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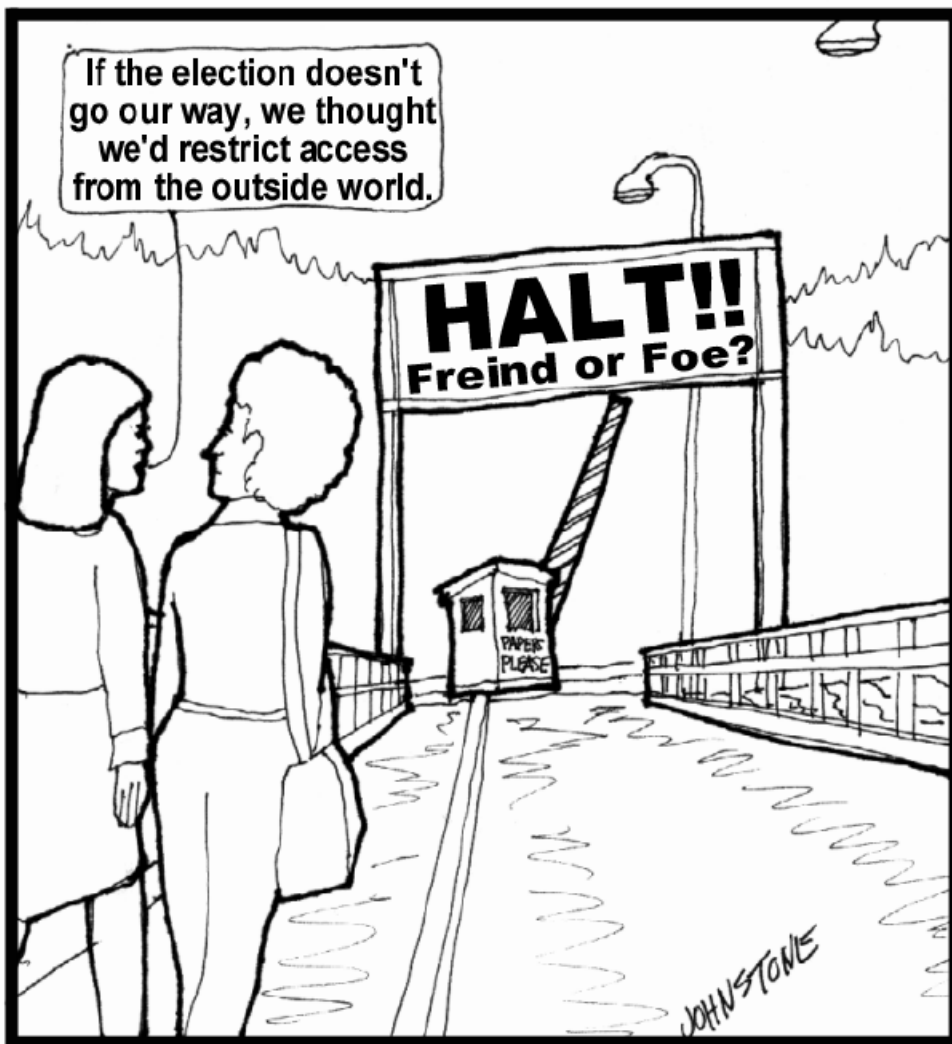
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Items for publication are welcomed on subjects of interest to the Discovery Islands community. **Please help us by following these guidelines:**

- Handwritten material must be printed clearly.
- Items prepared on a computer should be sent by email or saved on disk in **Word** or **rtf** to avoid us having to retype. Please NO BLOCK CAPITALS. No lines between paragraphs & please spell check in Canadian English, 600 words maximum for unsolicited material. No MS Publisher Files please.
- Send multiple items by email in separate messages.
- Please don't send original irreplaceable material make a trip to a copier first!!
- Please remember to caption & credit photos and artwork. Don't write on the back of photographic prints, use PostIts or other labels.
- Artwork sent by fax cannot be published.

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

Next Deadline: 7pm Monday, June 4th

Publishers' Notes

What a great start to summer with May Day on the horizon! Not that there has been much opportunity to savour it while cloistered in the office preparing this issue. But dry your eye. At least there is company now in the person of Ryan Stuart who has joined us part time ready to tackle the vagaries of island life and publishing.

You can meet Ryan or any of the *Discovery Islander* 'staff' at our new office in the Upper Realm, upstairs in the Q-Cove Plaza. We're excited to join in with the action at the Upper Realm and 'downtown' Quadra Island.

As well as receiving editorial submissions and advertising inquiries for the *Discovery Islander* we will be providing design services for any and all manner of projects. Should you need a professionally designed business card, poster, flyer, advertisement, brochure or even web site then we can help you out, just stop in during the hours listed below.

One day we will not be office bound will be May Day. When that clear blue-sky-day dawns, I'll be first up with the coffee on ready to celebrate with everyone else under the big top.

Philip Stone

Next Deadline (Monday - June 4th)

Stop in and drop off submissions at our new office in the Upper Realm, Q-Cove Plaza

Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 11 am to 4 pm

Local Election Voting Statistics

Quadra Island

NDP	254	22.3%
Green Party	482	42%
Liberal	356	31%
Marajuana	54	4.7%
Total	1146	

Cortes Island

NDP	104	22%
Green Party	252	53%
Liberal	92	19.5%
Marajuana	26	5.5%
Total	474	

Source: www.bcvotes2001.com via John Sprungman

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Island Calendar

•1st Friday of every month

-Yak Shak Coffee House, 7:30-10pm

•Every Saturday

-Farmer's Market
10 a.m. - 2p.m.

Behind Quadra Credit Union

May 26, Saturday

-May Day Parade

Rebecca Spit

-Legion Dance - May Day

Quadra Legion

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Thor & the Thundercats

-Trails Maintenance

HB Store Parking Lot

9:00 a.m.

May 28, Monday

-Amnesty Womens Action Network Meeting 285-3632

7:30 p.m.

May 31, Thursday

-Xmas Craft Fair Meeting

QCC

10 a.m.

June 2, Saturday

-Murder Mystery Evening

Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge

3:00 p.m.

June 3, Sunday

Exploring Quadra Hike: Heriot Ridge

Info call Ken at 285-2580

June 8, Friday

-A Royal Tea

Quadra Island Bible Church

7:30 p.m.

June 9, Saturday

-Trails Maintenance

HB Store Parking Lot

9:00 a.m.

-Lip-Shticks: Female Impersonators Quadra Legion

9:00 p.m.

June 16, Saturday

-Dr. Daved Wang, Naturopathic Physician Seminar

Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge

June 17, Sunday

-Father's Day Brunch

Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge

June 23, 24 (Sat & Sun)

-Quadra Island Garden Tour

Quadra Island

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. cost: \$12 ticket/map good for both days

June 23, Saturday

-North Island Woodlot Assoc. Free Workshop w/ Jerry Benner

9:30a.m.-2:30p.m. Woodlot 1897-Village Bay Road 285-2804

Looking for wild and dangerous trees

-Trails Maintenance

HB Store Parking Lot

9:00 a.m.

Open Stage

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Xmas Craft Fair Meeting (in June???)

On May 31st at 10 a.m. there will be a meeting to discuss this years Xmas Craft Fair at the Community Centre. The addition at the QCC has opened up lots of possibilities for this years fair. If you would like to share your ideas please join us, if you are unable to make it you can send your suggestions to Sandy at Box 10, Q Cove. Questions, call Sue @ 285-2742

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Seeking Shells

Quadra Islanders: Have you found shells (clams, mollusc, etc.) when digging your pond, well basement or lane? \$50 reward for oldest shell and highest elevation shell. Fossilized shells and shells from the present beach need not apply. Verification required. Dr Tom James, Geological Survey of Canada will visit Quadra Island June 4, 5 and 6 Ph. 250 363-6403 email james@pgc.nrcan.gc.ca or call Whiskey Point Resort June 3 or 4 to contact him

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Female Impersonators. Victorias' Premier Entertainers, Saturday June 9, 9:00a.m. \$6 at the door.

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Thanks to Island businesses, Quadra Island Preschool is pleased to announce our third annual raffle. This year the prizes are as follows, A Fujifilm 35 mm camera kit, A 4hr. Fishing / Sightseeing trip with Sutil Charters, 4 Pam Holloway Ltd. Edition Prints, a Child's Native Vest by Patti James and 2 Gift Baskets each containing over \$200.00 worth of Gift Certificates and gifts! Big Thank You's to the following: Peoples Drug Mart, Sutil Charters, Pam Holloway, Patti James, Aroma, Dirt Co., Explore, Footworks Reflexology, Heriot Bay Store, Hummingbird, The Inner Garden, Isle Tech Auto Service, Lovin Oven II, Plum Blossom Acupuncture, Quadra Foods, Quadra Island Builders, Village Gift Centre and Village Hair. The draw will be held on May 26th. Thank you to those who purchased bulbs, we raised \$630.00 which will be used to purchase new equipment.

Quadra's Trails Need Help!

The winter's snow and winds have left branches and trees over some trails. Spring's warmth and rain have pushed up more ferns and salal on others. A good cutback and cleanup is needed to put our trails in shape for the summer. In addition we have some exciting new trails waiting to be finished. The Quadra Island Trails Maintenance Group has organized four Saturday work parties in May and June. The Katimavik crew, who were a big part of our fall and winter program, are gone and we need new volunteers of all ages to share the work and fun. We have picked Saturdays so people who are busy during the week can participate. Our schedule is: Dates: May 26 June 9 & 23, Where: Meet at the Heriot Bay Store Parking Lot Time: 9:00 AM We will be out most of the day so please bring a lunch and water, suitable clothing, and wear good boots or walking shoes. We will supply tools. For further information or to volunteer for a great time call Jim at 2393 or Judy at 2922. "See you on the Trails"

"Exploring Quadra" Hikes.

Quadra Islanders and visitors are invited to join the Sierra Club on their Exploring Quadra hikes. Join us on Sunday June 3rd. for a guided hike of the Heriot Ridge Trail System that includes Hopespring Trail, Gowlland Harbour Trail & Thompson Trail.

The hike will begin from Hopespring Road and end on Thompson Road. We will guide you to viewpoints on Heriot Ridge and view old growth Douglas Fir along the Gowlland Harbour Trail. Although the walking is relatively easy some of the viewpoints involve some scrambling. Meet at the Heriot Bay store parking lot at 10-00am. The hike will take approximately 4 hours. Bring a lunch & water, wear good hiking/walking shoes. Dogs are discouraged. For more information contact Ken at 285-2580.

Future hikes are July 8th to Mt. Seymour / Nugedzi Lakes. August 12th to Small Inlet / Waiatt Bay. September 9th to Beech's Mtn. October 14th to Mine lake / Mine Mtn.

Here it comes...Hop On! The Quadra Island Bus Service

Gordie Furness is launching a bus service on Quadra Island and needs our feedback AND support to make it happen.

There are 3 proposed routes: North, South and April Pt. The NORTH LOOP route would run 4 times per day from Q. Cove to Heriot Bay to Rebecca Spit to Fox Rd. to Heriot Bay Rd. to Q. Cove. The SOUTH LOOP route would run 5 times per day from Q. Cove to Cape Mudge & Tsa Kwa Luten to Q. Cove. A supplementary route would run once a day Q. Cove to April Point & return. Proposed fares would be \$3 (1/2 price for seniors & children).

Gordie would love to hear your feedback/comments on such a service. Mail them to Gordie Furness at PO Box 654, Q. Cove V0P 1N0.

Thank You!

Do You Have an Announcement or Advertisement for Publication?

**The Next Deadline For
Advertising & Editorial
7pm Monday June 4th, 2001**

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

Items can be submitted:

Starting May 7th - At Our New Office in the Upper Realm
Hours - Mon, Tues & Thurs 11am - 4pm

Quadra Foods or Heriot Bay Store 9 am-8 pm
call 285-2234 Mon - Fri 9 am - 5 pm
or submit anytime by fax: 285-2236
or eMail: news@discoveryislands.ca

Library Increases Hours!

The Quadra Island Branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library is now open one more hour per week. The branch opens one hour earlier on Fridays, at 12:00 noon.

The additional hour is the result of an annual review of staffing hours in all 38 branches of the Vancouver Island Regional Library system. Quadra Island branch received the additional hour because of steadily-increasing levels of use.

The Quadra Island Branch is located at 712 Cramer Road near Heriot Bay. It is open at the following times:

Tuesday	10-12	1-5
Wednesday	12-5	6:30-8:30
Friday	12-5	
Saturday	10-12	1-5

The branch library phone number is 285-2216.

Quadra Island customers have access to all the services of the Vancouver Island Regional Library system through their local branch, including a collection of more than one million items and free public Internet access.

A Royal Tea

Inviting all ladies, both single and married To dress in their finest and call for their carriage! Yes, this is your opportunity to wear that special spring hat, don your gloves and pearls and attend a Royal Tea as we dine in a style befitting queens and earls. There will be no charge but donations will be gratefully received. Also we ask that any children attending be 11 years or older. When: Friday evening, June 8th at 7:30 p.m. Where: Quadra Island Bible Church Need more information: Phone Lynn Gamache at 285-2614 or Susan Johnson at 285-2417

Farmer's Market & Bazaar

Our Market is held rain or shine from the beginning of May to the end of September every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. behind the Credit Union. Vendors must be from Quadra or the outer islands. Set up charge is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for kids. Bring your own table. Dancers, drummers, jugglers, musicians are very welcome. This is our village green! Please have dogs on leashes. Note that the Credit Union parking lot is for Credit Union customers only! Market parking space is on Green Rd. Come and join us to make the Market the best it can be.

Information: Pauline 285-2076
Dalyce 285-3180

Unique Quadra T-Shirt!

The enlarged and enhanced Community Centre is looking great and the new orientation of the stage has proven to be very successful - but it doesn't end there. There are still some details to be finished, also there is a plan to replace all those not-so-comfortable chairs with new, much more comfortable ones. So ... we are still fundraising.

The latest fund raiser is a T-shirt bearing a map of Quadra Island scattered with dozens of illustrations of its natural history. There are deer, racoon, wolf and various sea creatures; wild flowers, mushrooms, berries and a host of birds, both aquatic and terrestrial, plus roads, lakes, hiking trails, historic places and more.

This T-shirt is a well made "Fruit of the Loom" garment, 100% quality cotton, white only with black design. It is now available at the Village Gift Centre, at Village Square, only. Why? Because the store's owners, David and Gerry Kilby, spent considerable time with the manufacturer, and myself, getting the design to print well and look as good as it does.

Surprisingly, this unique T-shirt sells for only \$19.95, but the best part is that Village Gift Centre is donating \$5 from the sale of each T-shirt to the Community Centre Addition Project.

The C.C.A.P. Committee would like to thank the Kilbys for their generous support and cooperation. Drop by and they will show you this decorative T-shirt.

Hilary Stewart

Potluck for Real Survivors

Attention all Quadrites (especially volunteer ambulance and firemen and women)

A potluck "Survivor Party," with Dogfish Bay survivors Jake, Jeff and Barry and their families, will be held at 2:00 p.m. June 2 at the Amiabel's, on the beach (please walk down the driveway). Everyone is Welcome! Even Cortes Ferry staff, Klondike Explorer Crew and Coast Guard Rescuers.

Donations are being taken for Jake Wood, for a survival suit, "to help him to not be afraid to go out boating again." Contact Ruth or Martin Amiabel at 285-3801 or fax 285-2840.



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North Island Woodlot Assoc. & Small Woodlands Program Opens Forest Resource Centre.

The Forest Renewal sponsored Small Woodlands Program (SWP) selected the North Island Woodlot Assoc. (NIWA) as their Mid and North Island delivery agent, as the SWP and NIWA share similar goals and objectives in relation to small scale forestry. In addition, NIWA has been active in this area for the past 15 years, promoting and demonstrating sustainable and ecologically sound small-scale forestry. NIWA has membership from all the Woodlot Licensees on Quadra and the other Licensees in the District. In addition many private forest landowners are part of the Association.

The Forest Resource Centre was opened in downtown Courtenay this January offering private small scale land owners walk-in extension services, workshops, seminars, field demonstrations, onsite assessments, forest community support and links to local service providers and value-added wood producers.

The SWP is an FRBC initiative to increase wood supply, create forest jobs, and stimulate traditional sources of rural income. The program focuses on non-industrial private forestland, First Nation's reserves and agricultural leases. Non-industrial landowners are those who do not have an interest in a large processing facility but do have sufficient land (> 8 ha or 20 acres) to practice sustainable forest management. It is estimated that there are ~ 20,000 such landowners across the province. During the pilot phase of the program, 8800 landowners in the Omineca-Peace and Vancouver Island regions met these criteria.

A fundamental goal of the program is to encourage sustainable forest practices on private land by helping landowners acquire the necessary skills, knowledge, and financial resources.

The program focuses on non-industrial private land which is not currently committed to sustainable forestry (lands outside the Provincial Forest and Forest Land Reserve). These include:

- residential class land
- farm land

- unmanaged private forest land
- First Nations reserves
- agricultural leases

Program Goals

- Expand BC's productive forest landbase by encouraging small-scale forestry on private lands in a manner that increases rural income and local jobs.
- Support the integration of forestry with other values and uses of private land by assisting landowners to make informed land and resource decisions.
- Promote the development of a stewardship ethic amongst landowners, which is based on sound forestry, agricultural, and environmental principles.
- Increase public awareness of the importance of private forestland and its importance to rural economic development.

Small Woodlands Program On-site Extension Services

Landowners in the Comox Valley, Campbell River and on the neighboring islands including Quadra have been participating in the Small Woodlands Program "Forester for a day" service. This free service provides landowners with an opportunity to understand how they may incorporate forestry values into the management of their land. On-site visits by an extension forester are intended to offer awareness through technical advice. Better awareness will increase the ability of landowners to manage their forested land in a profitable, yet environmentally sound and sustainable fashion. Landowners visited so far have been seeking advice on a wide range of topics. These have included (but are not limited to):

- tree planting;
- thinning and spacing;
- harvesting
- marketing of timber and non-timber forest products;

- forest pests and diseases, for example what to do about bark beetles and other damaging agents;
- maintaining wildlife habitat and water quality;
- agroforestry practices;
- vegetation management techniques

After each visit, the forester provides the landowner with a report recommending future treatments and activities. These are designed to assist the landowner in achieving their goals through sound forest management.

Forest Management Workshops

Free workshops are offered by local professionals on a variety of topics, tailored specifically to the needs of those who are attending. So far this year courses in wildlife, non-timber forest products, business planning, forest soils, certification and the use of map and compass have been offered. Upcoming scheduled topics are "How to read your woodland" on June 10 at three Forbidden Plateau sites. This course is led by Jim Simpson, a retired BCIT Forestry instructor and one of the extension foresters. On Quadra, a workshop titled "Looking for wild and dangerous trees" will be given by Jerry Benner, a Provincial instructor for certified Wildlife/Danger tree assessors. This field tour on June 23 will introduce the various tree characteristics that provide valuable wildlife habitat. Participants will learn to recognize trees that are good for the wildlife as well as dangerous for conducting forestry operations, thus designing wildlife tree patches or reserves that protect the truly valuable trees and still provide a safe working or living environment.

Registration for these and other upcoming courses is through the Forest Resource Centre: Phone (250) 334-8265; Fax (250) 334-7713; E-mail: forestresourcecentre@home.com or visit our great NIWA website www.island.net/~niwa.

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Quadra Quilters

The May meeting of the Quadra Quilters was a busy and productive one. A new executive for next year was elected and plans for Quilts in the Garden are well underway. As part of the Garden Tour on June 23 and 24, quilts will be hung in six gardens, exactly where in the gardens being dependent on the weather. Raffle tickets will be available on those days as well as from quilters from now till June 30. As the number of tickets is limited (800) and there are three beautiful quilts to be won, you may well wish to purchase your tickets now to avoid disappointment. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The prize quilts are currently hanging in the Quadra Island Credit Union.

Quilt Canada was held in Nanaimo this year on May 18-20. Many members took the opportunity to visit Canada's premier quilt show and were awestruck by the quality and beauty of the works shown. They were really works of art as well as masterpieces of technique. One of our members, Karla Thomson, participated in the Challenge and her wall hanging, Yellow Snow, was much admired and auctioned at the banquet on Saturday evening. Three members participated in workshops and we look forward to benefitting from what they learned next year.

Already plans are being laid for next year which will begin with Hands Across the Water in Campbell River at the end of September. This will bring together the Quilting Guilds in the Northern part of both sides of the Strait for workshops and sharing of ideas.

Our June 12 meeting will be the final one for this year when members will show the quilts they have completed at workshops this past year. It will be a Potluck, and, as is traditional, we will be joined by the Campbell River quilters.

Regular Service Maintained

Regular service has been maintained as dock repairs proceed at Quathiaski Cove on Quadra Island. The repairs are the result of dock damage sustained on Saturday evening.

The dock repair will continue over the next few days, and it is expected that full service on the regular schedule will be maintained during that time. No cancelled sailings are anticipated.

Please note that occasional minor delays may occur as the repair crews complete the job.

Updated information is available by phoning 1-888-223-3779 or by checking www.bcferries.com.

BC Ferries appreciates the support and understanding of our customers as our crews work to maintain regular service during this repair period.

Parking Temporarily Reduced

Starting Wednesday, May 16, the Harbour Authority starts construction to upgrade their parking lot located adjacent the BC Ferries terminal at Quathiaski Cove.

As a result, only pickup and drop-off passengers can be accommodated in the Small Craft Harbour parking lot from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm weekdays. No vehicles will be permitted to park during these times. Vehicle parking is available between 5:00 pm and 7:00 am weekdays, and throughout the weekends.

These parking restrictions will remain in effect until June 1.

Proposed Forest Development Plan For Woodlot 1898

Notice is hereby given that Buttle Lake Resources will hold a public viewing of the proposed Forest Development Plan (FDP) for Woodlot 1898. This plan covers 400 Ha of Crown Land in the Village Bay Lake area on Quadra Island and 86.6 Ha of private land adjacent to Upper Campbell Lake.

The draft FDP shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting and road development for approximately five year period. This plan also includes information on the maintenance and protection of other resource values in the area.

This FDP is available for review by government resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests. All approved operational and higher level plans that encompass the development area will be available for viewing at this time.

The FDP will be available for review at the following locations: Quadra Island Community Hall June 9, 2001 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Quadra Island Regional Library from June 9 to July 9, 2001. A representative will be available to discuss the plan and receive comments at the Quadra Island Community Hall on June 9, 2001. In order for issues to be considered in the planning of this Woodlot, written comments must be received by July 9, 2001. Comments should be sent to Box 77 Merville, B.C., V0R 2M0.

If people wish to view the plan but can not make it to the public viewing they should call 287-8274

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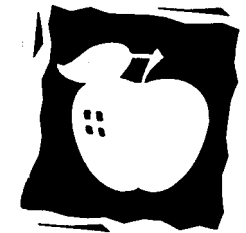
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This year the Museum at Campbell River includes a thrilling new trip in their Summer Events itinerary. Travel from Telegraph Cove to Village Island on Sat., July 7th to join a Cultural Tour with host, Tom Sewid, of Village Island Tours. Early pre-registration is essential, since the deadline for taking advantage of this opportunity is May 30th.

Not readily accessible, Village Island is located at the mouth of Knight Inlet, between northeastern Vancouver Island and the mainland. The name of the principal village is MeemQuam Lees – “village with the ‘round things’ (rocks or boulders) in front at the beach”.

Learn the history and legends of the Kwakwaka'wakw people when Tom Sewid, an educator and entertainer for ten years, leads participants

on a wonderful guided discovery as he shares his heritage. On the site, he will explain the ongoing tradition of the potlatch and its incredible historic significance, while participants view the remains of a Big House, and other artifacts and poles. There should also be time for some beach-walking and relaxing in the magnificent natural surroundings.

Depart from Telegraph Cove and travel through a myriad of spectacular islands and channels en route to Village Island on Stubbs Island Charter's classic 60ft. wooden vessel, the Gikumi. The name itself is Kwakwala, and translates into English as “Chief”. This charter company was the first to set up whalewatching and establish standards and guidelines in the area, and the Gikumi is still the boat that the Killer Whales “expect” to see in their waters. They might just come around for a visit!

The trip leaves the dock just after lunch, and arrives back at supper time. Pre-register now at the Museum at Campbell River now to avoid disappointment. The trip costs \$95.00 for adults/\$85.00 for students, seniors or members. For more information, call 287-3103

Quadra Island Garden Tour

Flowers and Fabric - Quilts in the Garden.

Quadra Gardens, some old, some new, will delight all who visit the 2001 Garden Tour, June 23 and 24. This year there will be a colourful addition to the Tour, Quilts in the Garden. Members of the Quadra Island Quilters Guild will display their quilts in selected gardens. There are 11 gardens on the Tour and all proceeds will go to the Community Centre Additions Project.

Gardens will be open for viewing from 10 AM to 4 PM both days. The price is \$12 per ticket/map, which includes a list of descriptions of the gardens. The Tour can be done in one day or two; tickets good for both days.

Tickets are available prior to tour days on Quadra, at Explore Gallery, Heriot Bay Store, Village Gift Centre, TsaKwaLuten Lodge, Heriot Bay Inn and April Point Lodge. On the days of the Tour, tickets may be purchased from the Information Booth, next to the Credit Union in Quathiaski Cove.

For further information about the Garden Tour please call Joan Blackmer at 285-3665

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Greetings From the Philippines

The following letters and greetings come to us from our friends in the northern Philippines! (NOTE: The school year in the Philippines runs from the beginning of June until the end of March.)

To all IAT Supporters on Quadra Island,

Greetings of peace and goodwill from the Philippines! On behalf of this organization and the marginalized children, I would like to convey and express my sincere gratitude for your support of the daycare and sponsorship program. Likewise, to the volunteers who actively look for sponsors such as Carol Foort and company.

This support is a great help in the continuous existence of this association. Through your help, many are being benefited, such as the children in the daycare programs.

March 2001 was the graduation of the daycare at the village of Mabato where I was invited as the guest speaker. I could not explain my feelings during that time since I was overwhelmed with happiness for witnessing the said event. I am proud to say that it was very successful.

Again, thank you and power to you! Very truly yours,

Sison Paut, Executive Director - IAT-Philippines

Dear Quadra Island Community,

Hello! Greetings to you and a happy summer to your families and your community. Thank you very much again for your assistance to our daycare program. I hope you will continue your support this coming year.

We had our graduation last March 23rd. Nine of our children will go to grade 1 and 17 will stay in the daycare. I am sure our daycare graduates will be ready for grade 1 since they already know how to write their names, the alphabet, numbers and many other things. The love to sing and dance during our community occasions. Their shyness is gone!

It is our summer here and it is so hot! Our national election is approaching this coming May 14, 2001. Many of our political candidates are busy campaigning. Many are also coming to our community asking people to vote for them. I will vote for the best candidates and I hope that my townmates will do the same.

Thank you for your continuing support and God bless you all. With lots of love,

Josefa Maduli, teacher, Mabato Daycare

Dear Quadra Island,

Hello!! How is your life there? I hope that you are all fine like me!

We had our closing program last March 29, year 2001. Twenty of my pupils will be going to grade 1. They can read, draw, sing and write the AB to Z letters and their names. They can also identify many kinds of animals and their sounds.

Last year, 5 of my graduates had honors in grade 1. Hopefully, many of my graduates this year will also get honors.

Again, thank you very much for your support. I hope and pray that you will continue your financial assistance next school year. I'm sure that without your support the program will not be continued. It is already summer and it is so hot. We are cooking as we wait for the rain to come. I am enclosing a photo taken during our graduation day. Thank you and good luck to everybody there!

Respectfully yours,

Magdalena Gumabay, teacher, Ipil Daycare

A Seniors Thanks

The North Island Seniors O.A P.'s regional meeting was a "Huge Success," with the help of local businesses on Quadra Island. Many thanks to Walcan Seafood Ltd.(Bill Pirie), who donated filleted King salmon, enough to feed 100 guests from as far south as Fanny Bay, and north to Port Alice; Heriot Bay Store and Quadra Foods, provided many ingredients, and Lovin' Oven, for the use of their fine ovens.

All told 90 guests and Quadra members attended. We all enjoyed a meal meant for royalty, many salads and corn pudding, also wonderful baking was made by Quadra members. The remaining salmon were auctioned off by Steward Martin Amiabel, and proceeds donated to "Senior Housing on Quadra."

The "Quadra Island Quilters Club," entertained us all with their comedy skit (especially stand-up comedy, by Marshall

Toelle, Ken Duncan and Cliff Hand). We were also entertained by Ken Duncan on piano.

There were many door prizes won and enjoyed. A bird feeder constructed by Clarence Byers and decorated by Rhonda Richmond, Twoducks and Birdseye Maple, a bowl, also made by Clarence, A beautiful apple design tea cozy, and hot pads, made by Terry Huson and many other useful items. Many thanks also go to Hilary Stewart and Lloyd McIlwain for the use of the community hall.

A special thanks go to Erika Zylstra for her great salmon recipe and John for being a Joe Boy with the fish. Also to Joyce Hargreaves, Jean Carefoot, Hanne Moss, our host and hostess Peter Gregg and V.I. Wheeler, ticket sales by Daphne Young Marg and Bob Lasby, Sophie Gregg for the flowers, Hilary Stewart for the art and all the setter uppers and cleaner uppers.

Our next meeting with a Pot Luck lunch will be held on Wednesday June 6 at 10:30. We will have a two month break while we man the tourist booth. We will start up again in September with a picnic on the Spit.

Frank Smirfitt is our Tai Chi expert, sessions will be held Wednesdays at 10:00 am. cArpet bowling will be held at 10:30 every Wednesday in May and June except June 6. Many Boat trips are planned every month starting in June, contact Ruth 285-3801. After years of watching the Cortes Ferry departing and arriving, Jean is taking a few elder seniors for a ride and there and back. How about that one?

A visit to McClarens sheep and goat farm for May 22. Jean Carefoot and Jilly are escorting seniors young and experienced for walks every Sunday at the Spit 11:00 a.m. (from the parking lot for some and from the launch ramp for others). A regional picnic is to be held at noon on July 18, at Halbe Hall, Black Creek. And a trip to Bamfield for September - October.

"All Seniors Welcome, young and experienced." We'll see you at the tourist booth.

Contact people are Ruth 285-3801, Jean 285-3740, Hanne 285-2419.

Public Notice

Attention trail users in the Sutil Road area. There will be active logging from approximately May 10, 2001 to August 31, 2001 at the end of Sutil Road in the vicinity of the horse corral to the gravel pit trail. Please obey the "Active Logging" signs on the trail. The trail will be re-established at the conclusion of the harvest. For more information phone 285-3294. Please use alternate trails during this period. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dick Whittington



Schedule of Events and who does what when...

"Circus" is the theme of May Day 2001. Join your friends and neighbours in a big community picnic at Rebecca Spit, Saturday May 26, 2001. Celebrate the coming of Spring and Summer with colour, costumes, floats, music- the more zany and bizarre the better! Let your imaginations soar to what would be found "under the big top".

- 8:30 a.m. Gates open for parade entries.
- 9:00-10 Free shuttle from Heriot Bay Inn to the Spit.
- 10:00 Parade starts from beginning of Spit to the parking lot.
- 11:00 Official ceremonies.
- 12:00 ish Box Lunch auction. Face painting. Concession.
- 12:30 ish Afternoon entertainment begins.
- 1:15 ish Foot races begin.
- 1:30 Sailboat race begins.
- 2:00-3:00 Shuttle back to H.B.I.

*****PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME!*****

May Day is a volunteer-powered, traditional community event, first held on Quadra in 1898. The Recreation Society Board of Directors thanks the many dozens of people who contribute to the event in big and little ways and wish everyone a happy, joy filled, sunny day!



Quadra Recreation Society May Day, May 26, 2001



POSTERS: See more details on posters by Leslie Matthews.

PARKING: On arriving at Rebecca Spit, please do not park beyond the park gate as the parade floats, etc. need room to set up. All floats will end up in the parking lot after the parade so please don't expect to follow the parade up to the parking lot! It will already be full. Thank you Paul Ryan and Larry Waddell for gate control.

SHUTTLE SERVICE: This is donated by Heriot Bay Inn. The van will make trips to and from the Spit from 9-10 a.m. and the from 2-3 p.m. If you are walking down the Spit road and have a box lunch, small children or are a senior citizen etc., just give a wave. They'll pick you up. [Thanks H.B.I.]

PARADE: Get your neighbourhood, business, or group together and challenge other groups to out-do your float! There are the Credit Union Trophy for best float and Clandenning trophy for best kid's costume; prize money for costumes, bike, walkers. [Many say the best fun of May Day is in the parade line up...so come on and get involved!] Thank you judge anonymous!

GREASE POLE: Doug and Gretchen Peters grease the pole and monitor the contestants. No pyramids please. Note at the top tells the winner to collect \$50 from the person at the information table.

GRADE 6 PICNIC: May Day is a time to honour the Grade 6 class which will be leaving for Campbell River next year. Check out the last picnic table with the balloons.

M.C. : This year we are pleased to present Fair Taylor who will keep everything rolling.

QUEEN AND COURT: Speech contestants in Grade 6 deliver a speech at the Community Centre 2 weeks before May Day. The winner is the May Queen and runners up are in the court. This is done in the spirit of honouring the Grade Sixes' transition to high school next year and having the whole age group being "special" at May Day. Thanks, Robin Beaton for guiding this process.

STAGE: Thanks to Mel Doak for supplying and setting up the stage; and grade 6 parents for decorating it.

MAY DAY DEDICATION: Each year a citizen who has given positive service to the community over a lengthy period of time is honoured.

SOUND: Howard Bailey is supplying the sound system for the stage.

MAY POLE DANCERS: Barrie Calverley prepares the Grade 3 dancers for the traditional May Pole dance. Bravo Barrie!

BOX LUNCH AUCTION: Please support all the local businesses who donate magnificent "box" lunches each May Day. This is a big fund-raiser for next year's May Day. Get your friends together to bid and have a marvellous banquet. Nancy Vale is organizing this with an assist by Rod Sumptner. Check out Beaver Clandenning as the auctioneer!

CONCESSION: Thank you Michelle Sjöholm for coordinating this! Proceeds are going to Quadra Recreation Society Minor Softball and the Community Centre Addition Project.

RACES: Thank you once again to the Quadra Elementary school teachers for organizing the races.

ENTERTAINMENT: The afternoon entertainment is being put together by John Walton of Yakshak coffeehouse fame.

SAIL BOAT RACES: Brian Simons is organizing this event.

VOLLEYBALL: Pat Field will start you off.

CREDIT UNION DISPLAY WINDOW: Nancy Barker will put her special spin on the "Circus".

PHOTOGRAPHER: See photos by Sheahan Wilson when it's all over.

INFORMATION/1ST AID TABLE: Lost? Need direction? Check in at the info centre. Meet the new summer recreation programmer, Janis Meier and tell her what you would like to see at summer rec this year!

EQUIPMENT GUARDIANS: Thanks Clandenning family for care-taking over night.

MAY DAY DANCE: Oops! No volunteers to organize this. Do you want to do it next year?

CLEAN UP and recycling. Help keep the park clean. Please pick up litter when you see it. Dan Bingham and Greg Ross are doing their part.

Have a great May Day and **VISUALIZE SUN!**

Sandra Spearing

Coordinator

285 3243 (M-F 8-2pm)



Quadra Credit Union is proud of the many ways in which we support the communities we serve, and invite interested Islanders to apply now for one of the following programs:

Curly Eastland Bursary - Scholarships available to members and children of members for post secondary education - applications from mature students also welcomed. The deadline for acceptance of completed applications is May 31, 2001 at 5:00PM. Last year we funded over \$5,000 in scholarships!

Camp Rainbow - The Credit Union sponsors the attendance of two local youths (Ages 14 to 16) at the Camp Rainbow Leadership Camp, being held this year at Cowichan Lake. The program is full of fun and learning, and we have had tremendously positive feedback > from all of the previous attendees we have sponsored. Camp dates are July 22-28 and July 29-August 4, and applications must be received at the Credit Union before June 15, 2001.

Credit Union Foundation of BC Bursaries - Quadra Credit Union supports and accepts applications on behalf of the Foundation for bursaries for of up to \$1,500 for students attending a post-secondary program within BC. Applications for the fall semester will be accepted from September 1 to October 15. Contact our Quadra office for an application. Please note that Foundation bursaries are disbursed in mid program, so successful applicants for the Fall 2001 program will receive their bursary in mid-December.

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Thank You So Much!

Heartfelt thanks to everybody who volunteered their time to participate in the 'Blame it on Bossanova' fashion show May 5th at the QCC. From models and designers to hair/makeup artists and stage crew, you all did a superb job! To those of you who helped clean up after the show, I thank you as well. Thank you all to the attendees and our very own Discovery Islander for supporting local events such as this one.

Sincerely,

Kami Lee Robb, Show Director

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to inform Quadra Islanders of our intention regarding the Quadra Ferry Parking Lot, and to dispel any wild rumours that may be circulating.

The Quadra Island Harbour Authority took over management of the parking lot along with the Harbour in Quathiaski Cove in 1997. We started working on developing the lot almost immediately, as we could see the problems there daily while working on our boats. There have been many close calls and some fender benders. It was unsafe and ugly. Not a very beautiful gateway to Quadra Island. We had choices to make at that time. We could close the parking lot, and build a boat repair, storage facility. (We sure could use one.) Or, we could put up buildings and rent out to marine related businesses.

The choice was made, to finish off the rest of the lot and organize it to be more modern and safe. We felt this would better serve the community.

With this in mind, we approached the Regional District and B.C. Ferries for help in funding this project so that it could remain free for Ferry users. After years of negotiations and broken promises, all we got from the Regional District was a "Sorry No", and an offer of one-third of the revenue from pay parking if we let B.C. Ferries develop it.

It was at this point that the Board of Directors of the Quadra Island Harbour Authority decided to go ahead with developing the lot ourselves, with funding from the Small Craft Harbour Branch of the Department of Fisheries (Our bosses). This way we could control the price charged and ALL the money would stay on Quadra.

We are a non-profit corporation (unlike B.C. Ferries) and felt we could keep the prices down. The money collected will be used for maintenance, snow-removal, power for lighting and administration.

Through our discussion with B.C. Ferries, we did get them to acknowledge responsibility for foot passenger pick-up and drop-off, hence the sidewalk in the corner of their lot. I urge people to use it. PLEASE, no more jamming up in the corner every hour. No one can get up the hill until the ferry has emptied anyway.

Relax! Parking will cost \$2.00 per day, with a limited number of monthly passes available at our Managers office in the lot between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. We hope also to have some available at one of our stores, for people unable to come during these hours.

I apologize for the lack of public notice before construction. B.C. Hydro could not give us a date for moving the poles. Suddenly, they showed up, did their thing, and away we went.

By the time you read this, we should be almost finished. Landscaping will be done hopefully in June, and should not disrupt use of the lot too much.

Thank you for your patience during construction, and PLEASE do not phone me as I will have gone fishing before this gets published.

Sincerely,

Alfred Richter

President,

Quadra Island Harbour Authority

When You Can't See The Trees For The Forest

Dear Editor

When Lindsay Dickson and I went out today, I was in for a big surprise

For any old growth that ever there was was obviously in disguise

I did go for a walk in the Lindsay Dickson forest the other day to double-check my research before writing this. I have determined that the area is not what I would consider to be old growth. For the history of the Lindsay Dickson Forest, one needs to go back to the turn of the last century when it was first logged. Around 1907 there was a major brush fire in the area which further cleared the land. After the Second World War, a Mr. Sawchuck purchased the land and logged it from 1947 to 1950.

What remains as evidence of these times are a few mechanical implements of the sort that have not been used for about fifty years. They are scattered amongst the second growth balsam, hemlock, small fir and some cedar that is riddled with powder worms. Some old damaged trees remain that were probably found to be culls by Mr. Sawchuck and still stand as such today.

This hardly fits in with any description of an old growth forest. To call it otherwise is ludicrous. It may be a valid eco-system but so is the swamp at the bottom of my property, not to mention most of the other forest patches that are scattered about on Denman Island.

It would appear that Mr. Schellinck got a pretty sweet deal here. To wit:

1) 59 hectares of what is listed as 'Prime Waterfront Property' situated on 1 miles of waterfront on Quadra Island across from April Point and which is valued at \$2,700,000.00

2) 5.87 hectares of Lindsay Dickson land

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AND, let's not forget the profits from approximately 35 loads of timber that he removed from the lot prior to April 11th at a rough value of \$3,000.00 per load, after all, it wasn't the best wood - for an additional \$105,000.00. ADD to that the \$700,000 cash from the provincial government of which \$70,000 came from Denman Island Conservancy Association's coffers. Now let's do the math: \$700,000.00 + 105,000.00 + 68,762.00 = **\$873,762.00**

A sweet deal indeed when one adds on the potential value of Lot. D.L. 208 on Quadra Island that is worth as it stands (for now) \$2,700,000.00. And, all this is in exchange for the Lindsay Dickson Forest which he bought in 1993 for \$375,000.00!

At the same time as this deal was being processed, a 40 hectare property that consisted of 90 year old second growth fir was sold then clear-cut on Denman Island. I don't recall the Conservancy kicking up a fuss about that. Perhaps its loss didn't strike quite so close to home with the parties concerned.

Through various articles published in the *Denman Island Flagstone* and the *Denman and Hornby Grapevine*, the general public has been lead to believe that Quadra residents did not oppose this deal. According to people I have been in contact with on Quadra, this was not the case. To start with, a meeting was called on Quadra which those in attendance were lead to believe was to discuss the proposal but it was, in fact, to inform them that the deal had gone through and was now a fait accompli.

The staff at the Regional District also informed me that they had no knowledge of this deal until they read about it in the papers. This seems very strange to me. I can see why most of the parties concerned saw the advantages in acting promptly prior to the changing Government, the new electorates likely being less receptive to the idea of this arrangement.

So the Denman Island Trust and the Conservancy get their much coveted land, Mr. Schellinck gets more valuable land on Quadra and the bonus 'buck' and Ms. Gillespie goes out with a bang!

But what benefits are there for Quadra Island in all of this? A member of the Quadra Conservancy informed me that they were working to save the Timber-West land as a recreational park and a possible source of water, something that is in short supply there. The land in

question on Quadra Island has been zoned R.U.1 and is designated as silviculture. It also falls wholly within the Forest Land Reserve and partially within the Agricultural Land Reserve. It is also next to a sensitive salmon enhancement area. These are issues that must be of great concern to the locals.

Des Kennedy assured us in the Denman Hornby Grapevine issue, April 12th that safeguards would be an integral part of any land swap. Since Mr. Kennedy appears to know more about this than anyone else, perhaps he could enlighten us. What are these safeguards? Any covenants?

We have Lindsay Dickson; but what of Quadra's fate? Are its people to experience the same strife as Denmanites did? Let's hope not, for the land in question is of much greater significance than was our own. If this deal is finalized on May 30th, the Denman Island Trust will own a not particularly unique piece of this island and Quadra will be facing a long and arduous battle with much more to lose.

Let me just say that I am in favour of protecting and leaving intact as much forest on this island that I love, as possible. But, let's do it openly and call any piece of land we save what it really is, because its designation will influence what future we have for this area. The Lindsay Dickson Forest is NOT a particularly rare ecosystem and to say that it is, is unfair to the people who have laboured (and I do mean laboured) under the impression that it is otherwise. It would appear that there has been a tendency here in the enthusiasm of some to mislead the public as to its actual value. The only real winners here would seem to be Mr. Schellinck and the one last hurrah for the rapidly fading reputation of the Provincial N.D.P.

Apparently Mr. Shellinck has been in contact with the Quadra Conservancy and the Sierra Club regarding Quadra's concerns. Time will tell as to whether the land on Quadra is protected to a sufficient degree satisfactory to the residents of Quadra Island. In my opinion we have passed the buck here. Given that 'Conservancy' is a universal mandate, I feel that the Denman Conservancy has failed Quadra where this issue is concerned. At the very least, perhaps it would be appropriate, for Denman Conservancy to donate all of this years proceeds from the Home and Garden Show to Quadra Conservancy.

Sarah McKnight
Denman Island

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Revenge of the Laptop

by Steven Halliday

Not long ago I wrote a column where I opined that we as a society are becoming very dependent upon the computer, perhaps to the point of actual vulnerability. Little did I know at the time of writing that I was soon to feel the revenge of the computer. I'm not speaking here of a foul-up with some corporate mainframe that ends up destroying my credit rating or a government data center mucking up my tax refund. No, my super duper new notebook at work has taken it upon itself to create havoc in my professional life. Less than 3 months old, and requiring numerous hours of techie time to initially get it up and running, and it decides to have a fit. At the time of writing I don't know yet whether or not the prognosis is terminal, but I do know I have not had access to my "stuff" for a couple of days, and it is making my life miserable.

I've been involved in banking/credit since 1978, and my first job as a young and eager management trainee was as a "bucketman". Now, way back then we didn't have computers spilling out reams of concise information regarding our customers. Instead, we had these things called ledger cards. On the front of the card was the record of the customer's personal information (all neatly typed by one of our full time typists) as well as the record of payments, which was entered by hand by a cashier. But the real story was the back of the cards – this was my territory. Here were the notes taken by my fellow bucketmen and I as we attempted to wrest delinquent payments from some of the meanest and toughest debtors ever spawned in the Cariboo. It was extremely low tech – every morning a clerk would pull a set of cards representing newly delinquent borrowers, as well as the cards that I had diarized for future follow-up. These cards were delivered to me in a steel drawer known as a bucket, hence our charming job title. Armed with my bucket I set to work...no

typewriter, no adding machine, and no computer...just me, a phone and a pen. I would contact my quota of borrowers, and then note their promises, excuses or sometimes plain lies on the back of the card. And that's it. Neat, tidy, efficient and reliable. It was a superb system for what we needed, and one never had to worry about where the data was located or whether it was retrievable. It was all there, on the card.

Over the years, things have gotten slightly more complicated. I used my first personal computer for work in 1988, a cloned IBM PC 8086 with a whopping 10-megabyte hard drive. I first discovered the joys of spreadsheets, and then the beauty of word processing, and before I knew it I was using the PC for just about everything. Of course, with the computerization of the banking industry literally everything is accessed via the computer now. And, with everything being stored digitally, if the lights go off you are, in a word, hooped. Of course, the data is very secure, being stored on a system located on the lower mainland and "mirrored" to a backup site in Ontario, but this is of little use if the computer at the office fails. In my case, my notebook is linked in to our network as well as being independent for certain functions. If my notebook fails me I can always use another computer on our network to access banking information, but the majority of my work is stored locally – that is to say on my own computer's hard drive. Of course I have backups, but they are on zip disks, and only my notebook has the software for the zip drive. So, in this instance, I am truly hooped.

There are pluses and minuses to everything, including the use of ledger cards. That they were reliable there is no doubt, and they even helped keep a few more people employed than is now necessary. But they were not infallible.

As I noted earlier, we used the back of the cards to note the details of contacts with the customers. In Williams Lake our office specialized in auto financing, and we had a pet term for the truly incorrigible borrowers, the ones you could count on to break their promises (which consequently caused grief to the bucketman) or to lie through their teeth. We called them "roaches". One fine day I had the counter duty, meaning I dealt with all borrowers coming to the office. A gentleman unknown to me came to the office to inquire about refinancing, so I grabbed his ledger card to review his record. As I read the ledger, I noticed his face getting redder and redder, until he finally demanded to see the card. Unbeknownst to me another bucketman had dealt with this particular fellow on a prior occasion, and had dutifully noted on the back of the card (in bold letters) "This guy is a ROACH!!". He was easily able to read the comment, and thankfully stormed out of the office without rearranging my face. He did, however, register a complaint with head office, which quickly directed all of us bucketmen to be a little more circumspect about our notes in future. So, as you see, all was not bliss in the days "pre-microchip".

So there must be a point to this column, right? Maybe not so much of a point but certainly some observations. First off, if you have anti-virus software that will create a "rescue disk", don't do as I did and put it off – do it right away! Second, make backups of everything, and ensure that you are able to run these backups on another machine if necessary. If you use a zip drive, either install the software on another computer that you can use in an emergency, or at least keep the software handy so that you can do an install if necessary. And finally, be very careful about what you write using your computer – they can be downright vindictive when offended.

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Spit to Spit Fundraising Swim Planned

by Tanya Storr

On July 14, weather permitting, several hardy souls will plunge into the ocean off Shark Spit on Marina Island to participate in a 10 km swim to Rebecca Spit. Billed as 'The Great Shark Spit to Rebecca Spit 10 km Open Water Swim', the event is a fundraiser for the Quadra Island Ambulance Service and Campbell River Hospital Foundation.

Angela Burns, who is organizing the swim along with Barry Davis, said the aim of the event is not to compete against other swimmers but to complete the distance.

"It's not a race. It's a fundraiser and we'll be working just to try to finish the swim," she noted.

Individual swimmers and relay teams will be participating in the Spit to Spit swim. Registered in the individual category to date are Angela Burns, Barry Davis, Joanna Annett, and Richard Pielou.

Relay teams include Quadra Elementary (Barry Davis will start things off, followed by Robin Beaton, Kevin Kavanagh, and Adrienne Davis), a lifeguard team from Strathcona Gardens, a triathlon team from the Campbell River Triathlon Club, and a medical team.

Barry and Richard swim competitively at the national level. For Angela and Joanna, doing the swim will be a trip down memory lane. They undertook a similar feat in 1980 while working for the summer at Cortes Bay Marina Resort.

"We thought it would be a good project to train over the summer and swim to Savary Island, a distance of close to 12 km. Just the two of us swam it and my husband, Ken, was our escort boat. It took us seven hours," Angela recalled.

Last year was the 20th anniversary of their swim, and Angela said to Joanna, "We should see if we can still do it."

Watching a television special on well-

known swimmer Marilyn Bell further inspired Angela. She called Barry Davis and asked what he thought of the idea.

"There was a long pause, and then he said 'I've always wanted to do that swim,'" Angela recounted.

Registration for the swim will take place until July 1. Swimmers must be a minimum of 16 years old and anyone under 19 needs to have parental consent.

"We may cap the number of swimmers if we have overwhelming interest, but we don't really expect that to happen," Angela said.

Many of the swimmers who have already registered were recruited by word-of-mouth. Angela said due to the potential danger of the event, organizers need to make sure swimmers will be able to undertake the swim with a minimum of risk.

Every swimmer is responsible for organizing a non-motorized escort boat (kayak, canoe, or skiff) to be alongside them at all times. Safety equipment on board must include life jackets and air horns or walkie-talkies. Binoculars for sighting are also recommended. Swimmers must provide their own food and hot drinks on board, as well as a change of clothes in the boat and on shore.

There will also be at least one power safety boat circulating during the swim, as well as powerboats for each relay team to pick up and drop off swimmers for their leg of the event.

"One of the biggest risks is hypothermia. We will be briefing everyone in the boats on the signs of hypothermia and when they should be pulling someone out of the water. Swimmers must wear wetsuits and neoprene hats," said Angela.

"The other big risk is weather. It will take most swimmers up to five or six hours to complete the swim, and the weather could change during that time."

Alternate dates of July 15, 21, and 22 have been chosen if the weather is

unsuitable on July 14. A picnic will take place to greet the intrepid swimmers when they emerge from the water at Rebecca Spit, and Angela said musicians and jugglers would be very welcome as they are hoping to make it a festive atmosphere.

Swimmers will be collecting pledges for the event, and the pledge sheets will have two columns: one amount for participating and one for finishing the event.

"We're hoping our sponsors will give us some incentive for swimming the whole thing," Angela said.

Those making pledges can choose whether they want their donation to go to the Quadra Ambulance Service or Campbell River Hospital Foundation.

Organizers have sent letters to 60 businesses on Quadra and 160 in Campbell River asking for their support in the form of monetary or in-kind donations for the swim. In-kind donations could include food and refreshments, commemorative t-shirts for the participants, or gas for the safety boats.

They plan to follow up the letters by visiting as many businesses as possible, and volunteers would be gratefully appreciated to help them with this task. The money raised from pledges and business donations will go towards equipment and training for the Quadra Ambulance Service and equipment for Campbell River Hospital and Yucalta Lodge.

Angela told me she is training for the event by swimming 5 km (192 lengths) in the Strathcona Gardens pool once every two weeks.

"It's quite exciting to think the swim is getting closer. It's less than two months away," she said.

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Ferry Slams into Dock Structure in Q Cove



by Tanya Storr

On May 12 at 7:45 pm the Powell River Queen slammed into part of the dock structure in Quathiaski Cove, causing approximately \$100,000 worth of damage.

"The ferry hit the floating wing wall on the left as it approached the dock. The wing wall capsized, but the ferry and the ramp were undamaged. There were no injuries," said Ann Carpenter, BC Ferries communications coordinator for inter-island services.

The ferry was able to unload and service was then stopped for the night in order to allow time to do a damage assessment. A water taxi service was put in place to transport passengers to and from Campbell River.

The BC Ferries terminal maintenance crew based in Comox did an assessment shortly after the incident occurred and ascertained that the ramp was operational. Service resumed the next day after divers did an underwater assessment and confirmed that there was no damage to the hull.

Carpenter said an inquiry will be held to determine what caused the collision with the floating wing wall, and the public will be advised of the results of the inquiry. The captain who was at the helm when the incident took place has been relieved from duty until the inquiry is completed.

"It's standard procedure to hold an inquiry after any incident of this nature. We expect the inquiry to happen quite quickly," she stated.

Carpenter said the captain and mate on duty at the time of the collision were "casual" licensed officers who rotate from ship to ship throughout the BC Ferries fleet.

"We have quite a large complement of people known as casuals who are trained and qualified to fill various positions. Casuals typically backfill holidays and other leaves. Most work out of one terminal, but casual licensed officers (masters and chief officers) often rotate among vessels," Carpenter explained.

She added that both the captain and mate had been familiarized with the Powell River Queen and were fully cleared to operate the vessel.

Sawchuck Piledriving is working on the necessary repairs to the wing wall under the direction of the BC Ferries terminal maintenance crew based in Comox.

Carpenter confirmed that repairs will take approximately two weeks to complete and will cost "in the area of \$100,000 or more." The repair work may cause some minor delays in service.

Two weeks prior to the Quathiaski Cove incident an accident took place at the Denman Island Terminal, when a mechanical malfunction caused a ferry to come into contact with the outer portion of the dock.

"Thankfully these types of mishaps are very rare indeed. It was a most unfortunate coincidence that they happened two weeks apart," Carpenter noted.

Lot 208 - What We've Found Out

by Ryan Stuart

The new owner of Lot 208 at Gowlland Point is hoping to work cooperatively with Quadra Island residents to plan the future of the land, and he says he will not clear cut it.

Richard Schellinck acquired the land through a land swap with Timber West and a numbered company brokered by the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks. Schellinck traded a piece of property, the Lindsay-Dickson property, on Denman Island for \$700,000 and lot 208 at Gowlland Point on Quadra Island's western shore.

"My immediate plan is to meet with officials at the regional district, the Sierra Club and the Conservancy over the next several months to talk about special interest parts of the property," Schellinck said.

That is in line with what the Quadra Island Conservancy and Stewardship Society was hoping for. "Hopefully we can get a nice working relationship with the new owners and Quadra Islanders," said Dirk Van Der Minne, the president of the Conservancy.

Although Schellinck said he will not clear cut the lot he does plan to selectively log it. The lot is zoned Forest Land Reserve, which means it can only be used as a working forest and can not have any other development without zoning changes. Because the timber value on the lot is not that good, Schellinck says he plans to manage it as a tree lot.

He said, "that is where working with the region, the local government and local residents works in my favour."

In addition to logging, Schellinck said he is considering allowing recreational development within the lot.

The Conservancy tried to buy the

property a few years ago for that purpose, said Ray Grigg, a member of the Conservancy. "It was another example, like Raven Lands, where we didn't have the funding." At the time the Conservancy was interested in the lot it was on the market for \$2 million. They wanted to protect the land for recreational purposes and to protect the environment.

The Conservancy was mad because they had not been included in the land swap negotiations.

The public was not included in the land swap because both properties were privately owned, said Eric Partridge, manager of land acquisitions and exchanges at the Crown lands branch.

Partridge said it was a political decision to protect the Denman Island property. "Evelyn Geslespie and the Ministry of the Environment both pushed for the protection of the property," Partridge said. "It has high environmental values."

Partridge said he was unaware that the Quadra Island Conservancy had been interested in protecting Lot 208.

The original owners of Lot 208, Timber West, had the property for sale for a number of years. Rick Momchack, at Timber West, said the lot was "surplus to Timber West's needs." He said that it was not a piece of property Timber West was interested in for long term forestry. "The lot was high profile and it was worth more for other uses than forestry."

Three or four years ago the Denman Island Conservancy, along with Comox Valley NDP MLA Evelyn Gallespie and the Ministry of the Environment began a campaign to protect the Lindsay Dickson property, owned by Schellinck, from logging. The lands branch was asked to

find a suitable piece of Crown land to trade with Schellinck.

Schellinck makes his living from managing various timber lots.

"We had difficulty finding land that was A. Crown land that is suitable for logging and B. to Mr. Schellinck's liking," Partridge said.

Schellinck had been privately interested in Lot 208 on Quadra Island. But he said Timber West turned his offer down because they had a deal already on the go.

For economic reasons Schellinck began logging his property on Denman Island. Timber West's deal fell through, and it was at that time that the lands branch began negotiating the swap.

Partridge said that the Lands branch realized the property on Quadra would be a suitable trade for the Lindsay Dickson property. "To accommodate all the parties involved we had to bring in a third company. They were very complex negotiations."

All parties involved in the trade pointed out that the government functioned only as a broker for the deal and never owned Lot 208.

In the end Schellinck received the property on Quadra Island he had been interested in before, plus \$700,000.

Gordon Littlejohn, property manager at Timber West, said "it is part and parcel of a larger deal." He refused to comment on the negotiations, but Partridge said Timber West got less than they asked for, which he said is normal for land sales. Denman Island and the Island Trust, a holding company that regulates land issues on the Gulf Islands, have a protected piece of land called the Lindsay Dickson property.

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Pay Parking Coming Soon to Q Cove

by Tanya Storr

Ferry commuters will soon have to pay for parking in Quathiaski Cove. Quadra Island Harbour Authority member Don McGuffie confirmed that pay parking will be in place by mid-June and users will have the choice of paying \$2 per day or \$30 for a month's permit.

Pay parking will be in effect weekdays only and will be enforced by tow truck. There will be no tow truck patrol on the weekends.

The harbour authority has held the upland and water leases for the Cove since February 1997, when the federal government transferred responsibility for the area to the local authority as part of its divestiture program. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans still owns the land and docks, but the harbour authority is in charge of day-to-day operations at the site.

The harbour authority is made up of wharf users. DFO regulations stipulate that a voting percentage of the harbour authority members must be commercial fishers.

Options for the parking lot have been under discussion since the harbour authority took over management of the area. At one point the regional district, BC Ferries, and the harbour authority were discussing a plan that would've seen both the regional district and BC Ferries contribute money to upgrade the parking lot, with DFO as the major backer.

However, BC Ferries decided not to contribute due to a budgetary decision and the regional district's planned contribution of \$10,000 wasn't enough for the harbour authority to go ahead with the plan.

Regional district director Jim Abram said the regional district has not been involved in plans for the parking lot since that original deal fell apart, other than to comment on the renovation plans for the area when asked.

Other possibilities that have been discussed included the regional district or BC Ferries leasing the parking area. However, the harbour authority members ended up deciding to manage the parking lot themselves.

"All the money that we make will stay here. We have to be self-sufficient within a couple or three years and do our own maintenance. We have to show a return on it," McGuffie said.

Revenue collected through parking fees will be used to fix up the boat ramp, maintain the parking lots and the docks in Q Cove and Heriot Bay (the harbour authority manages the Heriot Bay government dock also), and pay for garbage collection, lighting, etc. McGuffie said DFO will not fund projects like repairing the boat ramp, as it is used mostly by recreational boats.

Future plans include piping fresh water to the docks and possibly setting up a "fishers' market" on the docks where fishers could sell their catch.

As anyone who has been in the Cove lately has no doubt noticed, alterations to the parking lot are currently underway. The upgrading will create an additional 30 parking spaces, and underground wiring, sewer lines, and water lines are being installed.

"Within two years everyone will have to pump sewage off their boats, so we wanted to put the lines in before paving the parking lot," McGuffie said.

Street lights and planters are also planned for the renovated parking lot.

"It's going to look great once the planters and lamps are in," said project coordinator Alf Williamson, who has been hired by the harbour authority to oversee the upgrading. Williamson added that ferry users have been really patient during all the construction.

The upgrading of the Cove parking facility will cost \$130,000. DFO is contributing the bulk of the money, with the harbour authority contributing a small amount.

"DFO has money in its budget to improve facilities. They consider it an investment," noted McGuffie.

BC Ferries has been working in conjunction with the harbour authority on redesigning the pick-up and drop-off area in the parking lot. As phase I of BC Ferries' plans for traffic flow adjustments in the Cove, the corporation put in a new

sidewalk for pick-up and drop-off of school bus and other foot passengers.

Phase II of BC Ferries' plans for the Cove will involve developing the triangular section of land between Rudder Road and the main road leading up from the terminal. Ann Carpenter, BC Ferries communications coordinator for inter-island services, said that phase is unlikely to happen during this fiscal year.

McGuffie said safety and liability was a factor for the harbour authority in the redesign of the parking lot.

"When we took over the lease, we took over liability. We wanted to get the pick-up and drop-off organized so nobody gets run over. There will be a flow through lane to the sidewalk," he stated.

Once pay parking is in place, there will be two ticket dispensers in the lot. Patrons will need to display day tickets on their dashboards.

Monthly permits will be in the form of a decal and will be available from wharf manager Lisa Leippi. The harbour authority will inform the public about when decals can be purchased from Lisa in her office.

Wharf users will continue to park in the same spaces that are currently reserved for their use.

For more information about the parking lot changes, phone Don McGuffie at 285-3261.

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Tracking the History of May Day on Quadra

by Jeanette Taylor

In 1998 we celebrated our 100th May Day on Quadra Island. I confessed at the time, as the island historian, that my search for the exact date of the first May Day picnic had proved a tricky bit of research. The memories of old-time residents varied. Some said it took place in 1896, while others named 1897 or 1898 as the year. We knew our 100th anniversary was approaching so I weighed in with the late Katie (Walker) Clarke, who retained detailed memories of her childhood on Quadra Island. Katie thought the first May Day picnic, arranged by the ultra-English Pidcock family, took place in 1898. But, human memory is not always reliable, as my recent discovery of an article in an 1897 newspaper proves.

Someone, simply credited as "our own correspondent," wrote an intermittent column about Quadra Island community happenings in the Weekly News-Advertiser of Vancouver of the 1890s. The writer gives us a snapshot view of pioneer life in a youthful settlement, starting with the October 1895 issue:

The first dance held on the island, took place at the Hotel Dallas, Dallasville, [in Drew Harbour] on the evening of the 12th. A public school has been started here this Summer. The islanders built a log house [on Heriot Bay Road, south of Animal Farm Road], the Government only furnishing a very few dollars for incidentals. There are 14 children attending and everything is running along smoothly with Miss Kate Smith of Lulu Island, as teacher. The school house is also used every Sunday as a church, Mr. Walker, the Missionary at Cape Mudge preaching every Sunday afternoon.

The correspondent reported on a variety of events in the spring of 1896 but there is no mention of a May Day picnic. In the fall of 1896 he wrote that the island was blanketed under a pall of smoke from a forest fire that had been „raging% for over six weeks. With that he dropped the column for nearly six months, not taking up his pen again until the spring of 1897. The annual pilgrimage of his fellow bachelors, leaving their ranches in search of work was the theme of the April issue. Then in early June our correspondent wrote a sketchy account of what might be the first of our annual May Day picnics on Quadra Island:

Valdez Island, May 25. ^ The people of this settlement showed their loyalty on



Community Picnic at Cape Mudge Lighthouse circa 1903 Courtesy Campbell River Museum

Queen Victoria,s birthday by holding a grand picnic on Drew Harbor Spit, where upwards of 50 persons assembled and had a good time. Messrs. Hall Bros., the store-keepers [in Quathiaski Cove], contributed several prizes which were hotly contested for.

The ladies spread the table cloths on the green and covered them over with most of thev good things that little boys and hungry men know what to do with and of which there was no lack. After all had satisfied the cravings of the inner man, the games commenced, the programme containing foot races, three-legged races, etc., etc. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and before leaving for home all joined in singing, (EGod Save the Queen.,

So there you have it, our annual May Day picnic was actually into its 101st year (and maybe more...) when we celebrated the centenary in 1998. No matter, we had

a splendid time, and the event gave rise to two books documenting island history. Heather Van Der Est compiled a record of all the articles written about May Day over the years, which is available at the public library and museums. Another book, using funds leftover from the various events of that „centenary% year, is about to be released. Exploring Quadra Island, Heritage Sites and Hiking Trails, co-authored by Jeanette Taylor and Ian Douglas, is an illustrated guide to 22 of the island,s treasured places. Quadra Credit Union joined Area J, Comox-Strathcona Regional District, as lead funders for Exploring Quadra Island. Quadra Foods, Spirit of the West Adventures, Taku Resort and Walcan Seafood also contributed to production costs. The book will sell for \$15.95. Watch for the launch at Explore Gallery in mid-June.

Happy 104th (or so) May Day Quadra!



May Day dancing circa 1923

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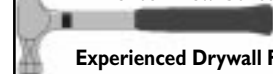
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31	0010	14.1	4.3
TH	0800	7.2	2.2
	1215	10.2	3.1
	1735	6.6	2.0
1	0045	14.1	4.3
FR	0845	5.9	1.8
	1340	10.5	3.2
	1825	7.9	2.4
2	0125	14.1	4.3
SA	0930	4.9	1.5
	1450	11.2	3.4
	1915	8.9	2.7
3	0200	13.8	4.2
SU	1010	3.9	1.2
	1550	121.1	3.7
	2000	9.8	3.0
4	0235	13.8	4.2
MO	1050	3.3	1.0
	1645	12.5	3.8
	2045	10.5	3.2
5	0305	13.5	4.1
TU	1120	2.6	0.8
	1735	13.1	4.0
	2240	11.2	3.4
6	0340	13.1	4.0
WE	1150	2.6	0.8
	1820	13.5	4.1
	2335	11.2	3.4

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SUPER SAVINGS

Island Farms
Choc - Milk
Capp - Milk
Straw - Milk
\$1.29
1L

Yoplait
Yogurt
Tubes
\$2.79
8 Pack

Minute Maid
Frozen
Punches
69¢
355ml

New Christie
Melting
Moments
Cookies
\$2.49
300g

Oceans
Tuna
Chunk Light
79¢
1.89L

Viva
Paper
Towels
99¢
2 Rolls

DELI

Spicy
Jamaican
Rolls
99¢
each

Smoked
Chicken
\$1.09
100g

BAKERY

Black Russian
Rye Bread
\$1.49
each

MEAT SHOP

Chicken Legs
Back Attached
\$1.19
lb
\$2.62/kg

Striploin
Steak
\$5.99
lb
\$13.21/kg

PRODUCE

California
Valencia Oranges
\$3.49
5lb Bag

California
Bing Cherries
\$3.49
lb
\$7.69/kg

B.C. Grown
Bunched Spinach
59¢
bunch



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