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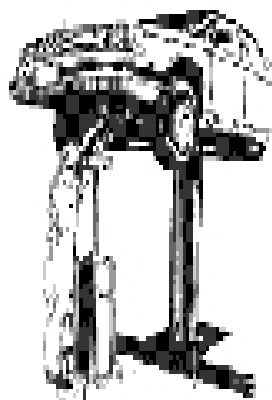


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While every effort is made to include all items, omissions do occur and the Discovery Islander should only be one part of your publicity efforts.

Submissions and advertising material maybe dropped off at the Heriot Bay Store and Quadra Foods or faxed to 285-2236.

Next Deadline 7 pm Monday April 5th



Waiting for things that go bump in the night.

Apology

In our last issue (#183) a letter appeared in Island Forum mistakenly credited to one "R. Olsen". This was a spelling error made in typing and should have read "R. Olson" our profound apologies to both parties for the indiscretion.

Correction

In our last issue (#183) the photograph of Richard Pielou (page 16) incorrectly stated that he was standing beside his CNC Router. In fact the machine pictured was a belt sander. Our apologies for the error.

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On the cover:

After that remark how could we resist? Craig McGowan at the press, see story on page 16
Photo: Tanya Storr



Quadra Island Recreation Society Events and Workshops

Check out our new website! www.quadrarec.bc.ca

Brenda Dempsey will give a two day Shiatsu workshop, April 3rd and 10th. This is a relaxing and invigorating massage technique. Jin Shin Do neck and shoulder release and chakra balancing will also be explored. Bring a blanket and lunch. It is 9:30-4:30 and the cost is \$75. Phone Brenda to pre-register at 285 3054.

May Day planning meeting, Tuesday April 6, 10 a.m. Can't make it at this time? Phone 285 3243 and let's talk. This is the first meeting to form a committee. Keep the tradition alive: get involved! Meet people, have fun, see results, be in the in crowd...hey what more is there in life?

Friday Flicks present: Dirty, Friday April 9, 7:45.

Dog Obedience registration, Monday April 12, 7 p.m. Debbie Mortimer, 285 3654.

Mitlenatch Field Naturalists presents an evening to be announced, Friday, April 16, 8 p.m.

Quadra Singers' Spring concert, Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m.

Quilting Workshop April 28, 29, & May 1. Shirley Duncan has info 285 3787.

The Cultural committee presents: "Progressive Manoeuvres" - S.F.U. dance graduates perform, Friday April 30, 8 p.m.

Improvisational Theatre Workshop with Maury Fraser, Sat. May 8, 10-4 p.m. Participants will learn the sport of script less theatre games, accessing the spontaneity of in the moment comedy. You will play various games and do exercises in a fun, non-judgmental environment. Maury was trained by the Vancouver Theatre Sports League. Suitable for 10 years old to adult. Bring lunch. Cost is \$40. Pre-register with Brenda Dempsey at 285 3054.

Whirlwind Celtic Band presents a family dance, Saturday, May 8, 8 p.m.

Support the next generation: "Walk-for-tots!", is a fund-raising walk-a-thon for Parents and Tots, organized by Trish Primrose at 285 2808. It's happening at Rebecca Spit, Saturday May 15.

May Day, a non-commercial, community picnic for Islanders at Rebecca Spit, Saturday, May 29. Parade starts at 10 a.m.

Principles of Tai Chi Workshop taught by Henry Wang, a well-known Tai Chi Master currently from Comox. Everyone is welcome, Saturday, June 5, 10-4 p.m. There will be a potluck lunch. Cost is \$60. Call Brenda Dempsey to pre-register at 285 3054.

Sue Chamney's Musical Theatre Club production, Saturday, June 19.

Whirlwind Celtic Band presents a family dance, Saturday, June 5, 8 p.m.

Summer Recreation Program begins, July 5-August 20. [We would like your suggestions to improve the program and make it more relevant to your children and lifestyle...285 3243.]

Quadra Recreation Society Arts Fest Saturday, July 10. Local island artists display their work at the Quadra Community Centre during the day. Live entertainment is planned for the evening. Sunday Dennis at 285 2633 is the contact.

The C.C.A.P. Garden Tour is planned for the summer sometime and any minute now, we will know the date...

Island Calendar

•Every Sunday

-Winter Market
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Community Centre

March 27, Sat.

-April Point Furnishings Auction
6pm viewing, 8pm start
-"Lipschticks" Female impersonators
8:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Quadra Legion

March 28, Sun.

-Church Planning Meeting
7:30 pm
-Therapeutic Rid. Garage Sale

United Church

Campbell River

March 30, Tues.

-Writers Meeting
6 p.m.

Lovin' Oven

April 4, Sun.

-Easter Event
12 p.m.-5p.m.
-Easter Service
7:00 a.m.

CR Museum

United Church

April 10, Sat.

-Fibromyalgia Meeting
1:00 p.m.

Yum Yum Tree

April 17, Sat.

-Whirlwind Family Dance
8:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Friday, April 16

-Mitlenatch Slide Show
8 p.m.

Community Centre.

April 10, Sat.

-One Man Hamlet
8 p.m.

Community Centre

April 18, Sun.

-Lance Woods
7:30 p.m.

United Church

April 24, Sat.

-Quadra Singers Spring Concert
8 p.m.

Community Centre

April 28 & 29

-Quilting Class

ph.Shirley@3787, Karla@2393

May 2, Sun.

-"Celebrate Yourself"
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Community Centre

Deadline For Next Issue

7 pm, Mon. April 5th

**Only Items Received Before The Deadline
can be guaranteed space in the upcoming issue.**

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Springtime Impermanence Update

Buddhist Meditations on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month (1999) are now at 552 Noble Rd., at 10:00 am. 2nd Sunday at Joy Inglis' house, 3rd Sunday at Dan Bingham's house. Any questions? Call 285-2882

News & Events

Fibromyalgia Support Group

This newly formed group will hold its next meeting on Saturday, **April 10 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Yum Yum Tree B&B. Guest speaker is Darlene Booth with health and nutrition information. Everyone welcome. Call Rosemary at **285-2491**

N.I. Therapeutic Riding Society

N.I. Therapeutic Riding Society is having a **Garage Sale** in Campbell River on **March 28th**. If you have anything to donate please call Frances at **287-8464**. If it is a large amount we will pick up or else please deliver to 1049 Heriot Bay Road. Tel: **285-2240**

Children's Festival

The Tidemark Theatre's Annual Children's Festival has proven to be a summer favourite and will once again be held for the 9th year in a row. On July 1st, from 10 am to 4pm, it's going to be the highlight of Campbell River's summer, but the help of the community is needed.

As a leader in the "arts for young audiences", the Tidemark Theatre's Annual Children's Festival strives every year to present an exciting and exuberant programme. Known for its wonderful mix of children's talent, the festival organizers are **making an open call** for talented jugglers, mime artists, magicians, story tellers, musicians and dancers and virtually any form of children's entertainment. Contact Jo Watson at **923-3500**, before April 15th.

Each year, the festival is located directly in front of the Tidemark Theatre with the city street blocked off from the Royal to All Occasion Florists. The area is jam packed with hands on activity centres, safety information, street entertainment and much more. The concept is simple: Let it be affordable, family-oriented and the most fun a body can have in one day for only a tweekie.

Enthusiastic and hard-working organizers and volunteers have made this festival a great occasion to stimulate the imagination and creativity of young people.

Legion News

On Sun. April 4 the Legion will be temporarily shutting down in order to renovate our bar floor. The job will take approx. 10 days.

Ever had the urge to tear a place apart? Here's your chance. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the demolition & cleanup. Phone Gregg @ **285-3828 or 285-3121**. Any buried treasures discovered will be sold at the L.A's Garage Sale. Be sure to come out on **April 3rd** for the Meat Draw.

2 Potential Jobs

The North Island Therapeutic Riding Society has two potential job positions with the Human Resources Job Creation Program. E.I. eligibility requirements must be met within the last three years. Job #1 is for a carpenter at \$16.00 an hour and supervising and Job #2 assistant carpenter at \$12.00 an hour. This is a three week job starting March 29. Please call Vicki at **285-2240**

Calling All Writers

All writers are invited to a dinner meeting at the Lovin' Oven on **March 30th, 6pm** (our last attempt at meeting was snowed out). This will be an opportunity to offer your input and ideas towards creating a direction and planning future activities for a revitalized writer's group. What do you want and need as an active writer?

Come for an evening of fun and discussion. For more information contact Diane 285-3859

Volunteers Needed

Canadian Cancer Society need volunteers for canvassing on Quadra Island in April. Just a few hours of your time can make a difference. Phone Shirley - 285-3143.

CR Hospital Annual Telethon

The Campbell River Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce that on **Sunday, May 30, 1999** it will host its first annual Telethon to benefit the Campbell River & District General Hospital.

This exciting production will be broadcast live from the Carihi Gymnasium on Channel 10, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. We expect to attract a wide variety of entertainment and talent to the event. This will be a very professional production, utilizing the talented students of both Carihi and Timberline schools media classes.

You may want to hold fundraising events and donate the proceeds to the Foundation **live, on air at the telethon!** We would be happy to help you publicize your fundraising event. We may even be able to get a camera crew out to your event to pre-tape a clip for broadcast during the Telethon! We want to encourage as many challenges in the community as we can, so get excited with us and be creative!

If you are interested in performing at the Telethon, please contact Heather Gordon at **287-4536** by March 31, or leave a message for her at the Foundation office **286-0894** to discuss what your stage and sound requirements will be. For complete details call Toni Rankin-Tuttle, Telethon organizer at 287-4216 or 286-3345 for complete details.

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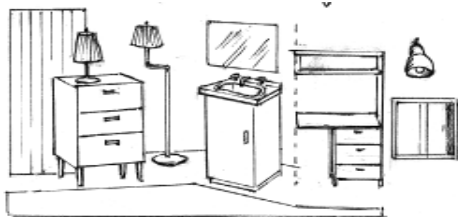
Special Auction: Phase II

This phase II Auction of house furnishings - surplus from Quadra Island's April Point Resort - brings together a fine assortment of worthwhile items. Included are desks, coffee tables, upholstered chairs, floor and table lamps, curtains and pictures. There will also be single beds and mattresses, 3 and 4 drawer chests and wash basins set into vanities; mirrors and shower stalls. Other useful items will be doors, small wood frame windows, wood veneer panelling, acorn fireplaces, outdoor lighting fixtures and more.

Thanks to April Point Resort Management's generous donation, all proceeds from this auction will benefit Quadra's Community Centre Addition Project.

Don't miss this exceptional event where the policy "everything must go" will create some great bargains at this final auction.

Saturday, March 27th. Viewing from 6 p.m. with bidding starting at 8 p.m. Quadra Island Community Centre. **Be there!**



[ILLUSTRATIONS ARE NOT EXACT]

Celebrate Yourself

A fundraising event sponsored by Quadra Daycare

On **Sunday, May 2nd**, Quadra Daycare will be hosting the first annual "Celebrate Yourself" — a feel good day — at the Community Centre.

Do you do massage, cut hair, give facials, make soaps, make chocolates, do special things with flowers, do acupuncture, physiotherapy, acupressure or other body work, run a fitness center or program? Do you have some other service or product that plain makes others feel good? If so, you will want to be a part of our special day.

Individuals and businesses are now invited to book a space to promote your services and products in an atmosphere of fun and celebration. **From 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 2nd**, you can sell product, give demonstrations, do treatments, or promote yourself in some other creative way. The options are as unlimited as your imagination.

Throughout the four hours you are providing the public with a delicious sample of your wares, Quadra Daycare will provide on-going entertainment, and of course will offer a wonderful concession with some decadent yummys.

Space and/or table is available for \$35. Space is limited and we anticipate it will go quickly. **To book your place, call Adrienne Davis at 285-3242.** Make your business part of our day of celebration. Celebrate yourself.

Singers Are Tuning Up!

Quadra Singers are tuning up for an exciting **Spring Concert** this year! Several special guests are included in the line up when **Quadra Singers** take the stage once more for their annual Spring Concert on **April 24th at 8:00 PM at the Quadra Island Community Centre.** Laurie North will grace us with a story, **Randy Seibel** will gift us with a song, and the **Campbell River Band** will support us with their music. **Admission is by donation.**

This year's Quadra Singers Spring Concert program is varied, with an English traditional folk song cycle by John Rutter "A Sprig of Thyme", a classical festival mass "Missa Festiva", and some jazzy breaks with "Blue Skies", "I'm Beginning to See The Light", and "The Glory of Love". Small group performances include "A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square", and "Moonglow". **John Montgomery** is our charismatic director,

and **Mary-Ellen Wilkins** will accompany us on the piano with her usual flair.

Quadra Singers is a community choir, everyone is welcome to join. Next concert session begins in September. Get to know us by putting **April 24th** on your calendar as a musical night to remember.

Please help support Quadra Singers and the BC Choral Federation by taking a chance on a raffle ticket. There are 44 money prizes. Everybody can use a little more of that! You will see Singers in front of Quadra Foods and Heriot Bay Store, selling raffle tickets. If there are any left, raffle tickets will also be for sale at the concert. See you there!

Slide show

with author, artist, and naturalist Chris Czajkowski. Mitlenatch Field Naturalists, **Friday, April 16, 8 pm at the Quadra Community Centre.**

Join author and artist Chris Czajkowski for a slide show and celebration of her most recent book *Nuk Tessli the Life of a Wilderness Dweller*.

More than a decade ago, Chris built a home and a wilderness guiding business in British Columbia's Coast Mountains, twenty miles from the nearest road. Contending with severe winter weather and resident wildlife, and maintaining a home without the usual conveniences of "civilization", she has nonetheless created a rich and varied lifestyle.

In her painting, writing and superb photography, Chris documents the wilderness surrounding her - from the most fragile alpine flower, to the powerful grizzly bear. In doing so she makes a heartfelt plea for its preservation. *Nuk Tessli* is both a riveting adventure story and a testament to one person's resourcefulness.

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Easter Event at Museum

The Museum at Campbell River and Kiwanis Club are joining forces to present an "Easter Event" of special activities for children on Easter **Sunday, April 4th**. The fun begins at 12:30 pm with a Bounce-a-rama on site at the Museum. At 1:00 pm a craft table will provide materials and guidance for children to make their own paper baskets.

1:30 pm is the start time for an Easter Egg Hunt, organized for three age categories: pre-school, six to eight years, and nine to 12 years. For the remainder of the afternoon to 4:30 pm, children's films will be shown in the Museum's Westmin Audiovisual Theatre.

Admission to the Easter Event at the Museum is by donation. The Museum greatly appreciates the assistance and support of the Kiwanis Club for the event.

Over the Easter holiday, the Museum at Campbell River will be open Saturday and Sunday from 12 pm to 5 pm, and closed on Good Friday (April 2) and Easter Monday. The Museum at Campbell River is located at 470 Island Highway, entrance reached via 5th Avenue.

Win a Ferry and Dock

In the Quadra Island Pre-school raffle!
1st Prize - Hand-crafted Wooden Ferry and Docks

2nd Prize - Tote and Craft Supplies

3rd Prize - Children's Nature Book

4th Prize - Children's Wooden Toolbox

Draw Date is April 24th. Tickets can be purchased at the pre-school and from those involved with the pre-school. Many thanks to draw contributors, Rick Burnett, Book Bonanza and Vic Burns.

Thanks also to all of you who showed your support and came out to the swing dance. Campa Big Band was fabulous and the gumbboot dancers were very fun. A successful fund-raiser!

Quadra Island Pre-school offers a unique and stimulating experience for young children. If you are interested in learning more about our school or would like to register, contact Marilyn at 285-3528 or the pre-school Mon. to Thurs., 9:00 to 12:30 at 285-3711.



CR Art Gallery

March 26 opening at the CRAG, Bettina Sluzki Lewis's paintings "Bearing Witness". The show is on till May 7, 99.

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Quadra Quilters

Our regular meeting was held on Tuesday, March 4 with a good attendance of members.

A big thank you to our Raffle Quilt Committee who presented out two completed quilts. Well done ladies. We also now have notecards available depicting our Centennial Quilt for sale. The raffle tickets are ready to sell. Both of these items are available from quilt members. Dates have been set for our Quilt Show at the Fools Gallery. **Mon. May 16th through to Sun. May 30th.**

A busy session was held following our business. Some members making vests, layering various quilts. A demo on one type of applique was presented. Our members have been very busy over winter months by the wonderful collections of projects displayed, including quilts for Transition House and a great display of FANTASTIC quilts from a recent workshop.

Final plans were completed for our workshops with Janet Rice-Bredin from Toronto. Next meeting **Tues. April 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Centre.**

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Beach Boys helping out on Quadra for Earth Day

On April 24, Sierra Quadra is hosting their popular help **clean up the beach** party to celebrate Earth Day. While neither Annette Funicello nor Frankie Avalon can make the party, our own Beach Boys (and girls) will be there. This is a great way to stop those Summertime Blues you get when you look at our beaches covered with garbage. Besides that, the day stands to be Fun Fun Fun, just because you're out there with your friends doing something good for the community and getting some Good Vibrations. It doesn't matter how you arrive at the beach, you can drive your Little Deuce Coupe, or sail up in the Sloop John B.

I remember the first time I helped clean up the beach for Earth Day. It was 4:09 the day prior to the clean up and I phoned up a Surfer Girl from Tofino and said, "Help Me, Rhonda." She was busy doing something there so I called up some California Girls, Misirlou and Barbara Ann. Hey, I Get Around! Unfortunately so do they, as neither of them was home. I was feeling a bit dejected at this point so I went out for a long walk - they don't call me The Wanderer for nothing.

The next day, I went to the Community Centre and had a couple of pancakes, found out what was going on, picked my beach and headed off to collect some garbage. As fate would have it, who was there on my beach but Wendy! Papa Omm Mow Mow!!!! Wendy was, may still be, the smartest person on the face of the planet and I had a huge crush on her, both orange and grape. Being the natural social animal that I am we soon started happily chatting away while we picked up bags of garbage. We did it for hours and by then we had worked our way off to ourselves at the far end of the beach. There was a lot of floatsam and a jetsam or two which make walking a bit tricky so I told her to Put Her Hand On My Shoulder, and Then I Kissed Her. It was a bit of a windy day and the surf was playing a nice basic rock beat so she asked shyly, "Do You Wanna Dance?" We danced for

quite awhile and then she suggested we take the bags back to the Centre and finish off the dance on her boat.

We stopped off at Q Foods on the way to Heriot Bay to pick up the wine. She wanted to know whether I was a Four Aces or a Sailor drinker but there turned out to be a Sale On Sailor so we went with that. We stepped on to the boat and I was just getting ready to dust off my tango shoes when she asked me what I had in mind. I told her, "All I Want To Do..." and that's as far as I got because that's when her boy friend, Alley Oop, showed up. She asked me what she should do and I said, "You've Got to Hide your Love away." What happened was that Alley picked me up by the hair and told me we were going to do a little Surfin. He then dragged me along the wharf like a Ken doll. I screamed up at him, "I thought we were going surfin."



One man Hamlet

Quadra Island Cultural Committee Presents Theatre Inconnu's One Man Hamlet

Saturday, April 10th, 1999, marks the return to Quadra of ONE MAN HAMLET. On their 1992 visit here, Theatre Inconnu and Clayton Jevne left a profound and lasting impression. Whether you love Shakespeare or have never had the opportunity to see a performance of this most psychologically complex and intense of his plays, you can expect to be much more than merely entertained by Clayton Jevne! This Hamlet is guaranteed to provide an amazing and unique evening.

Here are some reviewers' comments:

"Jevne's one-man Hamlet achieves sublime brilliance"

"a one-man Tour de Force"

"gives Shakespeare back some of the joy and zest it should have!"

"With no set and little visual stimulation, Jevne's performance is subtle, eloquent and accomplished."

Theatre Inconnu was born in 1978, when Swiss director/actress Katia Kern and Canadian actor/puppeteer, Clayton Jevne, got together to create a two-person, bilingual, itinerant puppet theatre. Since, they have been involved in projects for film, TV and festivals in Europe and North America, finally settling in Victoria, where they have been based since 1987. Combining live acting with numerous puppetry techniques, they present shows for all ages; both for touring and for in-house presentations in Olde Towne Victoria's Market Square.

If all of this whets your appetite, save the evening of April 10th, and come on out to the Quadra Island Community Centre. The performance begins at **8 PM**. Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students under 18.



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For information contact: Murray Johnson Ph. 285-2281 Fax 285-2284

Quadra Island Pre-school 20 Year Celebration

Quadra Island Pre-school will be holding a celebration to commemorate twenty years of early childhood education and community building. It will take place **May 1st at the pre-school**. Watch here for more details.

Watch out for ticket vendors for the pre-school's raffle. You could win a handcrafted ferry with docks! The raffle draw date has been changed to May 1st. We really appreciate community support.

Quadra Island Pre-school offers a unique and stimulating experience for young children. Quadra Island Pre-school follows the Reggio Emilia approach to early learning.

With this approach the pre-school aims to provide an environment that opens children's awareness of the world around them. This means drawing their attention to creative sources such as light and colour, to the natural world, to

the role they play within their community and to the roles that we take on as adults whether it be parent, plumber or veterinarian. Such an environment facilitates the children in finding inner motivation for expression and creativity. The children are encouraged in their journey to learn whatever they need to about the world while also being encouraged to acquire the skills they need to get along with others.

Some spaces are still available for this year. If you would like to learn more about the school for this year or next, contact Marilyn at 285-3528 or Baerbel at the pre-school Monday to Thursday from 9am to 12pm. Lately the children have been having a lot of fun playing music and learning about Raven.

United Church

Quadra Island United Church invites you to a meeting on **Sun. March 28 at 7:30 p.m.** to plan a 120th birthday celebration for the church. The next evening service will be on **Sun. April 18** with guest, Rev. Lance Woods of Fanny Bay. Everyone welcome.

Easter at the United Church

Easter Morning Easter Service

An early morning Easter Family Service will be held at **Quadra United Church at Cape Mudge on Easter morning, April 4th at 7:00 A.M.** Rev. Marianna Harris from Campbell River United Church will lead the service. The service will be held outside weather permitting and a breakfast potluck will be served in the church basement afterwards. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call Mignon at 285-3163 if you would like to help or if you need more information.



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Island Forum

Sierra Quadra

Logging on Private Land

The beauty of northern Vancouver Island, its marine areas and its multitude of intriguing islands has enormous economic value for ecotourism if left in its natural state. But the appeal of these waterways, coastlines and forests is often compromised by landholders who clearcut or inappropriately log their private properties.

Try selling the aesthetics of clearcuts to campers, cyclists, kayakers, yachters and fishers, all the tourists and vacationers who bring wealth and jobs to our communities. Or to retirees, a demographic class that is now an economic force powerful enough to be considered an industry, and is sensitive to the ambiance of the places where they live and recreate.

On Quadra Island, for example, the Raven clearcut on West Road has probably done more to sour visitors and discourage economic opportunity than can be counteracted by thousands of feel-good travel brochures. People come, they see, they are appalled. And if the clearcut on West Road isn't enough, there's another on the "Back Road." And now another at Bold Point. All courtesy of the same owners.

These unkind cuts are awkward for the many ecotourist companies and resorts that are trying to entice people with a special "Discovery Islands" blend of forests, sea and hospitality. Except for a few scars, the islands are still beautiful. But the viability of Bold Point Centre—to cite just one example of a business that depends on a natural setting for its appeal to international clients—will very likely be impaired by the devastation of Raven's nearby logging and subsequent blowdowns.

Parks—from a purely

environmental perspective—are one of the few available means of protecting unique and valuable ecologies. They are also great tourist draws. Unfortunately, hikers and paddlers are going to find scarred landscapes at Stramberg Lake, Surge Narrows, Waiatt Bay and now at Small Inlet, all kindly provided by property owners who have logged on lands either about to be designated as parks or already so designated.

The latest affront is a clearcut on the east side of Cortes Island where about 500 metres of highly visible slope has been cut to the shoreline immediately opposite scenic Teakerne Arm. Religion & Ethics editor of The Vancouver Sun, Douglas Todd, recently referred to this travesty in a feature article on Spirituality and the Earth, caustically noting that "MacMillan Bloedel is selling rainforest to rapacious loggers." This new scar on the landscape will now be visible from Lewis Channel and Teakerne Arm on West Redonda Island. The destruction is adjacent to Desolation Sound and a whole area widely used by yachters, small cruise ships, kayakers and ecotourism companies.

Companies such as Coast Mountain Expeditions, Ocean to Alpine, Coastal Spirits, Spirit of the West, and a growing number of others, rely on these areas remaining pristine—and it's possible to carefully thin timber on many private properties while still leaving the scenic values intact. But how are tour operators and guides supposed to explain to international visitors from Germany, Korea, Japan and elsewhere that private property owners are free to traumatize landscapes at will because the provincial government has no restraining regulations? This

neglect is not only bad ecology, it's bad business, too.

A similar disaster is taking shape on Vancouver Island where Strathcona Park Lodge will soon be facing a mountain 60 per cent clearcut by TimberWest. Reports relate that TimberWest has already cut a road across Elk Mountain, precipitated a landslide, and in the next five years will go to work on the rest of the mountain. The detrimental economic effect on Strathcona Park Lodge will be significant. The wrenching psychological effect on its owners and employees can only be imagined. And what will be the impression on visitors to Strathcona Park, Vancouver Island's premier protected area?

Quadra, the Discovery Islands and much of northern Vancouver Island still has natural resources where visitors can paddle, walk, hike, sail, motor and photograph. When they leave, the landscape is left in essentially the same undamaged condition as when they arrived.

The perpetual wealth generated by this relatively benign use of natural resources is being compromised—most unfortunately—by insensitive logging on private lands. It's time a wise and far-sighted government regulated these activity for the collective well-being of all.

If you own property that has timber value, don't be lured or intimidated into logging it without a careful review of the implications:

1. Consider the impact on others—on the community, on other individuals, on the area's economy, on the scenery, on the local flora and fauna;

2. Consider the global implications—forests are important

heat sinks (every tree is valuable), and temperate rainforests are critical ecological assets;

3. Consider the economics of the actual logging—your net profits may not be worth the trouble to yourself, to others, or to the environment once you have factored in all the costs of road building, trucking, clean-up, erosion control, blowdown;

4. Get the opinion of a recognized "ecological forester," preferably someone who is recommended by an environmental group for his or her sound ecological judgment;

5. If you have to sell your property but don't want it logged by the new owners, be careful to whom you sell it;

6. Before you sell your property, or when you are estate planning, consider protective covenants with such organizations as the Quadra Island Conservancy and the Nature Conservancy of Canada that can guarantee the enforcement of restrictions against subdividing or logging.

Next meeting of Sierra Quadra is 7:00 pm, April 12 in the lower floor of the Quadra Island United Church.

Ray Grigg for Sierra Quadra

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All submissions must be signed and include a phone number (for verification only). Items may be edited for content or layout considerations.

Next deadline 5pm April 5th

This speech was given by Roger Michel at the Community Hall in Campbell River after the walk for the elimination of racism.

Racism

Racism camouflages itself so well, we do not realise that many times we are ourselves a racist! Racism is based on intolerance of others nationalities, religions and sexuality.

1. Nationality - Each nation is different in their thinking, living, acting etc. and very easily we put down other humans for their differences. Each time we criticize their ways we are racists because we have no tolerance for their differences.

I believe very strongly that each human is born into a different civilization and country to learn and improve. So when we oblige another human to do what we think he or she should do, it is working against what they should learn and their freedom to do so.

2. Religion - We forget that god is not only eternal but also infinite - Being infinite he has an infinity of representations, so we should not criticise other peoples' view of him, we should tolerate them!

The religious are racist when they do not let us think what we believe, and are working against our freedom of thinking; and, acting against our view of god and what we should do to learn about him.

We are free, freedom is the gift of god to all humans, and we should be free to learn our own way, with tolerance for other peoples' ways, and never abuse them physically or mentally. If you want someone to join your religion, by your love, affection, show to others your approach to god. Do not use violence, intellectually or physically because there are no exceptions to, "You shall not kill".

3. Sexuality. Sex is very important to any human as eating, drinking, sleeping etc. As we learn the others, we should teach the joy of sex... after all we dream of it, we masturbate, we do it - with the learning in the changes of our body and mind, we should learn about its sickness and how to protect ourselves, also what not to do to have children. Sexual racism has many ways to represent itself from "you should never do it, only to have children, you should feel guilty of your sexual thoughts etc."

Also the value of 'NO' should be taught to everyone when it comes to sex - no is no- I was taught to say "No, but thanks for the compliment", because it is a compliment to be told you can sexually attract their personality. Sexual racism shows also against homosexuals. To control overpopulation god created some of us to be born to love someone of the same sex. So no children but these humans will still know love and affection with a partner.

May the freedom of living and thinking, may the joy of life be always with you.

R. Michel

Industrial Revolution 1999

Eco-tour operators held a meeting in early February. Annually, more jobs are being created in equipment sales, transportation and delivery of our services. Tourism related business, hotels, restaurants, pubs etc are increasing. On Quadra Island alone, in excess of 400 people depend in whole or in part for employment in tourism. This is for a population of approximately 3000 people.

Government laws, orders-in-council and provincial guidelines have resulted in logging practices which are more than endangering our industry and the future of B. C.'s economy.

We are not against forestry based jobs: we have an ongoing problem with the government authorized practices.

Forestry representatives repeatedly say that they simply operate within the laws of the province. However, for all the contrary letters and phone call from non-forestry companies, decisions have hung on the will of the Ministry of Forests leaving other ministries and tourism companies continuously frustrated.

Increasingly, in the past 14 years we have been hearing harsh criticisms and concerns from our international clients about B. C.'s forestry practices: clearcuts, loss of oldgrowth, damaged streams, road damage, manipulation of visual buffers, disappearing fish, pulp mill effluent and smells. Impacts of the expanding aquaculture industry, fish farms, oyster leases must also be assessed through the eye of eco-tourism.

Eco-tourism companies rely on a healthy, growing eco-systems, as do the other resource industries. Without the natural beauty eco-tourism jobs will not exist nor will they be able to provide future jobs for our communities.

We do not have 50 - 80 years to wait for a clearcut valley to regrow. Each year, every season, we have clients to serve, mortgages to pay and our children to feed. We respect that our logging

neighbours too have mortgages and families to care for.

Regional eco-tourism companies are organized. We are now uniting throughout the province to lobby the Provincial Government into fairly representing our interests for the economic expansion and strengthening of SuperNatural B. C.

Bernard Eberlein

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Money Matter\$

Steven Halliday

Two words are appearing with increasing frequency in the financial press. While neither of them are new words, the emotions they evoke are becoming more volatile, ranging from concern to pride to anger. *Globalization* and *Protectionism* are contradictory in nature, and are also becoming increasingly controversial. You can't espouse one without rejecting the other. Those who know me (or may have surmised from this column) also know me to be protectionist in nature. My firm belief is that Canada, arguably one of the richest nations on Earth in terms of resources both natural and human, is capable of becoming the wealthiest and most self sufficient nation on the planet. Unfortunately, the rapidly growing trend towards globalization will certainly prevent this from happening.

Who benefits from globalization anyway? Recent years have seen record numbers of cross-border takeovers of corporations, in transactions that run into multiple billions of dollars. Companies that were ramparts of their industries which range from auto manufactures to banks to forest companies are being merged with foreign counterparts to form new colossal corporations. Where is all the action happening? Between the USA and Europe mainly. In Canada, I can't recall of a large Canadian corporation being involved in a merger with a foreign company that was of any significant size except for when they are being taken over by that foreign company. And as we know from recent close to home experiences the results of the actions of a company such as Bowater, Inc. aren't always friendly. Much of these activities are sanctioned by documents such as the Free Trade Agreement, removing a lot of the ability of government to prevent takeovers that are not necessarily in the best interest of it's citizens. And now our federal government is in the midst of negotiating (from a very

weak position) a new agreement with the lofty title of Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) which will virtually remove any and all barriers to foreign companies operation's in Canada. One of the most disturbing aspects of the agreement is that it will make our government liable for its actions or inactions if an event prevents a foreign company from doing what it wants to do in Canada. But the most distressing aspect of all is that very, very few Canadians have even the remotest idea of what is in this document, and it has come close to becoming binding twice in the last 2 years.

Many Canadians found the prospect of the Big Five banks in Canada merging down to 3 unsettling, which undoubtedly contributed to the recent delay of this event occurring. I wonder how those same people would feel about Deutsche Bank or perhaps Peribas of France taking over the Royal Bank, a feat either of which could carry off with ease financially. Or what about Citigroup, the new behemoth of the USA? This is not an unlikely scenario if the banks are successful in their current drive of convincing the government to eliminate the longstanding law that bank shares cannot be accumulated beyond 10%, a mechanism which prevents any one interest from controlling bank policy. But the government has pursued an economic policy since the early 1970's that is monetarist in nature, following the lead of our cousins to the south and in Europe. This policy, which is inherent to participation in the MAI, has coincidentally led to Canada's debt growing from almost nil to the hundreds of billions of dollars it is today. And this same monetarist policy will lead the government to continue to approve legislation enabling increased globalization. Our membership in the very private club called the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), to which only 29 nations belong, has

definite benefits but serious duties attached. The most pressing item on the agenda of the OECD is the swift passage of the MAI, and dissension is not viewed kindly at OECD meetings. It is my protectionistic view that this agreement cannot be made binding without national consent obtained via election or referendum, given the incredible giveaway of sovereignty it concedes. Unfortunately our present government feels adequately empowered to commit without reference to the views of those they serve.

My brand of protectionism is more of the "Shop Locally" view than this column would indicate. But the threat to home grown enterprise is not limited to the likes of SuperStore and Walmart - it will soon be global. Those of you that are interested in events that can affect the value of your investments are advised to familiarize yourself with the contents of the MAI, because it has the potential to impact every segment of our society. Former Federal Cabinet Minister Paul Hellyer is extremely upset with the government's adherence to monetarism and support of the MAI. And I admire his qualifications - he was a Member of Parliament and Cabinet Minister during a 20 year period in which the country experienced enormous growth and prosperity, and accomplished it without taking on debt. He has several books on the subject interested readers may wish to review.



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Y2k - Your Comfort Zone

Sandy McCairns

It seems like there are as many different opinions about what will happen in the year 2000, because of the millennium bug in our computer systems, as there are people to express them. Nobody really knows what we may be facing next January, so your guess is as good as mine. All I know is that I don't want the possibility of hardships to hurt me or the ones I love. I would rather be over-prepared for possible problems and look foolish, than have to cope with things that I could have prepared for and didn't. That defines my comfort zone.

Each of us has their own comfort zone. It's a very individual thing. To illustrate this I would like to tell you about the model that Ron Bazar of Cortes Island uses to describe the possible outcome of the Y2K computer problem. He calls it a "continuum of scenarios". If you draw a line connecting your left and right hands, and at the left end you put the possibility of a very minor effect on our lives because of Y2K, and at the right end you put the possibility of a major effect, in between will be the scenarios that range from that minor one all the way to the major one. Now let's say a minor one would be like a two day storm with trees uprooted, power and cable and maybe telephone out, ferries not running, stores closed. We, on the islands, have all dealt with that. I would venture to say that we would all be relatively well prepared to handle that. But if you are prepared for problems of that magnitude, and the situation that develops is somewhere in the middle of that line between your two hands, what then? If however, your comfort zone lies somewhere along that line, and reality gives you a scenario that is less serious than what you have prepared for, you're laughing. Each of us has that decision to make. Where is your comfort zone?

There is all kinds of information available to help you come to a decision about where your own personal comfort zone lies. The most up-to-date information is on the World Wide Web (ironic, isn't it). There are also books available; some of them at our local stores. Getting a handle on the details helps take some of the mystery out of dealing with a very complex subject.

If you decide to prepare for something more than that most minor scenario, others may feel that you are reacting out of panic. Preparing sensibly now is not a panic response. David Isenberg (a former AT&T telecommunications expert) has described four possibilities that he explains in this manner: there are two variables which seem obvious — the range of technical failures from minor to multiple, and the way that people will respond, from considered to impulsively. When considering these two variables, four different general futures emerge.

1) In the first case, if technical failures are isolated and society doesn't react unfavorably to those failures, nothing of significance will happen. Isenberg labels this the "Official Future" because it reflects the present behaviour on the part of leaders and organizations.

2) In the second possible future technical failures are still isolated, but the public responds to these with panic, fanned by unfounded rumours. An example might be where a minor credit card glitch explodes into a run on the banks. This possibility is labeled "A Whiff Of Smoke", a situation which parallels the well-known scene where a panic is caused in a theatre by someone yelling "fire" when they think they smell smoke, even though it is discovered that there is no fire.

3) The third future, "Millennial Apocalypse" describes a large-scale technical breakdown with an accompanying panic response, resulting in the breakdown of organizational, political and economic systems.

4) Finally, "Human Spirit" describes the possibility that, in the face of large-scale technical breakdown, we can all pull together and overcome a large variety of obstacles.

Both of the positive futures are a result of people remaining calm, come what may. To do so in the face of major problems is a challenge that we can do something about now. This involves everyone finding their comfort zone and making some sensible plans, so that panic reactions by the unprepared do not cause unnecessary hardships.



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Enzymes and Your Immune System

Darlene Booth R.N.C.

Maintaining a healthy immune response assists in the pursuit of optimal health. The immune system is responsible for fighting bacteria and viruses that enter the body. When the immune response is compromised, we are more vulnerable to invaders and therefore open to illness.

Many factors are involved in supporting this defense system. Positive mental outlook, adequate rest, wholesome diet, healthy glandular function and so on. Many vitamins, minerals and herbs are supportive to healthy immune function and enzymes are often an overlooked member of this team.

Enzymes are an essential catalyst for every chemical reaction that takes place in the body. No vitamin, mineral or hormone can work without enzymes. We need them to sleep, eat, breath, work and think. Enzymes digest our food, activate the immune system, and build minerals into bone.

There are basically three types of enzymes: Digestive enzymes that digest our food, Metabolic enzymes that run the body and Food enzymes that are found in raw food. Enzymes are very specific in their function. Protease can only digest protein, lipase digests fat, amylase digests carbohydrates, and lactase -lactose, cellulase – fiber.

Very low degrees of heat will destroy the enzymes in food. When we eat refined, cooked or processed foods, we eat food totally void of enzymes. We call upon our own body to supply needed enzymes for digestion.

Chewing our food well is the first step in enzyme production. The Salivary glands secrete saliva, which is responsible for the breakdown of carbohydrates into simple sugars. Starch can not be utilized in the body without this conversion. The pancreas is another organ that supplies necessary enzymes but Mother Nature never intended our body to supply 100% of the enzymes

needed. Indeed the modern diet has placed the burden of digestion almost completely in the hands of our organs instead of deriving our enzymes from natural food sources.

Modern diets have placed a huge responsibility on the pancreas, which leads to an overworked, tired system and eventually - reduced function. It can no longer supply the enzymes needed to get the job done. This means that without the needed enzymes to digest our food, we can not utilize the nutrients contained in that food. This contributes to many disorders.

Enzyme rich white blood cells [leukocytes], are the immune system's army. It is enzyme activity that allows the white blood cell to engulf and destroy bacteria and viruses. So when the pancreas is stressed and over stimulated, white blood cells are called to the digestive tract to aid in the process. This directly weakens our immune system. If the leukocytes are constantly giving up enzymes for digestion - they have fewer enzymes to destroy invading organisms.

Incorporating a variety of fresh, raw fruits and vegetables into the meal plan will ease the burden on the pancreas and supply some of the essential enzymes needed for proper digestion. Juicing fresh fruits and vegetables is just one way to include more health promoting vitamins, minerals and enzymes into your diet. It is important to note that the longer food is stored, the more nutrients it will lose – including enzymes. The healthiest foods are those that have been grown organically and have not been sitting on a shelf for too long. A diet including processed or cooked food will benefit from the addition of enzyme supplements at mealtime. If we eat a variety of enzyme rich foods and supplement with digestive enzymes when we need them, our

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David Lang

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2 cloves minced garlic

1 cup diced onion

4 tbsp. chopped robust herbs

salt and pepper

1 vegetable bouillon cube dissolved in 1 cup water

Sauté onions, garlic, cashews and currants. Deglaze with vegetable stock. Add the shredded cabbage and bean sprouts and let simmer for 5 minutes uncovered. Season with salt and pepper and add herbs. Place 1 tbsp. of filling on each wrapper and seal edges with egg, fold and press ends with a fork. Shallow fry in a cast Iron pan until golden. Drain excess oil on paper towel before serving.

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Business Profile

The Discovery Islander!!

by Tanya Storr

Have you ever wondered how and where this newspaper is produced? Some months ago we promised we'd give our readers a look behind the scenes at the Discovery Islander. With the two year anniversary of Philip Stone and Sheahan Wilson's ownership of the paper just passed, now seemed an appropriate time . . .

The Discovery Islander, formerly known as the Discovery Advertiser and prior to that the Quadra Advertiser, began as a one-sheet advertising and information paper seven years ago. The paper was the creation of David Broadland, who now lives in Victoria but still owns property on Quadra.

In the paper's early days, David used to do all the writing, photography, advertising sales, and production himself. He produced the paper in Craig and Vicki McGowan's basement, using a photo mechanical transfer (PMT) processor to engrave the metal plates and an old press to print the pages. David then folded the pages in a machine he made out of an old wringer washer.

Over the years, the paper gradually grew in size as advertising and contributions increased. Bruce Johnstone began drawing his thought-provoking and witty cartoons for the Discovery Advertiser in March of 1995.

In a recent conversation, I asked Bruce how he comes up with the ideas for his cartoons. He replied that he tries to think about what's been happening on Quadra, or of a timeless island characteristic (the recent cartoon depicting a crowd of islanders wearing gumboots pointing out a newcomer by her shoes is an example).

"If I'm really drawing a blank, I use the ferry as my subject. There's lots of material there, like long line-ups in the summer, for instance" he said.

Bruce has experimented with different methods of drawing his cartoons. He used to do them entirely by hand, then switched to drawing them on a computer, and now has found a happy medium of drawing them by hand, scanning them onto the computer, and adding type and some changes on screen.

In the summer of 1995, David moved to Victoria and needed someone local to write articles and take photos for the paper. I started working for the paper that August, and sent articles on a computer disk and a roll of film to David in Victoria every second week.

Although the original idea was that I would write one short article per issue, I usually did more, as there was—and continues to be—so much happening in the community. Since I began writing for the paper, I have met many interesting people and have attended numerous events and meetings, some of them very memorable.

One meeting that particularly stands out happened on November 18, 1997, when BC Ferries officials met with more than 350 angry islanders shortly after the ferry fares were raised.

Some of the happier events that come to mind include the donation of the BCP 45 by Ole Chickite to the Vancouver Maritime Museum in December 1996, the centennial May Day last spring, and the opening of the Kwagiulth Museum's Carving and Artist Centre last fall.

When I first started writing for the paper, David did the layout in Victoria and sent paste-ups (sheets ready to be made into metal plates for the press) back up to Quadra on the bus. Vicki and Craig then printed the paper and distributed it to the post offices.

In March 1997, David sold the Discovery Advertiser to present owners Philip Stone and Sheahan Wilson, who own and operate Hyacinthe Bay Publishing. On both the technology and content fronts, there have been quite a few changes since the hand over. One of the first changes Philip and Sheahan made, after soliciting community input, was to rename the paper the *'Discovery Islander'*.

For some people though, the old name has been hard to shake. Craig McGowan said he has come up with a compromise between the two. "Although the paper is now called the Discovery Islander, some people still call it the Discovery Advertiser. I call it the *'Discovery Islandtiser'* to appease both," he told me with a grin.

While still a home-based business (out of more than one home), the production end of the Discovery Islander has also seen some major changes. I now send articles to the paper by e-mail, as do many of the contributors.

Philip and Sheahan do the layout in their office, located next to their home in Hyacinthe Bay, using a variety of computer programs. Laying out the paper is akin to fitting together a jigsaw puzzle, with several pieces to slot into a certain amount of space. Unlike a jigsaw puzzle, the paper has a deadline, keenly felt by all of us who work on it!

Community newspapers rely heavily on the local population to chart their course and fill their pages, and the *Discovery Islander* is no exception. Every issue of is full of contributions from community members, including letters to the editor, announcements, articles, photos, and advertisements.

Each deadline brings a stack of submissions that ultimately become the words on the page, and Philip and Sheahan spend many hours fitting all these pieces together. They design advertisements, type written or faxed submissions (e-mailed submissions can flow right into the paper without the need for retyping), choose type and photo sizes, write photo captions, and decide where everything on each page should be placed.

Just over a year ago, Philip and Sheahan purchased a new high-tech printer that has simplified the pre-press work. In the past, the layout for each page was done on paste-up sheets. Using a PMT process, metal plates for the press were created for each sheet, a costly and time-consuming task.

Now, the new printer actually prints each page directly onto polyester plates that can run on the press themselves. These plates are less expensive than metal ones, and the pre-press preparation time has been considerably shortened.

Once the paper has been printed onto the plates in Philip and Sheahan's office, they take the plates to Craig and Vicki, who do the printing and collating (assembling the pages in sequence).

I visited Craig and Vicki's home-based printing business (Castle Printing) to take photos for this article, and was impressed with the number of machines they have in their basement. In addition to two presses (a newer Multi 1850 and an older A.B. Dick), they have a collator/stitcher/folder, spiral binder, metal plate maker, PMT processor, and more.

As well as printing the Discovery Islander and other publications, they print books, envelopes, business cards, etc. Craig does most of the printing, and Bruce Johnstone has been helping him lately.

They print the Discovery Islander on the Multi 1850 press, and the printing, collating, and boxing up of the paper usually takes at least 12 hours. They start printing at 9 a.m. every second Thursday



Bruce Johnson, local artist & cartoonist for the *Islander*

and are still working on it that night at 10 p.m.

Craig noted that the new press has made the job more streamlined. "This press, unlike the old one, never loses control of a piece of paper. It can print 9,000 sheets per hour or 110 per minute."

Each sheet of paper goes through the press twice, and the cover goes through three times because it has colour as well as black ink.

"If there's a photo of someone on the cover, hopefully it's a nice photo because I have to see it 3,000 times. And if I put an insert in I see the cover once

again," Craig said with a laugh.

The ink used in the press is almost as thick as lard, and Craig has to run 200 sheets through the machine at the beginning of the run before the ink and water are properly adjusted. He puts used sheets through until everything is printing perfectly, and then starts using the new (20% post consumer recycled) paper.

A 24-page issue uses approximately one pound of ink, 9000 sheets of paper, and 13 polyester plates (one for each side of a page and two for the cover—a colour and a black + white).

Once all the pages have been printed on both sides, Craig loads them in the collator. This amazing machine sorts the pages into the correct order, staples them, folds them, and spits out finished *Discovery Islanders* onto a conveyor belt. All the while, it makes a series of chortles, squeaks, and clattering sounds.

If one page misfeeds as the machine tries to sort them, it shuts down. "Remember the days when you used to have pages missing or two of one page in the paper? This machine doesn't allow that to happen," Craig pointed out.

The McGowans bought the collator secondhand two years ago, and they bought the presses secondhand also. When they bought the newer press last year, they decided to keep the old one in case anything goes wrong with the other.

"One issue we were really up against the wall for time, so we printed some on each press," Craig recalled.

A total of 1500 copies of the *Discovery Islander* are printed

each issue: 650 go Quathiaski Cove, 425 Heriot Bay, 235 to Manson's Landing, 45 to Whaletown, and 45 to Surge Narrows.

Some extra copies go to Cortes Market and other drop-off sites for those who have opted out of 'junk mail' (because we don't print on newsprint, the *Discovery Islander* isn't considered a newspaper by Canada Post) but who still want to receive the *Discovery Islander*.

As Philip has said more than once in the Publishers' Notes section, the *Discovery Islander* would not exist without community input. Those of us who work on the paper are grateful for the contributions, suggestions, and ideas we receive from the community. Thanks—we couldn't do it without you.



Craig McGowan running the collator which puts all the printed pages together and staples them. Photo: Tanya Storr



Tanya Storr turning footwork into words.

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A Social Profile of Quadra

Tanya Storr

Summarizing the key characteristics of Quadra Island in a social profile is not an easy task, but it's one that Anne Gregg has been working hard on for over a year and she has almost completed it.

Anne, who works on the Quadra-Campbell River ferry route, agreed to research and write a social profile of Quadra when BC Ferries asked her to do so. According to an information sheet she was given, companies often compile social profiles of the communities they serve as a means of "orienting planners, engineers, and administrators to the social and cultural realities which they need to understand . . ."

The social profile "provides the core of a social data base needed to balance the technical information available to planners and decision-makers with an appreciation of the humanistic and political considerations involved."

BC Ferries is also collecting social profiles from several other ferry-dependant communities, including Cortes. Linda Jenner is compiling the Cortes social profile.

The Quadra social profile will contain chapters on local history, industries and occupations, development issues, organisations and leadership, communication channels, knowledge of and attitudes to industry/client, and the publics affected by ferry service.

Anne said the main challenge has been deciding what to leave in and what to omit, as there is so much information available. Names of individual community members will not be mentioned in the social profile.

Anne keeps track of the hours she spends on the project, and receives time off her work on the ferry in lieu.

Tim Walters, a member of the Quadra Ferry Users Group, has done extensive work on his computer for the project. "I'm very grateful for his help," Anne said.

Anne has spent many hours

researching Quadra history for the social profile, and has compiled some interesting facts. In the 1930s, the schools on the island suffered some major setbacks.

In 1935 there was an explosion at the Gowlland Harbour school, which had been rebuilt after the 1925 fire. In 1936 the Valdez Island school (Quadra used to be called Valdez) was destroyed by fire, and in that same year a new school in Quathiaski Cove burnt down before it was due to open. The Granite Bay school closed in 1937 due to a lack of students.

Fifty years ago, the first scheduled ferry (passenger), Victory II, began taking Quadra residents across Discovery Passage to Campbell River. The first car ferry, Quadra Queen, made its inaugural run 11 years later on April 8th, 1960.

Anne has studied Census data to find facts and figures about contemporary Quadra. She lists statistics of the population distribution by age, and notes how many people were employed in each industry at the time of the Census.

The social profile will be available to the public at Quadra Community Centre once it is complete. Anne posted notices asking for input from Quadra residents when she began the project, and remains open to ideas and suggestions as she works on her final draft. She can be reached at 285-3905.

Looking back over the last year, she said: "I almost feel like this is my master's thesis. I've enjoyed the historical research and I've learned a lot about Quadra by doing this."

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