

Discovery Islander

Community News and Events from Quadra, Cortes and the Outer Islands

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APRIL 11TH, 2003
FREE**

Gateway Café Opens Doors

**South Quadra Fire Protection District
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, 2003

May 07, 7:30 p.m.

#1 Fire Hall, 844 Heriot Bay Road

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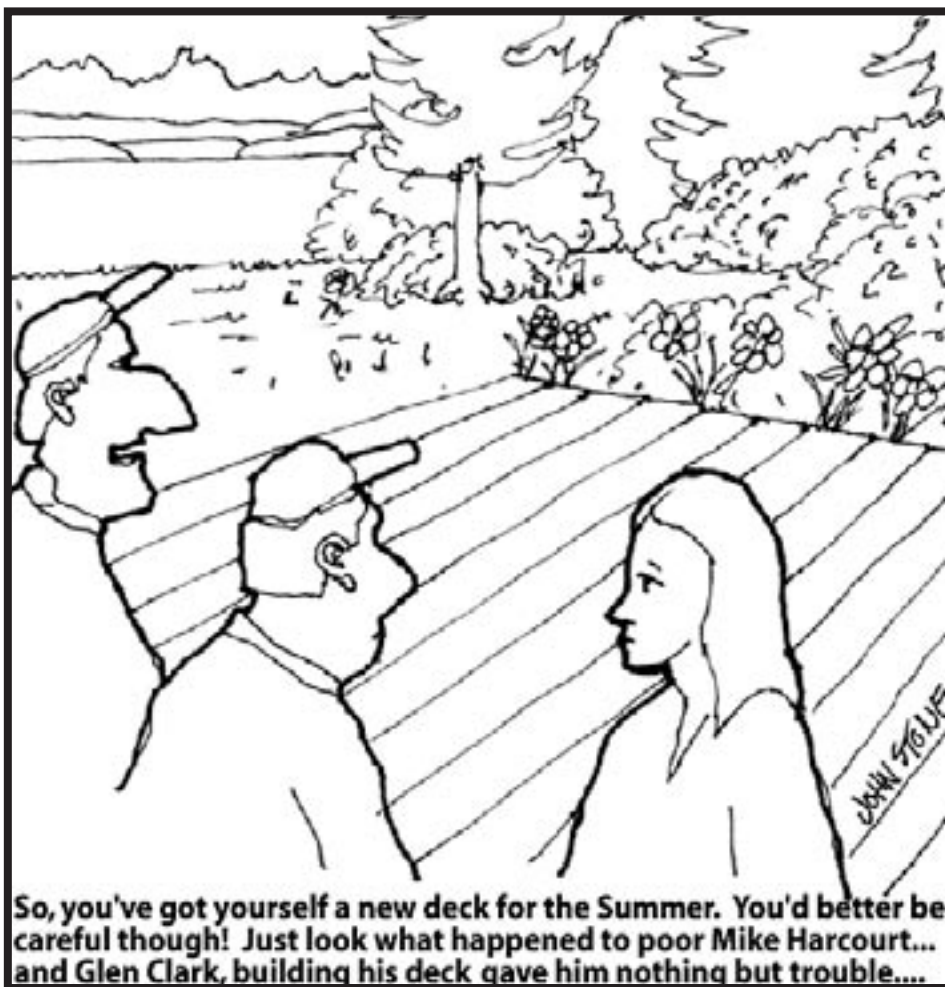
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May 5th

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REGIONAL DISTRICT

Comox-Strathcona

NOTICE OF REGIONAL DISTRICT MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona invites the public to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting to be held on:

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

at the RDSC Board Room, 550
Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C.

commencing at 9:00 a.m.

For the presentation of the following reports, pursuant to Section 329 of the Local Government Act: the Year 2002 audited Financial Statements, and the Year 2002 report of Director remuneration and expenses

A copy of these reports is available for public inspection at the RDSC office located at 600 Comox Road, Courtenay, BC

Any questions or inquiries regarding this meeting should be directed to:

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- Please remember to caption & credit photos and artwork. Don't write on the back of photos.

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
7 pm. Monday, May 5th



Island Calendar

- **Every Monday-** Positive Living Support Group 7:30 pm 285-3224
- **Every Tuesday-** Juggle Club, Community Centre 4-6pm
- **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
-Dance to Duffy & Friends 8pm-12am Legion (members & guests)
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday**-Food Bank 1-2:30 Community Centre
- **Every Friday** - Peace Vigil 3:30pm Q.Cove Ferry
- **Every Saturday**- Roast Night Heriot Bay Inn Dining Room
-Meat Draw 5-6:30 pm Quadra Legion (members & guests welcome)
- **Every Sunday** - Buddhist Meditation Inner Garden 10 am

April 25, Friday

-Live Music with BIG STUFF
8:30pm free local taxi home

Heriot Bay Inn Pub

April 26, Saturday

-Quadra Singers Spring Concert
8:00pm

Community Centre

April 27, Sunday

-6th Annual Beach Clean-Up
10am-4pm

Rebecca Spit

-Quadra Childrens Centre AGM
5:30 pm potluck dinner, 7:00 pm agm

Childrens Centre

April 28, Monday

-Chamber of Commerce AGM
7pm

Community Centre

May 1, Thursday

-Island Alpine book launch
3-6pm

Explore Gallery

May 3, Saturday

-Farmers' Market
10 am - 2 pm

Credit Union

May 6, Tuesday

-Ken Wilber: The Path to Enlightenment
7:30pm

Inner Garden

May 18, Sunday

-Geshe YonDong on "Mala's Mantras"
10 am

Inner Garden

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.



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Girl Guides

Girl Guides (for girls in grades 4 to 6) will be starting in September. We need more leaders to make it happen - experience is not required. Call Sue 285-2512 or Sandy 285-2058

SPCA Penny Drive

Daphne Young is asking for Quadra Islanders to shake out those penny jars for needy animals under the care of the SPCA. Pennies (and other coins!) may be dropped off at the Discovery Islander office at 701 Cape Mudge Rd. If you can roll them all the better but loose is fine too. Thanks

Quadra Island Farmers Market

Our Farmers Market is held rain or shine from the beginning of May to the end of September, **every Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm behind the Credit Union.**

Vendors must be from Quadra or the outer islands. Setup charge is \$4 for adults and \$1 for kids. Bring your own table. Dancers, jugglers, musicians etc. are very welcome - this is our village green! Please have dogs on leashes. Note that **the Credit Union parking lot is for their customers only!** Farmers Market parking space is on Green Rd. Come join us to make the Market the best it can be. Information: Dalyce 285-3180, Pauline 285-2076, Linda 285-3952

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News & Events

Seeking Board Members

Quadra Childrens Centre is looking for new recruits to join their board of directors for the coming year. If you have the time and motivation to participate on an active and vital board contact Dee Conley at the Centre 285-3511.

Garage Sale Drop-Off

The Quadra Childrens Centre will be holding its annual Garage Sale on May 10th. Donated items may be dropped off at the Centre on West Rd. at any time. Please only items that have some saleable value.

Canada Day Planning.

Planning for the 2nd Annual Canada Day Celebration has begun in earnest by the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce. We would like to remind entertainers that if they want to be part of the celebration, to keep July 1 open and make their interest known. Planning meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at the Yak Shak @ 7:15pm and performers and volunteers are welcome to come and lend a hand.

Quilt Batts Wanted

Do you want to get together with a small group of friendly quilters who like to laugh?

Can you play (gather) in the evening on a regular basis?

Are you interested in fabric swaps, round robin projects, making quilts together, and having fun? Perhaps you are a charter member of the Quilt Batts!

If this sounds like fun, contact Cory at 3588, or leave your name at the Color Wheel.

May Day Dance Committee

Is Looking for Volunteers

This year the Dance Committee is bringing the **Jeremy Walsh Band** for the May Day dance. With a sound described as "uniquely Canadian", the band fuses African, Irish, Scottish, Gypsy, French Canadian and a bit of Newfie twang for a sound that will keep listeners moving on the dance floor all night long. We are looking for volunteers to come and help out, sooo come to the meeting Monday, April 14th at the Quadra Island Community Centre, 10am or call Sunday Dennis, 285-2633.

Watercolour Retreat

Learn to draw and paint with watercolours in two of the most spectacular settings on the west coast. During May, June and July, Cortes Island artist Dianne Bersea is offering workshops that empower beginners and refresh more experienced artists. At Hollyhock on Cortes, participants have a choice between a month long work/study that includes a T'ai Chi component with Gary Cork, and shorter sessions that can be taken back to back. Through the Coast Cultural Alliance's Artesia Tours, Malibu Club in Princess Louisa Inlet provides the backdrop for a 3 1/2 day workshop extravaganza including a 3 hour cruise in and out on the Malibu Princess.

Dianne has recently returned from an exploratory trip to the sunshine coast to meet the Malibu facilitators. "This coast is incredible! The scenery is beyond compare and to be an artist among so many creative companions is a dream come true. For Malibu they include a writer, dancer, filmmakers, painters and yoga instructors. We all love sharing the joy of artistic and soul expression in such an artistic setting." Dianne includes watercolour painting, illustration, exhibit design, cartooning and sketching among her accomplishments. She is also an elected member of the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour. For information visit Dianne at: www.islemuse.com or call 250-935-6719.

Preschool AGM

Quadra Island Preschool is holding its AGM on May 5, 2003 - 7pm at the Preschool, 1478 Hyacinthe Bay Rd. If you are thinking about enrolling your child in the preschool in September please attend this meeting. The preschool is looking for board members for next year's Board of Directors. Quadra Island Preschool is a place for children 2yr 8mos to 5years to meet play and learn together. For more information please call Cheryl Jordan at 285-3689 or Cindy Bukach at 285-2307.

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for renovations from the 20th of April until May the 2nd as Marnie will be going to her new business venture (starting up a book store on Cortez) and Linda and Stacy will be reopening the Colour Wheel as a combined book store and fabric store and so will be carrying a second hand book section as well as new books and hope to continue with the fine selection of books that marnie is so well known for watch for our grand reopening in May . the 20% sale will be carried over until the closing day for books as well as fabric.

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www.quadraisland.ca/qcc

Peace Vigil Continues....

The US is now threatening Syria. Iran is next. So we have decided to continue the Peace Vigil. We are hoping and praying that US troops will leave Iraq and Afghanistan soon. As long as they are there threatening other countries, the war is still on. Let's not forget 7,500 US troops are still in Afghanistan carrying out combat operations. We can expect the same in Iraq. Peace now.

US troops out of Iraq. 3:30 p.m. every Friday at Q.Cove Ferry, call Steve for more info 285-3323

Quara School Of Philosophy

"Ken Wilber: The Path to Enlightenment" is the topic of the next talk at the Quadra School of Philosophy. Ken Wilber is the western world's most famous philosopher. He has created a philosophy and way of life integrating science, psychology, philosophy and spiritual wisdom. Ken's goal for all is complete and total moment to moment contented bliss. Come check out his method. Steve Moore presents at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6th at the Inner Garden. Call 285-3323 for more info.

Mala's And Mantras

Geshe YongDong, a Tibetan Monk, will talk on "Mala's and Mantras" on Sunday, May 18th. He will be dealing with three Mantras: the compassion Mantra, the Wisdom Mantra and the healing Mantra. Geshe will give both instruction and direct transmission. If you have a Mala, Geshe YongDong will bless it if you like, thereby empowering your practice. Mantra practice is key to an ongoing life of meditation. Come learn the method from a wonderful, skillful teacher. 10 a.m., Sunday, May 18th, Inner Garden, \$10 suggested donation, Call Danielle or Steve for more information: 285-3323



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Senior Housing AGM

Please be advised that the Quadra Island Senior Housing Society will hold its 2003 Annual General Meeting at the Community Centre (upstairs in Room 3 South Side entrance) on Tuesday April 29th at 7.00 p.m.

The President looks forward to seeing as many of you as are able to attend when he will speak on the status of the society, the progress in fund raising, and a review of our application for a Federal/Provincial grant under the Infrastructure funding program.

Cliff Hand

Artists Wanted

Over the years, April Point Resort and Marina has exhibited local art throughout our property giving our guests an elevated sense of their surroundings here on beautiful Quadra Island. At last count, there are at least 127 resident artists on the island. We at "The Point" would like to continue to promote our local culture by inviting artists to exhibit their art "for sale" here at the lodge for the 2003 season, creating a gallery unlike any other. In 2002 we sold over \$20,000 dollars worth of art, with no commission! April Point Resort and Marina will be opening on May 16. Interested artists can contact Joel at 285-2222 to discuss this great opportunity of promoting the great artists of Quadra Island to our international clientele.

High Speed Internet

While news that Telus may bring Quadra Islanders ADSL internet access as early as June is welcome, proponents of high speed internet access see this as a temporary solution to our island's long-term connectivity needs. With the future in mind, work still goes ahead in researching broadband options specifically establishing a fibre-optic cable network across Quadra Island. Fibre-optic is many times faster than ADSL and will prepare our community for internet services for decades to come.

Parallel to this local effort, Community Futures are engaged in a broadband initiative and are pursuing funds from Industry Canada to develop a plan to bring high-speed internet to outlying areas of the Comox-Strathcona Regional District. At the current stage of their project Community Futures are consulting with community groups to ascertain what level of demand exists for broadband internet access.

Letters of support are requested and may be sent to Sharon Bennett, CFDC of Strathcona Suite 201M, 2435 Mansfield Drive Courtenay, BC Canada V9N 2M2 (250) 334-2427 phone (250) 338-4452 fax

Chamber of Commerce AGM April 28th

All members are cordially invited to attend the **annual general meeting of the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce on Monday, April 28th, 7:00 pm at the Quadra Community Centre.**

The Chamber of Commerce has been busy in the last twelve months following a number of issues and initiatives. The Chamber has been active in discussions to bring high-speed internet to the islands, assisting with an artists and studio tour, applying for a grant to develop a more permanent and informative welcoming centre for visitors and of course planning for the second annual Canada Day celebration among others.

The Chamber needs energetic participation and voting hands. Please attend if you wish to see this valuable Island initiative succeed and continue.

Any May Day Ideas?

May Day preparations are in full swing. If you have great ideas for new activities or any other thoughts, please get in contact.

The theme. What should it be this year? What will spark imaginations and result in exotic, colourful creative floats and costumes? In the past we have had: Islands of the world, Circus, South American Carnivale, Millenium Mardi Gras, Centennial, "Myths, Fantasies and Fairytales", "Spirit of Nature: a Celebration of Life", Medieval Times, Under the Sea, International Rhythm and Dance, Old West, Sweet Dreams, Visitors from Outer Space....

So far, community spirit is off and running with Heriot Bay Store co-managers, Nick Rose and Sherry McTavish offering to organize the concession using store resources! Barrie Calverley is scheduling may pole dancing rehearsals. Sunday Dennis has booked a great band, "Jeremy Walsh" which is, get this: Afro-Celtic.

If you are interested in getting involved, please phone the QCC at 285 3243, Monday-Fridays, or come to the Community Kitchen, Wednesdays at noon to check in with what's happening. -Sandy Spearing.

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Singers Spring Concert



At 8 p.m. Saturday April 26 the Quadra Community Centre will ring out in song. Under the direction of the proficient John Montgomery, and with piano accompaniment by the talented Mary-Ellen Wilkins, Quadra Singers presents their Spring Concert. This Spring will find us performing a wide variety of songs; ranging from lively show tunes, to jazz, folk, and pop. It will be a sparkling mix of sunny spring songs (just what the doctor ordered for these dreary winter-spring days).

As a special treat we will be presenting the exquisite music of our accomplished local pianists Helen Moats and Mary-Ellen Wilkins, and Laurie North will grace our stage with her storytelling.

It has been 25 years since the first time a group of Quadra people who love to sing got together. Some of those people are still here singing. Some people are singing as a part of Quadra singers for the first time

We are an all women's choir this season. Most of our regular male choir members had pressing business that prevented them from coming out this spring. So enjoy the women's choir while it is here. We are eagerly awaiting the return of our rich male accompaniment in the fall; and to welcoming new men and women who love to sing (from age 14 to 114). See you there!

P.S. you may see choir members out selling raffle tickets to support Quadra singers. We are a non profit Society and this is one of our major fundraisers. We need it to keep costs down so that our fees are affordable. We greatly appreciate your support. Hope to see you April 26, rain or shine, it will brighten your day!

Mud Bay Jugglers

The Mud Bay Jugglers will be performing their exciting act "Master's Of Levity" on Saturday, May 3rd at the Quadra Island Community Center. The Quadra Island Recreation Cultural Events and the Quadra Island International Juggling Festival are presenting this unique blend of dancing, juggling, drama, and music as a highlight event of the three-day festival. The evening show will also feature a variety of other jugglers from the festival performing shorter opening acts. It promises to be an entertaining evening for everyone.

With an act specifically tailored for a theatre setting, the Mud Bay Jugglers are far more than simply a troupe of jugglers. The performers' backgrounds range from mime and ballroom dance, to clinical psychology and commercial aviation. The common thread for the Mud Bay Jugglers is music. Music dominates the performances and directs the juggling and dancing through careful choreography. No verbal communication takes place—not with the audience and not between the individual jugglers. Precise timing and counting hold the act together, while mime-like movements and gestures keep the crowd involved with the story and the comedy.

Master's Of Levity begins with the three jugglers appearing on-stage separately before merging into a single rotating line. The performers then work their way through several Mud Bay Jugglers' signature routines, including the comedic 'Slow Motion' and the elaborately structured 'Bembe'. Weather permitting an encore will be performed outside (bring your coats) which introduces the hypnotic element of fire to the already complex juggling patterns followed by fire juggling by other festival jugglers.

Based out of Olympia, Washington, the Mud Bay Jugglers have been juggling together for more than twenty years. Their polished act comes from numerous performances at fairs and festivals, and a U.S. campus tour during the late eighties. The three members involved with Master

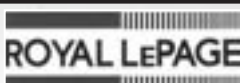


Of Levity— Doug Martin, Alan Fitzthum, and Harry Levine— share equal creative input in developing and presenting the show. No Mud Bay performance is under the control of an individual director and this freedom allows the act to evolve as the actors see fit.

The Quadra Island International Juggling Festival will be held between May 2nd, May 3rd, and May 4th at the Quadra Island Community Center. The Mud Bay Jugglers performance takes place Saturday May 3rd at 8:00 p.m., doors open at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available in Campbell River at Page Eleven books and on Quadra Island at Quadra Crafts and Hummingbird Office Supply. Evening performance individual tickets are \$12.00 and family tickets (parents and dependant children) are \$30.00. Some tickets will be available at the door.



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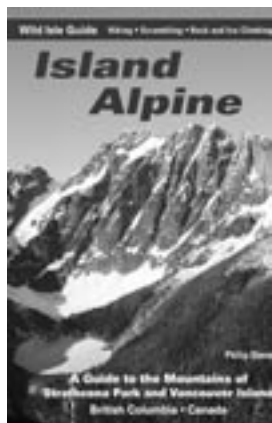
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Veil Of Secrecy Lifted Off The Vancouver Island Mountains

Hikers and mountaineers across the islands are heralding the arrival of the first definitive guidebook to the mountains of Strathcona Park and Vancouver Island. 'Island Alpine' is the work of Quadra Island-based publisher and mountaineer Philip Stone. After 15 years of 'research' and 10 months of production Island Alpine lifts the veil off the long hidden and elusive Vancouver Island backcountry and gives outdoor enthusiasts all the reasons they could ever need to head for the hills.



In 488 pages Stone describes the hiking and climbing routes on some 275 Vancouver Island mountains. The scope of this guide is as vast as the mountainous country it details.

The jagged mountain backbone of the Vancouver Island Ranges runs uninterrupted 350 kilometres from the Cowichan valley to Quatsino Sound. In the heart of the Island within Strathcona Provincial Park the peaks soar to over 7,000 feet attracting climbers to scale their summits and hikers to wander the ridges and valleys that weave in between.

Clear, well-chosen photographs (there are over 550 of them!) illustrate both the hiking routes and the technical climbing routes established in the Island mountains in over a century of surveying and exploration, and the many millennia of inhabitation and travel by First Nations people. The lore of early pioneers and the exploits of both world renowned alpinists and local aficionados mix to complete this book as not only a guide for future exploration but as a historical record of a rich and colourful mountaineering history.

Island Alpine will be launched at Explore Gallery on Thursday May 1st from 3-6pm stop in and meet the author and purchase your copy of this long awaited book.

For more information about island Alpine and to view future updates log on and bookmark www.wildisle.ca/islandalpine

Quadra Island Legion Branch #154

Ladies Auxiliary Annual Plant Sale and Bake Table, Saturday, May 10th from 10am to 2pm.

Any donations of plants are more than welcome. Please drop off at the Legion Hall the day before sale or call Shirley @ 285-2757 or Donna @ 285-2446 for pick-up.

Beach Clean-up Reminder

Just a reminder that the 6th annual Sierra Club beach clean-up will take place on Sunday, April 27. Our headquarters at Rebecca Spit will be open from 10 am to 4 pm with food and fun from 1 pm.. Garbage should be delivered by 4 pm to Rebecca Spit or by 3 pm to one of our designated pickup spots.

The following guidelines should be followed. Firstly think about safety. Wear good shoes and gloves. If you find anything hazardous, just note the location, leave it there undisturbed and report it to the clean-up headquarters. We will pass the information on to the appropriate authorities. An example of a common hazardous object found on our beaches is a used search and rescue flare. These flare casings are made of aluminum and are about 70 cm long and 10 cm in diameter. They may contain unspent chemicals and should be dealt with in the above noted manner.

Another precaution is to avoid lifting heavy objects. I know it is a challenge to get that huge tire and rim off the beach but don't attempt to move anything too heavy or awkward.

As we have done in previous years we will be recycling some of the collected garbage. Recyclable items include glass containers, all drink containers, any metal object and **very clean** plastics. If possible, carry an extra bag to collect such items.

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Jazz Nights at the Heriot Bay Inn start this Sunday, April 27, and will be held on the last Sunday of each month from now on in the smoke-free pub. Annie Siegel, jazz pianist / vocalist described as "strong and sensual" by the Province newspaper, will be coming up from Denman Island to entertain us and lead the jazz with the aid of percussion by Greg Hill and James Lithgow on bass. Some Sundays there will be guest performers on saxes and other instruments dropping in. The joint will jumping on jazz Sundays at the HBI! The food will be hot too, with extra special dinners as well as the full pub menu available. Hope to see lots of jazz lovers there, so we can keep the music growing on the island! 285-3322.

Design Wanted

For a new cenotaph on the Legion grounds. While the efforts of those who erected our present cenotaph are very much appreciated and respected, it is felt the time has come to have a cenotaph that is more aesthetically pleasing and functional.

With a cenotaph being for the community as a whole we now ask you, the community, for your design and/or construction suggestions. Three points to consider are:

- 1) to incorporate the existing cenotaph into the design;
- 2) provide a wide (concrete?) base for the comfort of duty sentries on Remembrance Day;
- 3) keep costs as reasonable as possible.

Please submit designs and/or suggestions to: Cenotaph Committee, c/o Quadra Island Br. #154, R.C.L. PO Box 129 Heriot Bay, B.C. V0P 1H0

or contact Don McDonald (285-2258) or Bill Nutting (285-3394). The deadline for sub,missions is May 31/03. It is expected that a design decision will be made at the Legion's June general meeting. Thank you.

Suspicious Fire

Quadra Island RCMP are requesting public assistance in solving a suspicious vehicle fire that occurred on Cortes Island. On Sunday April 13th at approximately 1:15 am the Cortes Island Fire Dept. responded to a vehicle fire on Sutil Point Rd. and found a well drilling vehicle fully engulfed by flames. The preliminary police investigation has found the vehicle fire to be suspicious in nature.

If you know who is responsible or have any information regarding this crime, please call Quadra Island RCMP at 285-3631, Cortes Island residents call toll free 1-866-888-0088, or Crimestoppers at 287-8477

May Day, May Day!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 24 and be at Rebecca Spit before 10 a.m. to get your favourite parade viewing location. The parade starts at the boat ramp and ends in the meadow. By 10:30 the official ceremonies will start on the stage with bright young video star, Colin Liseth leading the show. The winner of the speech contest, held a week before May Day, is the May Queen with the runners up being the princesses. Check out the flower children from kindergarten in front of the stage. Too cute! Then the Grade 3's dance around the May Pole and everyone cries 'cuz it's just too much. (If the ribbons get tangled, it's even better: the compassion counter goes off the charts.) After the Queen is crowned and the parade prizes and trophies are awarded, the ceremonies are over and the box lunch auction begins on the stage. Get together with friends and neighbours and share the costs of a fabulous lunch made by the great resorts, businesses, and restaurants on Quadra. Entertainment happens on the stage. Races, facepainting, fort building, volleyball, clowning, sail-boat races and lots of socializing are par for the day. Eat lunch at the concession!

The theme will be chosen by whomever shows up at the Thursday meeting, so call the QCC to find out what it is if you are building a float or thinking about costumes. More information will be in the next Islander. Let's celebrate Spring! -Sandy Spearing, 285 3243 Mon-Fri-8a.m-2 p.m.

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Help beautify the school and community garden at Quadra Elementary School. Join the WORK BEE on Wednesday, April 30, from 10 - 2. No experience is necessary!

Bring tools, gloves, wheelbarrows, buckets, lunch and water. Bring a friend too. If it rains, Thursday, May 1, will be the alternate date. Phone Mia at 285-3655 if you have any questions. See you on Wednesday, April 30 from 10 - 2!

New Quadra Brochure

The new look Quadra brochure should be hot off the press by the time you read this.



The new look brochure features a detailed map with advertisers locations referenced along with some hiking trails and recreation facilities. The map is also available online and in Acrobat pdf format at www.quadraisland.ca

Amid Life

Darlene Booth RNC

She studied the reflection caught by the mirror with curious indifference. Was that really her lifeless face staring back? Could those be the same eyes that once envisioned limitless abundance of colour in every rainbow? The very same eyes that captured the harsh splendour of a winter storm on a deserted beach causing her heart to race with the excitement of a young child on Christmas morning? She tried to stare past her pupils and yearned to catch a glimpse of her enduring spirit.

Oh how she desired a conversation with her innermost self. "Tell me why?" She would query. "What is the whole point of this exercise?" If she could only push through the veil and connect with her soul to find the answers to questions that stalked her every thought. "What is my purpose? Why am I here?" "Why?"

She once had all the answers. She had all the direction and purpose she could ask for. Life was simply about surviving and about getting ahead. Yes, one had to get ahead in life to stay on top of the game. One had to go forward and never look back. You can't look back. You might not like what you see. Must...push...on...

Presently, she found herself perched on the very summit she had been aiming for. Evidently arriving at a destination that no longer held any appeal. It had looked so very different in the brochures! She had achieved a life that was picture perfect but lacked all depth and emotion. No movement - no rhythm. Like a caged hamster spinning on its wheel, she found herself spiralling downward into a dark empty void. She was unable to identify the source of her despair yet unwilling to yield to it.

She could sense a great stirring at a cellular level. It was like Spirit had staged a coup...a rebellion of the soul. "Is this where you want to be?" Her heart murmured with every beat. "Is this what you want?" Even

the gentle breeze that caressed her cheek whispered - "Why?" "Why are you here?"

She envisioned a snake about to shed its skin. In this process, the snake's skin loses lustre and it's eyes become hazy and dull. This time of transition is also a time when the snake may become rather cranky and restless. She could certainly relate! Was she that snake? Was it time to shed her skin? Get rid of all the useless clutter that filled time and space that would be better occupied by living? Was it time to stop living for the end result and to start living in the now?

She stared past her reflection in the mirror and saw a child standing in a meadow full of wildflowers of all shapes and colours. Butterflies danced from bloom to bloom and bees wove through the shadows and the sunlight. "Where do you want to be?" The child whispered. "Who are you now?" She could feel her heart lighten in recognition of the truth. "Perhaps it is not so much about *getting* somewhere - as it is about *being* here!" She smiled. From the time she was a small child, she had strived to be an adult. It always appeared to her that grown ups were in the "know." Grown-ups had all the fun! In the process of growing up, she had completely abandoned her very connection to childhood and denied ever having been in that place of innocence and wonder. Don't look back - you might not like what you see...

"Yes." Beamed the child. "We become so focused on the destination that we forget to enjoy the journey." And she knew it was true. She had been very distracted. She had been so busy creating a life that she had forgotten how to actually live it. Life had been measured in quantity instead of quality. How much could she do instead of how much she could do without? She had stumbled upon the ultimate truth...she had caught a glimpse of her enduring spirit and the veil had begun to lift.

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By Claire Voyent

For the last few days, people have been stopping me in stores and on the ferry asking me why I don't start charging people to answer some of their questions. As for charging people, the desire for money disturbs the ether. There are accurate psychics and there are rich psychics but there are no rich, accurate psychics. As for why I don't accept mailed-in questions: I'm psychic. I don't need you to write me or ask me your questions. Not only do I know the answer to your questions, I know the questions as well. So, stop sending me request letters. For the benefit of those good people who HAVE NOT been writing, and the one who did, I will answer your questions. I will just provide the answer as you already know your own question.

J.R. & R.K. Yes, it does make a sound.

M.T. Sell!

P.R. He's a member of a super secret cabal whose goal is world domination with him as king.

J.T. He's pretty sure you had something to do with the Kennedy assassination but he hasn't got the proof yet.

W.S. Because they're idiots,

that's why. By the way, we want to change that to Thursday 14th from 6 - 8.

L.P. 5 iron to the ~~stomach~~ dogleg then an 8 iron to the head green

F.M. Bite me!

A.C. Yes, and with your best friend!

The editor has asked me to include an occasional educational piece. (Something to do with the large grants available to small educational periodicals.) People are always asking me why we psychics like to hide our answers in metaphor and mystery. "What good is prognostication," you ask, "if we only understand your prediction after the event is over?" This penchant of ours often causes the layperson to confuse prophetic with pathetic. All I can say is that it is a union thing. In the interest of public service, however, I will translate some of the mumbo jumbo jargon from the world's oldest profession.

60% chance of rain: If you're planning to go to the lake it's going to rain. If you're waiting for your well to fill up it's going to be sunny.

Localized showers: If your well is dry and you're going to the lake it's going to rain at the lake but be sunny at your house.

Snow: You're moving to Edmonton to look for work.

Windy: You have a day off work, but so do your kids and they can't play games and they can't watch television.

Sunny: You have to work overtime.

Rain: The computer is down at Environment Canada and the weatherman is playing the odds.

Early morning fog: Hmm, that doesn't smell like fog. Is the strike finally over or is Raven erasing the paper trail after making another withdrawal from its tree bank.

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Island Forum

To the Editor,

The last edition of the Discovery Islander had an article by Jim Abram that included a decision reached by the BC Ferries Stakeholder Committee.

The committee voted in favour of PRIORITY boarding for Cortes residents on the 9am sailings on Mondays and Thursdays, from Quathiaski Cove. This new regulation is slated to take effect June 1st for a period of 3 months and is being labelled an "experiment".

So, for Quadra people, no matter how early you get to the ferry lineup, the first 25 spots will go to vehicles off the Cortes ferry! Do you think this will make the Cortes ferry traffic slow down as it dashes across Quadra Island? NOT!

Are you starting to feel like a second class citizen on your own island?

Cortes residents now have priority boarding as they travel both ways between Cortes Island and Campbell River. (Very few of them stop and spend any money on Quadra.) So, what are we, anyway? CHOPPED LIVER?

My contention is that Quadra residents deserve priority boarding as well. So, what does that do? That leaves the tourists sitting in the parking lot while the ferry sails away! Is that the kind of message we want to send to people who come here in the summer?

If Cortes residents want priority boarding, then let them make a reservation and pay for it, the way they do it in the rest of the ferry system!

It was interesting to read a letter in the last Discovery Islander from a Cortesian complaining about Cortes bashing in previous editions. You ain't seen nothin' yet!

It's going to be an entertaining summer in the Cove!!

Paul Ryan

PS: In case you want to voice your opinion to the stakeholders committee, the Quadra members are Noel Lax, Michael Stahnke, Terry Hooper, Bob Brown and Jim Abram.

Coming to a beach near you - what?

And that's the problem - we really don't know what it means when we see people out on the beaches of Drew Harbour and Hyacinthe Bay, taking periodic water samples and surveying the areas. When specific questions have been asked, less than forthright answers have come back. What we do know is this; a number of areas on Quadra, including the two mentioned above and possibly up to ten eventually, are being looked at for commercial shellfish tenures and it is all part of the First Nations treaty settlement process.

At the present time areas such as Hyacinthe Bay and Drew Harbour see considerable clam digging, with the people involved often coming from as far away as Nanaimo and beyond. If new shellfish tenures were to involve local people this could be a definite plus for Quadra. The present scheme of commercial clam digging involves little intrusion on the local environment - there are no structures and no netting laid over the beaches.

What exactly is being considered? Will the proposed shellfish tenures follow the past precedent for the commercial clam harvest or would areas in Drew Harbour and Hyacinthe Bay see large expanses of netting and possible structures? This would not be welcomed by various creatures living in or around these beaches. For one thing the intertidal areas are so productive naturally, that one is tempted to say why tamper further with the natural order. Wintering seabirds, such as scooters, use the Drew Harbour/Hyacinthe Bay complex extensively. So do eagles, ravens, river otter, mink and the increasingly endangered blue heron. What would nets mean for their food supply?

Apart from the visual aspect of possible structures and netting, would local people still have access to beaches, could boats be moored on the beaches in question, would locals and tourists still have the rare pleasure of digging some clams or picking and oyster or two? This is part of the attraction of living on or visiting Quadra.

Water samples area apparently being taken on a regular basis within Drew Harbour/Hyacinthe Bay complex. This

should naturally continue during the summer months when the whole area unfortunately shows high coliform counts because of the large number of moored boats and the enclosed tidal wash. These are legitimate concerns now that polluted clams are reaching the commercial market during the summer months. Apart from any proposed shellfish tenures, this is a current problem that needs attention.

There seems little doubt that Quadra residents would be supportive of new shellfish tenures as part of the treaty settlement proposal, as long as this does not involve further industrialization of the beautiful beaches and vital estuary areas around our island. And it would be good to see more involvement of local people. What we need now is a lot more information about the whole process and specific answers to the above questions.

Rolf & Heather Kellerhals

Re: Beach Cleanup

To all concerned—there is no 'Esplanade Park' in Heriot Bay. There is an esplanade that Mr. Bull left to the island years ago. It is a walkway only.

Jean Mowat

Dear Editor,

With entrenched opinion so fashionable, after reading Ms. Claire Voyent's so ridiculous humour I had to laugh. And reading David McGregor's letter in response; a serious opinion with its utmost reason, and certainty. I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. I'd rather laugh.

A bushy Read Islander

Hugh McNab

Thank You for the Gift

Thank You Tom Hawkear for the spirits you've brought back to life in the long gone forest. It is and inspiration, a healing for what is gone and a constant reminder that beauty can be found in the most unlikely places. Like a tree in the city...

Merci

Sylvie Loiseau

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

Next deadline 7pm Monday, May 5th 2003

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Quadra Links - CSRD Recommendations Made

I wanted to get this information out to everyone and once again the *Discovery Islander* has been kind enough to hold the presses so that I can get this news to you after the meeting that took place today.

The Public Hearing Committee of the Regional District that was tasked with making a recommendation to the Board on the application by Quadra Links for a golf course met today for about two hours to come up with that recommendation. A lengthy staff report of 15 pages was received and all of the submissions, both written and oral, had been reviewed by all involved. Since the editor is patiently waiting for this report I will cut it short and hope I don't miss anything.

Besides coming up with a recommendation, it was the task of this committee to attempt to find a solution that meets the needs of our community and respects the concerns of all who live here. This was not an easy task. There were 300 written submissions and a total of 50 speakers. All numbers have been corrected to deal with duplications. The submissions were categorized as: 1) in support of; 2) concerns and conditions for support; and 3) opposed. 185 submissions supported. 103 expressed concerns and conditions for support and 40 submissions were opposed. The math doesn't work because some of the oral submissions were made by folks that had made written submissions. I am not going to go through the whole staff report as you can access that from the Regional District directly.

The Summary that the staff put forward goes like this:

"Residents of Quadra Island have given measured support to the proposed golf course. They have expressed concerns regarding water quality and quantity issues for both surface and groundwater. Due to the critical importance of protecting water resources it is staff's opinion that these concerns override the support for additional economic opportunities, recreation and other benefits that a development of this nature would bring to the Island. Residents living in close proximity to the proposed development expressed serious concerns regarding potential water quality and quantity impacts it might have on their sources of water. Thus, it is essential that the Regional District consider how the quantity and quality of the water will be protected when considering the golf course proposal.

Water resources are of critical importance and there is insufficient information to ensure that a wise decision can be made regarding the development proposal. The Quadra Island

Official Community Plan requires that regard be given to the resources required to support development (see Appendix 1). Therefore, the Regional District requires additional information regarding the amount of water that will be needed for the proposed golf course and whether or not an adequate supply of water exists for the required volume. In addition, impacts on adjacent wells in terms of water quality and quantity will need to be determined and appropriate mitigating measures identified by the applicant. This will enable the Regional District to have adequate information to make a decision on this application.

Further, there is a need for a surface water management study to be completed to determine the impact of changes to the on-site drainage regime as a result of construction prior to the application being approved. In addition it is important to know how surface runoff will impact shallow wells. Potential impacts and mitigating measures will need to be identified by the applicant.

At the same time the Regional District needs to recognize that the applicants will need to balance the cost of the studies relative to the potential for a positive decision regarding the rezoning application.

After much discussion the following motion was made which reflects the staff recommendation with only minor amendments. I have shortened the motion by deleting the unnecessary explanatory clauses for the sake of publication space:

"THAT third reading be given to Bylaw No. 2475 being 'Quadra Island Official Community Plan, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 6' and Bylaw No. 2476 being the 'Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw 1991, Amendment Bylaw No. 62' which redesignates (from Rural to Recreation Commercial) and rezones (from Rural One to Recreation Commercial One) property described as Lot 2, Plan 36442, DL 122 & 154, Sayward District, Excluding that portion of DL154 East of a Line Running North-South from Topcliff Road to DL 183, following the 100, contour, to allow for a golf course use.

AND FURTHER THAT the following requirements be completed prior to final reading, using an agreed terms of reference as a guide:

1. A professional hydro-geologist (PEng or PGeo licensed to practice in B.C.) be retained by the applicant to complete the following studies (a Terms of Reference for the required studies shall be established with Regional District staff):

- a) Ground Water Hydrogeotechnical Study: ground water use, supply, draw down, and recharge.*
- b) Surface Water Management Plan: surface water*

quantity and quality.

c) Testing and monitoring of water quality and quantity.

d) Detailed technical report on the golf course wells with recommendations for well head completion and use of the wells.

2. A Site Design (terms of reference to be established with Regional District staff).

3. Integrated Pest Management Plan satisfying provincial regulations and standards.

4. The submitted draft Covenant shall be improved with the following additions:

a) Add an interpretation section;

b) Add a form C with legal description of property;

c) Add language to clarify the intent of covenant;

d) Add a site design as a schedule of the covenant, and add language to more clearly define 'no fertilizer' buffer areas, especially around water bodies;

e) Add a detailed technical report on the golf course wells, including requirements for well construction and maintenance, as a schedule of the covenant;

f) Change the covenant such that the RDCS will not bear cost of owner granting priority of the covenant; and

g) Add a section regarding owner's obligations, enforcement strategies; and rent charges."

This motion was passed by all director's present. It now proceeds to the Regional Board meeting of May 26 th at 1:30 pm.

There are some important points that I must note at this point.

We have all worked very hard at the RD to try and accommodate the needs of the public to insure safe and clean water. It is incumbent upon the RD to do this since our Official Community Plan (OCP) is so clear on this point. At the same time the RD has done its very best to try and provide for additional recreation opportunities for our island, which is also clear in the OCP. This is very difficult to balance but that is our task.

In recognition of the applicants needs to move forward with some assurance that the RD is serious about giving this proposal a fair opportunity, the action of giving Third Reading is recommended. This in itself is not a completed rezoning but it is a major step towards the finished process. However, in recognition of the community concern about protecting their water quantity and quality, the RD imposed the requirements for more information and testing. This is testing that will at some point in the process need to be done anyway and it was felt that it would be better for all concerned to do it prior to any

final adoption. If the tests are positive then the community concerns are looked after. If the tests are not, then the applicants have no intention of proceeding.

In recognition of the community need to insure that there will be some means of enforcing the conditions put on the applicants for protection of the water supply and other matters, the RD recommended a "rent charge" be added to the covenant. What this does is allow for an agreed to amount of money to be put up for remediation of a problem should it arise but ONLY if it does arise. This gives the RD the needed enforcement ability but puts no hardship on the applicant since no performance bond or letter of credit is required up front. In recognition of the RD's inability to enforce certain aspects that were being advocated through a third party covenant and the fact that the third party covenant is not the best tool to carry out the wishes of the community as expressed in their submissions the RD has moved away from the idea of a three party covenant in favour of a two party covenant with additional requirements as listed above in the motion. These would be in addition to the existing wording.

I realize that this is a lot of information to be throwing at you all at once, but it is important that the community know what is going on and that you get it from the RD sources instead of through rumours that sometimes take on a life of their own. I am trying very hard to give you the basic facts and leave out the editorial comment.

This recommendation was well thought out by staff and given very serious consideration by the committee. If the applicants are willing

and able to accommodate the requests in the motion then it will most likely be adopted by the Board. If there are reasonable comments from them that need to be considered as part of the requests from the RD then that will happen between now and May 26th. The Board will make the final decision on the passage (or not) of the motion. It is a recommendation to the Board at this point.

There were a number of people in the audience of the meeting today from the applicants and from concerned citizens. At the end of the meeting the applicants made it clear that they were not totally satisfied and changes must be made and the concerned citizens were also clear that they were not satisfied with the lack of a third party on the covenant.

Someone once told me during my time as your director that if neither side of an issue is happy then you are on the right course. I am not real sure that I understand that or that I agree with that since I want everyone to have their interests accommodated and for everyone that I represent to be happy. Life is far too short to do otherwise.

I hope that all of you will look at this issue from both sides and that we, as a community, will come to a joint solution that respects all who live here. We owe it to each other to do this.

Please feel free to contact me from 8am to 7pm weekdays at 285-3355; fax to 285-3533 or email anytime to abramfam@oberon.ark.com

Respectfully,

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by Steven Halliday

All About Oil

So, now what? That is the question many of the millions of people opposed to the Iraqi invasion are now asking themselves. Particularly when those of a more hawkish persuasion are prone to smirk and say "See, you were dead wrong – it was a quick and clean operation and Iraq is now free!" Well, we know for sure that the invasion is now over, courtesy of the new graphics on the main networks – "The New Iraq" on CNN, or "Iraq After War" on CBC. But is this war over, if it ever really was a war? The war on terrorism certainly isn't over, and I don't see Iraq becoming a tourist attraction at any time in the foreseeable future. The war may be over, but it will be a dangerous place for a while yet.

Many fear that Iraq's destiny will mirror that of Afghanistan, which is rapidly sinking back into the mire after their liberation some time ago. In spite of repeated promises made to the people of the country, the Bush administration's proposed budget contained very little in Afghan aid. In fact, not a cent. It was only after lengthy debate in the House that \$300 million was grudgingly tacked on. This, while also debating a supplemental budget of \$75 billion for the Iraq operation. But the comparison is weak – Afghanistan is lacking one critical element when compared to Iraq – oil. Billions of barrels of it. That very oil is the key to the whole situation, not to mention water, of which Iraq possesses plenty. In fact, it has been hypothesised that with the necessary infrastructure Iraq's water could be shared with the entire Middle Eastern region, turning it into the paradise resembling that which once existed between the banks of the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers. But it is the oil that is the immediate focus of attention, and it is that oil that will pay for the reconstruction of Iraq. But the challenge of rebuilding the country and filling the void left by the Hussein regime is huge. The country was only created about 85 years ago, it's borders

delineated by British fiat. The region is fractious with ethnic divisions that have not gotten along in many a century, if ever, and with religious and tribal differences that will not easily cooperate in any form of government. But at least they have the oil, which gives the Iraqi people some chance at autonomy, in some form, at some point.

But crude oil may lose its perch at the top of the energy hierarchy in the relatively near future. A US company called Changing World Technologies (CWT) has invented a process whereby useable oil can be extracted from pretty much anything. That's right, anything. Except nuclear waste. The process is based on nature, whereby nature uses heat and pressure to render waste matter into crude oil, which we pump out of the ground millions of years later. CWT uses technology to perform the same process, and have built a prototype processing plant that will render 200 tons of turkey entrails every 24 hours into 10 tons of gas (used to assist in powering the process), 21,000 gallons of water (which meets most municipal drinking water standards), 11 tons of mineral waste for fertiliser use, and 600 barrels of oil, high quality oil equivalent to #2 heating oil. Estimated cost to produce that oil? \$15 bucks a barrel, which is expected to drop to \$10 as volumes rise and efficiencies are gained. If the waste material is carbon based, thermal depolymerization process, or TDP, can produce oil and gas from it, as well as by-products for fertilisers, fuels or speciality chemicals for manufacturing. The company, backed by deep-pocketed investors such as mega-corp ConAgra, estimates that the agricultural waste alone in the USA could, if processed through TDP, yield 4 billion barrels of oil per year. The US currently imports 4.2 billion barrels of oil per year. And that is just agricultural waste – the possibilities are indeed mind-boggling if you add manufacturing and household waste. This is no pie in the sky project

– the US government takes it seriously enough to have kicked in \$12 million of the \$40 million capital costs to date. Howard Buffett, son of legendary (and cautious) billionaire investor Warren Buffet, is overseeing an investment in the company. Additional plants are expected to be constructed and running by 2005, by which time the validity of CTW's claims will be proven, or not. But just think of the possibilities – the company claims the process can safely render all of the following into either oil, gas or fertiliser: animal offal (obviously), tires, plastic, harbour dredged muck, old computers, municipal garbage, cornstalks, paper-pulp effluent, infectious medical waste, oil refinery residues, and even biological toxins such as anthrax. One energy researcher commented "The potential is unbelievable...You're not only cleaning up waste, you're talking about distributed generation of oil all over the world". For those interested in learning more, check out discover.com for more info. The article is entitled "Anything into oil" by Brad Lemley.

But back to the original question – so now what? Well, as I said, Iraq has oil, and therefore has a great deal of capacity to pay for whatever needs to be done. And there is a lot to be done, quickly. My hope is that the international community continues to pressure the US to allow the UN an important position in the transition of Iraq. Were this to occur, the Iraqi people and the rest of the world might soon be ready to congratulate and thank the US for their lead in the removal of a brutish dictatorship. But, for now, too much remains to be done, and Iraq cannot be allowed to be left hanging, as has happened so far in Afghanistan. We shouldn't allow ourselves to be distracted, as is apparently happening to mainstream media. The world must pay attention to what's happening in the Middle East, for some time to come. Probably until we can all make oil, from anything.

Business Profile

Gateway Café

by Tanya Storr

When I dropped by the new Gateway Café in Heriot Bay last Saturday afternoon, owners Patti Tillapaugh and Tina Oswald had just finished serving the lunch rush.

"Things are going very well," reported Patti, as she joined me at a table. "We've been far busier than I expected in our first two weeks of operation."

Offering light lunches and a range of specialty beverages, Patti and Tina opened the doors of Gateway Café on April 4.

The café's convenient location, between Quadra Crafts and Heriot Bay Store's bakery, makes it a handy stopping place for people who are shopping or picking up their mail.

"We get a lot of walk by traffic," observed Tina, "and we have regulars already."

One of those regular customers, Heriot Bay Store employee Matt Hodgson, came in to order lunch just after I arrived.

"They have a good thing going here. The café has a nice ambiance, handy location, and tasty food," said Matt, carrying a Mexican veggie wrap accompanied by tortilla chips and salsa.

For Tina and Patti, operating a café is a nice change from their part time jobs. Patti is Office Manager at



Patti Tillapaugh and Tina Oswald partners in the Gateway Café.

Photo: Tanya Storr

Kenwood Designs on Quadra and Tina is a Financial Advisor at TD Canada Trust in Campbell River.

Both women had been interested in opening a café, but neither wanted to do it alone. When Tina found out that Patti was thinking about it too, she called her up and asked if she would be interested in a partnership. Patti said yes, and they purchased the business on March 4.

"One of the big draws for both of us is that we can still work at our other

jobs," Patti noted.

The space was previously operated as a coffee shop, so Patti and Tina had to do some renovations. They installed a kitchen, cupboards, and shelving.

"My connection with Kenwood Designs was instrumental in helping us put in a new kitchen," said Patti.

One month after they bought the business, Tina and Patti opened Gateway Café. They chose the name

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'Gateway' because Quadra is a gateway to the outer islands. Already, the café is serving customers who come in to grab a coffee or light lunch while waiting for the Cortes ferry.

All the food served at Gateway Café is made from scratch on the premises. The café offers two lunch specials daily, with an emphasis on using fresh ingredients. Recent specials have included individual Italian thin crust pizzas, vegetarian lasagna, quiches, quesadillas, and bagels topped with cream cheese and Italian salami.

As well as light lunches, Tina and Patti make and serve a variety of baked goodies daily. Brownies, coffee cakes, and cookies are just a few of the tempting treats they create onsite.

Gateway Café's colourful menu board, designed by Lesley Matthews, lists an extensive selection of hot and cold beverages. From a classic latté to an Italian smoothie (soda water, flavour, soy milk, whipped cream, and ice), the beverage menu offers lots of choices.

"Chai is very popular," Patti noted, "and so are the coffee drinks."

The café offers brewed coffee as well as specialty coffees, using beans from local suppliers. Tina and Patti purchase coffee for the espresso machine from Aroma Specialty Coffee Roasters, and coffee for brewing as well as bagged coffee from Only Organic Coffee.

"We serve only organic, shade grown, and fair trade coffee," Patti told me.

Local artwork by Brian Simmons, Sheri Hayward, and Patti hangs on the café's warm ochre walls. Patrons can choose between sitting at one of four tables or at the bar.

Patti and Tina's kids have been involved in the café since it opened. Patti's daughter, Katie, who is 21, has experience serving in busy sandwich and coffee shops.

"Katie is visiting for awhile and has taught us lots about how to run the café," said Patti.

Tina's kids, Carissa, who is almost 16, and Michael, who is 11, have also been helping in the café.

"One of the reasons I wanted to open the café was to teach my kids about running a business," Tina stated.

She added that her parents owned the Heriot Bay Inn when she was 14, and she was involved in many aspects of the business.

For Patti, operating Gateway Café is the first time she has been her own boss. Other than renting her family condo at Mount Washington, Tina is a first time entrepreneur too. Both are enjoying the challenge.

"It's something completely different," said Patti. "I've never worked in a restaurant before and it's very refreshing. I'm enjoying serving all the people I know. This is a very social job."

Tina added that running the café complements her other job nicely. "It feels good to put a smile on a customer's face by making them a good cup of coffee."

Patti and Tina said they have already been serving lots of tourists. Indeed, while I was visiting the café, two sets of tourists—from Victoria and Vancouver—came in to eat and ask about recreational activities on the island.

As well as tourists, Gateway Café has been attracting many local residents.

"Everyone is really thankful that the café is here and very supportive," said Patti.

Gateway Café is open from Monday to Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. The café will be open on Sundays starting the Victoria Day long weekend. Call 285-2600 or drop by the café for more information.



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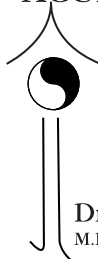
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