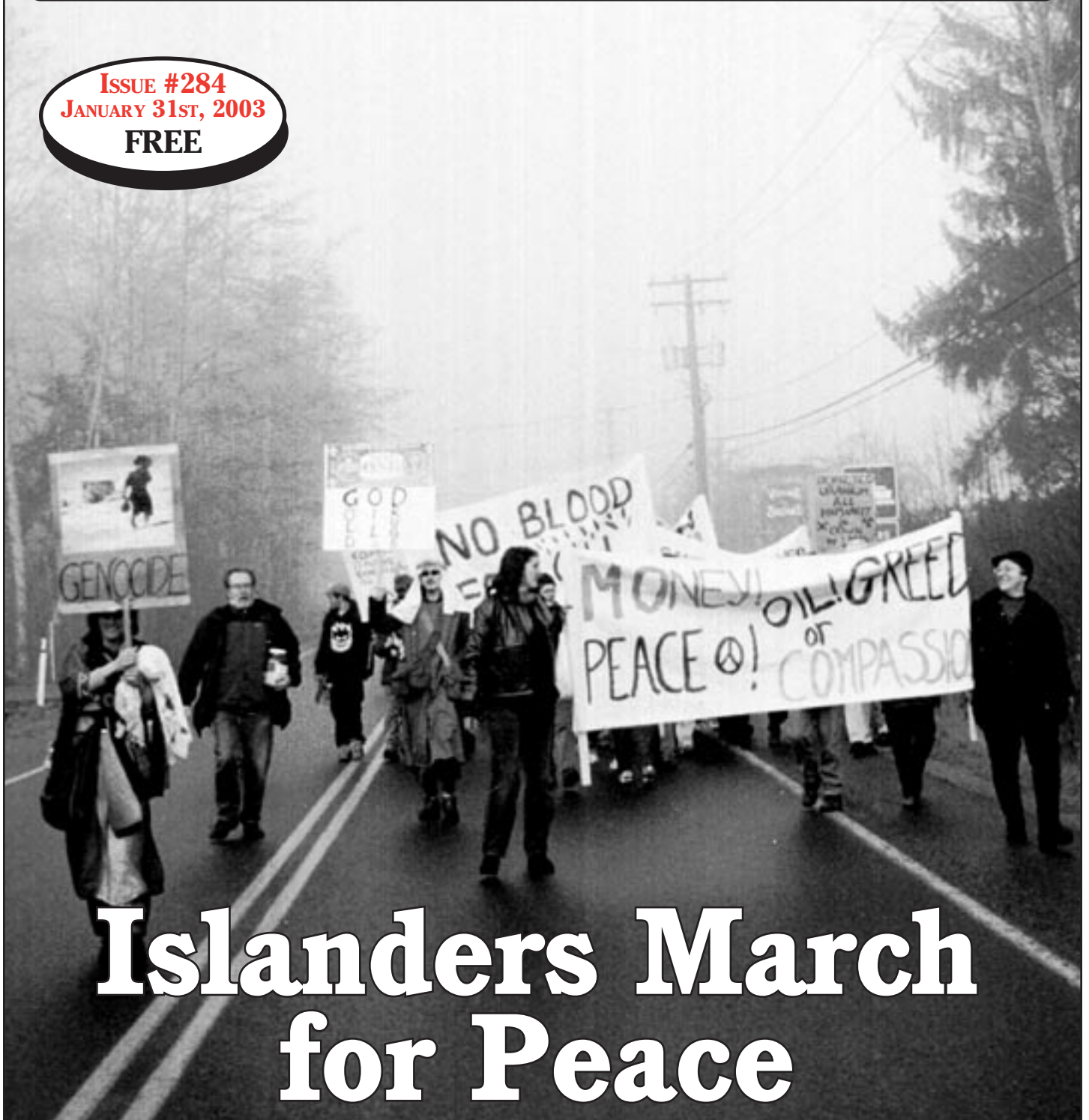


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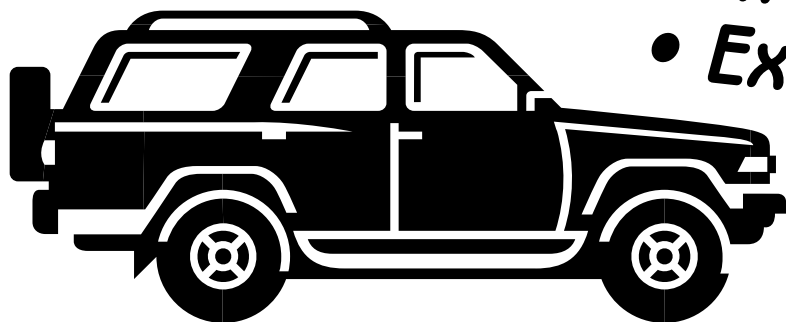


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# Island Calendar

- **Every Monday**- Positive Living Support Group 7:30 pm 285-3224
- **Every Wednesday** -Community Kitchen Noon Community Centre  
-Blood Lab 8 am-9:30 Community Centre  
- Jam with Moe, Landing Pub
- **Every Thursday** -Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre
- **1st and 3rd Thursday** -Food Bank 1-2:30 Community Centre
- **Every Saturday**- Roast Night Heriot Bay Inn Dining Room
- **Every Sunday** - Buddhist Meditation Inner Garden 10 am
- **1st Friday each month** - Open stage Yak Shak 7:30-10 pm

## February 2, Sunday

-Geshe YongDong on "Living and Dying" Inner Garden  
10 a.m.

## February 4, Tuesday

-Dr. Eileen Sowerby on Bertrand Russell Inner Garden  
7:30 p.m.

## February 5, Wednesday

-Quadra Seniors, Valentine Party Meeting. Legion (side door)  
10:30 a.m.

## February 6, Thursday

-Anti-War film on U.S. Foreign Policy Community Centre  
7:30 p.m.

## February 9, Sunday

-Geshe YongDong on "Living and Dying" Inner Garden  
10 a.m.

## February 8, Saturday

-Smooth Edge Concert Community Centre  
8:00pm

## February 10, Monday

-Quadra Island Garden Club Community Centre  
7.00pm

## February 15, Saturday

-Celebrate Peace Festival Community Centre  
1 p.m.  
-Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society Community Centre  
8 pm

## February 16, Sunday

-Gryphon Trio Community Centre  
7:00 pm

## Feb 17, Monday

-Sierra Club Guest Speaker: Delores Broten Community Centre  
7 pm

## March 5, Wednesday

-Quadra Island Cemetery Public AGM Quadra Legion  
8:00pm

Island Calendar is a list of on island events. Please submit separately for the **Island Calendar** and **News & Events** or indicate in your submission if you would like your event placed in both. **Following the text order exactly as above for email submissions is appreciated** (month, date, day, title, place and time), use the title as your email subject. Thank you.

## Juggleclub

Every Tuesday - Juggleclub  
all welcome Community Center  
4:00-6:00pm. Oct. thru June.

## Buddhist Meditation

Join us at the Inner Garden (across for the library) for chanting, meditation, teachings, discussion and tea, every Sunday at 10am (New Time). Newcomers are welcome any time. Phone Danielle or Steve at 285-3323

## Mirror Queen

It's official - Jill Brocklehurst is the Grand Prize winner of Bossanova's fabulous mirror raffle! This is actually quite appropriate as Jill was one of the first to suggest a new mirror would be appreciated by our customers.

Earlier this month she had her colour (seasons) consultation which helped her pick out her \$100 of free clothes. Jill still has a free makeover to claim and plans to save that for her upcoming wedding this spring (congratulations Jill!).

The best part is that everyone who entered wins because 100% of the money raised went towards the Snow White paling mirror which will be installed and ready to tell *you* are the fairest of them all, when Bossanova reopens on Saturday February 8th. Thanks to all who entered and especially to Ali Pulford-Taylor for graciously donating her services and helping it all happen.



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Thur: Mexican Night  
Fri: Wing Night

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# News & Events

## Support Buried Heart

"The Streets Where You Live" is a tribute to women who suffer daily from the abuses of drug addiction and life on the street. It is also a call to action - a reminder that if we ignore the suffering of others, we ignore our own humanity.

In March 2002, Vancouver songwriters Wyckham Porteous, Gary Durban, and John Ellis were inspired to write "The Streets Where You Live" in memory of the more than 60 women who have gone missing from the city's downtown eastside. Profits from the sale of the recording will go to the Buried Heart Society, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged and abused women.

You can help Buried Heart by stopping by Batoche Gallery (Village Square) and picking up the cd "The Streets Where You Live". The cd is available with a suggested donation on \$10.00, with all proceeds going to Buried Heart Society. Batoche Gallery is also grateful to collect other monetary donations to the Society ... need further information, Batoche Gallery 285-2044 or Buried Heart Society at [www.buriedheart.com](http://www.buriedheart.com).

### Seva

with Brian Harris  
and

### Tibetan Ecoforestry Training Partnership

with Sedley Sweeny  
will be staging a

### Multi-media fund-raising Presentation & Auction Gorge Hall, Cortes Island Sunday, 9 Feb, 5:30pm

Admission \$ 10, under 15 free

## Smooth Edge Concert



Are you looking for the perfect Valentine's date? Come to Quadra Island for a Smooth Edge concert! Join Diana McKerracher, Lois Taylor, Kent O'Neill (guitar) and Ken Burns (piano & guitar) for an evening of song on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Centre. Special guest, Bob Sutherland will join Smooth Edge on stage for a few numbers.

Tickets are available at Hummingbird (Quathiaski Cove), Quadra Crafts (Heriot Bay) and The Music Plant (Campbell River): \$8 advance, \$10 at the door.

## Philosophy Lectures Starts

Dr. Eileen Sowerby opens the winter lectures of the Quadra School of Philosophy with a talk on "Bertrand Russell: His Life and Search for Truth." Bertrand Russell is recognized as one of the greatest philosophers of the 20th Century. He received many awards for his work in Mathematics. And unlike many philosophers, he wrote best sellers, such as the Conquest of Happiness and Marriage and Morals, which got him fired and kicked out of the U.S..

Bertrand Russell was also popular because he walked his talk. Although not a complete pacifist, he thought most wars stupid, especially nuclear war. He was one of the founders of the anti-nuke movement and an activist against the American War in Vietnam.

Dr. Eileen Sowerby has been a life-long student and admirer of Bertrand Russell. On one occasion, she heard a live performance speech by Bertrand Russell on the issues of the day. The free lecture and discussion will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4 at the Inner Garden.

In closing, Bertrand Russell summed up his life in this single sentence: "Three passions, simple but overwhelmingly strong, have governed my life: The longing for love, the search for knowledge, and unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind."

## RCMP News Release

On Saturday, January 18th, 2003 People's Drug Mart and Lovin Oven were broken into in the early hours. The windows were both smashed with a rock to gain entry and a large quantity of prescription medication, men's razor blades and money was taken from People's Drug Mart and the thieves stole approximately 2 cases of beer from the Lovin' Oven.

A vehicle was also stolen from Cape Mudge Reserve and left abandoned in the ditch at the corner of Green Road and Quathiaski Cove Road. The suspects siphoned gas from numerous vehicles in this area as well. If you know who is responsible for these crimes and have information that would help our community, please contact Crimestoppers at 627-STOP or Quadra Island R.C.M.P at 285-3631

## Quadra Seniors

Valentine Party and Meeting--Feb. 5th, 2003--Bring your Love Stories, Poems or Songs. The Gentleman, under the guidance of Ken Duncan, are providing the Pot-Luck, Luncheon,. Who can make the nicest Valentine???

Willow Point O.A.P. will be hosting Regional Meeting and Luncheon, 11:00a.m

Feb. 27th/2003, please let Ruth know if you will attend-285-3801, or if you need a ride.-Shirley is organizing, Theatre trips for the Spring.

Tai-chi-10:00a.m, most Wed.--Carpet Bowling-10:30p.m

Walk on Sundays with the gang on the Rebecca Spit at 11:00a.m--Some start at the Launch Ramp- others at Parking Lot. Welcome all Seniors, Young and Bright

Contact people are Ruth 285-3801--or Bob- 285-3501

**A Senior & Student Rally, Protest** planned for Feb. 11, 2003--1:30p.m-Victoria, Legislature stairs. -re/ Pharmacare cutbacks& increasing of Tuition Fees for students to attend College and University, also oppose \$6:00 per hr. min. wage.

Free (return) Bus ride - to Rally- we plan to get 9:00a.m ferry, Bus will be waiting at parking lot, near Foreshore Park, by Ferry booth. If the ferry does not run we will take the Water Taxi--for a seat on the Bus--call Ruth or Martin at 285-3801 or e-mail us at [dogfish1@telus.net](mailto:dogfish1@telus.net). Please call soon'."



## Friday Flicks Tonight!

The Son's Room

Jan 31st 7:45 Q.C.C.

Adm: \$4.75 – stu/snr \$3.75

“The Son's Room” will inevitably be described as a movie about a family coping with grief. In fact, it is a movie about a family and sometimes, families are immersed in what appears to be unconquerable grief.

Director and co-writer Nanni Moretti uses the movie camera to simulate the sense that when bad things happen, it is as if reality has taken a wrong turn and there's no way back.

Father keeps rehashing the events of the fateful day, imagining different ways things might have gone. Characters fall into predictable roles but, as days pass, roles gradually reverse, and the family members alternately turn to and on each other. The Son's Room is an unusually thoughtful and honest portrait of family life in its darkest moment.

## Next at Friday Flicks

The Mystic Masseur

February 14th Same time, place, price.

In this first film adaptation of a work by 2001 Nobel laureate V.S. Naipaul, director Ismail Merchant has captured the beauty of Trinidad as he follows the career of plucky Ganesh Ransumair. Ganesh begins life as an unemployed teacher, struggles naively to become a great writer, opts for a career as masseur and faith healer, rises to wealth and finally political obscurity. The story of his transition from vital local charlatan to impotent colonial politician (with an anglicized name: G. Ramsey Muir), is a satiric study of a specific colonial type.

As languid Caribbean rhythms predominate, the temptation is to sit back and soak up the music, ravishing costumes and Trinidad's vibrant Indian community. Go for it. The Mystic Masseur coasts along nicely on Merchant's sharply honed craftsmanship, which grants the stunning Trinidad locations an extra degree of lushness. Merchant also gets excellent performances from his cast, whose script and delivery give an authentic sense of speech, social interaction and culture. The performances are a big attraction here.

The Mystic Masseur is a sprightly comedy come social allegory – an adaptation Merchant feels is worthy of Naipaul's sly and knowing parable..

Reviewsources:FilmJournalInternational, The Globe and Mail, eyeWeekly.

## To All Businesses

As many of you have probably already heard Quadra Island is going to be hosting an International Juggling Festival from May 2nd to 4th, 2003. Jugglers from near and far will be descending upon our little Community Centre for a weekend of fun and learning.

The Juggling Festival Committee is now seeking the sponsorship of the Quadra Island business community to help in getting this annual event off to a fantastic start. We would love to display your advertisements in our program in exchange for your financial support. The program will include our schedule of events, as well as information on workshops and performances and will be given out to all people attending any part of the weekend festivities. Your advertisements in it can create a guide for travellers, letting them know of places to eat or sleep, and great things to do while they are here. Advertisers will also be listed on our web page and in newspaper articles. If you are interested in finding out more about the festival see our web site at [www.quadradirectory.com/jugglefest](http://www.quadradirectory.com/jugglefest). To find out more about advertising in our program call Asrael at 285-3444.

## Community Centre News

The Community Centre is hopping with activities every day and night. The newest development is the “Community Kitchen” which is Wednesdays at Noon. Everyone is invited for a delicious hot lunch prepared by kitchen angels. There is no cost; donations are accepted and proceeds go to support the kitchen and food bank. (Many thanks to chef, Judith Wells, all 25 plus volunteers who signed up to help and Sara James for the dynamite posters!) Spread the word folks; let's make this a success. Everyone is welcome.

“The big storm” in December '01 knocked down many trees in Blenkin park. Judy Johnson organized trail recovery resulting in Grant Hayden with skidder, Mark Nighswander with chain saw, Ron Miller with logging truck; and log trader, Brian Mills donating many hours and much energy. Over \$5900 was earned from the sale of the salvaged trees due to the volunteer work by these folks! The Rec board will spend this money on further trail improvements. Thanks to all of you from the community walkers, hikers and bikers.

The Recreation Society Annual General Meeting is Monday, February 3 7:00 in room 3. Become a society lifetime member for \$20 which includes the whole family.

-Sandy Spearing 285 3243 QCC 8am-2pm.

## Quadra Island Studio Tour - 2003

Are you interested in being a part of the Quadra Island Studio Tour? A steering committee, under the able leadership of Susan Wilson, Susan Westren and Barb Wager, has been formed and has met several times with the aim of organizing and promoting a studio tour of Quadra Island. This tour would take place on the weekend of June 7th and 8th, 2003. We are hoping that this can become an annual event but the only way that this will happen is if the artists, all the artists, of Quadra participate. Artists who pursue both traditional and nontraditional arts, and crafts, are welcome to participate. The steering committee is prepared to advertise the event and develop a brochure/map, develop liaisons with other parts of our community (accommodation and holiday providers, for instance) and provide a showcase for artists who do not have suitable studio space. If you would like to participate or have questions please call Gordon James at 3101. We would appreciate hearing from interested artists by Feb. 15th.

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As usual, a parade of beautiful finished quilts accompanied the meeting and the afternoon program taught us the delicate method of piecing curves together. We meet again February 11th where we'll get to see the results of our efforts in a completed block called a "Drunkard's Path".

## Media and Art Exhibit - Win Prizes !!!

Looking for media and art submissions from people of all ages! (video, painting, website/internet design, music, audio, essay, spoken word, drawing, skits, poetry, photography etc.)

The theme is multiculturalism - how do you live it?

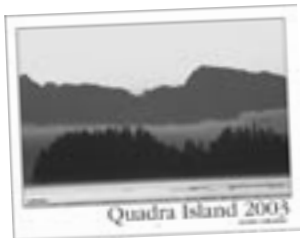
February 3, 2003 - Let us know if you are interested! Call Iris 830-0171

February 24, 2003 - Deadline for finished submissions.

March 3-7, 2003 - Exhibition all round town.

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## Tibetan Monk Visits Quadra

Geshe YongDong will be speaking on "A Tibetan Guide to Living and Dying" at the Inner Garden from 10 a.m. to Noon on the Sunday Mornings of February 2 & 9 and March 2 & 16.

Geshe YongDong, a Tibetan monk since the age of 13, received training from both Buddhist and Bon teachers in Tibet and India. In 1992 at the age of 24, he gained the Rajampa Geshe degree, the highest academic degree awarded in Tibetan monastic education, from the Namshig Monaster, Amdo, Tibet.

Beginning on Sunday February 2, 2003, GesheLa will teach an eight (8) hour course entitled: "A Tibetan Guide to Living and Dying." In Tibetan Buddhist practices, whether you have a positive or negative state of mind at the time of death, is considered to have a great effect on your re-birth. It is also said by Tibetans, that if you know how to die, then you will know how to live fully, mindfully and with compassion.

There will be time at the end of each session for question and answers. The classes are open to all. Please contact Danielle or Steve for further information and registration at 285-3323. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for each class.

## Quadra Island Studio Tour

A small group of local artists began meeting in the fall to begin the organizing of a two day event on Quadra which would include a tour of studios of Quadra potters, woodcarvers, sculptures, painters, etc., a display of work at the Community Centre for those who do not have their own studios, and hopefully food and music, also at the Community Centre. There is even the possibility of a salmon barbeque and native dancing. An exciting event to promote local artists and to bring more visitors to Quadra during the shoulder season. The date has been set for the weekend of June 7 and 8.

If you are interested in helping to organize this event, or have any ideas you would like to contribute, please come to a meeting January 20, Monday, at 7:00 pm at the Community Centre. If you would like to participate in the tour, please call Barbara Wager, 285-3094 or Susan Westren, 285-2556.

## Mammoths and Marmots

David Nagorsen, mammal curator at the Royal British Columbia Museum for 20 years, will be giving a talk and slide show to the Mitlenatch Field Naturalists on Saturday, **February 15, 8 pm at the Quadra Community Centre**. His talk focuses on Vancouver Island's land mammals - past, present and future. His slides will show the native and introduced mammals of the Island, as well as some mainland mammals that are curiously absent. Why does Vancouver Island support only half the mammals found on the mainland? How and when did these existing mammals arrive?

The speaker will go back in time, looking at what is known about the mammals that existed here before and after the last ice age. Did any of them survive in ice-free refugia during the last glaciation? He will also present some remarkable cave bone discoveries from northern Vancouver Island, including 16,000 year old marmot bones from a sea cave at Port Eliza, and 12,000 year old mountain goat bones from the Nimpkish Valley. Some intriguing questions are raised - did early peoples hunt marmots for food and clothing? What impact did environmental changes have on this endangered animal? And what does the future hold for our Island's mammals with the threat of global warming and increased urban growth. David Nagorsen is an accomplished speaker and raises many fascinating questions for his audience.

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## The Gryphon Trio Returns

In January of 1996, the Gryphon Trio memorably debuted Quadra Island's beautiful concert grand piano with a stunning performance of Haydn, Beethoven, and Dvorak. With careful treatment, our piano has maintained its mint condition; the Gryphon Trio, however, by contrast, gleams even more brilliantly with age. Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, there is no doubt that the Trio is considered "one of Canada's premier chamber groups" (Classical Music Magazine). With the individual musical excellence of Annalee Patipatanakoon on violin, Roman Borys on cello, and Jamie Parker on piano, the trio has evolved into an ensemble with a strong international following and consistent re-engagements.



The Gryphon Trio's list of credentials is long and impressive. Both Patipatanakoon and Borys have the honour of the loan of rare and beautiful instruments from the Canada Council for the Arts Musical Instrument Bank: a 1717 Stradivarius violin and an 1824 Gagliano cello. Only Canada's most outstanding performers have access to these precious and irreplaceable instruments.

The Trio's Sunday, February 16th concert will consist of Haydn's Piano Trio in G Major, Hob.XV:32, plus a contemporary Canadian piece by Christos Hatzis called "Old Photographs" from the multimedia work "Constantinople" which was commissioned and premiered by Gryphon, and finally, Dvorak's Piano Trio

No.3 in f minor, Opus 35. This combination of classical, romantic, and contemporary music reflects Gryphon's always thoughtful and varied programming, and ensures the audience a delightful and gratifying listening experience.

The concert begins at 7pm at the Quadra Island Community Centre. Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$18; youth 16 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. The Theatre Angel Program has several tickets available for lovers of music who cannot at this time afford to spend money on the concert. If you would like one of these tickets, please call Helen Moats at 295-3560. Confidentiality will be respected.

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## Peace Flick #2

If the last Peace Flick "Truth & Lies about 9/11" knocked your socks off. This next film called "What I learned about U.S. Foreign Policy" by Frank Dorrel is even more powerful. The film gives a graphic account of the U.S. War against the peoples of the Third World, starting with the 1954 CIA invasion of Guatemala right on through to the current Sanctions against Iraq. There are scenes of violence and human suffering not suitable for young children. Parental guidance is recommended. A \$2 donation is requested to cover expenses. For more info, call Carol 285-3737 or Lilith 285-2562

## Come Celebrate Peace

There is no better time to Celebrate Peace than when a war is being planned. On February 15th millions of citizens will be demonstrating for Peace in Europe and at the United Nations in New York City. Here on Quadra, There will be a "Celebrate Peace" family festival day at the Quadra Community Centre from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, February 15th.

Dwayne Rourke from Cortes Island will be showing his 35 minunte film "WE, THE PEOPLE", which has captured the spirit of the January 18th Peach March in Quadra and Campbell River. If you were on othe 250 people who attended that Action for peace, come see yourself on the big screen.

Following the film, there will be songs and poetry on the theme of "Celebrating Peace". Annette York and others will read some poetry & several of Quadra's folk singers will perform.

At mid-afternoon, we will have four workshops. Carol Foort will lead a workshop on "Chanting for Peace". Jill Brocklehurst has named her workshop "Don't Ask for Peace, Become Peace". Jeff Frimm from Campbell River will offer an "Ecology & Peace" workshop. Finally, Lilith Cleasby will lead an informational workshop on "Quadra Action for Peace & How We Can Stop the War on Iraq".

While the workshops are going on, Barbara Mindell and friends will do face painting with kids & co-operative games. Also Dwayne Rourke will be filming a "Kids Only" video on what our young ones think about peace and war.

There will also be a Peace Literature Table, with free literature and videos for sale. Refreshments will be available as well. In order to pay the rent for the entire community centre, we need to suggest a \$2 donation per adult. Kids are free. Come Celebrate Peace and act in solidarity with our fellow peace activists in New York and all across Europe. -Steve Moore

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# Island Forum

## Dear Editor

I joined many others in a Peace March On Saturday, Jan. 16th. A handout I was given by the North Island Peace Action reads: "The goal of all the activities is to stop the U.S. bombing and invasion of Iraq. In Canada, the focus will be to keep Canada out of the war."

After the activities, a large group of us were trying to board the ferry all at once. It was too big a crowd for the B.C. Ferries employee to collect tickets from. The gate was closed and people were told they needed a ticket to board the ferry. At this point a couple of "peace" activists decided to encourage others to ignore the announcements and crawl under the gate to board the ferry for free.

I was under the assumption that most of us have made a somewhat conscious choice to live on an island with the knowledge that we do pay for the service provided by B.C. Ferries.

The employees of B.C. Ferries that work on both the Quadra and Cortes ferry do an exceptional job. These people are our neighbours who make a living by providing an essential service. I could see that some of them were quite affected and upset by the "peace" activists actions.

I hope that next time there is a group of people expressing their unified opinion - such as we were - peace/ no war; that the individuals can keep the issues straight, and their energy focused on the real battle.

Peace: A pact or agreement to end hostility.

*Karen Perras*

**Next deadline  
for the  
Discovery  
Islander  
February 10th**

## Letter to the Editor

The Quadra Action for Peace would like to thank all 250 activists who turned out at the Demonstration for Peace last Saturday, January 18th. Quadra residents made up 160 members of the march through Q. Cove and downtown Campbell River. Over 40 people came from Cortes Island and another 50 joined us in Campbell River. What a wonderful community spirit!

On that same day, hundreds of thousands demonstrated in San Francisco and Washington D.C. Over 30 communities across

Canada had major demonstrations. Victoria and Halifax had 2,000. 5,000 people in Toronto and in Montreal braved biting winter winds to march. 2,500 were in Ottawa at Capital Hill. Vancouver had the largest demonstration. There were also actions in Europe, the Middle East and India.

The Globe and Mail, in a front page headline article on January 18, reported that "only 15 percent (of Canadians are) willing to endorse unilateral U.S. invasion, poll says" So, we on Quadra are not alone. The silent majority is just beginning to speak out.

Another international action for "No War in Iraq" is coming on Saturday, February 15, 2003. The Europeans have organized this one. Quadra activists will meet at the Quadra Community Center at 1 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 15 for a Celebration of Peace Festival with film, songs, poetry and informational workshops on peace.

We would like to apologize for any inconvenience to shoppers at Q. Cove, ferry workers on duty that day and those in cars who had to drive around us. We, of course, know that B.C. Ferries grants free and universal access to health care, education and sports to all Canadians. If your going to a doctor or school or a sporting event in Campbell River, the B.C. ferries does not charge.

And, of course, protest letters to the Prime Minister do not require stamps, etc. So there was a bit of confusion as to whether peace protestors who send a message by marching (rather than by letter) should be charged for the right to protest. In that confusion, some peace people (around twenty) walked

on for free. The rest of us paid. Even though we a a volunteer organization with very little money, we are pleased to have given nearly \$800 in individual contributions to B.C. Ferries that day. However, next time we will ask for an exemption from central office. We love B.C. Ferries, but the peace movement sure could have used that \$800 to help stop Canada's involvement in a war. Should exercising the Charter or Rights and Freedoms re freedom of assembly and speech require a payment of cash? Do we then exclude those without money from basic political freedoms? In any case, it was wrong to put local ferry officials in the awkward position of deciding these matters. We apologize for that. Sound like a case for the Supreme Court. Any lawyers out there!

On the whole, it was a safe, lively, peaceful march of sober individual walkers. No drunks walking or driving in cars were present.....unlike some drunk drivers in Maui.

*Steve Moore,*

member of Quadra Action for Peace

## Our Thanks to Heriot Bay Store

Quadra Singers would like to express their gratitude to the Heriot Bay Store for their contributions at Christmas time. Not only did they purchase an advertisement in our Christmas concert program, they also donated \$1 from each box of Mandarin oranges purchased between December 15th and 21st.

This kind of support is greatly appreciated, and much needed by this community choir. Quadra Singers is a non profit choir which has been bringing both pleasure and musical education to its members, and concerts to the community, for many years. Quadra Singers is dependent on community fund raising for its existence, and very grateful to the Heriot Bay Store for this imaginative means of support.

*Nancy Belliveau*

**Articles, letters and artwork are all welcome for publication under Island Forum**

Opinions & endorsements expressed herein are those of the contributors and do not represent the views of the publishers.

If you would like to see an alternative point of view represented...submit something yourself.

**Next deadline 7pm Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2003**

# Area J Regional Director's Report

## Jim Abram

**B**efore I get into the extremely important issue that I want to bring to your attention, I would like to thank all of the people from Quadra and Cortes and all other locations within Area J, for the very successful Peace March that took place last weekend. It was a wonderful event and hopefully registered our area's support for world peace. My family and I sincerely thank you for your courageous effort. It was beautifully executed, very colourful and hopefully, for all of our sakes, effective.

### Now, on to the urgent issue....

Quathiaski Cove Street lights.... I have been working on this issue for over four years to try and find a solution and bring some closure to the issue. We are now down to the wire, folks. Either a solution is found, with your help, or the streetlights from the ferry to the school will need to be removed at the end of March.

I am going to insert a report from our staff at the Regional District that pretty much sums up what the problem is and what has been done to try and solve it. You will see after reading it that we have tried just about every creative approach we could come up with to retain these lights for the benefit of the community. Staff have spent an inordinate amount of time on the subject, as have I. The annual operating cost of all the street lights in the entire Cove area is around \$3,900.00 total, so we are not talking about major dollars for this service, that benefits everyone on Quadra.

I have written about this issue in the past, and believe me, I know that not everyone agrees that we should have street lights on Quadra. I certainly don't want them in any of the areas outside of the area where they presently exist unless there is some very compelling reason to have one. Having lived with the glaring light of various lighthouses over the past 24 years, I really enjoy the darkness. However, in the very high use, commercial area of the Cove where people are walking and biking to and from the ferry, the school, gas station, Plaza, Cove Centre, Pub, etc. it does make good sense to have some lighting on the road for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. The small group of residential users in the Green Road area have been bearing the brunt of this service cost for all of these years, for the benefit of the entire island. This is not fair and never

has been. I have said this before and I'll say it again.

At a time when I am working hard with residents of this island to try and make early morning trips to school off of the 7:05 ferry more safe in the dark on the Campbell River side, it makes no sense to me to, at the same time, eliminate the lighting on the Quadra side. The issue of proliferation of lights can be dealt with by insuring that the budget only allows for the cost of the present lights and putting in place a process by which any applicant would need to petition the Regional District with all of the neighbours in a geographic area consenting to the addition of any individual light. We can make this work with your help. When it was worked out before, I was told by staff that if we did this as a parcel tax, it would be less than four dollars per property, annually.

So, without further ado, here is the summary of events that took place over the past four years. Please keep in mind that this report is greatly condensed and is meant to be an overview, not a comprehensive listing of events.

## Q Cove Street lighting ? Summary of Actions

In 1971 the Regional District established the "Quathiaski Cove Street lighting Specified Area".

In January of 1999 staff discovered that over the years the number of lights had grown to 26 and that 10 of those had been installed just outside of the boundaries of the Specified Area. (on the opposite side of the road in most cases)

At that point staff advised the Electoral Area Director that there appeared to be two options to resolve this situation:

1. Remove the 10 lights outside the boundaries
2. Expand the boundaries of the service area.

In March of 1999 at the request of the Area Director, a meeting was held with the 8 property owners directly fronting 9 of the 10 lights outside of the boundaries. It was proposed by staff that the boundaries of the existing service area be expanded to include their properties. As most of these properties were zoned commercial their assessments would have been extremely high. Therefore they declined to join the existing function.

In June of 1999 a bylaw was prepared that would have established the "Quadra Island

Street lighting Service", with the boundaries being the whole of Quadra Island. This matter was taken to the electorate by way of counter petition. Counter-petitions were received from more than 5% but less than 50% of the electorate, therefore assent was not received. The option still remains for the by-law to continue to referendum.

In January of 2000 the Treasurer, Mr. France, advised staff and the Area J Director that paying for the lights outside the boundaries constituted an illegal expenditure. He therefore suggested that a Grant In Aid could be provided to a non-profit society for the purposes of paying for the 10 lights outside the service area.

The Quadra Island Safety Council was approached to take over the responsibility for the 10 streetlights. After many months of effort from all involved the Safety Council withdrew from the process in January 2001. The reason for their withdrawal was the requirement from B.C. Hydro for a 25-year contractual agreement which they could not enter into.

At its December 2001 meeting, the Regional District Board approved funding for costs incurred in 2001 for those streetlights outside the service area boundaries. The Board also asked the Area J Director to return to the February 2002 meeting of the Committee of the Whole with a proposed solution. This means the entire Regional District was paying for an Area J expense and this was greatly appreciated.

Staff attended the January 22, 2002 meeting of the Area J APC and at that time presented the situation and some options to its members. After some discussion the APC put forward an additional option. Their alternative was to create a new service area encompassing the surrounding properties and generate the necessary funds through a parcel tax. In addition, the APC felt that the whole street lighting issue be re-evaluated as part of the LAP (Local Area Plan) development.

The 2002 costs for the 10 streetlights were included in the General Administration proposed budget.

The owners of the effected properties were invited to a meeting on February 8, 2002 to discuss the proposed new service area. Six of nine owners were represented. Regional District staff and the Area Director were present.

There was consensus from the group that the proposal was viable and that retaining the



lights was in the best interests of the community. The property owners wanted assurances that a limit is placed on the parcel tax (max. \$150/parcel for that group of 10 lights) and that they are consulted prior to changes being considered to the overall street lighting issue on Quadra Island.

The group requested that a draft of the establishing bylaw be made available for their review prior to presentation to the Board. Staff advised the group that the service area would need to be established by a petition to all effected property owners and that 2/3 of the properties and 50% of the assessed value was required to pass.

A package of these drafts was distributed to all of the Ereal property, owners and to the manager representing the Estrata title, owners, as per their previous request. These packages were distributed on June 28, 2002 and included a detailed cover letter explaining the process and an invitation to meet with staff after their review of the draft.

In late August staff was advised by a member of the affected group that the owners had met and discussed the documents and that there was a general consensus to reject the draft petition.

In early October staff arranged a meeting with the property owners in an effort to answer any concerns they had with the draft documents, as

at previous meeting there had been an indication of support.

As attendance at this last meeting was minimal and again no consensus was reached, staff advised those concerned that rather than let the issue die in draft, that we would proceed to formal petition with minor amendments to the drafts as reviewed.

Petitions were sent to all property owners on October 16, 2002 with a return date of November 22, 2002. With the requirement for 2/3 of the property owners to consent to the establishment for the services area, 22 petitions were required to proceed. Only 10 were received, therefore the petition failed.

As it appears that all options have been explored with no successful solution found and previous direction from the Board, staff is recommending that notice be given to residents that the 10 streetlights outside the existing service area boundaries will be removed in the near future. (from the ferry up to the school)

So there you have it, folks! The issue in a very large nutshell. I hope to hear from you with your thoughts on a solution to the problem.

Contact me at [abramfam@oberon.ark.com](mailto:abramfam@oberon.ark.com), by fax at 285-3533 or phone at 285-3355...

Jim Abram

Director, Area J, CSRD

## The Auricle By Claire Voyent

I had heard through certain channels that the publishers of the Islander have been looking for someone to do a monthly article on the Paranormal. My dog, Fang Shui, and I aren't exactly normal but we are a pair and I am in touch with the spirits on a nightly basis so we applied and this is the first of our articles to appear in print. They wanted me to list a few of my achievements but anyone can predict the past and I'm not going to give the future away for free. I asked Gordon Campbell for a testimonial but he said that he had already sacrificed both of his to a priestess in Haiti so that he might stay in power longer. Fang sees a cameo for him in an upcoming Sopranos episode. On a more personal note, I am a spiritualist who interprets spirit messages as they are channelled through animals. My partnership with Fang started 4 years ago when I went to the pound looking for an animal to replace, Nostril Damus, my rhinoceros. Fang was far and away the most prophetic looking dog in the pound so I took him home and the rest, as they say, is future. I will start my series in the traditional way by seeing how the new year will unfold for you.

How the year will turn out depends on where you put your money.

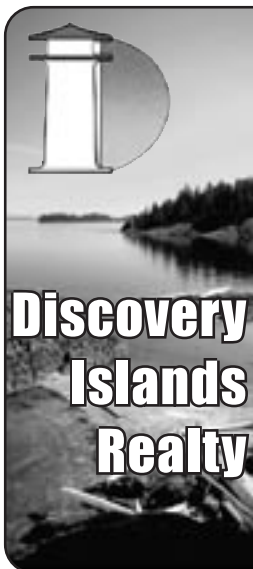
**Credit Union:** You like to think of yourself as community minded, but the truth is that you have just enough savings that a ferry trip to a real bank would eat up all the interest. Because you're too lazy to get a real job, you tell yourself that placing

a higher emphasis on lifestyle than money will pay dividends in your lifetime. WAKE UP. Karma only pays dividends after you're dead. This year is going to be the same as every other year for you. You'll make a few protest signs, you'll complain about people who aren't afraid to make a buck and you'll spend the rest of your time watching The Nature of Things on your 14 inch television.

**Canadian Banks:** You think you're too important to be banking locally. You are an up and comer. You've taken out a seventy year loan to buy a car that can go from 0 to 120 in two seconds even though you live in a place that has only 10 seconds of road. Half of you are going to die this year in a flaming car wreck as you pass somebody on a blind curve while talking to your stock broker on your cell phone. The other half of you will make a bit more money this year. Leave it in the bank. You'll need it while you're recovering from your heart attack.

**Foreign Bank:** This is going to be another good year for you, but then every year has been a good year since you had your conscience surgically extracted. Moving your factory to a country with no environmental laws saved you millions and employing your worker's children in your circus' side show showed compassion.

**What Money:** Being poor is only a good thing if you suddenly become rich later on and can say how being poor was a formative experience. The only plus looming on your horizon is the threat of nuclear war. While being dead isn't much to look forward to at least the rich will be vapourized along with you this time.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 892 of the *Local Government Act*, Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the proposed bylaws:

**Bylaw No. 2475 “Quadra Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 6”**

**Bylaw No. 2476 “Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 62”**

**WILL BE HELD AT:** Quadra Island Community Centre - 970 West Road Quathiaski Cove, BC  
**ON:** Thursday, February 27, 2003

**COMMENCING AT:** 7:00 p.m.

### **Bylaw No. 2475**

The intent and purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 2475 is to amend the Quadra Island Official Community Plan to redesignate a 62.73 hectare (155 acre) property on Heriot Bay Road (Lot 2, Plan 36442, District Lot 122 and 154, Sayward Land District) as shown on the adjacent map, from Rural to Recreation Commercial to allow for golf course use.

### **Bylaw No. 2476**

The intent and purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 2476 is to amend the Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw by rezoning a 62.73 hectare (155 acre) property on Heriot Bay Road (Lot 2, Plan 36442, District Lot 122 and 154, Sayward Land District) as shown on the adjacent map, from Rural-One to Recreation Commercial One to allow for golf course use.

A copy of the proposed Bylaws and related information may be inspected at [www.rdcs.bc.ca](http://www.rdcs.bc.ca) or at the Regional District offices, 600 Comox Rd., Courtenay, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on February 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, and 26, 2003.

At the public hearing all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed bylaws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on matters contained therein. Please note that legal considerations prevent the Regional District from considering any representations made after the close of the public hearing. If you cannot attend the Public Hearing, all written submissions (mailed or electronic) must be received by this office no later than 12:00 p.m., February 26, 2003.

The Directors from Electoral Areas ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’, ‘G’, ‘H’, ‘I’ and ‘J’ are appointed as delegates to the Public Hearing.

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# Lost Leaders

by Steven Halliday

So the federal New Democratic Party has a new leader, Jack Layton, who has no experience in politics beyond the municipal level, albeit in the biggest city in Canada. He handily defeated two party stalwarts who both have impeccable credentials for party leadership, garnering almost 60% of the votes on the first ballot. One need not be a mind reader to figure out what has happened here, as the same thing happened in our last provincial election – people were tired of the status quo and wanted change. One must hope that the NDP fares better with their new leader than the people of BC have with theirs. But in reviewing the present batch of leaders that the people of Earth now follow it becomes increasingly clear that there is a serious shortage of competent leadership. Think of some great leaders in history – Roosevelt, Churchill, Pearson, and Kennedy, to name a few – and compare them to Chretien, Bush and Blair. People want a leader, a real leader, and we get stuffed suits instead.

I've just finished a book about a leader, and I mean a Leader! Captain Robert F. Scott, RN, VCO, perished on or about March 29, 1912 in the frozen wastes of Antarctica, after successfully accomplishing his mission of reaching the South Pole. The book of which I speak is titled "Scott of the Antarctic", and consists mainly of Scott's own journals from the expedition. His words have survived the decades well, and are a testament to someone who put everyone else's welfare ahead of his own. The conditions he and his party encountered were unimaginable during their 800-mile trek, and his concern

for the well being of his men (and dogs...and horses) is well documented. A meticulous planner, he did everything right, and the reason that he and his 4 companions died only 100 miles short of their base camp was the capriciousness of nature. He suffered numerous disappointments, but his concern for his men never flagged. In fact, the last words he wrote, half starved and literally freezing to death, were "For God's sake look after our people". Whether he meant the families of the dead men or the rest of his crew is unknown, but the words make a fitting epitaph. Even though he knew he was dying, he wrote farewell letters to the widows of the men who had died with him, explaining the circumstances of their death and praising the men, even when some praise was unwarranted. His journals reflect his belief that everything else was secondary to the needs of the people for whom he was responsible, and that is the defining quality that makes someone a leader. Any of his men would have followed him anywhere, as the stories told by the expedition's survivors testify. He was a well-educated man, and had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge – a true renaissance man. By the way, I highly recommend the book.

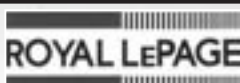
I recently read of another great man who never really was a leader, but he did provide leadership in many ways. Benjamin Franklin started out life as a humble printer, but one with an insatiable curiosity about everything around him. In addition to being an excellent printer he also had a hand in designing "stoves, chimneys, gutters, streetlights and school curricula". His experiments with a kite in a lightning storm laid the basis for

the electricity we now thoughtlessly enjoy. In his spare time he wrote a document called "Plan of Union", which became the antecedent for the Articles of Confederation and the Declaration of Independence. And he was a diplomat, serving in both London and Paris. He published Poor Richards Almanac, Richard being his alter ego. He is also largely responsible for the shape of the US government, although he would surely not be pleased at today's state of government. He wrote "*Government is not establish'd merely by Power, there must be maintain'd a general Opinion of its Wisdom and Justice, to make it firm and durable.*" He unsuccessfully campaigned to have annual elections, so as to avoid "making our Posts of Honour Places of Profit." One biographer summed up his skill at leadership – "*his speciality was listening and then making the right suggestions to the right people at the right time.*" That is the best description of leadership I have ever read. And in my mind the best testament to the quality embodied by Franklin was his famous statement "*there never was a good war or a bad peace*", which rings true 230 years hence.

Leaders are not born, they are made. But these were self-made men who were great leaders, albeit of differing types. The world could certainly benefit if leaders such as these were more evident today, but the 21st century does not appear to be producing people with the qualities necessary to be great leaders. This is a shame, because the world is crying out for leadership today, and we suffer under "leaders" who are only capable of pretending at leadership, not providing it.



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# Island Report

## RCMP Meets with Cortes Islanders

with dispatches from Karen Perras

The night of Thursday January 23 approximately 85 people turned out to Manson's hall to meet with community leaders, and representatives of the R.C.M.P. Present for the RCMP were Rick Betker - District Officer, Tom Grey - Staff Sergeant, Dennis O'Gorman - Corporal Quadra Island detachment.

Staff Sergeant Tom Grey opened the proceedings by recapping the reasons for calling the meeting. "We came tonight to try to answer some questions and talk about the issues that we (the RCMP) see as problems" he began. "We have received numerous complaints from the from the public regarding the lack of service provided and that a stronger police presence is needed on Cortes Island" Grey continued. "So, I began to supervise the activities of Quadra Island (RCMP detachment). Due to an increase in workload, heavy call burden and increase in letters from the public we looked at demographics and environmental scanning. When Dennis started here one and a half years ago one of his first responsibilities was to develop a plan for the next 5 years. He did that with a certain amount of consultation from the community by looking at the number of people that travel on the ferries, number of tourists etc... Parallel to this we continued our effort in looking for a fourth (RCMP) member - that will probably happen this spring". Grey

summarized the RCMP's activities on Cortes Island by characterizing most of the callouts they receive as "disturbances at the park and breaches of the peace". He went on to clarify that many of the calls are not usually responded to because the RCMP would have to come from Quadra Island.

With regard to the main issues the RCMP have on Cortes Island Grey listed: driving vehicles with no license, no insurance and no seat belts as the main offenses. "This is a big concern for us and is of high priority. Wearing a seatbelt is the number one thing that will reduce injury and death on the roads" he said. "There are also in some cases defective vehicles which are huge safety issues". Recent activities that the RCMP have undertaken include visiting Cortes 2 days per week last summer, looking at marijuana production on all the islands and dedicating resources to "a lot more helicopter flight time". Grey said "that helped us understand that there is a lot of activity going on in the bush. As a result we sent members over to Cortes Island for twenty extra trips". But the increased police presence hasn't been entirely well received "we heard loud and clear from a portion of the community that they didn't appreciate that approach and we recognized that there were some things we could probably do a little bit better" Staff Sergeant Grey said.

Continuing his summary of RCMP involvement on Cortes Island Grey stated "What we had asked our members to do was to go to the community, meet with the public and engage the people. We also did roadchecks in which 55 traffic tickets were issued along with 47 written warnings. While our people were here we also eradicated 8 marijuana sites and did quite a bit of follow up on previous situations. We felt it was really well used time on Cortes Island. The number of complaints (from disturbances at) Smelt Bay were greatly reduced, drunk driving was down and no motor vehicle accidents were reported last summer".

After Staff Sergeant Tom Grey's introduction the discussion was then opened to the public. One of the first to comment was Kathy Cambridge who said "A number of years ago the Quadra RCMP detachment came across to Cortes Island and solicited members of our community to sit on the 'Safety Council'. This community was not asked if wanted a Safety Council and even if it did then the process that should happen is that an election should take place and the community could chose the people it wants to represent them".

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### NOTICE OF 2003 REGIONAL DISTRICT MEETINGS REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2003 - 2007 FINANCIAL PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the public is invited to attend the following meetings:

DATE	COMMITTEE/COMMISSION	TIME	LOCATION
Mon. February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Committee of the Whole	10:00 a.m.	Comox Valley Curling Club (in the upstairs Banquet Room) 4835 Headquarters Road, Courtenay, B.C.
Tues. February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Joint meeting of the Community Planning and Community Services Committees	10:00 a.m.	Comox Valley Curling Club (in the upstairs Banquet Room) 4835 Headquarters Road, Courtenay, B.C.

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The mention of the Safety Council obviously struck a resonant chord among the assembled members of the public and many others expressed their concerns in regards to the Safety Council. One woman voiced her concerns about the Safety Council being an un-elected body. She felt that there is a danger that they are "Not representing the island only themselves and in choosing certain people it creates a low level of trust for the RCMP".

Staff Sergeant Tom Grey responded to the issue of the Safety Council saying as far as electing a public safety committee goes "there are no elections anywhere for this. If the community wants to hold an election and establish a new Safety Committee we will meet with that committee and others as well. But at the end of the day they (the Safety Council) have no vote on police work or how we will enforce". Some members of the audience came forward saying that the RCMP had asked them to be on the Safety Council.

One Smelt Bay resident said he has nothing but respect for the RCMP. "The idea that we can police ourselves is bullshit! The grow-ops are big, that's why the people don't want the RCMP here, people are in denial" he said.

The subject of marijuana eradication tactics turned out to also be a sensitive issue for Cortes Islanders. A local woman spoke to the matter saying "Every fall helicopters fly over our house, we are doing nothing illegal and yet we are targeted and I am sick of it.

Every fall I file a complaint and the next year the same thing happens".

Several other Islanders voiced strong concerns over the use of helicopters. Someone said "Helicopters are public safety concerns. Our children and animals are scared".

George Sirk the Regional Director for Cortes Island summarized his views on the presence of low flying aircraft saying "I have a 25 year paper trail on helicopters. This is a huge safety issue. They must not fly over our homes. I have a driveway and have invited them and will continue to invite them to use my driveway. I plead with you, these people are talking about their homes. I've said enough and heard enough. This must stop".

Tom Grey replied on the issue of helicopter flights "From our federal point of view they are flying at 1000 feet. We spent 3-4 days of military (helicopter) time to go in and do eradication of grow-ops. about 75-100 hours maximum. They do mapping and use GPS to go to sites. We are using a national objective approach. If there is a policing issue the helicopters have a legal right to fly as low as 300 feet".

Another issue with Cortes Islanders commenting on the RCMP presence on Cortes is that of roadblocks. In raising the matter a woman said in her opinion "The roadblocks are an intimidating and aggressive way of getting to know the community. There is an over abundance of policing in relation to the population (on Cortes)".

Cortes Islander Allen Todd said "We as a community need to work with the police to change the image of the RCMP as the bogey-man to our children. We must work together". Another gentleman added "I am pleased when police come over. I feel the off-island influence is a large part of the problem". As the meeting drew to a close Kathy Cambridge summed up her thoughts "I feel the police presence needs to be in proportion with the population. I would also like to see statistics on a regular basis from the RCMP".

As Islanders and RCMP wound down Rick Becker - RCMP District Officer for Vancouver Island and Outer Islands announced to the gathering "I am giving you a phone number for my direct line - 250-334-5961. If you have issues or concerns phone me. You pay for me, it's my job to listen. I work for you. I will help you. I recognize there needs to be different policing in Campbell River than on Cortes Island. You need to form a Safety Committee on your own. I will be here personally when you want me". Rick Betker can be reached by mail at 130B-19th St. Courtenay, BC V9N 8S1

# Quadra Island Population Myth

## Myth:

The population of Quadra Island was 3500 and is closer to 4000.

## Facts:

**2001 population census -**

Quadra Island (less Cape Mudge)	2344
Cape Mudge	180
Total Quadra Island	2524
Surrounding Islands in inlet	204
<b>Total Comox-Strathcona J</b>	<b>2548</b>
(less Reserves)	

Cortes Island (less Native Reserve) 938

Up to 1996 Quadra Island was classified as Comox-Strathcona A and the population for that area was 3556. What Quadra Islanders didn't know is that this number included the population of Cortes, Read, Sonora, Thurlow, Redonda etc. and Bute Inlet. Whenever looking at Municipal population figures, it is also important to remember that Reserves are not included yet in Regional statistics Reserves are included.

So using 1996 boundaries for a comparison, the population of Comox-Strathcona A decreased by 70 people in 2001. A closer look reveals that the population of Quadra and surrounding Islands decreased in population by 123 while Cortes Island increased by 53 people in 2001. (Please remember that these numbers do not include Reserves.)

2001 Census Canada changed the boundaries to have more, smaller areas for calculations. It was this change that marked a substantial difference and flagged attention to the discrepancy. Now the facts are out.

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Type in the name of the place of choice and click on search. Be sure to follow through by checking the map for details. I had to call Census Custom Services (604) 666-3694 to extrapolate the population for just Quadra Island.

Jill Brocklehurst

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# Islanders March for Peace

by Tanya Storr

A large crowd of Discovery Islanders took part in a Day of International Action for Peace on Saturday January 18. Waving signs and carrying banners, a throng of approximately 200 people marched and held a vigil in Quathiaski Cove. The marchers then rode the ferry to Campbell River, where they met up with more demonstrators to continue the action for peace.

People of all ages, from tots to seniors, joined in the march. Some were dressed in costumes and many held placards with messages such as "I Am Canadian-For Peace" and "Kick the War Habit-It's Killing Us".

Quadra resident Maureen McArdell noted that the wide variety of signs reflected the diversity of people at the event and "how they came together over something that really matters."

She added that on the Saturday before the march the main hall of Quadra Community Centre was filled with people creating placards and banners.

As the crowd gathered outside Aroma Café on the morning of the demonstration, some people played drums while others made last minute adjustments to their costumes.

Maureen Brockman from Owen Bay, Sonora Island, had shared a boat ride to Quadra with seven other people to attend the march.

"I wanted to take part because I think what's happening is outrageous," she said. "War is a form of terrorism."

Quadra resident Carol Woolsey was dressed as an Iraqi woman carrying a baby. She pointed out that since the Gulf War the infant mortality rate in Iraq has become one of the highest in the world.



Peace marchers head down Harper Road.

by Tanya Storr

"I came today because I think it's important that the world speak out," she stated.

At 11:30 the demonstrators began marching down Harper Road, chanting "What do we want? *Peace!* When do we want it? *Now!*" A contingent of cyclists made up the rear of the procession.

Bill Horwood from Quadra said he hoped that the demonstrations for peace held in many countries that day would influence world leaders.

"The War on Terrorism is a euphemism for global policing," he asserted. "I think Canada should resist being a lapdog to the U.S."

Many people from Cortes, including several children and teens, had come over to join in the action for peace. Karen Perras reported that there was standing room only upstairs on the ferry.

"The feeling of unity that brought people together was really special," Karen observed.

Frances Woodcock from Cortes attended the event with her two daughters, ages 14 and 6. Frances said she believes a shift in consciousness is needed to change humanity's pattern of responding to violence with violence.

"We need to shift out of our normal reactions. Violence is not getting us anywhere. When we wage war, we're waging it on children, parents, and old people," she stated.

Frances said she believes the greatest challenge of our times is choosing between "going along with corporate culture versus living in cooperation with our ecosystems and the rest of humanity."

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TFL Forest Ltd. (TimberWest) would like to amend the portion of Tree Farm Licence 47 on Quadra Island to Pest Management Plan (PMP) #103-361 00/05, the existing Johnstone Strait PMP. The proposal is to include the area in operating zone four (manual vegetation management only) and to permit the use of deer repellents.

TimberWest requires a PMP on Quadra Island to manage both forest vegetation and deer browse. Quadra will only have manual methods of vegetation management. Deer repellents, Plantskydd in particular, have been used previously but under a research permit. Plantskydd is now a federally registered pesticide and may only be used under the appropriate permit or plan.

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If you are a resident or other individual or group with an interest in the management of forest vegetation and browsing on Quadra Island please contact Colin Buss, RPF, Assistant Forester, at TimberWest, Johnstone Strait Operation: 250-286-7328 email: [bussc@timberwest.com](mailto:bussc@timberwest.com) The amendment and the entire Pest Management Plan and maps may be viewed during business hours at TimberWest's Middlepoint office, 5705 North Island Highway, up until Friday, February 28th.

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## Peace March Continued...

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Quadra residents Mel, Rene, and Harry Archibald said they made signs and came to the peace march because they felt it was very important.

"It helps to get rid of your inner tension," said Rene. "I marvel at the people here who are elderly and have difficulty walking. It's nice to see all the kids too."

Rosemary and Mitch Lukinuk said it was the first time they had attended a peace rally.

"It's time everybody got off their butts. Just one more person makes a difference," Rosemary stated.

Carrying a sign proclaiming "Carter's Peanuts are a Lot More Palatable than Bush's Bombs", Dan Bingham said there "is no more room for war on this planet."

John Cleasby, also from Quadra, was wearing a caftan and a gas mask. His poster read "Depleted Uranium-All Humanity is Downwind".

John said he was demonstrating because he finds the current tensions between the U.S. and Iraq very frustrating to watch.

"The U.S. is employing bully tactics and greed, and at the heart of it there's no basic regard for human life. It's unjust and criminal and I feel it's important to make a statement about it. There is so much opposition to Bush's policies worldwide, and we could turn the tide if people wake up and speak out," he said.

Carol Foort voiced her hope that concentrating on peace will help to dissipate the negative energy of war.

"Getting a group of people together like this is very inspiring and uplifting, and I think that's what the world needs right now," she said.

After marching round the Quadra Foods parking lot a number of times, the demonstrators formed a large circle on the lawn behind Quadra Credit Union. Accompanied by drummers, they sang songs such as "Give Peace a Chance".

Organizer Steve Moore addressed the crowd, expressing his appreciation for the large turnout.

"There are 200 people here and more are going to meet us in Campbell River. This is a great demonstration of support for peace," he told the assembly.

The peace marchers went to Campbell River on the 1 p.m. ferry, where they continued to demonstrate and held speeches at the longhouse in Foreshore Park.

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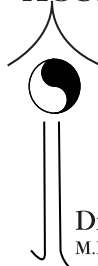
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