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## The Regulars

- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** -Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre
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  - Yoga 9 am and 7:30 pm Community Centre
  - Badminton, 7:30 Cape Mudge Hall
- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers -QCC, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Sept.to Apr.
  - "Vision" Rev. Jill Brocklehurst on CRTV 11:30 am and 4:30 pm
  - Sketching group at Firesign Studio 10 am-12:30 pm
  - Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Childrens Centre
- **Every Wednesday** -Yoga 4 pm and 7:30 pm Community Centre
  - Community Lunch, noon
  - Badminton, 7:30 Cape Mudge Hall
- **Every Thursday** - Motorcycle Club meet 5pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
  - Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
  - Mo's Jam 9 pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- **Every Friday** -Live dance music 8:30 pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
  - Seafood dinner & Ron Hadley piano - Tsa-Kwa-Luten
  - Yoga 9 am and 7:30 pm Community Centre
  - Youth Q.I. Bible Church 7:30 - 9:30
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw. Quadra Legion 6:30pm (members & guests welcome)
- **Every Sunday** Bible Study all Ages - Quadra Island Bible Church 9:30 am
  - Sunday Service QI United Church 10:30
  - Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
  - Jazz nights in the Heriot Bay Inn Pub every Sunday 6-9 pm 285-3539
  - Children's Program - Centre for Positive Living - 10:30 am
  - Buddhist Meditation 10:00 am Upper Realm

**Next Deadline: Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 2005**



## Day by day

- October 28, Friday**  
- Great Bear Rainforest, 7:30 Q.C.C.
- October 29, Saturday**  
- Halloween Dance Quadra Legion  
9:00 pm Band: "Big Mouth"
- October 30, Sunday**  
- Open Memorial Celebration to honour your loved one Q.C.C.  
10:30 am
- October 31, Monday**  
- Halloween Fun Night, Q.C.C. Blenkin Park  
Witching time starts @ 6:30pm - Fireworks @ 8:30pm
- November 2, Wednesday**  
- Quadra Seniors Meeting Quadra Legion  
10:00 am
- November 5, Saturday**  
- Prairie Murders Book Launch, 1 - 3 Explore  
- Pipes & Drums Pub Crawl, 5:00 pm
- November 6, Sunday**  
- Geshe YongDong on "Tonglen Practice" Upper Realm  
11 am
- Quadra Safety Day Q.C.C.  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- November 8, Tuesday**  
- Quadra Quilters Guild Q.C.C.  
9.00 am - 2.00 pm
- November 11, Friday**  
- Remembrance Day Service Quadra Legion  
Be seated by 10:45 am
- Family Pot Luck Dinner Quadra Legion  
Social Hour 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm
- November 14, Monday**  
- Rhododendrons with Paul Wurz Q.C.C.  
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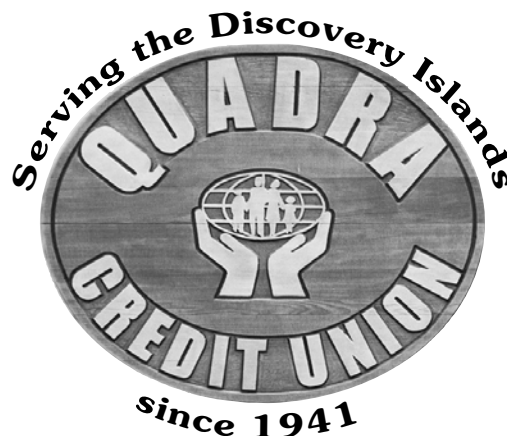
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# News and Events

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## Quadra Christmas Crafts

Quadra Island Community Centre's Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Friday, Nov. 25th from 4p.m.-9p.m. and Sat., Nov. 26th. from 10a.m.-3p.m.. To book your table please call Sue at 285-2742.

## Island Music at Upper Realm

Dave and Michele are pleased to announce the Grand Opening of their new music store and teaching studio on Quadra. Located upstairs in the Upper Realm, Island Music is the islands' first retail outlet offering new and used instruments, tapes, cd's, albums, books on music, some instrument accessories and music lessons for almost all instruments. Come check out the new store and call 285-2626 for more information.

## Using What You Have...

### A mosaics weekend workshop

Vancouver Island artist Shylene Schlackl will teach mosaics-building with recycled materials in a fun weekend workshop starting Friday evening through Sunday afternoon November 4-6 at Firesign Art & Design Studio and B&B. Shylene has lead community unity mosaic projects in Vancouver and around the world. All materials included, small class size, unlimited studio time, B&B accommodations provided. Website: [www.firesignartanddesign.com](http://www.firesignartanddesign.com). Call Nanci 250-285-3390 for more information.

## Island Voices Chamber Choir

presents VOICES IN REMEMBRANCE, a special tribute to our Veterans and all those who gave their lives in service of our country, on Remembrance Day, Friday November 11th. The concerts will be held at Our Lady Sacred Heart Chapel at CFB Comox at 2 pm, and at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 228 S. Dogwood in Campbell River at 7 pm. For ticket info, call Anne at 287-4236

## Are You Winterized?

The ladies of Quadra Islander Bible Church, invite the ladies of our community to join us for morning coffee and baking, on Saturday, November 19th, from 10am till noon. We will be having a Silent Auction, singing, and lots of fun, so please join us! Admission is a food item, for the Food Bank.

Look forward to seeing you! Need more info. call Joyce (3671) or Susan (2417)

## Smith/Thompson Family Reunion!

Are you related to John Thompson from Redonda and Kate Thomposon (nee Smith) from Cortez, and are intrested in a reunion in the summer of 2006. Please contact Nikki at [mortey@shaw.ca](mailto:mortey@shaw.ca) or call Laurel at 712-0519 or call Dawn at 285-2147 before the new year. We dont have a date set yet, we just want to see who would be intrested and we will go from there!

## Epiphany Gallery

The artists' roster is slowly filling up for exhibits for the 2006 year. There is still space available. All artists are invited to exhibit their work at the Epiphany Gallery in the Upper Realm This gallery is an artist's exhibition space that offers 4 walls and a cozy environment. Come check us out upstairs at the Upper Realm. Call 285-2626 for more details.

## Legion Craft Fair

The Christmas Craft and Bake fair will be held on Saturday November 19th from 10 am to 2 pm. This eagerly anticipated annual event is hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. Get a jump on your holiday gift list. Santa will be arriving at 11 am for pictures. Vendors can phone 285-3621 or 285-2661 for table reservations. Tables are still a low \$5 for round in the lounge and 410 for a 6ft. in the main hall. Prizes galore!!! Hope to see you there!

## From the Editor

Not much room in a packed issue - great to see, but I do need to squeeze in and send out my great thanks to Chris Thompson, Mimi Smienk, Tara Williamson and anyone else who helped out - for holding the fort during my 4 month hiatus. Thanks as well to all the D.I. readers for taking Chris's humour in stride and not burning my office down while I was away and yes the spoof ads were meant in jest... and came in-house, or is that the dog house?

I look forward to picking up on Island happenings and catching up with all my friends and acquaintances around the island.

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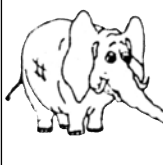

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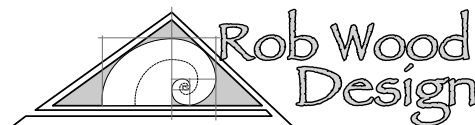
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## Music for MISA

A stellar musical line up featuring Rodrigo Figueroa, Smooth Edge, The Milton Road Trio, and Red Wagon is set for November 5 at Quadra Island Community Centre. This is not a night to be missed! Join us for a night of great entertainment for a great cause. This event is a fundraiser for Campbell River and Area Multicultural and Immigrant Services Association (MISA). Along with designer coffees, the cappuccino bar will feature a selection of and gastronomical delights from around the world. A silent auction featuring delectable homemade pies and cakes will take place throughout the evening.

Come out and enjoy an evening of MUSIC for MISA. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. with the concert to begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and are available in Campbell River at the Music Plant and CRMISA office and on Quadra Island at Quadra Crafts and Explore Gallery. For more information contact CRMISA 830-0171 or Melissa Howard 287-2784. Campbell River & Area Multicultural & Immigrant Services provides assistance to recent immigrants and their families as they adjust to life in Canada, as well as anti-racism programs.

## The Great Bear Rainforest Film and Talk

The Great Bear Rainforest is a land of narrow, steep-walled fjords and towering cedar trees that boasts one of the world's largest populations of grizzly bears, as well as the rare white Spirit Bear. Five species of wild salmon spawn in its streams and genetically unique coastal wolves find refuge in its forests.

Over the past eight years communities, environmental groups, industry and tourism sectors have come to an historic land-use agreement which would protect one-third of the region from logging, define sustainable logging practices and invest in diversifying the community economies. All that remains is for the BC Government to ratify the agreement.

On Friday, October 28th at 7:30 pm in the Quadra Island Community Center, Sierra Quadra will show a National Geographic film on this very special place. Lisa Mattheus from the Sierra Club of BC will be present to update the audience on this campaign.

## World Religions

Bill Moyer interviews Huston Smith on "Hinduism and Buddhism" in a video for the first session of a six week course on World Religions. The course is based on a book by Huston Smith called "The World's Religions". Ray Grigg and Steve Moore will be course facilitators. We will discuss the first four chapters in the book, which includes Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism. Students are expected to purchase the book for \$23.50 (which is available in the used book store in the Upper Realm) and read around 30 pages a week. The course, itself, is free, although a small donation for room rent is appreciated.

Folks are also welcome to come to the above mentioned film on Tuesday, Oct 25

& forgo the latter sessions. Time: 7:30 p.m., Date: every Tuesday night, starting on Oct. 25 and ending Nov. 29. Place: Quadra Community Centre Board Room. Again, another project by that never ending mind stream produced and directed by the Quadra School of Philosophy. Call Steve at 285-3323 for more info.

## Halloween Fun Night

Halloween Fun Night is happening Monday October 31 at 6:30 at QCC. There will be 2 haunted houses, one for the really brave and one for little kids. As well there will be games. Outside there will be a bonfire and fireworks starting at 8:30. Donations are kindly accepted at Box 10 Q.Cove or the QCC office. Many thanks to those who came out to the organizing meeting: Christopher Hammar, Deb Mulcair, Tucker, Marley and Susan Dinnes, Terryl Bertagnolli, Cody Cooper and Maritte Arriaza. If you want to help make it all happen, call 285 3243.

The Community Kitchen Lunch is up and running and a great meeting place noon Wednesdays. Come for lunch, donate if you can and the profits go to the food bank. Call Wayne Langman at 285 3264 if you want a volunteer job.

Lots of people are commenting on the lovely new courtyard area on the south side of the community centre which is the finishing touch to our long term addition project. Many thanks go to designer Pamela Goijberg of Fish House Designs, Matt Griswold and crew from Toelle Construction, Don Doolittle and crew who laid the pavers and the garden tour fundraisers who donated to the project. Appreciations to Val Barr and crew for keeping the surrounding garden beautiful, as well. This is a great place for weddings and other events which can flow out from the building. Check it out!

Sandra Spearing, Coordinator Quadra Island Community Centre



## Killing Time At Explore

If you would like to enjoy a seldom recorded insight into the gripping topic of murders and murderers you can join Quadra Island author Peter Smith for a book launch at the Explore Gallery on Saturday, November 5, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Peter will be there for a reading from his newly published true-life book "Prairie Murders" after which he will sign copies of the book, and be available for a question and answer session.

His book contains unusual murder cases, from the killings to the trials, some of which he covered during his 37 years as a crime reporter in Canada and England, and other historical cases which he researched in depth.

During his career as a crime reporter in Calgary, he interviewed murderers, traveled to the States for major cases, including the Littleton, Colorado school massacre, went back to England for the case of a doctor who murdered 215 patients, and even received a death threat from a convicted killer.

He'll be talking about these cases and revealing some of the secrets in his crime reporter's notebooks and murder files, thousands of which are stacked to the rafters in his house in Hooleyville.

Anyone who requires more information can contact Kathy at the Explore Gallery located at the Quathiaski Cove Plaza at 285-3293.

## Quadra Quilters Marathon

The Quadra Quilters will be sewing up a storm on November 19 and 20. This is our fourth annual marathon when we get together to sew quilts for children with cancer. The fabrics and quilt designs are picked to appeal to all ages of children from new borns to late teens. Fabrics are donated and after that the quilters take over. The fabric is washed, ironed and then selected by team leaders for the pattern they have in mind. We have already cut out the fabric we need for the various quilts and are getting our machines geared up ready to sew. The finished quilts are donated to B.C. Childrens Hospital and Ronald MacDonald House and, sad to say, there is always a demand for more. Letters from the recipients show us how much these quilts mean to those who receive them and to their families.

If you are not a guild member but would like to sew, iron, etc for all or part of the time, contact Stacey Nielsen (285 2957 or <mailto:todspond@gicable.com>todspond@gicable.com). For safety reasons, all participants must be over 14 years. Donations of cotton fabric is always welcome as is cash to help defray expenses. If you would like to see what we have made, visit the Community Centre between 1 and 4 pm on Sunday, November 20. We can promise (if there is no power outage this year) that we will have some bright, cheerful and original quilts for you to see.

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## Super Saturdays

There are still four Super Saturday Art Making Events coming up at the Campbell River Art Gallery before Christmas. There were over 25 people in attendance at the last session, which was spent creating a giant installation that encompassed the entire studio. Participants spent the afternoon weaving a web out of yarn, telephone wire, spoons, and other found objects to create a stunning sculpture inspired by the current exhibition at the gallery by artist Joelle Ciona titled *Inhabitation: Campbell River*. The next session is on Oct. 29th, participants will be making self-portrait sculptures using recycled materials like plastic bottles, newspaper, string, and lots of other fun stuff. We will dress our finished sculptures in costumes for Halloween. The theme for the following session is Cool Collaboration Art. Collaboration art is created by a group of artists who work together to make a piece of art. Everyone participating in this session will work together to create a giant mural of our area. Other upcoming Super Saturday events include Magic Drawings on November 26th, and Christmas Tree Ornaments on December 10th.

Admission to Super Saturday Art Making Events is by donation on a drop-in basis. Sessions are held from 1-3pm at the Campbell River Art Gallery located at 1235 Shopper's Row (in the Tyee Plaza). For more information phone 287-2261.

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## Museum at Campbell River Veterans Week Events

The Museum at Campbell River is offering a series of events to mark Veterans Week, November 5 ^ 11. This week is in honour of 2005 Year of the Veteran, a Canada wide tribute intended to celebrate, honour, remember and teach our youth about the contributions and sacrifices of our veterans. The Museum will focus on the war years 1939-1945, as 2005 marks the 60th Anniversary of the end of WWII.

On November 6, from 2 pm ^ 4 pm, the Museum will offer a chance to spend an afternoon listening to memories of the war years from local veterans and community members. This is intended as an informal opportunity to gather and chat about an era that has had a profound impact on global history. Audience participation is encouraged as anyone is welcome to attend and ask questions or tell stories of their own. The North Island is rich in what is termed CELiving History, and the Museum is encouraging the community to come out and learn from the memories of people who lived through the years of World War II.

On November 7, from 7 pm - 9 pm, author Chris Weicht will present an illustrated talk on the secret wartime activity of the Japanese off the coast of Vancouver Island, as well as the efforts of the RCAF to deter it. This presentation includes a series of photographs taken on board Japanese submarine I-26 showing its torpedo room, engine room, the launch of float plane fighters from its forward deck as well as a photo taken from the sub of the Estevan Point lighthouse. Chris Weicht is an expert on the history of aviation on the west coast and is the author of CEPacific Airway, and CEJerico Beach and the West Coast Flying Boat Stations,. Books will be available for sale and signing.

And then on November 8, from 7 pm ^ 9 pm, Danny Brown will give an illustrated talk on the historic background of Yorke Island. This isolated and windswept island in Johnstone Strait was on the frontline of our west coast wartime defense system. Danny will provide surprising details and interesting insights into this truly historic local landmark.

Please pre-register with the Museum for these events by November 5. The cost for each event is \$6.00. For more information, call the Museum at 287-3103. Let's celebrate Veterans Week together Campbell River!

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## Friday Flicks

### Bright Young Things

Friday, November 4th Q.C.C.

Doors – 7:30, Showtime-7: 45

Actor Stephen Fry, best known for his spot-on Oscar Wilde in the film “Wilde,” and his comic roles in “Black Adder” and “Jeeves and Wooster”, demonstrates that he also has talent as a screenwriter/filmmaker in “Bright Young Things.” Adapted from Evelyn Waugh’s 1930 novel, “Vile Bodies,” Fry successfully satirizes London socialites of that era. “Bright Young Things” demonstrates that this classic period piece also has relevance today through its examination of the excesses of an era, and the empty-headedness of self-indulgent lives.

The story centers on one emblematic couple: Adam Symes, a screenwriter, whose commissioned work has just been confiscated by a puritanical British customs officer, and Nina Blount, an easily bored socialite who comes from money but always wants more. From its dramatic opening, with the classic swing song “Sing, Sing, Sing” overlaying a lavish London party, the viewer is engaged in a fast-moving and sharp look at the last days of England’s young upper-crust.

In America, the 18th amendment prohibited the consumption and sale of alcohol. The era was known for its political conservatism and anti-immigration policies, yet it was also an era of unprecedented prosperity and certain social freedoms. Women had won the right to vote in 1920 and a perpetually intoxicated jet set was taking to nightclubs across the nation. In England, similarly self-indulgent socialites were nicknamed “Bright Young Things” by the British press and, with profound ignorance, were blithely drinking, drugging and partying their way into WWII.

Through the imminent crash of London’s class structure, “Bright Young Things” remains a gorgeous-looking film and comes highly recommended for anyone who loves sophisticated, Merchant/Ivory-style fare with a good dose of acerbic wit and cynicism thrown in.

Sources: Slant Magazine, Georgia Straight, Boxoffice, BBC News.

## Quadra’s Native Son Returns with The Bills



“The biggest blast of fresh air to come out of Canada since The Band, The Bills present bucketfuls of good stuff: bustling bluegrass, hillbilly symphonies, gypsy-swinging virtuosity, harmony-rich sea chanties, some great new songs, and shades of Cajun, country dance and La Bottine Souriante’s Quebecois brilliance.” Scottish Herald, Glasgow

Bring your dancing shoes! Or not, if you just like to listen. The Cultural Committee of Quadra Rec is very excited to present a Dance & Cabaret evening with our favorite homegrown son, Mark Atkinson, returning to his Quadra roots with his Roots band, The Bills (formerly known as The “Bill Hillies”), on Saturday December 3rd at 8:30 p.m. at Quadra Recreation Centre.

Twice nominated for the Juno, this quintet, popular with music fans of all ages for their rich vocal arrangements, exuberant live performances and wonderfully innovative interpretations of traditional tunes from around the globe, exploded onto the North American folk music scene in 2002 with the release of their second CD, the award-winning All Day Every Day. Since then they have gained international recognition as one of folk’s most inventive, skilled, and entertaining acoustic acts.

The Bills are happy to return to Quadra and itching to take you on a joyous musical ride, so get on board and enjoy Canada’s foremost roots music sensation! Tables will be reserved near the stage for non-dancers with plenty of room for all you dancers.

Tickets bought in advance are \$15:00 each and \$35 per Family (parents and their dependent children). Tickets bought at the door are \$20 and \$45 respectively, with a youth ticket available for \$15. They can be purchased on Quadra at Hummingbird Office Supplies in the Cove and at Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay, as well as in Campbell River at The Music Plant. For information call 285 3560.

## Tonglen Practice

Geshe YongDong will be speaking on “Tonglen Practice” at the Upper Realm on Sunday, November 6, at 11 am. Tonglen is a Loving Kindness meditation and visualization designed to enhance your capacity for compassion & love.

Tonglen means “giving and receiving.” In the Tonglen visualization, we receive, with a strong compassionate motivation, the suffering and pain of others; and we give them, with a tender and confident heart, all of our love, joy & peace.

Geshe YongDong is a Tibetan Buddhist Monk, who has a teaching centre in Courtenay B.C. Geshe is a teacher of meditation, philosophy, astrology and language. He’s also a sweet guy.

Call Steve or Danielle at 285-3323 for more info. Cortes Islanders can walk-on the 9:50 am ferry for a 10:30 a.m. pick up at Heriot Bay. Campbell River folks walking-on will also be picked up off the 10:30 am ferry at Q. Cove.

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## Fabric Painting for Fun

The fabric painting class will be offered at the Upper Realm on Saturday, October 29 at 10:00 am. Learn how to create prints using natural objects such as leaves onto fabric. Make stencils or paint your own designs. Bring anything you would like to paint such as pillow cases or T-shirts. The course includes the use of paint. Blank T-shirts are available. Call Mimi at 285-2626 to register. \$20 for adults. \$15 for kids.

## It's Poppy Time!

The Royal Canadian Legion's annual Poppy & Remembrance Campaign begins Friday, October 28 & will run until Thursday, November 10. This campaign is the Legion's only national fund-raising event & Legion members, together with other members of their communities, will be out in force to Poppy tag.

The basic purpose & obligation of the Poppy Trust Fund is to assist Canadian & allied ex-service personnel & their dependents that are in need. The money collected during the annual Poppy & Remembrance Campaign does not belong to the Legion, but the Legion is responsible for these funds. The funds are Public Funds & the Legion is charged with the trust of overseeing their disbursement in accordance with the strict guidelines set down by national Legion policy.

In addition to assisting ex-service personnel Legion branches may, at their discretion, may disburse Poppy Trust Funds for:

- housing accommodation & care facilities for elderly or disabled persons;
- comforts for ex-service personnel & their widows/widowers who are hospitalized & in need;
- prizes for the Literary & Poster Contest;
- the award of bursaries to students who are children or grand-children of Canadian ex-service persons who are in need of this assistance;
- support of meals on wheels service
- community medical appliances which will assist in the care of veterans

We of the Quadra Island Legion are most grateful to the residents & businesses of Quadra & Cortes Islands who continue to support our Poppy & Remembrance Campaign so generously.

Thank you, one & all.



## New Sketching Group on Quadra

Artists are invited to come together and go out (or stay in) and draw or paint Tuesdays 10 AM-12:30 PM. No instruction or formal critique—just company and sharing. \$3 drop-in. Meet at Firesign Studio 730 Smiths Road. Call Nanci at 285-3390 for more info.

## Legion News

**HALLOWEEN DANCE:** Sat, Oct. 29 at the Legion. Prizes for best costumes! Boogie to the beat of "Big Mouth" beginning at 9:00 p.m.

**POPPY CAMPAIGN** needs Legion members for tagging. Call Poppy chairman, Don McDonald at 285-2258 to arrange a day, time &/or location.

**POOL TOURNAMENTS** every Fri. night beginning Nov. 4. (Note: the Nov. 11 tournament will be held Sat. Nov. 12 due to branch evening events for Remembrance Day). This is a great activity for both guys & gals so come along & have some fun..

**OPEN JAM SESSIONS** also every Fri night beginning Nov. 4 (with the exception of Sat. Nov. 12). Bring your own instruments & have a blast.

**PIPES & DRUMS PUB CRAWL** - Sat. Nov. 5. Members of the Campbell River Pipe Band will be making their annual tour in support of the Poppy Campaign. The band is scheduled to be on the 4:30 ferry & will play at the Landing Pub, the Legion & the HBI. So hang out at your favourite watering hole (the Legion - yes!) & give the band a warm Quadra greeting.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** will take place at the Nov. 16 general meeting. All members are urged to attend this very important meeting.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** include:

- Remembrance Day service - Family Potluck Dinner - Honours & Awards night (Fri. Nov. 11): be seated by 10:45 a.m. for the service.

- L.A. Xmas Crafts & Bake Sale (Sat. Nov. 19): Donation of baking requested.

- Grey Cup Day (Sun. Nov. 27): two big screens - munchies available.

Mark these dates on your calendar & watch for details on posters, in our future columns &/or in the Hungry Eye.

## Legion Donates to Hospital



(L-R) Quadra Legion Sgt.-at-Arms Bruce Thomson; Diana Williamson, Executive Director Campbell River Hospital Foundation; Branch Poppy Chairman, Don McDonald

Quadra Island Br. #154 of the Royal Canadian Legion recently donated \$3,200.00 from their Poppy Trust Fund to the Campbell River Hospital Foundation. The money will be put towards the purchase of two video scopes for the hospital's Endoscopy Unit. This donation was made possible by the residents & businesses of Quadra & Cortes Islands generously supporting the Legion's annual Poppy & Remembrance Campaign.

## Quadra Seniors-BR.91-B.C.O.A.P.O.

I feel all the Seniors would agree, that Fall is one of the most colorful seasons. The maple leaves are so golden and bright. The only problem, is they must be raked and cleaned away, when they fall. Just like other seasons though, you either have lawns to cut, or snow to shovel. So that's life! Our seniors are looking forward to winter sitting by the cozy stove, reading or knitting. Playing cards, or on the computer.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Luncheon at the New Heriot Bay Inn, Dining Room, on Dec. 12 th. If any members or guests would like to attend, contact Ruth Amiabel 285-3801.

We would like to thank our long time hard working, Comox Strathcona Regional Director Jim Abram, for his devotion and his support for our Seniors on Quadra Island. The support for the running of the Tourist Booth, is gratefully appreciated. Thanks again!

Flu shots will be at Quadra Recreation Centre Nov. 9th—12:00 pm—to 2:00 pm and Nov. 16th—1:00 pm—to 2:00 pm. If Seniors need a ride - please call Ruth or Martin Amiabel 285-3801

Our next meeting Nov. 2nd/05.-10:00 am We will have a R.C.M.P. Community

Week presentation. All Seniors Are Welcome Young and Experienced Come to our meeting, and join our Happy Group.

## Increase in Child Care Subsidy

Quadra Children's Centre would like families on Quadra to know that on October 1, 2005 the government made some dramatic increases to the funding of childcare in our province. The government has increased the income threshold which determines a family's eligibility for subsidy with children under the age of 6.

This threshold has been increased from \$21,000 to \$38,000 per year. Families with incomes over this amount may still be eligible for a partial subsidy. Also the amount of monthly subsidy has increased. For example a child who attends a regulated childcare facility full-time will see their subsidy increase from \$394 to \$500.

Any families who currently receive subsidy will automatically see their subsidy increase, they don't need to do anything. We encourage you to take the time to phone Childcare Subsidy Program at 1-866-866-0800 to see if you qualify.

Quadra Children's Centre

## New Recycling Depot

As part of national Waste Reduction Week, the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona today launched a new recycling bin area on Quadra Island.

This new area, located at the south end of Harper Road (between People's Drugmart and the Credit Union), offers residents a clean, well designed recycling bin area for the 24-hour drop off of recyclable materials. These materials will then be collected and taken off-island once a week. (Plastic is removed or "tipped" separately - usually every seven to 10 days.) Maintenance and cleaning of the site will happen each day during the busy season and four to five times a week otherwise.

"We have proven over the years with our pilot recycling project that there is a real need for this new and improved depot," said Jim Abram, Director for the island. "A great deal of planning and hard work went into bringing this project to fruition and islanders were lining up to drop off their recyclables as we were opening the new site. It is very extensively used by the people of Quadra Island and helps us do our part in diverting a significant amount of material from the landfill."

Materials accepted include plastic household containers (numbers 1 through 7), newspapers, magazines and household stationery (including junk mail), metal food containers, glass food containers, cardboard and boxboard.

The Regional District of Comox-Strathcona is a partnership of nine electoral areas and eight municipalities providing nearly 100,000 residents with over 140 services - from parks to full-service sports facilities to regional solid waste systems.

## Regional District And Volunteers Launch Public Access Wharf



*New sign at the new public wharf at Hoskyn Channel Landing on Quadra Island.*

*Left to right: Rob Wood and Laurie Wood of Maurelle Island; RDCS Board Chair Jim Abram; Ken Flagger and Teresa Beyerstein of Read Island. photo: RDCS*

After many months of planning and hard work, a new public access wharf at Hoskyn Channel Landing on Quadra Island is a reality, thanks to volunteer labour from the outer islands and Campbell River and \$10,000 in financial support and leadership from the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona (RDCS).

"The previous wharf was unsafe and, in bad weather, unusable," says Jim Abram, chair of the RDCS board of directors and the director for the Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets. "I am very excited to see the results of the cooperative efforts of so many volunteers, local businesses and our regional government."

The wharf serves over 100 people from neighbouring islands year-round and many more in the summer months. It is the closest and safest year-round access point for groceries, jobs and medical care for residents from Read Island, Maurelle Island and other islands as well as countless tourists and many eco-tourist businesses from Quadra Island and Campbell River.

"This wharf and the new sign are great examples of what can be accomplished when government, private businesses and citizens work together to provide something of benefit for everyone," says Abram.

The ramp for the wharf was built on Quadra Island at Cape Mudge Boatworks. A large cedar tree removed during road access work was taken to a local small mill on an outer island and used for making the wooden part of the wharf construction. In order to take advantage of the tides when the wharf was ready to go up, it took place in the middle of the night during very bad weather. The former fish farm company, Marine Harvest, transported the ramp on a local freight boat, the "Chinook" from the boatworks to its current location.

The specially designed sign was created by Richard Pielou, a resident of Quadra Island.

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## Cancer Study Continues

Amped on Nutrition is still involved in a cancer study for Quadra Island. Please if you or any of you or any member of your family has now or previously had cancer while living on Quadra Island you qualify for the study.

This is a long term project which will probably take 5 years to complete. Amped is taking cancer information and will map the occurrence rates across the Island. We are working together with the Cape Mudge Band which is now in the process of testing for cancer causing agents in the air. In trying to identify the source they are working with an environmental consultant Michael Gordon from Vancouver.

Dr. David Martin with Health Canada is in the process of matching postal codes with cancer cases on the south end of Quadra. Please contact Amped at 285-3142 if you would like to assist by providing your history or those of a family member or friend.

## Hidden Secrets of the Rhodo

Rhododendron is the perfect genus for the west coast garden. She loves our acid soil, tolerates the rain and adapts to our drier summer with some care.

From the time late winter bulbs are finishing, to the start of early summer blooms, Rhodo is the Queen of Shrubs. She awakens our gardening passion with the brilliant flower colours of the cultivated varieties, or for some, the subtler tones of the species. The texture of her evergreen leaves contrast so nicely with the native trees and ground hugging ferns. On Monday November 14th 7 pm, the Garden Club presents Paul Wurz, local Rhodo expert, and President of the North Island Rhododendron Society. Paul operates a small nursery, Hidden Acres Rhodos on the north side of Campbell River, near Mystic Woods. He will teach us about propagating, and caring for Rhodos including fertilizing, mulching, and pruning. He will also discuss how to manage or prevent disease (mildew), and pests (root weevil).

Join us for a slide show and discussion evening on Monday November 14th, 7 pm at the Community Centre. New members welcome. Bring late fall blooms/berries or winter colour for the show and tell table. If you have a surplus of potted plants or are dividing perennials now is a great time to share. Annual membership is \$10 which gives a discount at many local nurseries. Drop Ins \$2. We share plants, magazines, and garden knowledge.



# Area J Regional Director's Report

October 23, 2005

**W**ell, since I have been acclaimed as your Director for another term, I guess this is my first Director's report of my new term! I would like to thank all of the people of the Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area J) for placing your confidence in me to represent you for the next three years. I take this position very seriously and will do everything possible to insure that your concerns and issues are dealt with. It has become a huge job over the past few years and I am pleased with all of the progress that we have made together and look forward to all of the projects that are possible in the future. Through collaboration, there is little that we cannot accomplish for our area. I intend to build on our successes and advocate on your behalf to all levels of government. Once again, thank you for your support and I really look forward to working with all of you.

Next, I would like to express my appreciation to Chris Thompson for filling for Philip while he was away and for helping to keep the Discovery Islander up and running. Thanks to all the others that helped out also. Welcome back, Philip!

## Raven Bay

I have been receiving many letters every day supporting the Regional District's (RD) application to acquire the lease at Raven Bay for public use. The province was planning to sell it off privately and we asked that they consider an arrangement with the RD so that we could keep it in the public domain. They were agreeable and it has been advertised. I have only received three calls opposed to it, mainly due to inadequate information. I have also met with representatives for the Cape Mudge Band (who have an interest in this area) and explained why this is being applied for and I felt that they were also supportive of keeping it in the public domain. I have offered to meet with the entire Council if they like. So, I hope we will be able to proceed as soon as possible with finalizing this agreement.

## Recycling Bin Depot

Well, after many months of "discussion" and uncertainty over the placement of the recycling bins, the RD has secured a site and entered into an agreement with the Ministry of Highways and we have officially opened the depot, during Waste Reduction Week. The site, as you will see, is very professionally done and was designed and overseen by Murray Johnson of MM Johnson engineers here on Quadra. He has done a wonderful job of project management and the finished product is a joy to use. You will see flowers and grass in the spring to complement the paving and fencing that is already there. My thanks to the RD for persisting with this very valuable community service in the face of much adversity. Congratulations, Murray, on a job well done. Over the past three years this service has diverted tens of thousands of tonnes of waste from the landfill. Our community should be proud of its efforts to recycle.

## Read Island

I will be attending the annual general meeting of the Surge Narrows Community Association and an information sharing meeting on Saturday, Oct. 29th. There are many issues on Read and the outer islands that are requiring my attention. The Evans Bay wharf is still being discussed and we are awaiting final word from Transport Canada on the request to turn it over to the community. We will also be discussing the possibility of Canada Post trying to cut back service at the post office.

If you are in the area of Hoskyn Channel Landing (Surge narrows Road end), have a look at the beautiful sign that was built and installed for the RD by Richard Pielou of Quadra Island. It is a testament to the cooperative work of the RD, the community and businesses.

## Upcoming issues

I will be meeting with the Prime Minister's senior advisor and the senior advisor to the Minister's Regional Office on Nov. 8th to arrange for the reconnection of 13 more fog horns on this coast. I have been working behind the scenes on this for the past year with these same people and have had incredible cooperation.

## Planning issues

We will have a new General Manager of Community Planning by the beginning of the month. We have been looking forward to this so that we (the Electoral Areas) can get on with prioritizing our planning needs for the coming year. Our zoning bylaw is at the top of my list along with components of a Local Area Plan for Quathiaski Cove and possibly a look at sections of our Official Community Plan. Quathiaski Cove is a priority due to the amount of development that is taking place or being proposed and we have all heard loud and clear that this is the gateway to Quadra Island and the look and feel is important to islanders and businesses. So, those three are the major projects and then there are the day to day ones that must be looked after also... it never ends!

## Granite Bay/Kanish Bay

I have gone to this area with a group of our senior staff to see what needs to be done to realize all of the projects that I have been advocating for over the past few years. We will be setting up two meetings (TBA). One will be for the area of the parking lot, boat ramp and dock and the other will be for the connector road into Kanish Bay Estates, Telus services and a discussion of Hydro service.

I think I should stop there and get outside for some fresh air, since I will be in Board meetings for the next two days, solid! Please feel free to contact me at 285-3355 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, please!), or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at [abramfam@oberon.ark.com](mailto:abramfam@oberon.ark.com)

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

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



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## Dear Editor,

I'm writing a note to thank the Heriot Bay Inn profusely for the hospitality that they've proffered to the Quadra Old Growth hockey team over the years and again this season.

Also I'd like to remind any potential fans that we play every Sunday night either 7:30 or 8 pm at rink 2, Strathcona Gardens

Thanks again H.B.I.!

Quadra Old Growth

## Was It You?

When I injured my wrist in a fall early in September two people kindly loaned me a heating pad.

I no longer need these and have returned one of them. But now I cannot recall who loaned me the other one! Was it you? if so please phone me and I will ensure you get it back.

Thank you.

Hilary Stewart 285-2805

## To: Jim Abram Regional Director – Area J

Congratulations Jim Abram we were happy to hear that you will represent Area J for another 3 years

Jim Abram is a person who has helped the Stuart Island Community Association or SICA (Stuart, Sonora, Dent Islands and surrounding mainland) with issues that are of great importance to our area: fish farms, forestry, land issues, and more.

Jim Abram's experience in government and his personal experience living at Chatham Point have made him an effective and informed representative for our area.

Jim has shown that he cares for the way of life that the outer islands have and the Stuart Island Community Association believes he will continue to do so.

We look forward to working together again.

Directors for Stuart Island Community Association (1964)

## Island Timberlands Logging Plans on Read

Subsequent to the September 20<sup>th</sup> Island Timberlands visit to Read Island, many of us were hopeful. We understood the company was unwilling to consider our ideal scenarios relating to lot 21 (Bird Cove Creek) – scenarios such as the donation of the land to Nature's Trust, no logging, or willingness to sell the lot to the community at an affordable price. However, it did seem a reasonable solution might be possible – one in which the salmon spawning creek was protected with a minimum 30 meter logging set-back, and the logging on the balance of the beautiful and well-canopied lot would be careful and selective.

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, about 35 people gathered at Surge Narrows to hear the plan, as presented by senior engineers Ally Gibson and Kraig Urbanowski. On hearing the result, I, for one, felt naïve and foolish for having hoped too much.

Ally, on behalf of Island Timberlands, made it clear that their parent company, Brascan, is in the business of logging and land development (Brascan also owns Royal Lepage real estate). He stated this three times, along with advising the property is privately owned, and that they intend to log it with or without community approval.

The only good news of the day was that the company will back away from Bird Cove Creek on Lot 21, giving the 30 meter stream set back we had hoped for. However, instead of selective logging on the west side of the road, we understand that area will be effectively clear cut, apart from temporarily leaving some large trees standing close to the road. We understand logging will begin mid-November.

The news progressively worsened.

Island Timberlands five year plan is to harvest about 10,000 cubic meters of marketable timber annually from Read Island.

Community members asked about their environmental certification, ISO 14001. Island Timberlands asserted that in purchasing Weyerhaeuser lands, they are covered by the Weyerhaeuser certification, meaning they can cut old growth trees and clear-cut if they so chose. We understand they see nothing wrong with logging anything Weyerhaeuser left behind,

including anything of value in the green strips that were set aside in agreement with the community.

Island Timberlands was unwilling to discuss their cutting plan for the Blockhouse and Earthquake Lake areas. This cutting plan will be provided in late October or early November, cutting will occur in 2006.

The community left the meeting feeling frustrated and worried.

Ken Flager, point-person for the community, spoke with me after the meeting. We both were dismayed at the prospect of the rich forested beauty of Read Island being turned into a clear-cut Douglas fir monoculture "Christmas tree farm" or yet another "log and flog" scarring the land.

Do you have any ideas on what we as a community can peacefully and legally do? Ideas are welcome, call Ken Flager at 287-0965.

Ginny Vassal  
Read Island

## Re: Death of William Powell,

In response to the letter from Mike concerning the death of William Powell in Heriot Bay from pneumonia and exposure: if I can be of assistance in helping eligible people fill out their disability claim forms I would be glad to do so. My knowledge of these forms is limited but I'd be willing to help where I can.

Ellen 285-2630

## A Brother and Son Remembered

It's hard to believe ten years have passed since the day I saw you last. When I think of all the things we used to do I remember a brother who's heart was true: baseball games, music or just drinking beer.

When I think of these things I wish you were here. As I sit with my memories of joy writing this I realize how much I miss my brother Chris.

In memory of Christopher James Rendall  
October 12, 1972 - October 23, 1995

Mom, Will, Ben, Becky, Jan and their families all miss you and our father very much and we think of you both every day.

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**Next deadline 7pm November 7th**

## Surge Narrows News

First came the abundant Surge-style potluck and then...what a party it was! The Oct 8th dance to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our community hall & its new roof was a resounding success! The 60's theme was in full evidence from dress to decor and the band Flying Debris gave us a good dose of rock & roll. A wonderful reunion for the folks who helped with the hall's construction 20 years ago and also for the young adults who attended school here. For the rest of us it was a great time—sorry if you missed it.

This fundraising event brought in \$2,120 which will go towards a new hardwood floor in the hall. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a part to make this event happen:

Wendy Matheson, event coordinator extraordinaire. Amazing job—it must be the wings & go-go boots! See you in 2010 for the 25th! Bruce Davies, our building coordinator & dedicated community volunteer. You're always there when we need you! Silent Auction donors: Brenda Dempsey, Anne Wilson, Richard Gilmore, Wendy & Bill Matheson, Mark & Heather Stublely, Surge Store, Greg & Rose Barlow, Heriot Bay Inn Adventure Centre, Sonora Lodge, On Root Greenhouse, Yellow Dog Trading Co., Hummingbird Office Supply, People's Drug Mart, Quadra Builders. Financial donors: Ed Handja, Inlet Navigation, Bruce Prentice, Bill & Karen Locke, Louis Poitras. And special thanks to all of you who sent cheques and donated cash. Food donors: Heriot Bay Store, Thrifty Foods.

The BBQ pit was expertly presided over by Percy Hart and the bar was Wendy's winged domain. Frieda, Robin & Gina took able command of the snack bar & grab bag station. Kid's Activities & Party Supplies: Jorge Little. Art Work/Decor: Tina McNab, Luis Grav, Richard Gilmore & the Surge Kids. Boat Transport: Bill & Kelsey Matheson, Rob Wood, Heriot Bay Water Taxi. Appreciation also to the morning after's breakfast cooks & clean-up gang, and to all those behind-the-scenes folks not mentioned by name. But most of all our thanks go to you, the people who came and danced and gave so generously. It was fun—let's keep in touch!

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*Tips to make high tech work on Island time*

by Matt Martinelli

## A Quadra Ode to a Southeaster

(With apologies to Anonymous and Ezra Pound.)

Winter is icumin in,  
Loudly sing we damn!  
Skiddeth bus and sloppeth us,  
And how the wind doth ram.  
Sing ye damn!  
I type quicker,  
Light bulbs flicker;  
My file goes to the aether.  
Sing ye damn!

Actually, you're lucky if only your file goes into virtual NeverNeverLand. When the wind blows branches across power lines, the lights flicker and the voltage at the wall sockets, which are supposed to deliver about 114 volts, can vary quite a bit as all of your electrical appliances cut out and then start up again. Not only does this put a strain on the whole system, but these events often put particular stress on the sensitive electronic circuits in your tv, stereo, and your PC. It's not unusual for us to get calls after the lights have come back on that a computer won't start (often because the computer's power supply has fried), or that weird error messages are popping up (from a hard drive that was running either when the lights dimmed or went extra bright). Think about spending a few dollars to avoid the odor of smoldering electronics.

Power protection comes in different flavors and costs. My first consideration, before plunking down the cash would be to decide how much I want to protect and how upset I would be if I lost what I was working on when things went blip. I would absolutely want to protect my computer hardware against sudden power surges; for that basic coverage I would choose a decent surge protector (not the \$5 power bars which are often no more than disguised extension cords). These generally use a component called a MOV (metal oxide varistor) which act like an electrical sponge and diverts spikes and surges from the incoming

power line to your house's ground, instead of to your equipment. A good surge protector will cost you about \$15+, and comes with a lifetime warranty plus the company's "insurance" against damage occurring while using their product.

Although a surge protector takes care of spikes and surges, it can't protect against brown outs. These low voltage events often cause data loss or even damage components. To protect your equipment from low or no voltage, consider using a UPS (uninterruptible power supply): a combination surge protector and battery backup. When the power goes, this device quickly switches from Hydro to an internal inverter powered by its battery. Run time depends on the capacity of the battery and on the number of items it has to maintain, but you should get at least 5 minutes of backup power; this should give you time to save your work and shut down the computer properly. Furthermore, they often come with software that will automatically turn off your computer if you happen to be away at the time of the power failure. UPS units cost about \$50+ and sometimes even come with a manufacturer's warranty insuring against damage to your hardware.

Electrical storms are rare on Quadra, especially in the winter months. However, a lightning strike at a nearby telephone pole or close to the house can get by power protection devices. If the modem is the only thing that gets incinerated, pour a dram of your favorite libation, and thank Dame Fortune. The best advice I've seen for thunderstorms is to pull the power plug out of the wall and disconnect your modem. Hiding under the bed is optional.

A couple of reliable brands for power protection devices: Belkin and APC (American Power Conversion). You can call APC @ 1-800-800-4272 to have a real human answer your power protection questions (or Google "power protection").

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# Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

## Dangerous Games?

Various forms of electronic entertainment have been around for some time now. It all started with pinball machines in the late 1930's, until mechanical appliances started to give way to the digital age with the development of Pong (originally named "Tennis for Two") in 1958. This was followed by SpaceWar (also called Asteroids) in 1962. The games were incredibly complex - by 1960's standards - and required dedicated computers to run them, and were released to the public only as arcade models during the early 1970's. In 1972 Magnavox introduced Odyssey, a TV game console that could play several "Pong" based games, but it was so rudimentary that one had to apply coloured mylar sheets to the TV screen to get background colours. In 1974, Atari invented a cheap version of Pong that could be played on one's television set, and it sold out the first 150,000 units released, in days. This was the tipping point for gaming.

The epitome of gaming technology today is Sony's PlayStation consoles and Microsoft's X-Box. These are in fact powerful microcomputers, albeit devoted to game play. The amount of detail in the graphics displayed by these machines is beyond the capabilities of most personal computers, and the introduction of sophisticated control devices allows tremendously accurate input for game control. The development of role-playing games (in which the player becomes a character within the game) has been a very popular innovation, and occasionally players become overly involved in the game, ignoring all else. Recently in Korea a middle-aged man quit his office job to stay at home and play games full-time. He reportedly suffered a heart attack and died after playing for over 48 hours without a break. This would appear to be one of the darker aspects of the gaming phenomena - the others are generally non-fatal - for now, anyway.

I have enjoyed game play in all of its forms over the years, but my preference leans toward realistic simulations, such as Microsoft's Flight Simulator. Already interested in flying, my first reaction to even early versions of FS was total awe. Taking actual flight characteristics of aircraft and superimposing a digital flight environment was formerly the realm of bazillion dollar simulators for pilot training, at least until Microsoft made the same data work on a PC. The realism is startling, and it can be a blast

to spend hours mastering an aircraft. Newer versions of FS are positively mind-blowing. But it is not a game, as my grandkids have learned much to their disappointment. I also enjoy some game action, and not long ago my wife surprised me a Sony PS-2. The one game she purchased proved to be beyond my capabilities, so I went shopping for something easier. I soon discovered my proficiency level warranted shopping in the "kids" section, and there are many "E" rated (meaning everyone) games that should soon sharpen my digital dexterity.

I also tried renting a few games, and one that I tried caught my attention because it had attracted a lot of media attention. Called "Grand Theft Auto", this role playing game puts the user in the action as a criminal attempting to survive and prosper in a seedy city, using wits and guile. Also using knives, guns, baseball bats and vehicles as weapons. I have to admit that stealing cars and running around the city was kind of fun, but I found the more violent aspects of the game somewhat disturbing - and it can be very violent. Alternatively, my favourite game is called ATV Off Road Racer, which is harmless and great for developing the skills necessary for more advanced gaming.

So when my almost-9 year old grandson came for a visit one rainy day, I thought he would enjoy playing it with me - great bonding opportunity, you know. He was familiar with the game, and proceeded to kick my butt doing aerial stunts with his ATV, earning tons of points. When I challenged to him a simple race he was reticent, and he said racing was boring. We eventually did race, and it turned out his control level was not as good as it was when performing unlikely aerial tricks. This is a crucial difference between games and simulations - sims require solid control of the item you are driving or piloting, and will punish you immediately for small mistakes. Games, on the other hand, let you get away with just about anything, and therefore provide little in the way of educational value.

Caleb had by now had enough of my game and wanted to play the game he had brought with him - yup, you guessed it - Grand Theft Auto. I was in no position to argue with him about the appropriateness of the game ("but, grandpa, I play it all the time") so I sat back to watch. He proceeded to terrorize Liberty City, joyously motoring around in his stolen vehicles, ignoring roads and aiming for pedestrians. When tasked by the game to beat up someone

with a baseball bat, he mashed them. Then he started mashing bystanders, and I learned that one is awarded points for doing so. Fortunately dinner was soon ready and the game was put away, but not before I became somewhat appalled at the viciousness of the game, and worse, my grandson's enjoyment of it. Given the opportunity he would have gleefully wiped out the entire city. And by the way, Caleb is no different from other kids his age. Violent games are the rage for many kids today, thanks to skilful marketing.

Killing bad guys has been part of game play since our forebears were tots, but today's games display a level of blood and guts never envisioned by game developers 30 years ago. Will children become completely desensitized to violence through playing such games? I'm not sure, as the same has been said of violent movies and TV, and there is no empirical proof this is so. But it is certain kids will learn nothing useful from the games, and allowing them to become the protagonist - delivering fatal blows - within the game is potentially dangerous, and may further enure kids to the real horror that results from violence. Given the level of violence in our cities, often carried out by youth, I think some game developers are headed in the wrong direction.

But then, I'm an old fart, and some would say a stick in the mud besides. Who am I to criticize? But those of you who are parents to pre-teens should be highly aware of what your kids are playing. It may only be a game, but the underlying concept is hardly game-like. There are many games out there that have some redeeming value - Grand Theft Auto and its ilk have none. And finally, it is up to parents to provide an entertainment environment that nurtures and teaches your kids - that responsibility ultimately belongs to you, not Sony or Microsoft.

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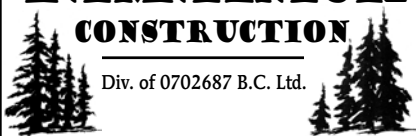
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# Fire Dept. News

by Murray Johnson

## Solicitor General's Award

As you may have heard, the Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department was recently given a provincial award, under the BC Solicitor General's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards program. The RCMP and others nominated our Department for this award, essentially for all the efforts that we make and help that we provide that go beyond the basic firefighting role. As Fire Chief, I am very pleased to see our dedicated volunteers honoured in this way; they deserve it! The award was presented at a luncheon in Burnaby in September which Trustee Bob Brown and I attended, and so to allow the people that actually earned it to celebrate, members of the Quadra Island community hosted a dinner in their honour at the Heriot Bay Inn on October 11. Elsewhere in this issue there should be more coverage on this, but here I would like to take a moment to convey thanks from all of the Fire Department Volunteers to those groups that supported this dinner: the Quadra Seniors, Jim Abram and the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona, Frontline Fire Department Training, John Duncan M.P., the Royal Canadian Legion Quadra Ladies Auxiliary, and the Heriot Bay Inn, who gave us a great deal and served up a wonderful buffet for us. Judy Hagen, who was instrumental in organizing the dinner, would especially like me to pass along her thanks to these groups.

## Auto Extrication Training

At least once every year we work to hone our skills at auto extrication (removing patients from vehicle wrecks) - that's when you see the #1 Fire Hall looking like a junkyard for a few days. This past weekend we were very fortunate in having six members from Cumberland Fire Rescue volunteer their time and come up to Quadra to pass along their skills. The Cumberland team is one of the best at this, winning competitions as well as having to use their expertise on a regular basis as they service a length of the Island Highway. I would like to thank these guys very much for doing this for us; our people learned a lot and enjoyed the workshop! Thanks also to all of our members who gave up their Saturday!

## Regional District Of Comox-Strathcona

Unlike all of the other fire departments in the RDCS, the South Quadra Fire Protection District is a separate entity from the Regional District, being a Local Improvement District. However, the paths of these two organizations cross frequently, for items such as 911 service,

mapping, roads, development issues, emergency planning, water issues, safety issues, and so on. Some of these issues are becoming more and more prominent, and I have frequently found myself working closely with Jim Abram, Regional Director for Area J. This has been an excellent working relationship; Jim is always receptive to Fire Department concerns, and so it was with pleasure that I noted that he has been re-elected to the Director's position by acclamation - I look forward to an ongoing progressive relationship between our two organizations.

## Becoming A Firefighter

The Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department is actively seeking a few good volunteers to train as firefighters. Recruit training will begin soon. If you are over eighteen, in good health, willing to undergo a criminal record check, have a clean driving record, and can commit some of your time, we'd like to see you come out. Please contact the Fire Chief or Deputy Chief at 285-3262.

Our thanks to the publisher of the Discovery Islander for allowing us to put this column in every now and then. For Fire Department information, write or call: QIVFD, Box 80, Q-Cove, BC, V0P 1N0, Attn: Fire Chief, Phone 285-3262 Fax 285-3273. You are also welcome to contact me at murray@island.net

## Quadra Safety Day

DATE: November 6, 2005 Time 1400 - 1700

Location: Quadra Community Hall

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- \* 3. Fire Department
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# Island Report

by Tanya Storr

## Quadra Fire Department Honoured with Award

**Q**uadra Island's Volunteer Fire Department was presented with a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Award from BC's Solicitor General, John Les, on September 23, 2005. The Quadra RCMP nominated the QIVFD for the prestigious award, in recognition of their outstanding community service.

"The Quadra fire department continually goes above and beyond the call of duty, and we're all very excited that they have received this award," said RCMP Corporal Rick Fraser.

"During my 24 years in the RCMP I've attended many major crime scenes and worked alongside several fire departments. The Quadra fire department stands out for exhibiting a very professional attitude."

The QIVFD was the only service club to receive an award under the Solicitor General's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards program this year, which honours both groups and individuals across the province.

Fire Chief Murray Johnson admitted that the award is "a bit of a feather in our cap."

Murray said he received a call in early September from a member of the BC Solicitor General's Office, who informed him that the QIVFD had been nominated and won the award.

Members of the department responded to the good news with characteristic modesty.

"First reactions tended to be - why us, we're just doing our (volunteer) job ... later replaced by pride in having our constant efforts towards a safe community recognized in such a public way," said Murray.

Recipients of Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards are selected based on their



*Quadra Island Fire Dept and Ambulance Service with Award from BC's Solicitor General.  
Photo courtesy of Quadra Island Fire Dept'.*

level of commitment, perseverance, innovation, and contribution. In his nomination proposal, Cpl. Fraser stated that acknowledging the QIVFD as just a "fire department" does not do them justice.

"In an organization where people are already giving of themselves on a regular basis for fire protection, and as first responders assisting the ambulance service, they vault further, tirelessly serving their community in a public safety/crime prevention role," he wrote.

Noting that the Quadra RCMP detachment has only four members, who also cover Cortes and other neighbouring islands, Cpl. Fraser said members are often on shift alone.

"QIVFD's 32 members can always be counted on to offer assistance outside of their mandated role of fire protection. This includes such instances as traffic safety and control, protecting crime scenes, search and rescue, crowd control, and extra security for

community events," he illustrated.

Cpl. Fraser went on to say that during countless solo shifts, the RCMP have relied on the "backup" of QIVFD members working alongside them in all types of weather and positions of elevated risk.

As an example of the QIVFD's commitment to crime prevention and community safety, Cpl. Fraser cited the department's role in ending a spate of break and enters committed against Quathiaski Cove businesses.

"QIVFD stepped forward and contributed hundreds of volunteer hours for overnight surveillance, supplementing the strained resources of the RCMP. This resulted in the apprehension and conviction of a suspect for a great number of offences."

Cpl. Fraser surmised that perhaps an even greater contribution to this effort is the message sent to the criminal element that Quadra Island

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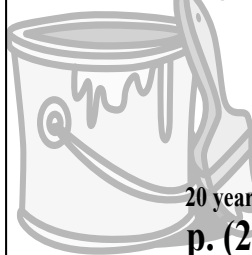
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is not an "easy hit", as there is a committed fire department willing to go above and beyond the call to protect their community against crime.

As well as highlighting their support services to the RCMP, Cpl. Fraser pointed out the QIVFD's commitment to training. "It is my opinion that they conduct themselves in a very professional manner, taking their training seriously and striving for excellence."

He also noted their donation of time and resources at community events, such as May Day, Canada Day, Halloween, and Quadra School's hot lunch program.

Judy Hagen, an Associate Director of BC Crime Prevention, moved to Quadra one year ago from Invermere. She joined the fire department as radio dispatcher, and said she was impressed by the commitment of its members.

"I feel the Quadra fire department is very deserving of this award. They help the RCMP and the community in so many ways," she said.

Judy pointed out that the QIVFD is exceptional for several reasons, including its significant proportion of women members and its commitment to Quadra seniors.

"They teach safety courses such as CPR to seniors, volunteered as judges at Quadra Seniors' fall fair, and set up tables and chairs for the provincial OAP convention held on Quadra last June," she recounted.

Regional District Director Jim Abram pointed out that an award from the Solicitor General is not something that is given lightly.

"This award recognized the QIVFD not only as a fire department, but as a really fine organization that is an active participant in policing, crime prevention, and community involvement," he said.

"In our rural area, we don't have the large numbers of staff that urban populations do in community services. The volunteer fire department is always on call to help meet the needs of the island."

Jim went on to say that as former President of the Union of BC Municipalities, he visited many small communities, and "has never seen as professional a volunteer fire department."

The QIVFD's role in assisting the RCMP and ambulance service helps to make Quadra Island a safe community, Jim noted.

"I think people on Quadra generally feel safe. It is a unique phenomenon to have a population of approximately 3,000 who feel that way largely because of the presence of volunteer emergency services."

Quadra Fire Chief Murray Johnson and Trustee Bob Brown received the award on behalf of the QIVFD at the Annual Conference of the BC Crime Prevention Association on September 23 in Burnaby. The Solicitor General's office paid the expenses for them to attend the event.

Several members of the Quadra community organized and hosted a celebratory dinner on October 11 at the Heriot Bay Inn for the QIVFD and honoured guests. In addition to the QIVFD members and trustees, the attendees included MP John Duncan, MLA



Quadra Island Fire Chief Murray Johnson and Trustee Bob Brown receive Crime Prevention Award from BC's Solicitor General.

Photo courtesy of Quadra Island Fire Dept'.

Claire Trevena, Regional District Director Jim Abram, Campbell River Mayor Lynn Nash, Campbell River Fire Chief Rob Owens, Quadra RCMP, QIVFD pioneers Russ Swanson and Bill Nutting, other retired firefighters, representatives from Quadra Seniors and the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce, and BC Ambulance attendants.

Highlights of the event included speeches by John Duncan, Claire Trevena, Jim Abram, and Bob Weicker of Frontline Fire Department Training.

Looking back on the event, Jim Abram recalled that an emergency call came in just as the firefighters were sitting down to their congratulatory dinner.

"Four or five department members immediately got up from the table and left to respond to the call. They are never off duty. It was an honour to be able to say a few words to this group of dedicated volunteers."


The QIVFD was also acknowledged in the BC Legislature by Claire Trevena in an address to the House on October 4.

On a related note, Crime Prevention Week is November 1 - 7. All are invited to Quadra Safety Day at QCC on Sunday, November 6 from 2 - 5 pm. The event will feature booths, demonstrations, and fun family activities. Kids are encouraged to bring their injured teddy bears and dolls for the Quadra Ambulance Doll Hospital. Call Judy Hagen at 285-2150 for more information.

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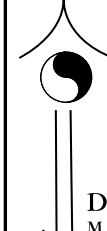
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**Ristorante Pizza**  
**\$3.98** 325-385g

**Roger's**  
**Flour**  
**\$4.98** 10Kg

**Kellogg's**  
**Froot Loops**  
**\$3.88** 425g

**Mountain View**  
**Free Range Eggs**  
**\$2.88** dozen

**Island Farms**  
**Sour Cream**  
**\$1.88** 500ml

**Scotties Supreme**  
**Facial Tissue**  
**98¢** 100's

**Annie's**  
**Macaroni & Cheese**  
**\$2.88** 340g

**Imagine**  
**Organic Soups**  
**\$3.88** 1L

Local Product  
**Oyster Man**  
**Smoked Oysters**  
**\$4.68** 70g

## DELI

**Little Qualicum Monterey Jill**  
**\$3.98** 200g

**Honey Ham**  
**98¢** 100g

**Greek Salad**  
**\$1.28** 100g

## BAKERY

Baked Fresh Daily  
**Crusty Breads**  
Alpine Grain, Calabrese, French Crusty and Grainary  
**2/\$5.00** 520-530g

**Glazed Donuts**  
**68¢** each

**Mini Strudel**  
**68¢** each

## MEAT

**Fresh**  
**Chicken Drumsticks**  
**\$1.88** lb \$4.14/kg

**Farmer's Best**  
**Top Sirloin Steak**  
**\$4.38** lb \$9.57/kg

**Antibiotic & Hormone Free**  
**Boneless Pork Shoulder Butt Roast**  
**\$2.68** lb \$5.91/kg

## PRODUCE

**B.C. Grown**  
**Russet Potatoes**  
**\$1.99** 5lb Bag

**Honeydew**  
**Melons**  
**68¢** lb \$1.50/kg

**B.C. Hothouse**  
**Beefsteak Tomatoes**  
**\$1.69** lb 8 oz Bag

**California**  
**Pomegranates**  
**2/\$4.00** 100g



Have a Happy (and Spooky)

# Halloween

Watch for news of a big event  
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near you....!



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Friday & Saturday 8 am - 9 pm

**Bottle returns for the Month of November  
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