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- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** -Food Bank 1-2:30 Community Centre
- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers, 7:30pm Community Centre
- **Every 2nd Tuesday** - Quadra Quilters, 9:30 - 2 pm Community Centre
- **Every Wednesday** -Community Kitchen Lunch noon - 1:30
-Seafood Night, Heriot bay Inn Pub 5-8pm
- **Every Thursday** -Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre
-Motorcycle Club meet 5pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
-Quadra Legion Jam, 9 - closing, everyone welcome
-Prayer Meeting, 7:30pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
- **Every Friday** -Duffy and Friends 8:30pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
-Youth Group, 7:30pm, Quadra Island Bible Church
- **Every Saturday** -Farmers' Market 10am-2pm behind Quadra Credit Union
-Meat Draw 5-6:30 pm Quadra Legion (members & guests welcome)
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw. Quadra Legion 6:30pm (members & guests welcome)
- **Every Sunday** - Positive Living Service, 10:30am Community Centre
-Landing Pub Meat Draw 3:00-5:30
- Buddhist Meditation, 10 a.m. Upper Realm
-Sunday School 9:45am, Worship Service 11:00am Quadra Island Bible Church

Next Deadline: Monday, May 24th 2004

May Day Schedule enclosed (see page 12)

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Lekwiltok, Cape Mudge's new canoe returns to shore after launch.
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-Installation Ceremony for Rev. Jill Brocklehurst Community Centre 8:00pm

May 15, Saturday

-A Day of Yoga with Lillian Provencal Community Centre 10:00 am- 4:30 pm

-Book Launch "10 Minute time Outs for Moms" Explore 1:00-3:00pm

May 15-16, Saturday & Sunday

-Discover Quadra a Celebration of Island Hospitality at April Point, Heriot Bay and Tsa Kwa Luten(Sunday only) 11:00am - 4:00pm

May 16, Sunday

-Service with Rev. Bert Ramsey QI United Church 12 noon (10:30 am Discussion group)

-Quadra Preschool AGM Quadra Preschool 1:00pm

May 21,22,23,24 (Friday-Monday)

-Quadra Island Mixed Slo-Pich Invitational Tournament Blenkin Park - Tent and games plus Cape Mudge Ball Fields

May 22, Saturday

-Quadra Childrens' Centre Garage Sale Childrens' Centre 10am-12pm

-Cortes Oyster Festival Smelt Bay Park 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

May 23, Sunday

-Sunday Service QI United Church 10:30 am

-Taize Evening Prayer Service QI United Church 7:00 pm

May 25th, Tuesday

-Craft 'N' Chat QI Bible Church 7:00 to 9:00 pm

May 29, Saturday

-May Day Parade & Festivities Rebecca Spit 10:00am

-May Day Dance featuring Soulstream Community Centre 8:30pm

May 30, Sunday

-Jazz 'n Blues Dinner Jam wi Annie Siegel Jazz Trio Heriot Bay Inn 6-9 PM

June 5, Saturday

-Sacred Circle Dance Community Centre 4-9:30pm upstairs

June 6. Sunday

-First Nations Cultural Demo Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge 4:00 - 7:00 pm

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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. Current advertisers welcome to submit events but not-for-profit items will be given priority.Thank you.

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Next Deadline

7 pm. Monday, May 24th

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News & Events

Dream Insights

- Come play for a few hours and be guided to a deeper understanding of your dreams. Sunday, May 16th, 1 - 4 p.m. at A Touch For Balance \$15. call Leslie at 285-3080.

Scholarship

The Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 154, Quadra Legion is now accepting applications for the KAY DUBOIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. Qualifications are Academic, and good Citizenship. Please forward letters of application to: Quadra Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Branch #154, Box 242, Heriot Bay, BC V0P 1H0. this scholarship is open to any child or grandchild of a Quadra Legion or Ladies Auxiliary Member for post secondary school education.

Where Does Our Mind Go?

A Tibetan Buddhist view on the topic of where does our mind go when we are dying? How do we prepare for this journey and how can we practice at that time?..

These questions will be addressed with teaching and meditation techniques on the study of POWHA, the transference of consciousness. Jomo Karma Tsultrim Metok Parkin, an ordained nun in the Karma Kagyu lineage of Tibetan Buddhism will give three teachings on May 29, 30, and 31, 7:30 to 9pm in a private home in the ferry cove. Kindly call 850-2032 if you wish to attend. By donation only....



Come and celebrate the publication of "10 Minute Time Outs for Moms"

with author Grace Fox
Saturday, May 15
1:00-3:00pm

Hours: Tues - Sat 10-5pm
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Craft n' Chat

Ladies, you are invited to join us at Quadra Island Bible Church on Tuesday, May 25th from 7 to 9 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and fun. Craft 'N' Chat night is the opportunity for you to work on your favorite craft or hobby without any interruptions! Set aside some time for yourself and we'll see you at the church on May 25th.

Tsa-Kwa-Luten Hosts Private Events

Please be advised that our facility will be closed to the public due to private weddings on the following dates: July 3rd, July 17th and September 11th 2004. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience these closures may cause for your guests. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely Caol Anne Terreberry, General Manager 285-2042

Invigorating Art Classes

The upcoming classes at the CR Art Gallery include a two day outdoor watercolour workshop with Doris Ritchie May 20 and 27. Doris will take her group to the "Jones Farm" on Quadra for one day and to the Hudson's Farm in CR to learn how to quickly capture light and shadows. Also upcoming is a series of acrylic painting classes for children 7-12, 3:30 to 5:00 at the Gallery from May 6 - 27; and a storytelling / illustration class for children June 3 to 24. Call 287-2261 for more info.

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VAC Visitation

All Canadian Forces ex-service personnel are advised that a Veterans' Affairs Canada representative will be visiting Quadra Island on Tuesday June 1st. Mr. Jim Fisher of the VAC District Office in Victoria will hold in-home consultations with current VAC pension recipients as well as with anyone wishing to establish eligibility for a VAC pension. If you have a pension matter to discuss with Jim, please call the new VAC contact number at 1-866-522-2122 in order to assist Jim in arranging his schedule.

A Bunch of Heathens Present:

An Evening in the Mountains with Joe Bajan. Island Rambling, Coastal Mountaineering, Peak Bagging Abroad. May 14th, 2004, 7:30pm, Timberline Auditorium. Adults \$10, Seniors \$7, Students \$5. Tickets: The Heathens 287-4611, Strathcona Outfitters 287-4453.

A Sparkling Church

Thankyou to all who have worked so hard in re-vitalizing the Quadra Island United church building. Thankyou Eric Sorenson for your work in cleaning up the church yard. Huge thanks to John Clark and Phillipe for painting the church and making it sparkle anew. and enormous thanks to Owen Humphries for working so hard fixing windows and supervising the renovation. We invite everyone to join us this Sunday.

QI Slo-Pich League

Here are some of the highlights from the past two weeks. After a see saw battle for seven innings the Econostuds and the Downgrades settled for a 9-9 draw. After spotting the Keltics a 16-3 lead, Chris Rendalls Chucker made a game of it but fell 15-16. Guns N' Hoses came from behind to edge the Quadra Misfits 14-13 and a RBI single in the bottom of the seventh cashes in the winning run for the Downgrades as they get by the Quadra Misfits 15-14. Here are the rest of the scores, Mon. April 26 - Diamond Junkies 23 Chuckers 14, Keltics 18 Gringos 5, Landing Rowdies 24 Econostuds 2. Wed. April 28 - Diamond Junkies 19 Gringos 7. May 3 Guns N' Hoses 12 Chuckers 6, Keltics 10 Rowdies 8., May 5 Keltics 20 Econostuds 5, Rowdies 13 Diamond Junkies 10, Guns N' Hoses 14 Gringos 8. See you at the Ballpark.

Slo Pitch Tournament

Quadra Island Mixed Slo Pitch League is again hosting our Annual Invitational Tournament on May 21st thru May 24th.

In 2003 we had twenty eight teams participate. Our local teams and teams from Campbell River, Gold River, Port McNeil, Tahsis, Courtenay, Union Bay and Victoria look forward to this Annual Event. Come out and watch some really great competitive ball.

Quadra Children's Centre Annual Garage Sale

May 22, 10am - 2pm at the Centre.

Thank you for all the great donations thus far! We look forward to seeing you at the sale. Further donations of saleable items welcomed. Please drop things off during our working hours Monday - Friday 7:30am - 6:00pm.

Sacred Circle Dance

Sacred Circle dance workshop presented by Rowan Brooks Sat. June 5th 4-9:30pm at the Quadra Community Centre - upstairs. Circle Dance is a moving meditation, a dancing prayer within sacred space. The dances come from many different cultures, and are both contemporary and traditional. Each simple step asks the dancer to move beyond the mind, into the deeper wisdom of the body. No dance experience is required, only a willingness to be present.

Rowna brings together her knowledge of Circle Dance and sacred ceremony as a means of celebrating Spirit. Cost \$35-\$50 sliding scale - dinner included. To register call Rowan (250) 935-0065

Billets Needed

The Bendigo Youth Choir (9-20 yrs old) from Australia will be performing here on Sunday, July 11, 2004. So, billets are needed for 30 youth, in pairs, for one night only. You would be responsible for bringing a potluck dish for a fun group picnic at Rebecca Spit upon their arrival that afternoon, dinner, transport to their concert, overnight accommodation, then breakfast before delivering your billet with a bag lunch to the 10:00am ferry to Campbell River on Monday, July 12th. It's a rare opportunity to open your heart as well as your home. If you have any questions and/or want to share in this unique, cultural experience, please call Carol at 285-3737 or Linda at 285-2343.

Quadra Island Preschool Faces Closure

Mark May 16th 1pm (at the Quadra island preschool) on your calendar if you have any interest in your child/grandchild, or any potential child of the future participating in this long-running island facility. This is the time to come forward to investigate where the Quadra Island Child Care Society (QICCS) is headed as we are poised on the brink of a major change and perhaps even closure.

-One scenario might be that the Society remains operative (which requires a 5 person Board of Directors) yet daily classes are held on a drop-in basis at the discretion of the parents involved.

-Perhaps it's time to concede that Quadra Island cannot sustain three pre-school-age programs....?

we are so fortunate here on Quadra to afford the freedom of choice so that our children can navigate their way through social

intergration in the format that best suits their individual needs. There is something that is unique to Quadra preschool: some children thrive on the routine of the same start/stop, drop-off and pick-up times, combined with the same schoolmates on the same days. The other preschool programs offer similar 'curriculums' and quality of care for our young ones however the preschool has been recognized as a unique setting within continuity has created its own attraction.

Surprisingly, in this current economic climate, the QICCS is not short of funds. This not a plea for financial support. What we need is children - and the caregivers of these children to keep a valuable part of our Quadra Island community open and viable as an option for the next generation. We have only 3 students for 2004/05 and we would ideally like to have at least 8. Hope to see you there!



Did You see Joe?

Help us find Joe. A possible sighting of Joe Skogan was made at the Campbell River Bus Depot on the morning of May 1st. But was it really Joe? To get there he must have travelled from Cutter Rd, on to the ferry and across to Campbell River.

Did you see Joe that morning? If we could figure out if, when and how he left Quadra Island that would help focus our search.

If you have any information please contact Shane at 285-2866 or Paul at 604-518-8457 or contact the local RCMP at 285-3631 Thank you.

RCMP News Release

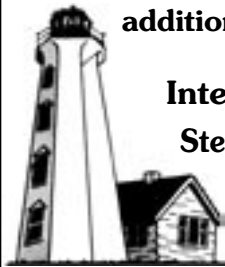
Missing Person - Joseph Bruce SKOGAN

A 31 year old caucasian male (Joe Skogan) has been reported missing. He was last seen on Saturday, May 1st, 2004 at approximately 6:30am walking along Cutter Road on Quadra Island. He is described as 178 cm (5'10), 82 kg (180 lbs) with dark brown hair and brown eyes. If you have any information as to Mr. Joseph SKOGAN's whereabouts please contact Quadra Island RCMP at (250) 285-3631



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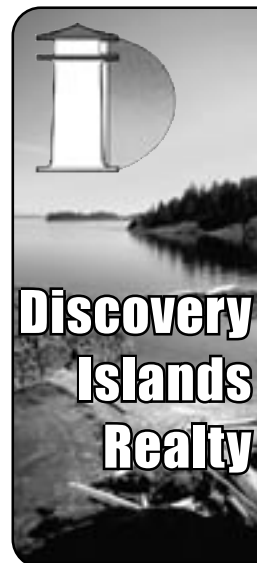
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SD.72 Plans to Increase Virtual Classes

SD.72 is hoping to pilot an innovative hybrid online program this fall. After returning from a recent B.C. Ed. On Line conference, Kevin Harrison, the district's Rural Education and Alternate Delivery Vice-Principal noted that this year, 6,700 students are taking one or more courses on-line. He also noted that there are 28 electronic programs operating in B.C. and many provinces are scrambling to take advantage of new technologies and platforms to deliver curriculum on-line.

From the Ministry of Education's point of view, they hope to provide support to districts who want to try to deliver on-line learning and distance education. What the ministry is quick to point out is that there is a difference between enrolling a student in a program and registering at a school. If you enroll a student in an on-line distance education program it should provide a level of service that resembles a neighbourhood school. The B.C. curriculum is followed, and teachers have enough contact with students to get to know them and to give regular assessment. Simply registering a student in a neighbourhood school does not require the B.C. curriculum to be followed and no reporting is expected from the registering school.

Research done by SD.72 on distance education and on-line learning indicates that a hybrid system may be a viable opportunity here. Harrison stated that he has heard from several home schooling parents that say they are not necessarily criticizing the public education system but rather are looking for more flexibility in educating their children. When Harrison describes the possibility of the best of both worlds, the response has been very positive.

According to Harrison, it is possible to offer a range of services that could involve courses on-line, live virtual classrooms, paper based courses, inclusive cultural activities, some course selections from local schools and a network for a community of learners. Enrolled students would also be eligible for a certain amount of funding for curriculum resources to support learning.

S.D. 72 is excited about the opportunity to work with students and parents in designing a program that is more responsive to a wide range of needs. The district would like to hear from the community, and through a series of meetings, get an understanding of what services could work for parents.

If you would like more information, call 830-2340.

Positive Living on Quadra Island

Celebrates

by Rev. Jill Brocklehurst

Friday, May 14th, 2004, 8:00 PM at the Community Centre you are welcome to attend the Chartering Ceremony of the Quadra Island Centre for Positive Living and the Installation of Reverend Jill Brocklehurst as pastor of this Society.

I am honoured to share such an important time in my life with you. It is also a special time for the Board of Trustees and members who continue to support the vision of the Centre; A World Awakened To It's Spiritual Magnificence. We have special guest ministers speaking from Kelowna, Vancouver, Saskatoon and Washington. Some of our favourite island musicians are attending; Opal Erikkson, Lois Taylor and Diana McKerracher, Jaron Freeman-Fox and my sister Sara-Jane Brocklehurst.

The celebration doesn't end here. Sunday, May 16th, 2004, 10:30 AM at the Quadra Community Centre we are gifted with the opportunity to hear my teachers, Rev. Kenn and Rev. Deborah Gordon, speak on Live Like Your Dreaming. It is not often a minister leaves their Centre to speak at another. So I invite you to come and taste a bit of the Kelowna Centre for Positive Living right hear on Quadra Island.

Oh boy! I have lots going on in my life. I have lists for my lists. I feel like good ol' Santa Clause must feel at Christmas, checking list twice and thrice to ensure no detail has been missed. A couple of times a headache has snuck forward and I realize it is time to rest, breath and release. All is well.

I look around and recognize the good in my life. I ask you to do the same for yourself. If but only you knew the pain I use to live and how I have transformed it into a community I call YOU. I see the gifts you bring to my life and this has made for a richer experience.

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Recognize your authentic self. Share it with the world. Let your heart sing and dance your dream. Come celebrate with us any time. You are always welcomed and honoured.

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Discover Quadra

This weekend everyone is invited to attend Discover Quadra ~ A Celebration of Island Hospitality. Discover Quadra is an event sponsored by Discovery Chamber of Commerce and is an opportunity for all of us to be a visitor on our own island and enjoy the recreation possibilities in our community. Discover Quadra will take place in mainly three locations, April Point, Heriot Bay Inn and Tsa Kwa Luten (on Sunday only) but many locations are opening their doors to the public so check out the brochure to find out more.

At Heriot Bay, you can take a short trip on a 26" open cruiser and enjoy lunch while watching eagles soar and seals sun bathe. There will be free curises to the Breton Islands but be sure to reserve your spot. Call 285-3322 for reservations. You can check out the free kayaking course offered at Taku dock by Spirit of the West or rent a bike and go on a self guided bike tour. At April Point there will be entertainment and art exhibits, information about Quadra businesses and non-profit groups. At Tsa Kwa Luten, Aboriginal Journeys will offer a sample of their guided adventure tour. The brochure and exhibits will feature kayak guide services, hiking and biking tours, bed and breakfast facilities, charter boat operators, artists and gift shops, - and many more services that make up the local business community and benefit visitors to Quadra.

Brochures and maps for the event are available free of charge at the Gateway Cafe, Aroma, the Explore Gallery, the Upper Realm and on the ferry. Call 285-2626 for more information.

Jugglefest Thanks

The 2nd Annual Quadra Island Juggling Festival was a flying success, with almost 80 full weekend participants plus many one day passers and a sold out Saturday night show. From newly learning jugglers to highly skilled professionals, all enjoyed and contributed to the celebratory atmosphere, sharing tricks and props and tips, and having a really fun time juggling together and trying new things such as rope walking and stilts and clowning. Onlookers enjoyed the array of colorful activity.

I would especially like to thank the businesses who helped to finance this event, through ads in our festival program and generous donations! Thanks to Tsakwaluten Lodge, Walcan Seafood, Quadra Building Supplies, Quadra Credit Union, Aroma's Cafe, Quadra Island Harbour House, The Heriot Bay Inn, Soapstone Sculptures, Quadra Storage, Hummingbird office Supplies, The Lovin' Oven, Quadra Foods, and the Heriot Bay Store. And also to the Campbell River Arts Council for the very helpful grant we recieved.

To all you volunteers, you know who you are and there are too many to name, thank you so so so so very very much for your time and enthusiasm! And much appreciation to all who opened their homes as billets for wayward jugglers!

It simply could not have happened without such awesome community support. Everything ran smoothly and I had a great time too. I have recieved many e-mails from happily recovering jugglers thanking all involved for such an amazing weekend and looking forward to next year(me too!).

Laura

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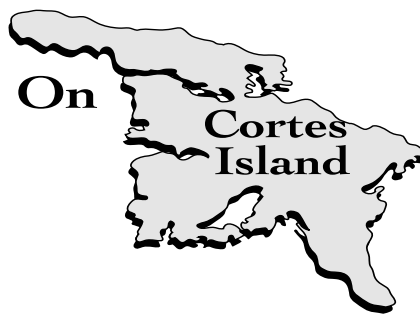
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Cortes Oyster Festival

Last year the oyster growers of Cortes Island and many other volunteers hosted one of the most enjoyable days of 2003 and this year they are doing it again!

Starting at Smelt Bay Park May 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., visitors and locals will be treated to entertainment, games, races, and horseshoe competitions amongst display booths, crafters and a number of food vendors. There will again be a food court serving, of course oysters, and a variety of other seafood dishes along with a salad bar. Last year's sumptuous lunch was a feast to be remembered. There is also another largest oyster contest with prizes for the top three. Oysters need not be from Cortes so you still have some time left to force feed your specimen and enter it in the contest. Open to all species and gender. Guest chefs will be behind the barbeques at the oyster bar sharing their favourite recipes.



Oyster Farmers Brent Petkau and Victor McLaggan serving up their gourmet Cortes Island oysters at Smelt Bay.

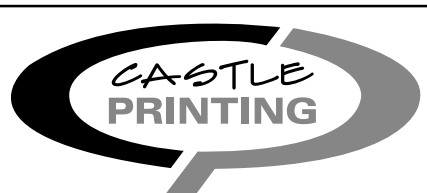
After the celebration at Smelt Bay there will be, of course, another oyster bar at Manson's Hall at 8:00 p.m. followed by a dance.

The Oyster Fest is a fundraiser for the new Cortes Island Health Centre and the Shellfish Interpretive Centre. Items are still being gathered for the raffle and auction so if you have a piece of art work, special dinner, gift item, special outing or???? to donate, please call Julia Rendall at 935.6681.

If you want to avoid ferry line ups, Discovery Launch will be running service from Campbell River to Manson's Landing. For info call 287-7577

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Cortes Island Museum Offers Exciting Trips this Summer!

The Cortes Island Museum is planning a number of exciting excursions for the spring and summer of 2004 aboard the charter vessel *Misty Isles*. This attractive vessel, owned and operated by Cortes residents Samantha and Michael Moore, is a 43-foot motor schooner capable of carrying 12 passengers. Each month, starting in May, the vessel will leave from Cortes Island on a different one or two-day adventure into the stunningly beautiful waters surrounding Cortes Island. Sign up now to reserve your place on one of these exclusive tours, by leaving a message at the museum (250-935-6340) or by email cimas@island.net.



The first trip departs Cortes Bay Dock 10 am on May 15th when a group of 12 will have the opportunity to boat to Mitlenatch Island Provincial Nature Park. Spring is an exciting time of year on Mitlenatch, the largest seabird colony in the Strait of Georgia. Half of the group will spend the morning exploring the shoreline in an inflatable zodiac scouting for sea lions, seals, river otters and cormorant nesting areas. The other participants will accompany their guide onto the island and will have the chance to photograph the beautiful spring wildflowers and get a close up view of the seagull nesting area from an observation blind. After lunch the groups will switch places. The fee for the Mitlenatch day trip will be \$80 per person (including GST). Trip returns around 5 pm.

On June 24th, the second *Misty Isles* trip will be departing 10 am from Cortes Bay with

10 onboard for a spectacular two-day Toba Inlet waterfall excursion. The group will explore Desolation Sound traveling into the fjord called Toba Inlet, an area where mountains rise straight out of the green glacial inlet waters and waterfalls thunder down from melting ice fields. The group will overnight at the charming Toba Wilderness Resort in rustic, yet snug log cabins offering hostel-style accommodations. After dinner participants can hike into a waterfall or relax in the beachside hot tub heated by the resort's own hydro generating plant. The price of \$250 per person includes all meals and accommodation. The voyage will end late afternoon on June 25th.

The July 4th trip gives participants the added opportunity of exploring by kayak historic Von Donop Inlet, located on the northern tip of Cortes Island. *Misty Isles* will depart from the Whaletown Dock on the morning of the 4th with kayaks onboard. While the group travels to the inlet, they will hear stories and see pictures of the early gypo logging settlement in Von Donop. Upon arrival half of the group will kayak into the inlet with their guide, while the rest explore Penn Island, Carrington Bay and Quartz Bay aboard *Misty Isles*. The groups will switch places in the afternoon. The trip costs \$116 per person and will end back at Whaletown Dock around 5:30 pm.

On August 7th the tides are just right for *Misty Isles* to depart the Whaletown dock at 9 am on a voyage to circumnavigate Maurelle Island. The 12 participants will share the history of this incredibly beautiful area, famous for its tidal rapids with ever changing whirlpools, currents and eddies. This is a great area to observe the eagles, seals and sea lions, which are often seen fishing in these fast waters. The fee for this sea adventure is \$96. *Misty Isles* will return to Whaletown around 5 pm.

Treat yourself to a Labour Day weekend trip around Read Island, the final trip of the summer. *Misty Isles* will depart Whaletown Dock 10 am on September 19th. Sit back and enjoy the isolated beauty of the area with stops to observe the wildlife along the way. Read Island supports a small population with no regular ferry service. You will pass through the area known as Surge Narrows, which still supports a small school and store. The trip will end back at the Whaletown Dock at 5 pm. The cost of this trip is \$90 per person. Space on all of the above trips is limited and pre-registration is essential, so be sure to reserve your place early.

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Quadra Recreation Society

May Day, May 29, 2004
Schedule of Events and who does what when...

"Creatures, Characters and Chronicles of the Deep Blue Sea" is the theme of May Day 2004. Join your friends and neighbours in a big community picnic at Rebecca Spit, Saturday May 29, 2004.

Celebrate the coming of Spring and Summer with colour, costumes, floats, music--the more zany and bizarre the better! Let your imaginations soar, representing sea creatures or your favourite character or story about the sea. Get your friends, or the neighbourhood gang involved in a float....

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

Please leave your dogs at home! Also due to safety reasons, let's have no more water balloons tossed at the parade . Parents: we need your help on this one!

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

POSTERS: See more details on posters by Leslie Matthews.

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

SHUTTLE SERVICE: This is donated by Heriot Bay Inn. The van will make trips to and from the Spit from 9-10 a.m. and the

from 2-3 p.m. If you are walking down the Spit road and have a box lunch, small children or are a senior citizen etc., just give a wave. They'll pick you up. [Thanks H.B.I.]

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

GREASE POLE: Doug and Gretchen Peters grease the pole and monitor the contestants. No pyramids please. Note at the top tells the winner to collect \$50 from the person at the information table. ("One person boosts are o.k. and wiping

the grease off with a shirt is one way we can go home before next May Day", says Gretch.)

GRADE 6 PICNIC: May Day is a time to honour the Grade 6 class which will be leaving for Campbell River next year. Check out the last picnic table with the balloons. Thanks Julie Frank, Sue Graham and Grade 6 parents for organizing this.

GRADE 6 DANCE: Upstairs in room 3 at the Community Centre, 7-8:30 in the evening, grade 6's and friends boogie to tunes after the "grand march". (ah, it's a traditional thing, don't ask.)

M.C. : Colin Liseth will keep the ball rolling.

QUEEN AND COURT: Speech contestants in Grade 6 deliver a speech at the Community Centre 2 weeks before May Day. The winner is the May Queen and runners up are in the court.

This is done in the spirit of honouring the Grade Sixes' transition to high school next year and having the whole age group being "special" at May Day. Thanks, Robin Beaton for guiding this process. Former May Queens are the speech contest judges.

STAGE: Thanks to Mel Doak for supplying and setting up the stage; and grade 6 parents for decorating it. Thanks Mel, also for the donating the porta-potties!

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

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

MAY POLE DANCERS: Barrie Calverley and Inger Crighton prepare the Grade 3 dancers for the traditional May Pole dance. Bravo Barrie!

BOX LUNCH AUCTION: Please support all the local businesses who donate magnificent "box" lunches each May Day. This is a big fund-raiser for next year's May Day. Get your friends together to bid and have a marvellous banquet. Deb Manery and Julie Frank are organizing this.

CONCESSION: Minor Ball coach and committee chairperson, Melanie Jordan is master-minding the concession with her ball team of 15 year old girls. Want to volunteer for a spell?(285 2103) Also thanks to Steve Swanson and support crew for building the concession structure.

RACES: Thank you once again to the Quadra Elementary school teachers for organizing the races. What would we do without your professional touch!

ENTERTAINMENT: Want to entertain? Call Q.C.C. 285 3243 and get on the list. Thanks Howard Bailey for supplying the sound system. So far Sara Boyes' bellydancers and Jaron's fiddle class have committed. Were are all the singers?

SAIL BOAT RACES: Brian Simons is organizing this event. If you want to enter the race, phone Brian at 285 3128 in the evening. If dinghy sailing is your

sport, call Frank Wallace at 285 2297. Start time for the big boats is 1 p.m and 1:30 for the dinghies.

FACE PAINTING: Barb Mindell organizes local artists, teens and adults, to paint faces. Some four hundred faces are decorated by the end of the day!

DRIFTWOOD FORT Building: Barb and Laird will be unavailable to organize this. If you are interested in seeing it happen, call QCC and volunteer to get it organized....

VOLLEYBALL: Pat Field will start you off.

CREDIT UNION DISPLAY WINDOW: Rhonda Richmond will put her special spin on "The Deep Blue Sea" theme.

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

INFORMATION/1ST AID TABLE: Lost? Need direction? Check in at the info centre. Meet the summer recreation programmer, Sonya Thompson and tell her what you would like to see at summer rec this year! Thank you Dawn Ross and first responders who will be close at hand for any medical emergency.

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

MAY DAY DANCE: Thank you George Murdoch and Donna Dennis and crew for bringing the ten piece band "Soul Stream" from Vancouver to the Community Centre in the evening. Buy your ticket early; it will be a sell out!

CLEAN UP and recycling. Help keep the park clean. Please pick up litter when you see it. Check out Dan Bingham's recycling centre by the concession.

Have a great May Day and thanks to all who made suggestions for themes and put them in the theme suggestion boxes. My favourite, which sums up the spirit of Quadra Island May Day will forever be: "Anything I can wear my fairy wings to".

Sandra Spearing
Coordinator

285 3243 (M-F 8-2pm)

Soul Streams in for May Day

What happens when 10 of Vancouver's top musicians play together as a house band for six years? You get the best dance band on the West Coast. That band is Soulstream and they're coming to Quadra to play for May Day at the community center on Saturday, May 29th.



Individually the musicians in Soulstream have a long list of credentials, including a Grammy Award, 5 Juno Awards, 14 Juno Nominations, 5 West Coast Musician of the Year Nominations, Jazz Report Magazine Composer of the Year Award, and countless other national and international awards.

Various members of Soulstream have toured and recorded with artists including Sheena Easton, k.d. lang, Wynton Marsalis, Tom Cochrane, Joe Williams, Mike Reno, Freddie Hubbard, INXS, Oliver Jones, Amos Garrett, Joe Lovano, Natalie Cole, Kenny Wheeler, Bo Diddley, Heart, Renee Rosnes, Long John Baldry, Collin James, Taj Mahal, Dave Holland, Powder Blues, Maynard Ferguson, Slide Hampton, and more.

Their repertoire covers soul/funk/r&b, salsa, jazz, fusion, drum and bass/house grooves, afro-cuban, disco, rock & roll, and whatever else feels right.

While Soulstream has become legendary in Vancouver's music scene, their two nights a week at the Bar None in Yaletown is normally their only appearance together as a band. So don't miss the opportunity to hear this power house groove machine on Quadra.

Doors open at 8:30pm. Advanced tickets are \$12.00 at Hummingbird and Quadra Crafts or \$15.00 at the door. Only 275 tickets will be sold.

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QCA & ByLaw Revision: The Process Moves On

The Quadra Community Association is moving on with the by law revision process – gaining approval for its plans and goals at a public meeting last week.

About 100 people turned out to the Community Centre to hear what the QCA has been doing over the last four months, and to add their voices to what will happen on the by-laws.

Much of the work of the last months has been gathering and digesting information for the revision process – which entails bringing the by-law in line with the Official Community Plan. The Regional District has helped by providing a specific list of areas which need to be addressed.

That is being added to the hundreds of comments made during last year's by law debate and the comments being made now.

And everyone is being invited to contribute to questionnaires on by-law issues which are available on the QCA website as well as at the Gateway Café and Café Aroma.

And now it is time to get specific. The QCA is setting up steering groups which will be addressing land use zones – agriculture, aquaculture, commercial-industrial, marine, parks and heritage, residential/home occupation, silviculture and tourism. Some people signed up at the public meeting – but more volunteers are welcome. It is an opportunity to have a say on areas that concern you. Get in touch with a board member (see below) if you want to take part.

The main principles which were agreed to at the public meeting are that the QCA is looking for the broadest possible input. It also wants to accommodate all current and traditional Quadra activities, unless a given activity is proven to present a danger or significant, measurable nuisance to the community. And it wants to keep things simple and useful – regulations and zones should only be created where they are

enforceable and there is a clear, current or near future need.

People are welcome to attend the QCA board meetings. The first part of each meeting will be looking at general by-law issues; these will be followed by reports on the work of each steering group.

The next scheduled board meeting is on 9th June at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.

Upcoming steering committee meetings are:

Aquaculture – May 18th, 7pm contact Alex Hartford @ 285-3148 and

Commercial – May 19th 7:30pm at the HBI dining room, contact Barry Hatelt for more info 285-3221

Your QCA Board members: agriculture & VP – Dalyce Dogterom; aquaculture – Cam Pirie; commercial/industrial – Barry Hatelt, marine – Bruce Kempling; parks and heritage – Pete Calverly; residential/home occupation – Bill DuBois; silviculture – Jerry Benner; tourism – Pat Nowazyk. President – Richard Desmarais, Treasurer Terry Hooper, Communications Claire Trevena. Members at large: Tina Oswald, Philip Stone, Alex Hartford.

Regional Director's Report - May 10, 2004

By the time you read this report, the Regional District will have held a Special Board Meeting to deal with the issue of garbage dumping on Pinetree Drive. Our meeting is to be held tomorrow morning (May 10th) and will allow the RD to pass a bylaw to declare the property a nuisance and allow the RD to hire a contractor to go in and clean up the property after the legal notice period is up. That should mean the property will be cleaned up by the end of May. It will be done by off-island waste management professionals, qualified to deal with the unknowns around this type of cleanup.

This has been a very difficult situation for the neighbours, the garbage contractor and his family, myself and the island as a community. I am very sorry that it has to come to this, but it must be cleaned up. I think everyone agrees on that point. I also think that everyone agrees that this cannot happen again and that we as a community must take steps through the Regional District to make sure that it does not happen again.

I would like to thank the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services for supporting the granting of a special Order in Council to allow the Regional District to proceed with this necessary action. We could not have done it without his help and that of our MLA.

I think I will leave it at that for this time. Please feel free to contact me at 285-3355 Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm (not on weekends, please!) or anytime by fax at 285-3533 or by email at abramfam@oberon.ark.com

As always,

Jim Abram,

Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area J), RDCS

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Island Forum

Dear Editor:

In a recent letter to the editor, a Ms. Rena Patrick, provides your readers with a blend of misinformation, conjecture and misunderstanding of the economics of solid waste management, which in fairness requires a response from the Regional District.

Ms. Patrick believes that the presence of a "real" recycling centre on Quadra Island would have prevented the creation and growth of the illegal garbage dump on private land on Pinetree Drive. In fact the creation of the illegal dump was caused not by the absence of a Materials Recovery Facility or a transfer station on Quadra (as she suggests) but by the lack of a viable business plan on the part of the operator of the garbage collection service. Where others have succeeded on Quadra in the past, he failed because he did not set aside a sufficient portion of the business' revenue to cover two of his most basic operating expenses – transportation and tipping fees. The unfortunate consequence of the business failure was the creation of a nuisance, the illegal introduction of waste to the environment, and possibly, the creation of a public health hazard.

The recycling centre on Quadra Island at Quathiaski Cove, and twenty other identical recycling centres throughout the Regional District are designed to accept a limited number of commodities for which markets have been identified and secured. Currently these commodities include fibre, glass, metal and plastics. The purpose of a recycling centre is to receive clean, separated recyclable material, not to process garbage in the hope of extracting

contaminated materials for which there exists little demand and only a nominal chance of financial recovery. Ms. Patrick has confused a recycling centre with the Material Recovery Facilities often found in large urban centres where the distance to a landfill may be 200 kilometres or more and where tipping fees are much higher than those charged in the Regional District.

The statement that operators on other islands "all sort their loads and pay for transportation by cashing in recyclables" is simply untrue. The reality is that the net cost to transport and dispose of waste from Denman, Hornby and Cortes Islands ranges from \$85 to \$114 per tonne.

In closing, we agree with Ms. Patrick on one point. The volume of garbage sent for disposal at the Campbell River landfill would be even further reduced if all residents of Quadra Island implemented a program of composting the organic portion of their household waste and separating recyclable materials before setting their trash out for collection. The Regional District will continue to fund and operate the multi-material drop-off depot in Quathiaski Cove and the Compost Demonstration Garden and Education Centre in Campbell River and it encourages all residents to avail themselves of these resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Long

Chief Administrative Officer, RDCS

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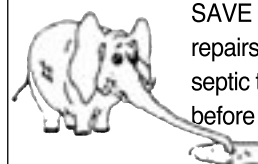
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Moving, a Teenager's Nightmare!

By: Amanda Zimmerman

Moving is every teenager's secret fear. Regardless if you are moving to a new city or just a new house, this experience is not a welcome one! Moving means change. Change, no matter how big or small, is a difficult thing to understand. As far as many of us are concerned, moving is a change that we are often unwilling to accept. However, moving is also hard to ignore.

When I arrived here on Quadra Island in July, I knew there would be serious changes I would have to get used to. The weather and transportation were a few major "differences", I encountered. I had no idea there would be so many changes. I could not escape the change, it was inevitable

I was at a complete loss. My perfect world had been turned upside down, and I was trying desperately to hold on! But the summer ended, and I was forced to start a new school year in a different school with a class full of people my age that I did not know. I was all alone, and to make matters worse, we did not even own our own house. We were renting, so I could not make my room mine. Everything was unfamiliar.

Going places was a new problem too. Nothing could be done spur of the moment anymore. My life was in some way dependant on the ferry schedule, and getting to school in the mornings was a constant worry.

Just when I was beginning to feel overwhelmed, I realized I could settle in. The reason I hadn't so far was because I refused to accept my circumstances. I refused to believe I had moved. After that, everything just seemed to fall into place. I made a few good friends at the school I attended and began to enjoy my classes.

All of the fear was for nothing; everything came together in the end. Of course, not every teenager responds to change the way I do. Some thrive on it while others put up a brave front and paste a smile on their face.

I wish I could say that the move here was the last one I had to make, but we bought a house. We have started repacking everything now, and I am waiting for the panic to choke me, but it hasn't. Yikes, another move. Just when I was getting used to the last one, finally feeling like I had a handle on things! But I'm excited not nervous. I know this move won't be easy, but I have learned my lesson. I'm going to accept the move this time, and I know everything will turn out all right.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD

The Annual General Meeting of the South Quadra Fire Protection District was held on 2004 May 05 and the usual business was conducted. One Trustee position was up for election, and Richard Cartwright was re-elected to the coveted position by acclamation. The annual Financial Statements, Capital Plan, Trustee's Report, and Fire Chief's Report were presented and accepted. For your information, the current Trustees are: Jim Evans (chair), Bob Brown, Richard Cartwright, Ken Dinnes, and Derek Stevens. Trustees meetings are held monthly, generally the second Monday of the month, at the #1 Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. District landowners are welcome to attend; anyone wishing to speak should contact a Trustee to be sure that they are placed on the agenda. I would like to thank the Trustees for the dedicated job that they do, which is on a completely volunteer basis.

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We would like to thank the local woodlot owners and logging contractors, who sponsored a session of the Ministry of Forests S-100 course, Basic Fire Suppression and Safety, this past Saturday. We were able to include 15 of our firefighters in the course along with the 11 logging people that took it; everyone passed. Wildfire is of course one of our major concerns during the dry season, and we appreciate the opportunity to add this course to the training of so many of our members at no cost to us. Thanks also to the volunteers who gave up a sunny Saturday to take the course!

WORK PARTY HELD

More thanks to the volunteers who turned up to put in a day's work at the #1 Fire Hall and help clean up the site. The new water tanks look much better painted, and the grass will be growing soon on the boulevard. Special thanks to young helpers Eric Johnson and Tom Clandening, who put much of the paint on the tanks, and hardly any on themselves.

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-Murray Johnson

This column appears in the Discovery Islander every now and then. Our thanks to the publishers for giving us this opportunity. If you ever have any topics that you would like covered regarding the Fire Department, fire safety, regulations, etc., or questions that we may be able to answer, please feel free to contact me: QIVFD, Box 80, Quathiaski Cove, BC, V0P 1N0, Attn: Fire Chief Phone 285-3262 Fax 285-3273. You may also contact me at murray@island.net if you like.

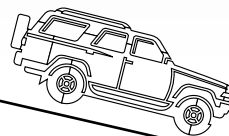
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BYLAW NO. 2617: "Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw, 1990, Amendment No. 68"
WILL BE HELD AT: Quadra Community Centre, 970 West Road, Quadra Island
ON: Tuesday, May 18, 2004
COMMENCING AT: 7:00 p.m.



The intent and purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 2617 is to consider the rezoning of a 47.12 hectare (116.43 acre) foreshore site, legally described as "Unsurveyed foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of the northeast side of Raza Passage, Group 1, New Westminster District" and which is located on the northwest side of Raza Island, as shown on the map below, from Access Two (AC-2) to Aquaculture Three A (AQ-3A) to legalize an existing finfish aquaculture farm. It is the intent of the applicant to expand the current Land and Water British Columbia (LWBC) tenure (File No. 2403035) to facilitate the repositioning of the anchor lines and fish pens within the tenure boundary and to include staff accommodation.

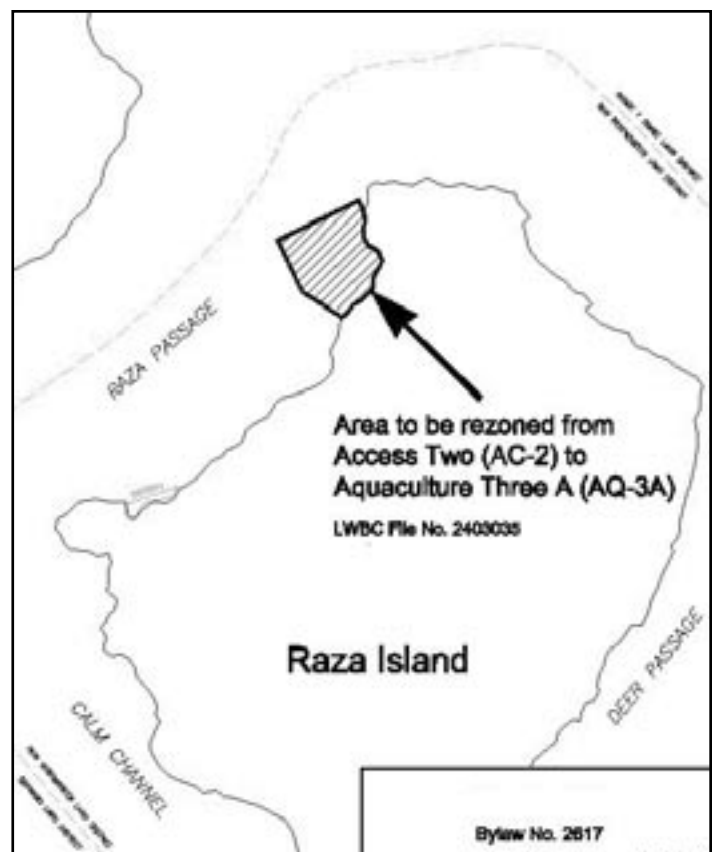
A copy of the proposed Bylaw and related information may be inspected at the Regional District offices, 600 Comox Road, Courtenay, BC between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday on May 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17 and 18, 2004. In addition, the proposed bylaw and map schedules may be viewed on the Regional District website at www.rdc.bc.ca.

At the public hearing all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed bylaw will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on matters contained therein. ***Please note that legal considerations prevent the Regional District from considering any representations made after the close of the public hearing.*** If you cannot attend the Public Hearing, all written submissions (mailed or electronic) must be received by this office prior to the close of the public hearing on May 18, 2004.

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

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by Steven Halliday

TV?... ...or not TV?*

**with apologies to W. Shakespeare.*

I've confessed in this space before that I am a TV junkie. Always have been, probably always will be. I wear out the batteries on my remote control so fast I should buy shares in Duracell, and fortunately for my wife we are unable to get a satellite dish as trees block the signal. At our house trees take priority over entertainment, so I'm limited to the cable universe. But I am a selective addict. You won't find any of the so-called reality shows playing on my tube, nor sitcoms. As I hate having movies interrupted by commercials I rarely view them on the conventional networks. Much of my viewing is limited to PBS, Knowledge Network, A & E and CBC Newsworld, but on rare occasions I venture out of my comfort zone and check out the other stuff. One such occasion was last Friday, when I interrupted my channel surfing at NBC because a newly familiar face appeared on the screen, being Teresa Heinz Kerry, wife of the presumptive Democratic candidate for President. She was being interviewed by Barbara Walters on Dateline, and since I knew little about the lady who may well be the next First Lady of the USA I decided to watch.

Everything went fine for a while. Babs threw Teresa some fairly good questions about her stand on some hot button issues such as abortion rights, Iraq and the current controversy over the treatment of prisoners in Iraqi prisons. Ms. Walters, typically, had to throw in some fluff questions such as "Does John use Botox?" (the answer was no) or does she feel at ashamed about owning 3 SUV's (she doesn't). Overall I thought Mrs. Kerry was doing a bang up job of selling herself to the viewing public, and Barbara was doing a so-so job of keeping the questions relevant rather than ridiculous. Until, that is, she leaned in close to Teresa, allowed a pregnant pause, then said "Teresa, it is possible that your husband may win the election and you will be moving into the White House..." followed by another

pregnant pause, and then..."Will you be serving Heinz ketchup?"

AAARRRRGGGHHH!!! Rather than follow my first impulse to destroy my new TV by throwing the remote at it, I simply smashed the channel button and banished Babs from my screen – permanently I should think.

This was worse than shoddy sensationalism masquerading as journalism. Though I didn't see the rest of it, I would hope that Mrs. Kerry stood up, removed her mic and terminated the interview. Obviously, though, she could not do that without causing some repercussion that might harm her husband's campaign, so I imagine she gritted her teeth and went on with the sham. It's sad, really, that someone of such obvious intelligence and bearing should have to submit to such idiotic questioning. If it was a weak attempt at humour I might excuse it, but I know it wasn't. It was pandering, pure and simple, to the simpleton level of what constitutes Barbara Walter's fan base. In my view, she gave up her journalistic credentials years ago, and now practises infotainment journalism on a level with Geraldo Rivera. Having worked alongside such noted journalists as Harry Reasoner and Hugh Downs, Ms. Walters has gone to the dark side, and is now (barely) capable of doing celebrity interviews. She was the first female co-anchor of an evening news broadcast, has interviewed six US presidents, and was the youngest news producer ever at WNBC-TV in the late 1950's. She has won 4 Emmy awards and also the prestigious Lowell Thomas Award for Journalism. But over the last few years (her last Emmy was in 1983) she has given up serious news in favour of pap such as the Heinz-Kerry interview demonstrated.

But in a world where TV ratings are increased exponentially by the level of humiliation a show dishes out to it's participants; or the burning question of the day is whether so-and-so will

get together with what's-her-name (I'm speaking here of some show I've never seen called "Friends") is it any wonder that serious, questioning journalism has become a rarity? I still look forward to "60 Minutes" and "The Fifth Estate", but that's about it. "20/20" went for the ratings, as did "W-5". Since the purchase of BCTV by Global even Tony Parson's evening newscast has lost its edge, and is on the slippery slope to trash TV. I noted with interest that former US Vice President Al Gore is buying a company that broadcasts news 24 hours a day, with the content produced by our own CBC. He is doing so, he says, to counter the conservative bias exhibited by the majority of mainstream US broadcasters. Might it also be that he recognizes a higher standard of journalism and wants to align himself with what is becoming a rarity in North America?

I now rely on the Internet for most of my news, mainly because I am aware of what's going on around the world much faster than any TV channel can deliver. And I am able to access quality reporting, but only by visiting overseas sites such as the BBC and the Guardian, or locally the Globe and Mail. TV has so little to offer except for the specialized channels, which as I said are my likely viewing choice. Quality television is rapidly becoming an oxymoron, and there is little chance that advertisers will demand a return to quality – why should they, when trash equals high ratings? So as I get older and crankier I will probably be turning on the television less and less frequently, which I'm sure my wife would label as a good thing. I sure hope the withdrawal symptoms are not too bad.

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Island Report



Master carver Bill Henderson addresses and welcomes the crowd. Tanya Storr

by Tanya Storr

Saturday May 1 was a day of feasting and celebration for the We-Wai-Kai people of Cape Mudge, as they launched the first traditional canoe carved in their village in more than 100 years.

The canoe project involved carvers from the Cape Mudge and Campbell River bands, working together in a spirit of cooperation.

Approximately 500 well wishers attended the historic launch. The crowd gathered beside the beautiful 40-foot long red cedar canoe, housed in an open carving shed, as master carver Bill Henderson from Campbell River opened the ceremonies.

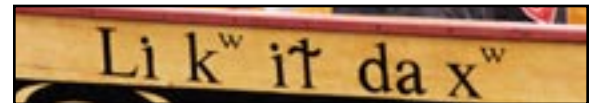
"Gila kasla! Welcome everyone. This is a big day for our people," Henderson said. "Everybody is excited about launching the canoe."

Several chiefs and dignitaries gave words of welcome, in Kwakwaka'wakw and English. Ralph Dick, elected Chief Councillor of the Cape Mudge Band, spoke about the design painted on the sides of the canoe. Created by Dwayne Simeon, the design depicts Lekwiltok, the Sea Snake.

"Lekwiltok is the name of our nation. The sea snake lies on the bottom of the ocean

**"We have brought
everyone here to celebrate
Lekwiltok, our canoe,
that will allow us to move
forward together,"**

- Patti Wilson



The canoe is for the children! Tanya Storr

and only comes to the surface at certain times of the year," Chief Dick explained. "If it is cut in half, the two halves will swim away. If those halves are cut, they will swim away, and so on. You cannot kill the sea snake. That is the name we gave our people."

Dick went on to praise the young people who took part in the project. "It is so important for our youth to participate in our culture and heritage," he emphasized.

Chief Dick introduced Patti Wilson, Community Health Representative for Cape Mudge, saying she was instrumental to the success of the canoe project.

"Today is very special for us—our youth, elders, and everyone in the community. Our children are our future. We have brought everyone here to celebrate Lekwiltok, our canoe, that will allow us to move forward together," said Patti.

As well as being the Community Health Representative, Patti oversees the First Nations Youth at Risk Program. Building the canoe was the first goal set by the youth involved in the program. The project was made possible by a \$50,000 grant from Imperial Tobacco Canada.

Cape Mudge

Celebrates Launch of Traditional Canoe



Lekwiltok is greeted by canoes from Comox and Campbell River.

Philip Stone

Junior Henderson, a nephew of Bill Henderson, said he was very proud to be involved in a project that involved the collaboration of the Cape Mudge and Campbell River bands.

"I'm so proud of my uncle for what he has done, bringing back the way we used to live as one. I can't say enough about the people of Cape Mudge for what they have done for the children. We have to unite as Lekwiltok people. We must stand together, community to community. I hope this feeling of unity will last longer than today," Junior said in a voice charged with emotion.

The blessing ceremony began. A line of chiefs and other dignitaries walked slowly around the canoe, as the sound of chanting filled the air. Patti Wilson sprinkled eagle down in the canoe and Bill Henderson placed a wreath of cedar branches on the bow to ward away evil spirits. Dan Henderson said words of blessing in Kwakwaka'wakw.

It was time to launch the canoe. The paddlers, or 'pullers' as they are traditionally known, lifted the canoe for the walk down to the water's edge. Once hoisted, the impressive size and shape of the traditional craft became even more apparent.

Dignitaries wearing elaborately designed button blankets accompanied the green, red, and black painted canoe down the beach. The crowd fanned out along the shoreline and the docks to watch the launch.

The paddlers, one from each clan in the village, eased the canoe into the ocean. A drum beat sounded and eagles called while they prepared to push off. As the canoe surged away from shore, a huge cheer erupted from the onlookers. "Lekwiltok" was launched.



Dan Henderson and elders dance as Lekwiltok returns to shore.

Philip Stone



Jason Wilson welcomes the visiting canoes from Campbell River and Comox

Philip Stone

Two other traditional canoes, from the Campbell River and Comox bands, waited offshore with their paddles raised in greeting. The paddlers in the new canoe sang as they glided out to meet them.

Following the Cape Mudge canoe back to shore, the paddlers in the Campbell River and Comox canoes called out for permission to land and help celebrate the great day. The three canoes were beached in the traditional way, stern first.

The solemnity of the ceremony now over, the paddlers joked and laughed as they moved the new canoe up the beach. Carver Tom Wilson expressed his relief that the ceremony had gone off without a hitch.

"Just like during a potlatch, if we had made any mistakes we would have had to pay money to everyone watching. Those are the old big house rules," he explained.

Tom said they completed finishing touches and did a practice launch the night before.

"The canoe is wonderful to paddle. The head of each family chose a representative

to paddle today. I chose my youngest boy. He'll remember this day for some time," Tom said.

Carved in a traditional Kwagiulth design, the canoe's bow and stern are shaped differently. Tom explained that the narrower bow is best suited for oceangoing travel, while the wider stern becomes the bow when travelling upriver.

"The paddlers turn around and face the other way, because the stern makes a better bow for paddling against river currents. One of the elders told us that before he passed on," Tom said.

The log used to make the canoe came from a 998-year-old tree. Volunteer carvers worked on the project over a period of more than eight months, fitting it in between fishing and other work.

Master carver Bill Henderson said he didn't draw the design for the canoe on paper. "It just came from the heart to the log," he stated.

"Carvers," Bill went on to say, "can make the wood talk, make it come alive." He thanked his father and older brother for passing on their skills to him.

Feasting and dancing went on for several hours in the hall after the launch. The Cape Mudge people provided a delicious seafood lunch for all in attendance, and performed a traditional program including the Hamatsa, Salmon, Paddle, and Ladies dances.

Several people involved in the canoe project were presented with beautifully carved paddles, each one painted with its own design. Those honoured included representatives from the First Nations Youth at Risk Program, Imperial Tobacco Canada, and Weyerhaeuser Canada, as well as carvers who worked on the project.

Shawn Decaire, the young man who came up with the idea for carving the canoe, received his paddle with heartfelt emotion.

"This is a dream I've had for a very long time. When I became involved in my traditions, I realised we were missing one thing—a canoe. I'd like to thank all the people who came together on this. It's truly the greatest thing in my life to see something this big happen in Cape Mudge Village," he said.

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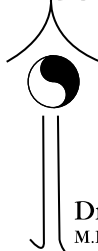
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