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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, June 16th



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
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** -Food Bank 1-2:30 Community Centre
- **Every Thursday** -Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre
-Motorcycle Club meet 5pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- **Every Friday** -Duffy and Friends 8pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- **First Friday** -Open Stage 7:30 pm Yak Shack Heriot Bay
- **Every Saturday** -Farmers' Market 10-2 behind Q. Credit Union
-Meat Draw 5-6:30 pm Quadra Legion (members & guests welcome)
- **Every Sunday** -Buddhist Meditation Inner Garden 10 am
- **Every Last Sunday** -Jazz Night 6-9pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub

June 6, Friday

-Dessert Night Quadra Island Bible Church
7 pm

June 8, Sunday

-Taize Prayer Service Quadra Island United Church
7:30 pm

June 12, Thursday

-Preschool Open House Quadra Island Preschool
10 am-noon

-Golf Clinic Sequoia Springs
10:30 am-noon

June 14, Saturday

-Kids Care Fun Run Discovery Harbour Shopping Centre, CR
9:30 am

June 19, Thursday

-Golf Clinic Sequoia Springs
10:30 am-noon

June 28-29

-Quadra Island Quilt and Garden Tour Quadra Island
10 am-4 pm

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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History at HBI

July 3 Heriot Bay Inn Fireside Lounge Lunch and presentation by Jeannette Taylor meet the descendants of the founders of the HBI.

Dessert Night

The Ladies "Creative Hearts" Dessert Night will be held at the Quadra Island Bible Church June 6 from 7-9 pm. Campfire and BBQ Tips will be shared and a Guest Speaker will be there. Please bring your special tips to share.

Canada Day T-Shirt Contest

The Quadra Island Canada Day Committee is sponsoring a T-shirt design contest. We are looking for a left chest logo and a design for the back of the T-shirt. All entries are to be submitted as a Camera Ready Black Lined Drawing or a Vectored Corel Drawing on a 8 1/2 " x 11" paper. A cash prize of \$60 and a Canada Day T-Shirt will be awarded to the winner. Please drop off all entries to Hummingbird Office Supply by June 3, 2003. For more information call Nancy at 3105.

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: Dalcyce 285-3180, Pauline 285-2076, Linda 285-3952



News & Events

Summer Rec. Input Needed

Hello everyone, my name is Sonya Thompson and I am the Summer Recreation Coordinator at the Quadra Island Community Centre this summer. Summer recreation is approaching fast and I am looking for public input. If you have any suggestions and ideas for programs or would like to run a program please call me at 285-3243 or drop by the Community Centre between 8 am and 2 pm. I am looking forward to seeing and hearing from you this summer.

Countdown to 2nd Annual Canada Day Celebration

ENTERTAINERS: Singers, dancers, musicians, please phone Susan at 2556 to be included in the program.

CAKE CONTEST: Our local restaurants will again try to outdo themselves in baking special Quadra cakes. We've had requests to open a new category this year for home bakers. If you are not a commercial baker, and would like to participate in a "home baked" category, just bring your cake to the cake tent by 6 p.m. on July 1.

DONATION BOXES will be appearing shortly near the tills of many local businesses. Your spare change and more are most appreciated.

COSTUMES Some patriotic people showed up in their red and whites last year; let's see even more, and for incentive, we'll have a prize for the costume that pleases the crowd the most. are most appreciated.

RCMP News

QuadraLoopDogComplaints- Numerous complaints are being received regarding dogs running out of control in this area. It is becoming a police matter and it is requested that owners be responsible in controlling their pets to prevent accidents, injuries and unwanted waste. Remember that you are civilly and criminally responsible for your pets' actions both on and off your property.

Guard Positions Available- Quadra Island RCMP is looking for guard applicants. This position would be on an unscheduled call-out basis and the applicant must have a valid drivers licence, valid First Aid/CPR Certificate and pass an RCMP Security Screening. If you are interested and would like further information, please attend the Quadra Island RCMP or call the office at 285-3631.

Preschool Open House

Quadra Island Preschool is having an Open House on June 12 from 10am-12pm. If you are interested in having your child attend preschool next September, now is the time to check it out. Bring your child and join us for a project, have a snack, swing on the swings and have some fun. Come meet the kids, the teacher and some of the parents/board members.

Nestled in the forest, Quadra Island Preschool is a beautiful place for your child to learn and play. We value beauty, creativity, cooperation, community and learning. Our goal is to provide your child with a sense of security and belonging. Self-esteem and self-confidence are fostered by the Preschool's child-centred focus. As a parent, you will be actively involved in your child's learning and development. If you have a child who will be between the ages of 2yr8mos and 5yrs in Sept., then this is your preschool - come and see it.

Please Return Videos

It is that time of the year for my yearly inventory of videos. I continue to build the library for my enjoyment and that of others.

However many titles are unaccounted for this year and I would very much like them returned. Roger Michel.

Calling All Tennis Players

The latest edition of the Quadra Closed mixed doubles tennis tournament is to be held on Sunday, June 22. This is a fun tournament with partners matched by the organizers. The format of play will depend on the number of entries. Everyone is welcome. Call Ken at 2580 or Rita at 3678 to register or for more information.

Quadra Island Squirt Boys Win Gold



Left to right: rear - Gary Falck (coach), Nolan Peers, Scott Williams, Brent Smith, Colin Falck, Tom Clandening, Anthony Seville (ass't. coach), front - Grant Luscombe, Michael Oswald, Eric Johnson, Micky Mowat, Logan Hallum. Photo: Ryan Falck.

The squirt boys team won the gold medal (C division) in the annual Steve Quan Memorial Softball Tournament in Cordova Bay on May 17-18. All of the boys played very well and will be entering a 'B' level tournament in Nanaimo on June 14-15.



Quadra Singers A.G.M.

Quadra Singers is having their Annual General Meeting on June 18. We will start with a pot luck dinner at 5:30, followed by the meeting at 7:00.

The picnic tables by the parking lot will be our meeting place, weather permitting. If it is raining we will meet at Sandy McCairns' house at the loop.

For more info call: Nancy @ 285-3800, or Barb @285-2438, or Sandy @ 285-2058. See you there!

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Quadra Seniors— BR. 91, B.C.O.A.P.O.

Our Members were, on 3 outings in May.

(1) We travelled to Port Alice for our North Island O.A.P. Regional meeting. What a beautiful, little, Village, with a gorgeous view, from the Keen-agers (Seniors), hall. Good food, many laughs, nice people.

(2) Many of us travelled to Cortes, to visit Hollyhock Farm. We had an informative, Garden Tour, where we seen the largest Rosemary Bushes around, Beautiful, Burgundy, Bearded Iris, And many ideas, for mixing vegetables and flowers. Also a special method of composting.

The Tour was followed by a scrumptious lunch Consisting, of Creamed Veggie Soup, goat cheese balls, and delicious salads, made with veggies and flowers such as lilacs. My favourite was Snow Pea Pods, sliced thin yellow and Green Bell Peppers, sliced Onion, Parsley, with a mild sweet tasting clear sauce. "Yum-Yum". We had a great time, beach and garden walking, also to a Special thick walled Sanctuary, up in the forest behind the garden.

(3) Twenty-four members travelled with Way West Water Commute in enclosed boats. We went by Shark Spit in between Marina and Cortes Islands. We headed to-wards Toba Inlet. Entering Walsh Cove off Waddington Channel, to see the Aboriginal Pictographs. We crossed back over Toba, to visit Mary at Wilderness Lodge, she and Her friend made us all very welcome, with Tea and Cookies and visited for an hour, some of the more agile members hiked to the beautiful waterfall, and others enjoyed the nice cabins, and solitude.

We continued, our trip to see Tobas, cascading, waterfalls, which are stupendous. We turned back to Homfrey Channel, and seen many more Pictographs. We turned into Lewis channel and entered Teachran Arm

Where the most beautiful Cassel Lake waterfall is. Again some hiked to the Lake, an others enjoyed the outstanding beauty, which was all around us. After 7, hrs. Bob and Rusty the Cpts took us home. "What a Great Day".

Our last meeting on June 4th, we are having Harry Allen Chair Of the Transit Committee, in Campbell River and District.

Harry is speaking to us about Bus Passes. After our meeting, and lunch we will have, Piano, and Drum Music By Ken Duncan and Peter Gregg.- We will see who can still Jitterbug and Polka. During the Summer we will be still going on other trips.

June 24th—Big Bay, and around Quadra, maybe stop at Rendezvous Island July 31st —Jedidiah Island And maybe Victoria. to see Dragon Bones.& I-Max

We will still have our walks on Sundays at the Spit 11 am

Thanks- to John Zylstra- Marshall Toelle- and the Wood Crew, who supplied Winter fire wood for our Seniors. "Thanks to Frank Smirfitt for his many years, guiding the Tai-Chi exercises, and has now moved on to Computer Technology". "Thanks" to Jim Thomson, who organizes our Tourist Booth, staff. "Thanks" to Peter Gregg— Fish Hatchery co-ordinator

For membership or whatever—Contact Ruth Amiabel 285-3801 or Bob Lasby 285 3501 Welcome to all Seniors Young and Experienced'.

Legion Update

The Royal Canadian Legion is pleased to announce Erin Johnson as the successful candidate to fill our recent full-time bartender vacancy. Please drop by the Branch and welcome Erin to her new position.

Our new hours are Tuesday 4pm-10pm, Wednesday 4pm-11pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday 4pm-1:00am.

During **April** the Legion donated \$500 to our Annual Canada Celebration and \$ 750 to our Parents Advisory Committee.

During **May** the Legion donated \$250 to Quadra Island Minor Ball.

This weekend's **38th Annual Trout Derby** at Village Bay Lake will support a new Cenotaph for our Branch. Please support this effort. Registration is Friday at 5:00pm at the Village Bay Lake Bridge. There is a \$200 prize (donated by Patten family) for hidden weight plus prizes for Men's, Ladies, Girls (over & under 8) and Boys (over & under 8). New this year will be the Garnet Patten memorial trophy awarded to men 18 years and over weighting in the largest fish.

The concession stand will be available throughout the weekend.

Ladies Auxillary

The Ladies Auxillary to the Legion Branch #154 Quadra Island was formed in January 1947. The charter members were: M Bood, S Wiseman, R Allen, A Brown, D Willis, J Brain, M Clandenning, R Mitchell, E Taylor, m Petrie, J Moss, R Enderby, G Inrig, M Stanley, L Johnson.

After several years the L.A. folded and was reformed around 1956. The Legion hall was a one-roomed schoolhouse in Q-Cove, but in 1974 the Branch purchased two portable school rooms from SD #72 and moved them to their present location in Heriot Bay. The new Legion opened in January 1975.

Our L.A. membership is consistent at about 20 members. The Legion plays an important role in a small community like Quadra Island providing a meeting place for Seniors, members & friends and a hall for social events. The L.A. is proud to be a part of this, now and for a long time to come.

Quadra Island Quilt and Garden Tour

June 28-29. - In spite of a cool and decidedly damp spring and an explosion of the slug population, the gardens on the tour are looking very good. With 8 new gardens this year, 4 of them waterfront properties, there is much to see.

The gardens range from West Coast style with their soft edges to those resembling the best of English gardens as well as a vineyard and beautiful vegetable garden. There is something for everyone. The Quadra Quilters are busy putting the finishing touches to their quilts which will hang in 6 of the gardens. Mark **June 28 and 29** on your calendar and get your tickets early, before the tourists arrive on the island. Tickets are \$12, good for both days, and can be purchased from the following stores: Batoche, Explore, Heriot Bay Store, On Root as well as at April Point Resort, Heriot Bay Inn, TsakwaLuten Resort and the Tourist Information Booth.

Navy News

Congratulations to our Quadra Sea Cadets for their outstanding performance at the 54 RCSCC Admiral DeWolf Annual Inspection.

Promoted to Able Cadet were Ashley Williams, Lewis Bot, Brandon Stevens and Mallory Turner. with Zack Mann now a Leading Cadet.

Awarded Best First Year Cadet was Ashley Williams, while Evan Roberts recieved Guard of the Year along with Perfect Attendance and Courtesy & Dress awards. Mallory Turner was our Unsung Hero, winning also the Cock of the Walk award with Zack Mann and Lewis Bot for their Division.

The Cadets would like to thank the community and our Quadra Legion for their support this year. They are looking forward to sailing at summer camp in Comox, and will be back out in the fall with more fundraising events. Any youth interested in joining please call 287-8689.

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Move over Claire Voyant, I am going to take up some space in this issue! There is lots to report from a Recreation Society view point.

Firstly, May Day. Organizing an out door event in May is nerve-wracking when the weather is the pits, so big hugs to everyone who came out and made it a wonderful community event. Love those comments like, "we can do this, it's not blowing 60 km..."

Businesses on Quadra support community functions all the time and they often get taken for granted. Please note the providers of the box lunches for the auction which made over \$1100: Heriot Bay Store, Quadra Foods, April Point, Peoples Drug Mart, Tsa-kwa-luten, Heriot Bay Inn, Lovin' Oven, Taku and the Landing. Thanks also to the hungry bidders, some of whom paid \$2-300 for lunch! The concession was another generous gift from Gerry Enns and the Heriot Bay Store staff. Managed through the professional skills of Sherry McTavish and Nick Rose, and operated by some 20 volunteers associated with the Heriot Bay store, with discounts and donations from food distributors, the concession netted approximately \$2500. Also donating to the concession were Quadra Foods, Aroma Coffee, and Walcan.

Steve Swanson and Quadrate builders built a skookum structure which sheltered the cooks and servers. Other business helpers at May Day include Doug Peters Excavating for, you guessed it, yet another new grease pole! The Heriot Bay Inn shuttled people to the spit; Mel Doak and All Clear Septic donated the porta-potties.

The RCMP, the legion Pipe band, our fabulous school teachers who ran the races, the grade 6 parents who organized the gr. 6 picnic and gr. 6 dance, the Quadra Singers and Discovery Blockage band, First Pressing and Sara Boyes belly dancers for entertainment, Howard Bailley for sound, Donna Dennis and Sunday Dennison for organizing the May Day dance and all the people who aided and assisted them, and the dozens and dozens of individuals, (many of whom were named 2 issues ago), for putting the spirit into May Day. (Sincere apologies to anyone missed.)

One unfortunate development which has grown from simple fun to abusive behaviour is the throwing of water balloons at the parade. It looked like fun until three may pole dancers were hit hard on their float. Oops! Next year we will have a special water throwing event at the meadow area for enthusiasts of this growing sport. Targetting the parade will be a no-no. I ask for cooperation from parents on this!

Moving onto other recreation news—the Community Kitchen, which started last January at the Community Centre, is every Wednesday at noon. It will continue

throughout the summer, but we need a few more volunteers to take the place of vacationing "regulars". If you want to chop veggies, or clean up afterward, you can take an early or late shift, meet new friends and yuk it up while providing a worthwhile service. Call Sherrie McGlenister at 285 2660 to choose a date. Everyone is invited to lunch; those who can afford to, put money in the bucket. Profits go to the Quadra Food Bank which is the 1st and 3rd Wed of the month at the QCC.

Crafters! Please look at your calendars and plan ahead for this change in the Christmas Craft Fair; it will now be the last weekend in November: November 28 and 29th. You can talk further about this with Fair coordinator and rock artist, Linda Juraschka at the Saturday market.

Another change taking place at the hands of the school district, is the school gym rental. Gym rental is threatened to raise, for activities for under 19 year olds, from no cost to \$30 an hour. For over 19 year olds, from \$15 an hour to \$60 an hour. If this truly happens, it will mean the end of recreation sports at the school gym. The school board number is 830 2300.

Whether there can be floor hockey, soccer, basketball, women's sport night, badminton etc. in the Fall will be decided in August when the Fall program will be worked on. But for now, I am off for the summer. Thanks everyone for a great year! Take it away summer rec programmer: Sonya Thompson.

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The Truth Hurts

by Steven Halliday

Well, he did it again. Our PM decided to have a casual discussion with the reporters accompanying him to the G-8 summit in Evian, France. During that conversation he let slip that the present US administration is doing a poor job of managing their economy, or words to that effect. By way of contrast he pointed out that our own economy (the only G-8 nation not in deficit) is much more sound and sustainable. While no recording was allowed, the journalists of course took notes, and the next day it was headline news around the globe.

As we now know, any time a head of state dares criticise G. W. Bush's administration it becomes headline news, which is happening on a relatively frequent basis. The administration dismissed Chretien's comments by saying that the US economy was suffering because of the expenditures related to the war on terrorism and Iraq. This, of course, is pure hokum. Opposition Leader Stephen Harper was quick to pounce, as he is wont to do, predicting all manner of hell and damnation to be poured on us by the US because of our PM's thoughtless remarks. What a schmuck. There are 2 points that Harper (and Joe Clark, as well) missed. First off, Chretien's comments were accurate, and as he will be moderating the economic discussions at the summit it is not inappropriate to discuss global economics. Secondly, since when has the USA developed such a thin skin? Many previous Canadian leaders have not seen eye to eye with our neighbour, and made plenty of public comments without hesitation. In 3 cases,

it was not a simple matter of disagreeing; they actually loathed each other. Nixon particularly hated Trudeau (you can listen to the tapes), Johnson physically and verbally bullied Pearson, and Kennedy pointedly ignored Diefenbaker. In comparison, Chretien has been a paragon of diplomacy.

In a review of the recently passed US tax bill, the conservative Financial Times of London made this comment – *"The lunatics are now in charge of the asylum."* Paul Krugman, an economist who writes for the New York Times states *"by pushing through another huge tax cut in the face of record deficits, the administration clearly demonstrates that it is completely reckless, or that it actually wants a fiscal crisis. (Or maybe both)."* Our Prime Minister, in remarking that the US needs to be getting its deficit under control, was offering a candid (and accurate) assessment of the truth, and he knows of what he speaks.

Having inherited a fiscal surplus, Bush has quickly made a \$600 billion turnaround, creating a \$400 billion deficit. His new tax plan admits that that this deficit will grow to almost \$2 trillion dollars in the coming years. Even more alarming, a report commissioned by the former Treasury Secretary and delivered to his successor (who quickly ordered it to be deeply buried) states that unless changes are made, and fast, the USA could be facing a debt load of \$44 trillion in the future, eight times their present debt. That's \$150,000 for every US citizen. It is numbers like that is prompting the most visible criticism of US economic policy; investors that are dumping US dollars like crazy. Several governments are seriously considering re-denominating their currency reserves from US dollars to Euros. If this happens...well, let's just say it won't be pretty. OPEC may do the same.

Worse, the Bush plan is transparently favourable to the rich. His vaunted elimination of taxes on dividends will only benefit a very

small number of investors, and the reduction of tax rates will do little to ease the pain of low to medium income earners. And how will the tax cuts be funded? By cutting back on services, similar to what has occurred here in BC. So whatever measly savings on taxes are achieved will be sucked up by fees or reductions in other benefits. Getting back to the attribution of the economic problems to the war, the problem existed long before the war started, though it is true that the war is exacerbating the problem. The fact of the matter is that the US economy is on precarious ground, especially during times of economic slowdown, as is the case now.

Present administration policy is ignoring reality while catering to its benefactors, both private and corporate.

The May 30 editorial of the Toronto Star was headlined *"Chretien was right to challenge Bush"*. It rightfully points out that Chretien has a duty to the world to point out signs of economic instability or impending crisis, and that *"a US fiscal crisis would have a profoundly negative impact on the entire world economy"*. Citing Krugman's work in uncovering the economic mess that is reality in America, the Star opines *"If Krugman feels no compulsion to sing 'Hail to the Chief', our Prime Minister owes no one an apology for daring to tell the truth"*. I am a firm believer in listening to the voices of experience, no matter how unpalatable the truth. Good friends should point out potential pitfalls to their friends, and Canada and the USA are good friends. Chretien has earned the right to express his very qualified opinions through a lifetime of working in senior government, and nobody is denying that Canada's economic house is in order. But I suspect this has been a tempest in a teapot, as the G-8 will no doubt deliver Bush the same message. In a much louder voice.



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Area J Regional Director's Report

One of the first items I want to mention is the issue of high speed internet for Quadra Island. I have been in discussions with Telus for the past many months as I have reported in previous issues. I can now tell you that the negotiations have gone very well and that we are slated to have ADSL High Speed Internet services in place prior to the end of this year. Telus liked the business plan that I wrote for them and are confident that they will get a fairly positive response from islanders in subscription rate. I am sure that you can imagine how pleased I am with this news. I was just informed on Thurs. that this will take place. The first installation will cover about a 4 km radius from the present telephone office on Heriot Bay Road. If Telus gets a good sign up on the first round they are willing to move to the next stage that would then take in the area out as far as Hyacinth Bay and so on. So I am hoping that those of you that read this will talk to all of your friends in the area and insure that as many people as possible subscribe to this service. I am not promoting any one company over any other, but this opportunity is being brought to us by Telus and if we want it expanded, it requires some support. Please spread the word and feel free to contact me also. It is my understanding that the service will start at around \$25.00 per month and if you want more add ons they would be extra. Prior to the business case that I submitted they were looking at a \$30,000.00 initial contribution and a minimum pre-sign-up of 30%. Having seen the business plan they have decided that the number of homes in the initial area and the strong desire to be connected will allow them to hook us up without any conditions on the service. So, a small success story. Look for more details to follow.

Next on my list was to let you know that the application by Quadra Links Ltd. to rezone for a Golf course has received Third Reading at the Regional District Board. The applicants will now need to satisfy the terms of the recommendation to move forward. This will involve detailed testing of the water supply in the area and any effect their proposal might have on the surrounding neighbours. It will also require a completed covenant and other conditions prior to being able to move to Fourth Reading. The public process has been a successful one although it may have seemed difficult, frustrating and

lengthy to all involved. Patience and community cooperation have proven to be invaluable in this situation and will hopefully bring a positive result for all of our island residents. I will keep you informed of the process from the RD end of things as we move forward.

Last but not least, there was a letter to the editor in the last issue entitled "Who's the Pot calling the Kettle black?". There was some very erroneous information in that article and I would hate for the public to read it and believe it to be true. It was stated that the increase to RD taxes this year over last year will be 6.37%. This is absolutely wrong. The Director of Financial Services for the RD has given me the correct figures and the increase for Area J for all services will be 2.52% on the dollar comparison between this year and last year. This means that for every \$100,000.00 dollars of assessed value on your property, your taxes will increase by about \$3.00. So a \$150,000.00 property will go up by \$4.50 over last year. The Provincial taxes are listed separately on the tax bill and have nothing whatsoever to do with the RD. They are set by the Provincial Government and we have no control over them at the RD. So, for the information of the public and the author of the previous letter to the editor, I have managed to keep our tax rate as low as is humanly possible for this year. As your representative, and as a taxpayer myself, I demand this of myself every year throughout the budget process. The other figure that was presented in the letter to the editor is also erroneously more than twice the actual increase over the last seven years. Once again, this information comes to you from the Director of Financial Services of the RD. She doesn't make mistakes with our accounting practices.

So, having said all of that, I hope you are all getting into your spring and early summer rituals and enjoying life to the fullest. I am sure I will see many of you on the Studio Tour this coming weekend.

Feel free to contact me at 285-3355 weekdays from 9 am to 7 pm. Please do not call on the weekends, as I will not be in my office. You can fax me at 285-3533 or email at abramfam@oberon.ark.com anytime night or day.

Jim Abram,

Director, Area J, Coast-Discovery

Taizé Service

Next service 7:30 pm Sunday 8th June, united Church, Cape Mudge.

The ecumenical community of Taizé was founded sixty years ago in a rural village in southern France by brother Roger. he was inspired by his grandmother whose family had been protestant for generations.

After experiencing Christians killing each other during WW1 she began attending a Catholic church in a first step toward promoting reconciliation between Christians. Brother Roger has nurtured the concept and the community now embodies people from 25 countries and on every continent.

Their vocation is that Christians be the leaven of reconciliation between all people of trust among nations and peace on Earth. Come and taste the peace as we sing contemplative songs of worship in Taizé style (it's a bit like Gregorian chant). We are currently looking for sopranos and altos to join the core group. For more info call John 2958 or Mimi 3163 or talk to us after the service.

More RCMP News

Victim Services Volunteer Needed.

Quadra Island RCMP is looking for a volunteer who is compassionate, has good communication skills, a valid drivers licence, can pass an RCMP Security Clearance and is able to commit 3 hours a week to the Victim Services program. This volunteer would undergo training and must be able to commit to the program for one year. Victim Services provides information to and updates persons who have been the victims of crime, they assist in preparing witnesses for the courtroom experience, they help with victim impact statements and provide community referrals. If this position interests you, please contact Judith McFarlane at 286-5606 or stop by Quadra Island RCMP to pick up an application.

Vandalism to Vehicles

Sometime between 8:30 pm on June 2 and 8:00 am on June 3, 2003 suspect(s) broke into and vandalized eleven vehicles parked out at Surge Narrows Road. Numerous vehicle windows were smashed, numerous items stolen including a 55HP Evinrude O/B. The vandals destroyed one vehicle by rolling it down the steep incline and then stole a black 1984 Toyota 4-Runner which has not been recovered. If you know who is responsible for these crimes, please call Crimestoppers at 287-8477 or Quadra Island RCMP at 285-3631

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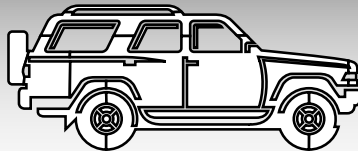
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Island Report

May Day 2003: A Novel Idea

by Tanya Storr

The threat of rainy weather did not dampen the spirits of the hundreds of islanders who turned out to celebrate Quadra's 2003 May Day at Rebecca Spit. This year's theme was 'A Novel Idea', and the floats and costumes looked as though they had stepped out of the pages of storybooks.

Leading the parade were members of the RCMP, followed by the Campbell River Legion Pipe Band. Behind them came a cast of characters from such books as 'The Life of Pi', 'The Godfather', 'Where the Wild Things Are', and 'Arabian Nights'.

The creative imaginations of island residents once again shone through in the marvelous costumes and colourfully decorated floats. Best of all, those watching could not help but notice that everyone in the parade was having a great time.

After the stirring sounds of the Pipe Band led everyone to the stage area, emcee Colin Liseth invited us all to sing O Canada accompanied by Quadra Singers and the Discovery Blockage Band.

Holly Ramer, last year's May Queen, introduced the new May Queen, Tyanaa Assu, and her court. Each year the May Queen is chosen through a speech contest. The speech with the highest score wins Queen, with the two runners up as Princesses. The May Queen and her court are grade six students.

Tyanaa's escort, Michael Henry, Princesses Lindsay Renda and Alice Field, and their escorts Scott Williams and Tom Clandenning flanked the May Queen's throne on the stage.

After Holly placed the May Queen's crown on Tyanaa's head, the new Queen gave her



speech. Tyanaa spoke about the history of May Day and her family's longstanding participation in this island tradition.

"May Day has been an important part of my family's history for a very long time. It's been celebrated for 100 years and although I haven't been around that long, I'm proud to say that I'm the fifth generation on both sides of my family to live on Quadra and attend and participate in May Day," she said.

Tyanaa recalled that her great-grandfather, Harry Assu, was honoured at May Day in 1994 when she was three years old. She stood proudly beside him as he received the May Day dedication plaque. Tyanaa remembered that the day was chilly and they wrapped their button blankets tightly around themselves to keep warm.

In closing her speech, Tyanaa invited

everyone to enjoy the events planned for the rest of the day at the Spit. She wished all in attendance a terrific 2003 May Day.

Quadra Recreation Coordinator Sandy Spearing gave this year's May Day dedication. The 2003 May Day was dedicated to the staff and volunteers of the Quadra Island Children's Centre.

"The May Day dedication is about honouring citizens who have given generously to the community and whose work makes a difference in the lives of islanders. The group this year has been chosen for their strong, positive effect on the lives of children and their parents in this community," said Sandy.

Sandy went on to say that over the past 17 years the Children's Centre staff and volunteers have fundraised endlessly to keep afloat. At the same time, the childcare

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"We on Quadra take this quality for granted. Yet childcare advocates make a point of travelling to Quadra to observe the staff and participants. The Children's Centre is an integral element in the fabric of the island," Sandy continued.

Administrative director Dee Conley and staff members Lise Burnett and Andrea McDonnell accepted the award on behalf of the Children's Centre. Staff members Barbara Lee, Susan Emery, and Sherry Fudikuf were away.

Dee said she would like to thank all the people who have put time and energy into the Children's Centre. She pointed out that 100 + board members have served over the 17-year period. As well, island businesses, organizations, and individuals have played a role in making the centre one of the best in Canada.

Dee also thanked the staff of the Children's Centre and the parents of island children. "The women I work with make a difference in the lives of young children on a daily basis. We thank you for the privilege of taking care of the remarkable children of Quadra who deserve a big round of applause," she said.

The grade three May Pole dancers wove their magic around the pole accompanied by musicians Smokey George and Jaron Freeman-Fox. Both boys and girls joined in the dancing, while their teachers Barrie Calverley, Sioux Hartle, and Inger Crighton looked on. Linda McClusky organized the dance costumes this year.

May Queen Tyanaa then handed out the parade prizes. First prize for floats went to Quadra Children's Centre (Where the Wild Things Are). The Discovery Blockage Band took second prize (The Godfather). Third prize went to Quadra Preschool (Going to the Zoo).

Children's Best Costume was awarded to Galen Phillips (The Very Hungry Caterpillar). Carol Woolsey won Best Overall Individual for her Maid Marion costume.

Tyanaa Assu's May Day Speech

Hello and welcome to this year's May Day celebration 2003. My name is Tyanaa Assu.

I would like to introduce and congratulate this past year's reigning May Queen, Holly Ramer and her escort, Ryan Moore. I would also like to introduce my escort Michael Henry and this year's princesses, Lindsay Renda and Alice Field and their escorts, Scott Williams and Tom Clandening. The theme for May Day this year is "A Novel Idea" and I've seen some very creative, colorful and original costumes and floats.

One of the earliest celebrations of May Day was a picnic held at the Cape Mudge Lighthouse in honor of Queen Victoria's Birthday in 1898. Over the years, the location may have changed but the enthusiasm and excitement that May Day brings never changes. The traditional games they played 100 years ago like tug-of-war, running races and the grease poll are still played today. In the early 20's, the first May Queen was crowned and the May Pole dances took place. By the 1950's May Day had a Queen and court and was celebrated at Rebecca Spit followed by a dinner and dance that evening to raise money for the next year. Over 100 years have gone by and we still carry on old traditions from long

ago. I'm proud to be part of such a joyous occasion.

May Day has been an important part of my family's history for a very long time. It's been celebrated for 100 years and although I haven't been around that long, I'm proud to say that I'm the fifth generation on both sides of my family to live on Quadra and attend and participate in May Day.

In 1994, my great-grandfather Chief Harry Assu received the May Day dedication plaque. I proudly stood beside him as he accepted the plaque while we all tried to keep warm wrapped up in our button blankets.

I feel very honored to have had the opportunity to be a crown bearer in 1997 and a May Pole dancer in 2000 when once again the weather was very uncooperative. But no matter what weather people come from near and far just to take part in the festivities and show their community spirit.

I would like to thank the selection committee and everyone who made this day possible.

I hope you all have a terrific day and enjoy May Day 2003!

Thank-You

First prize for Walkers went to Gina Nickoloff (Harry Potter). Jasiah Green won second prize for his Calvin and Hobbs costume. Genoa Alger came third (Pippi Longstocking).

In the Bikes and Wagons category, Sunday Dennis and True won top prize (The Gypsy Princess). Second prize was awarded to Maksym Andrejczuk (The Sword in the Stone). Gabriel and Celeste Lessard-Kragen took third prize (The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe).

Top prize for Group Walkers went to Robyn Mawhinney et al for their Wizard of Oz costumes. The Clandening family received second prize for Walking Books. Megan and Samantha took third prize (Little Mermaids).

Several events filled the rest of the day. The popular Box Lunch Auction, with auctioneer Beaver Clandening, was a big success. This event is generously supported by several island businesses. The Box Lunch Auction was organized by Deb Manery and Julie Frank.

Other afternoon events included face painting organized by Barb Mindell, the grease pole competition organized by Gretchen and Doug Peters (won by Tom Hawkear), the 'Novel Hovel' driftwood fort contest, foot races officiated by Quadra School teachers Jack Mar and Murray Garland, and small and large sailboat races.

This year's May Day Dance, organized by Sunday Dennis and crew, kept everybody hopping to the sounds of local band Beat Root and the Jeremy Walsh Band from Victoria.

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