika was the last and logging has now taken place throughout the valley. Quadra's forests were almost entirely logged or burned during the past century.

Context also tells us that British Columbia is Canada's most biologically diverse province with 280 species of mammals, 500 species of birds, 21 species of amphibians, 17 species of reptiles and 50,000 to 70,000 species of invertebrates (B.C. Ministry of Forests, *B.C. Forest Facts*, 1994). Indeed, about "half of all the bird and mammal species in Canada are found exclusively in British Columbia" (Sierra Club of B.C., *Canada's Rainforest*). Meanwhile, a B.C. Ministry of Environment study lists 292 species as endangered, extirpated (locally extinct) or threatened with another 451 species considered "vulnerable" and 800 species at risk (B.C. Ministry of Forests, *1994 Forest, Range and Recreation Resource Analysis*).

A Parks Canada study (*Identification of Representative Natural Areas in the Strait of Georgia Lowlands*, 1993) provides us with further contextual information. It tells us that the Strait of Georgia ecosection is the most biologically rich area of Canada and is

"one of the most disturbed landscapes in the country as a result of rapid population and economic growth. Although the region makes up about 2% of the area of B.C., it contains two-thirds of its population. It is estimated that as much as ninety percent of the region has already been dramatically impacted by urbanization, agriculture, forestry.... These developments have eliminated much of the region's wetlands, stream habitat, and other important fish and wildlife areas, and are probably affecting the potential of ecosystems to maintain the native plant and animal populations of the region."

In the Quadra area, the Parks Canada study indicated that 38% of the Strait of Georgia Lowland species were represented here. cursory biological inventories by various islanders indicate for the Village Bay Lakes area alone 234 species of plants, 72 species of birds (including the Northern Goshawk, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon) and a wide range of coastal amphibians and mammals including wolf and cougar. Comparably rich biodiversity exists at Morte Lake, Chinese Mountains, Nugedzi and Mount Seymour.

Context tells us other things that are important to know. For example, coastal British Columbia is one of the few regions of temperate rainforest in the world, and more than half of it has already been logged (Sierra Club of B.C. *Canada's Rainforest*). Given what we now know about world-wide trends and global forest depletion—including the loss of local ancient forests—our existing forests are becoming increasingly critical in representing and maintaining an ecosystem that is at once diverse, unique and threatened. We can no longer take them for granted.



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World, national and provincial governments have recognized that at least 12% of each representative ecosystem needs to be protected. In British Columbia, the *Commission On Resources and Environment* (CORE) planned to protect that percentage of each subzone variant in the province. And yet, even with the newly declared provincial parks—in the most biologically diverse area of Canada—the coastal hemlock and douglas fir variants of CWHxm2, CWHxm1 and CDFmm are protected to only approximately 3.8%, 1.7% and 0.7% respectively. The new parks on Quadra are a small sample of what needs protection in the Strait of Georgia if these remnant ecosystems are to be preserved.

Adding to Quadra's significance is its location at the confluence of four distinct geo-climatic influences: the inland sea of the Strait of Georgia to the south, the rainshadow of Vancouver Island to the west, the continental fiordland of Bute and Toba Inlets to the east, and the oceanic currents of Johnstone Straits to the north.

Context tells us that we must respect the ecological diversity of our entire planet, that we cannot continue to regard the biosphere as a boundless resource to be manipulated and exploited. We need to understand that each living thing on Earth has its own intrinsic value which must be measured independently of our economic self-interest. Now is a good time to review our treatment of Quadra. It, too, is special—even in ways that we have yet to discover.

Ray Grigg is a local author and long-time resident of Quadra.

Sierra Quadra meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the lower floor of the Quadra Island United Church. Next meeting, June 8th. The July 13th meeting will be a pot-luck and barbeque at 310 Sutil Road (near Petroglyph Road at the south end of Quadra). Bring your own plate and cutlery. Please contact Drew or Julia at 285-3692 for further details.



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Money Matters

All That Glitters...

by Steven Halliday

What is happening to gold? Once considered as the most precious item on the face of the earth, gold is now viewed with great trepidation by individual investors, as well as government central bankers. The financial press is full of stories about gold lately, and in a nutshell here is my take.

I used to work for Finning Tractor in Whitehorse as Credit Manager. When I started in 1981, gold was valued at almost \$700(US) an ounce, and our branch had the distinction of having the highest sales in the entire company. The exhuberance in the gold mining business was breathtaking. By mid 1982, gold had fallen to about \$300(US), I had the distinction of being the highest volume repo man in the company, and we in the business had the wind kicked out of us. Recently, we have seen gold prices decline by 20% in less than a year, with sales by central banks, the Asian crisis and gold producer short selling listed as the culprits. (Short selling means selling future production now in anticipation of lower future prices). What is happening now, what is going to happen, and what is gold's real intrinsic value?

Approximately 2,400 tons of gold a year is mined, but about 3,500 tons is consumed, of which 85% is used in jewellery production. Most of the world's jewellery consumption is in Asia, and purchases there fell by some 50% last year as their economies went into meltdown. Interestingly, while we mine such a seemingly large amount, it is estimated there is 100,000 smelted tonnes in existence, 35,000 of which are residing in the vaults of the central banks (The Bank of Canada is sitting on over 3 tonnes). Most central banks have questioned the soundness of these holdings, particularly in light of gold's

recent declines, and are selling off at least part of their holdings. This situation is causing such concern among the gold producers that the World Gold Council have hired our own beloved ex-PM Brian Mulroney and former Bank of Canada Governor John Crow to wine and dine world central bankers and convince them to hold onto their gold. In spite of this, consider these two quotes - "I'd rather the vaults be full of fresh water than gold" says an unnamed senior Bank of Canada official, and in a statement in December, Bank of England Governor Eddie George states "gold need play little if any role in the reserves of the European Central Bank". Obviously, the world's central banks cannot justify for long holding a significant portion of their country's worth in an asset that is losing value quickly, and doesn't produce a nickel in income. Not very good indicators for gold's future value.

What is the real value of gold? It is increasingly less important in electronic circuits (less than 7% of consumption), and few if anybody can afford gold caps today. You can't eat it, you can't grow anything in it, and besides jewellery it's too soft to build anything with. So I guess it will remain valuable only in jewellery production, because it is pretty and easy to work with. But if there is an abundant supply, particularly when the central banks dump over 10 years worth of production on the market, basic economic principles point to lower prices. How low? Remember that gold prices remained at about the same level for the first 75 years of this century, at about \$30(US) an ounce.

Speaking of jewellery, with the big finds in the North West Territories, I wonder what the future holds for diamond prices?



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Island Report

Centennial May Day

by Tanya Storr



Photos: Tanya Storr
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Hundreds of people converged on Rebecca Spit on May 23 to celebrate Quadra Island's 100th May Day. Grey skies and the occasional spot of rain didn't dampen the crowd's spirits, and the floats, costumes, and entertainment were first rate.

The day began with a parade from near the park entrance to the parking lot. Many imaginative floats rolled by the onlookers, carrying people of all ages in colourful costumes. Several of the floats had an historic theme and the parade also featured some vintage automobiles.

Next, the ceremonies began. Emcee Jim Abram, nattily attired in 1898 clothing, thanked everyone for attending. Beside him sat May Queen Skye Phillips and her escort Alex Munn, princess Djuna Field and escort Drew Swanson, princess Kailee Mar and escort Spenser Stromquist, and last year's May Queen Paloma Shankar and escort Jeremy Wilson. A row of kindergarten children holding flowers lined the front of the stage.

May Queen Skye Phillips gave an excellent speech, outlining the history of May Day and its importance to the Quadra Community.

"I feel proud to be part of this community that has been celebrating May Day for 100 years . . . In another 100 years, I'm sure there will still be a May Day and the people will look back on the wonderful memories," she said.

Russ Swanson then greeted everyone and explained that it is a tradition to honour a senior at May Day. He reflected on the history of the Spit, saying it has "endured wars, fires, and earthquakes, and who knows what other things have gone on here—lots of weddings, perhaps deaths, births, and maybe even conception . . ."

Swanson went on to say that he believes the most important event at Rebecca Spit this century took place 59 years ago on the 20th of June, when a presentation was made to former owner Mary Clandening. In exchange for a small sum and a piece of land on Vancouver Island from the government, she donated the Spit to the people of Quadra to be used as a park.

"Today we want to honour the Clandening family," said Swanson, asking everyone with the name Clandening to come forward, including children and grandchildren. Before long a sizeable group of Clandenings had gathered for photographs.

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May Day

Jim Abram then introduced the May Pole dance and the grade three girls worked their magic round the pole, while dance teacher Barrie Calverley looked on.

Queen Skye awarded the prizes for parade floats and costumes. May Day prize money was fundraised by Quadra Recreation. Quadra Seniors won first prize (trophy donated by Quadra Credit Union) for their 1898 float, complete with outhouse, washtub with clothes wringer, spinning wheel, and more.

Second prize went to the Pidcocks and Chickites for their float, depicting the first May Day picnic which was held at the lighthouse. The float included a replica of Cape Mudge lighthouse with flashing light and foghorn.

Quadra Preschool won third prize for its Ventura Steamship float, carrying passengers dressed in old-fashioned costumes, assorted luggage, and chickens. Fourth prize went to the Clandening family for their Rebecca Spit turkey farm float.

The Price family won fifth prize for their Tsonoqua totem float, and sixth prize was awarded to Murray Garland's grade five and six class for its futuristic Quadra in 2098 float.

The children's best costume prize (a trophy donated by the Clandening family) went to the Lee family for their Gravel Gulch Mining Crew costume. Jim and Wendy Abram, dressed in 1898 finery, won best overall original costume.

The first prize for parade walkers went to the Richmond family for their pioneer look, and the second prize was awarded to Alex James for his Alfred Joyce logger costume. Adrienne Mann and Chloe Elias won third prize for their pioneer man and woman costumes.

The first prize for parade cyclists went to Lorelie for her covered wagon bike. Rowan and Garnet Kehn, the cycling siblings, won second prize. Third prize was awarded to Julia and Alicia, explorers on horses.

After the awards were handed out, Abram acknowledged the over 100 people

who were directly involved in organizing and planning May Day this year. Recreation coordinator Sandy Spearing was the main organizer, a very challenging role. Abram also thanked all the businesses that donated box lunches for the auction.

Candy Holmes auctioned off the box lunches and the grease pole competition began. Scores of hopefuls tried to hoist themselves up the pole to grab the \$50 in a plastic bag near the top, but all slithered down before reaching it. Finally, Dan Archibald successfully reached the prize, but not before the wind tried to pluck it out of his hands a few times.

Just behind the grease pole a big colourfully painted sail—donated by Frank Wallace and decorated during a community paint-in organized by Luise Grav—flapped in the breeze.

Other highlights included former May Pole dancers performing their dance; the former May Queens tea under the big tent—complete with china, silverware, and elegant sandwiches; Sunday's dance class in performance; Laura Appleton-Jones juggling; Barb Frank and Tasha Enns belly dancing; and great live music performances.

The afternoon was filled with races and competitions, including the tug of war, sailing race (won by Lorne and Anne Kask), and driftwood fort building. Many people just walked around or sat on blankets, taking it all in.

That night a well-attended dance, featuring Celtic Rock band Squish, was held at the community centre.

When it was all over, organizer Sandy Spearing said she'd like to thank everybody for cooperating. "This is a very diverse community and May Day is the one thing we all come together on. It speaks highly of the community spirit on Quadra."

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Homecoming Reunion

Story & Photos by Tanya Storr

Former Quadra Islanders from as far away as Prince Edward Island flocked to Cape Mudge Hall for a homecoming reunion on May 22. Held the day before Quadra's 100th May Day celebration, the reunion brought together about 350 past and present island residents who spent the afternoon reminiscing about old times.

Seeing former dancers twirl around the May Pole was one of the day's highlights. The oldest dancer, 77-year-old May Embleton, first danced around a May Pole in England in 1928. The smile on her face as she retraced her steps 70 years later was contagious.

Barrie Calverley, who has been teaching grade three girls how to do the May Pole dance for many years, coached the former dancers and also took part in the dance herself. "We've been practicing since the beginning of April. It's been a lot of fun," she said.

Mary Gunderson, who did the dance the first year Quadra had a May Pole in 1923, smiled broadly as she watched the dancers. Mary was born in Quathiaski Cove in 1910 and is a first cousin to Harry Assu. She told me she was very athletic as a young woman and used to win many sporting competitions at May Day picnics.



Harry Assu

Two skits performed by grade six children brought back memories of past picnics on the island. The first skit was based on Katy Walker Clark's written memories of a picnic held in 1897, and the second was inspired by Catherine Greene Tuck's account of

a 1930s picnic. A third skit explored what May Day will be like 100 years from now.

When emcees Russ Swanson and Jeanette Taylor called for the oldest people at the reunion to come forward, Harry Assu and Bea Breeden—both 94—made their way to the front of the hall.

Harry Assu spoke into the microphone, thanking everyone for coming to the event. "I'm very pleased to see all the people here. Thanks ever so much," he said.

Jean Watson, 91, and Gladys Thulin, 90, were also recognized for being two of the oldest people present. As Russ Swanson pointed out, "at an occasion like this, being old is an honour."

Eiva Oswald was acknowledged for being the oldest Rose Queen (Quadra had Rose Queens instead of May Queens some years), having held that title in 1930. Vivian Yeatman Stuart was recognized for her role as a May Day princess in 1923.

Kay Noble, who is 88, won an award for being the oldest Quadra schoolteacher present. Three other former Quadra schoolteachers—May Hendrickson, Jean Mowat, and Bea Oswald—were also recognized for their teaching efforts in the past.

Kay Noble told me what it was like to teach on the island in the 1930s and 40s. She began teaching on Quadra in 1930 at a one-room school in Quathiaski Cove.

"I had been teaching for two years at Chuchua on the



Mary Gunderson and May Embleton

North Thompson River, and then came here to teach. I remember finding the people of Quadra to be very co-operative and friendly. The community has always been very happy to have someone to help out," she said.

Kay taught for one year at the school, and during this period met her future husband, Bruce Noble. They married in 1937, and when the one-room school at Cape Mudge was short of a teacher in 1946, Kay went back to teaching. In 1950, she moved to the new five-room school in the Cove.

"I tried to introduce a variety of activities. I had always been interested in history and I thought

since we were so close to Cape Mudge I'd ask Chief Billy Assu if he would talk to the class about the history of the village. Mr. Assu said to come on down and he put on his regalia and talked to us. The children and I really enjoyed seeing him and hearing about all the history," she recalled.

While I was talking to Kay, a former student of hers, Ron Hall, came up to introduce himself. Beaming with pleasure at the sight of his elementary schoolteacher, Ron explained he was in her class at the new school in the Cove.

"The only power plant on the island was at that school," he remembered. "It also had plumbing and a playground."

Catherine Greene Tuck, who lives in P.E.I. and was given an award for travelling the greatest distance to the reunion, spent her first six years on Quadra.

Catherine was born in 1930 to pioneer missionary Canon Alan Greene and his wife Gertrude, who were both very active in the community. Her brothers and sisters all went to the one-room school on the island.

Canon Greene traveled around the area on the Columbia Coast Mission boat, the *Rendezvous*, providing religious services to Quadra, Campbell River, and outlying settlements.

Catherine's brother Alan, who was born in 1920 and spent his first 16 years on Quadra, was also at the reunion. While



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looking at an old photo of him and several other young children at a birthday party, Alan remembered the host of the party, Mr. Morton, setting loose his angora rabbits for the children to catch.

"Our job was to catch the rabbits with dip nets, and I was the last to round up my rabbit. Mr. Morton said he had given me the biggest and wildest rabbit to catch, so I crept up to it slowly and pounced on it. It turns out it was dead—he had planted it to set me up! In the old days adults had simple ways of entertaining kids."

Alan said he used to really enjoy getting out on the water with his father on the mission boat. "We'd go to Squirrel Cove, Refuge Cove, Pender Harbour, etc.," he said.

"My father used to have to bury lots of people at sea," Alan recalled. "One coffin didn't have sufficient ballast and it resurfaced. It was one of his most embarrassing moments."

When Canon Greene became superintendent of the mission in 1936, the family moved to Vancouver. Alan remembers being given the responsibility of showing the Rendevous' new captain, Cyril Venables, how to skipper the boat.

Brothers Bill and Jim Foort moved to Quadra with their family as young boys in 1928, and told me some of their memories of growing up on the island.

"Our mother was the pioneer—she lived on our Gowlland Harbour property for 52 years. She was a great woman, hard as nails. She was one of the original hippies, I would say," said Jim.

The two brothers laughed as they recalled buying a Model T chassis for \$5 when they were teens.

"We had these two bulls, Tim and Tom, and we thought we could train them into being oxen. When one pulled, the other would lay back, so they moved in a kind of crazy see-saw motion. We towed the chassis from the Cove all the way to the end of Gowlland Harbour Road," remembered Jim.

"Along the way we met Reverend Walker in his Model A Ford, and he was bursting with laughter at the silly sight of these two teenagers trying to pull a chassis. Being a good Christian, he said some encouraging remarks, which were entirely wasted on us. Bill told him our 'car' would be going long after his, but that of course wasn't true. We left it at the bottom of Gowlland Harbour Road."

Cape Mudge Hall was certainly brimming with memories on May 22, and all those present appeared to have a very good time.

Quadra Students Accepted to United World Colleges

by Tanya Storr

Grade 11 Carihi students Valerie Smith and Adrian McKerracher, both Quadra residents, are two of nine B.C. students who have been accepted to United World Colleges this fall.

United World Colleges offer an international baccalaureate residential program, and admit students from over 100 countries. The two-year program is equivalent to grade 12 and first year university.

The colleges are highly regarded and the application process is very competitive. Acceptance to a United World College comes with a full scholarship, and successful applicants are well-rounded with high marks, an interest in the arts and fitness, and a commitment to community service. Students must also be open-minded and interested in other cultures, as they will be living and studying with people from many different countries.

There are ten United World Colleges in total, located in various places around the globe. The closest is Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific, situated near Sooke on Vancouver Island. Adrian will be going to Pearson, and Valerie is off to the United World College of Southeast Asia in Singapore.

This year, 140 students from B.C. applied to the United World Colleges program. They each had to write two 300-word essays, explaining why they wanted to attend a United World College and what events have shaped their lives. "The challenge came when I had to sum up my life in 600 words," Adrian said. The students also had to include a transcript of their marks and three letters of reference, two from teachers and one from their principal.

Twenty-five applicants—including

Valerie and Adrian—were short-listed for interviews, which were held during the third week of April at Pearson College.

"Six people of the United World Colleges board interview you for half an hour. They try to make you as comfortable as possible so they can get to know your personality," said Valerie.

Adrian added that the questions varied quite a bit, from political to academic to moral. "They wanted to know that you were aware of world events and they gave you hypothetical situation questions."

A few days later Valerie got a call offering her a spot in Singapore, and Adrian was offered a place at Pearson. Students are allowed to list their top choices for destinations on their application, but the board makes the final decision on where they will be offered a place if they are accepted.

Although the competition is obviously very tough for entering the United World Colleges program, both Valerie and Adrian speak modestly of their success. "For every one student that gets in, there are probably 20 that could have," said Adrian.

As a Canadian at Pearson College, Adrian will be encouraged to invite new international friends who can't go home for holidays to visit his home on Quadra. "I'm looking forward to meeting a whole bunch of new people, and being exposed to other ideas, opinions, and cultures," he said.

Valerie said although she will be sad to leave her friends and family behind when she leaves for Singapore, the opportunity to go to a United World College is one not to be missed. "I'm really looking forward to travelling and living in a different culture, learning new sports, and meeting new people. It's going to be amazing."

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Breathtaking Views from every room in this newly renovated home...sparkling waters, small islands, mossy bluffs, and the much coveted arbutus trees. Delightful home with gourmet kitchen, spacious decks, a large family room, bonus room, and an attached greenhouse. The parcel is a 25% share of a 44 acre island, located just minutes by boat from Quadra Island. Superb protected moorage provided. \$495,000. Coulter Island

*** Nicely wooded 1.09 acre property with shared drilled well. Easy walking distance to stores, restaurants and Rebecca Spit Park. Bring your house plans! \$79,000. Quadra Island

*** Well treed 2.04 acres with 176 feet of waterfront, western exposure, excellent moorage potential and fabulous views of Okisollo Channel. Offers a good building site, water provided. Beautiful cruising & fishing area! \$85,000. Sonora Island

*** Ruggedly beautiful, well treed 5 acre property on no thru road. Located minutes from Heriot Bay. Water provided by shared drilled well. Now priced at only \$95,000. Quadra Island



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