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- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers -QCC, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Sept.to Apr.
  - Sketching group at Firesign Studio 10 am-12:00 pm
  - Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Childrens Centre
- **Every Wednesday** -Yoga 9:30 am and 7:00 pm Community Centre
  - Community Lunch, noon
  - Badminton, 7:30 pm Cape Mudge Hall
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  - adult climbing sessions on Quadra Vertical, 7 to 9 pm Q.C.C.
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  - Sunday Service QI United Church 10:30
  - Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
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- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw. Quadra Legion 6:30pm (members & guests welcome)

**Next Deadline: Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2006**

## Day by day

- Friday, March 3**
- Shirley Locks & the Three Bears Quadra Legion 9 pm
- Saturday, March 4**
- Rev. Bert Ramsey from Campbell River United Q.I. United Church 12 noon
  - International Women's Day Potluck for women Q.C.C. 6 pm
- Tuesday, March 7**
- Quadra Community Association meeting Aroma Cafe 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 8**
- Free Money Q.C.C. 11:40 am
  - Quadra Is. mixed Slo Pitch AGM Q.C.C. 7 pm
  - The World March 10th, Q.C.C.
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- Saturday, March 11**
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- Monday, March 13**
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- Tuesday, March 14**
- "Let US War Resisters Stay" film Q.C.C. 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 18**
- Peace Demonstration CFB Comox 1 pm
- Friday, March 24**
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## BC Ferries Not Going Far Enough - Honestly They Could Do More!

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Wait, don't toss out this email based on the subject heading! While a few Quadra Islanders have been critical of BC Ferries recent and proposed changes, I am taking a different tack and suggesting that BC Ferries has not gone far enough. There are still some substantial revenue enhancements available to the ferry corporation.

For example, the elimination of the disabled shelter means that wheelchair patrons are going to be hanging around the car deck quite a lot. So why not put 'em to work and give them oars to help row the Powell River Queen across? Some of those folks probably have pretty good arm strength from wheeling their chairs... seems a shame to waste it, especially given the price of diesel. And everyone knows what wonderful exercise rowing can be!

Let's face it, smart cards are a dumb idea. Why not follow the lead of the US company that implants computer coded security chips, under the skin of their employees? Island residents would be required to receive an implant in order to qualify for the commuter discount. The residents would also have to deposit their monthly pay cheque or pension cheque with a "credit union" owned by the ferry corporation. Any funds left over after ferry travel costs are deducted can only be spent in the new BC Ferry company stores, that would also be set up on every island. The company stores would, of course, set prices according to the time honoured traditions of other company stores on plantations and coal mines (i.e. egregious). Think

of the potential profits! Not only would BC Ferries control movement to and from the Island, but also retailing and banking. Additional revenue could be generated from selling personal data gathered from the implants. Possible buyers of this information include telemarketers, the US National Security Agency etc. Thus BC Ferries could really be said to be "getting under our skin". And nobody would be whining that they lost their smart card.

It is clearly essential that the ferry always sticks to the precise schedule. For example, just the other day, I was aboard the 3:05 pm sailing waiting to depart for Campbell River. But when the sailing was delayed for 2 minutes, my entire carefully planned schedule was ruined! I had to get out my blackberry and notify the Learjet that I would be delayed and reschedule meetings with my agent, lawyer and accountant. I'm sure other busy Islanders have regaled you with similar stories of hardships caused by late sailings and impressed upon you the absolute necessity of sticking to the schedule. Maybe it's OK for the Tokyo subway to have some sort of loosey-goosey timetable. But not here!

I have prattled on for long enough but I hope I have given BC Ferries enough ideas to ensure that the corporation achieves the goal of profitability. A goal that I know most Islanders hold near and dear. Please feel free to implement as many of these suggestions as you like.

Best regards;

David Alger

### To whom it may concern,

Regarding the survey in the recent 'D.I.' suggesting making crown lands available for subdivision and sale with the intention of encouraging 'younger' persons to move onto the island.

Without restrictions on the purchase price and sale, the land would no doubt be bought for market value by investors or as retirement or recreational properties. Would we see a lot of younger families [without some concessions or restrictions]?

A different idea might be to look at existing subdivisions with 5,10 and plus acre lots. Many of these larger properties, built homes had kids and are now looking at the next stage in life's journey.

An interesting article I read recently discussed the issue of our aging population and the number of people without income investments and/or pension plans. Many it would seem, are depending on the value of their homes to carry them through retirement. Does this suggest that some of our neighbours will be required to sell their properties to acquire cash and then live where?

If a zoning change allowed for 2.5 acre (Rural Residential) lots to be put on the market, providing sewage and water requirements were met, an opportunity would occur. Many would not choose to change the properties they have developed over the years. Some others might be provided with a way to keep their homes while acquiring a return on part of their properties. Island children who have now grown up and are looking to live here, could have a way.

The neighbourhoods would change. A few new driveways, more light, another car every now and then, the laughter of children. Change is constant in our lives and we can make it work for the islanders who would appreciate this option while retaining the rural character and adding to it.

Something to consider  
Dave Oldroyd

### Thank You

Because of the support of local people and businesses, the ferry protest on Friday Feb 24 was a super success. We are grateful for contributions made by Quadra Building Supply, Hummingbird Office Supply, People's Drug Mart, the Harbour Authority, Quadra Recreation and all those who helped paint signs. Appreciations to all the businesses who have agreed to display copies of the ferry questionnaire and to the islanders who are collecting signed copies. A very special thank you to Gordon and Martha James, Jim Mitchell and those who carried and banged the drum. The music gave us energy and made the protest lots of fun. To all those who participated: it was wonderful to see you, all 160 of you. The biggest thanks go to Jim Abram, who is such an amazing regional rep for our island.

Deb Cowper  
Susan Westren  
Robyn Budd  
Anita Brochocka

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#### in our online poll

Should the Regional District commission a feasibility study into the viability of operating the inter-island ferry runs in partnership with First Nations and other interested bodies?

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## The Editor Notes

If you were asked "how important is your freedom to you?" I'm betting freedom ranks among your top-three most cherished privileges. And I'm also willing to bet that if any of us didn't think so before: the threat of having freedom taken away would have us all rapidly re-evaluating how precious our collective freedoms are and how we can keep them.

When I read an essay like Steven Halliday's 'Crude Weapon' in this issue it drives home for me just how many diverse factors create and influence our freedoms. But our freedoms themselves are also very diverse. Sure we jump to thoughts of liberty and the charter of rights when the word 'freedom' is mentioned. But what about the luxury of freedom of movement that even the most ardently progressive of us guard with extreme prejudice?

I just heard a positive story concerning local transportation: the recent divestiture of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway by Canadian Pacific to a Vancouver Island based non-profit foundation comprised of a wide variety of regional groups including First Nations and other local governments. The potential on Vancouver Island for a successful railway is huge. Stage 1 we have but stage 2 (say within 10 years) could see an extension of the line to the Campbell River cruise ship terminal and stage three (say in 35 years) might see spurs completed to Gold River and Port Hardy.

But while the rail line may improve our ability to get around sometime in the future here on the islands that very freedom is being eroded by BC Ferries right now. The storm of protest over the ferry tariffs, community interaction and service provision is such a passionate issue because at a time when we should be developing new sustainable transportation strategies BC Ferries is mired in an almost feudal struggle for profit in an industry that should be run as an essential public service.

We are frustrated at the calousness of the corporation, full of ideas about how the service should and could be run, yet powerless to do anything about it. Or are we powerless?

Why not mandate our local governments to lobby the provincial government to divest the ferry boats, terminals and other infrastructure required to operate the inter-island routes to a similar non-profit foundation? On the balance sheet that equity could go toward paying back the public loss on the fast ferry fiasco. After all it is the public that paid for all these boats in the first place. The regional districts up and down the coast should negotiate agreements with other local governments and operate the ferry routes as part of an overall long range sustainable Vancouver Island transportation plan.

Have your say on this doubtless controversial idea in this edition's online poll, log on to [www.discoveryislander.ca](http://www.discoveryislander.ca) and cast your vote. One thing's for sure, something has got to give.

- Philip Stone

## From the Quadra Island Community Kitchen Committee to the community:

Sandy Spearing and the core crew who volunteer in the Community Kitchen every Wednesday would like to thank all the many volunteers who put time, energy and ingredients into this special event every week. We would also like to say thanks to the many community members who have made generous donations of food items for use in our soups and desserts over the last few months. We would especially like to single out a few community members for some recent contributions to the lunch. On Feb. 15, we were fortunate to be able to give out 4 door prizes at the lunch. Very big thanks and smiley faces go to Quadra Foods, Heriot Bay Store, The Yellow Dog Trading Company and an anonymous cash donor for these prizes. We know that the 4 people who left with the prizes all had smiles on their faces that day. Also, we have 2 new professional cooks who have made themselves available periodically: Giselle Uzzell and Sylvia Douglas - a big thanks to them for joining the crew and helping us to produce such tasty soups. Lastly, thanks to Kathi Jeletzky of the Quadra Clothesline (the laundromat/sewing centre in the Cove) for taking on the task of doing our laundry every week as her volunteer contribution to the event. We are blessed to live in a community that is capable of the energetic, sustained generosity that the Community Kitchen requires and inspires.

Donations of meat, seafood, and vegetables - fresh or frozen - are always welcome. We have room in our freezer, fridge and storage totes. Dish towels, and aprons that come our way are also much appreciated.

If you wish to discuss the possibility of a particular contribution (time, food, money, musical talent), call Wayne at 285-3264.

Come out and join us on Wednesdays at noon at the Community Centre. It's a lively social event, and you won't go away hungry!

Wayne Langman

Community Kitchen Coordinator

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# "We're Right Behind You, David"

By Peter B. Smith

I've only lived on Quadra for three years and the great ferry demonstration was my first public protest. I was among the first to arrive at the Quathiaski Cove ferry, where at first the media a freelance writer and a television camera outnumbered me.

Then the masses started arriving - including quite a load from Cortes. Placards and signs arrived first by the vanload. Hundreds of them, lined up against the railings waiting for demonstrators to use them. Then came a lady with a giant banner exhorting drivers on the ferry to "honk their support" and miles of string to tie it round the pedestrian shelter. "Bunk me up," she said, so she could nail it to the highest point on the shelter. So I held her above my head while she hammered, clutching her posterior as gentlemanly as I could, as we hadn't been formally introduced.

Now we were nearly 200 strong. And then the marching band arrived. What organization! First a giant tuba arrived with a tall thin guy trapped in its encircling tentacles. Then a big bass drum. Then the woodwind section, the first clarinet and second clarinet, then the trumpet. All the rest of us were immediately enrolled in the choral section. A lady handed out hymn sheets with marvelous anti-

BC Ferries lyrics set to old World War II favorite songs, which would have made Vera Lynn proud.

The plan was that ferry supremo David Hahn would finish his meeting at the community centre and return to Campbell River on the 10 a.m. boat, and we'd be waiting for him. Word came through he was still locked in combat with the Ferry Advisory Committee at the centre and wouldn't be coming.

We didn't let such a trivial detail upset our plans. Led by our marching band, "parp, parp, parp, parp, bam, bam, bam" and in full voice, all 200 of us paraded down the ramp and onto the ferry.

The ever-patient deck hands shuffled us to one side, bumper-to-bumper as they do so well, leaving room for all the waiting vehicles to be loaded as we sang. Once the vehicles were off-loaded at Campbell River, leaving us on the deck, our leaders moved us from one end of the ferry to the other. I imagined this was a strategic manoeuvre, but it was because the end we left had been damn cold in the shade, and the other end was bathed in warm sunshine. And then the drama began.

Over the loud-speaker came the captain's voice. "Will all passengers on the deck please go to the ticket booth and purchase tickets," he ordered. "No," sang out 200 voices in unison. The captain wouldn't load a single vehicle and wouldn't move the ferry until we had purchased tickets. And we weren't going anywhere. It was a standoff. We had commandeered the ferry.

A few philosophical minds mused whether, as we had actually traveled on the ferry and used its service, shouldn't we have to pay for the journey by law? Older, wiser heads explained it had been an unwritten rule since the days of the Union steamships that if you went over and came back without setting foot on dry land on the far side, it was free.

But the captain went ashore. He went to fetch the RCMP. We had a vision of all 200 of us being arrested and crammed into the cells at the Quadra detachment. Anyway, if the RCMP were to arrest us all and take

us back to Quathiaski, they would have to pay all our fares before the captain would move the boat, and we thought that was pretty unlikely.

For half an hour the standoff went on, occasionally punctuated by new songs from the band, including "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Glory, Glory, Halleluya."

And then it appeared a pedestrian had walked on board. She was a distressed lady who, I just undergone serious surgery and desperately needed to get to Quadra where her husband was waiting to take her home.

The captain immediately endeared himself to all islanders by instantly ordering the boat to be loaded and returned to Quadra, proving himself to be a truly admirable chap, even if he is a BC Ferries captain.

We all gave three cheers for the ferry boat crew in appreciation. Led by our marching band and still in full voice, we paraded off the ferry at Quathiaski, where the parking lot was crammed full, everyone having already waited half-an-hour extra. As we reached the vehicles, our placards waving, the band playing, "parp, parp, parp, parp, bam, bam, bam" and singing our hearts out, all the drivers started blasting their hooters and horns, clearly exhorted by the "honk" banner. The more they honked, they louder we sang, and the louder we sang, the more they hooted. It was truly inspirational.

Only afterwards did I realize they were honking for us to get out of the way as they were already half-an-hour late! Then our leader announced our next strategy over her bull-horn. "We are going to march on the community centre," she said. "Good God, she must be kidding, it's miles," I thought, so I went by van. I was relieved to find everyone else followed my example, and soon we were all driving to the community centre where we reassembled in the parking lot, placards, band, and all.

Someone spotted David Hahn's chauffeur, tactically parked near the driveway, ready for a quick getaway when the meeting ended. A team of

placard carriers surrounded the getaway vehicle, circling it like Indians round the last wagon. The guy wound down his window, and turned out to be a really decent chap, so we let him go. What happened next just proved to me the depth of planning which had gone into our protest. Cunningly, we had arranged for another group to be occupying the main hall in the centre. Every inch was booked, so the only room left available for Hahn's meeting was the room at the very southwest corner, with panoramic windows, looking out on the fir trees in the parking lot and the snow-capped mountains of Vancouver Island in the distance. While they could look out, we could look in. They were trapped like goldfish in a bowl.

First, their wonderful view was partially blotted out by a giant tuba, then more and more placard-waving people, until all 200 of us were crushed up against the glass. Then we let rip. "Parp, parp, parp, parp, bam, bam, bam," and we sang like we'd never sung before. Stoically, Hahn and the committee ignored us, which was marvelously ridiculous as even people in Heriot Bay could hear us. And then one lady in the crowd uttered the immortal words which I will never forget. "We're right behind you, David," she shouted, which, of course, we were. And then, after exhausting our musical repertoire, the leader called us off as we had made our point, and we filtered away back to our vehicles.

As I left I considered our wonderful triumph. We had commandeered the pride of David Hahn's ferry fleet for half-an-hour. The ferries were now leaving Quathiaski on the half-hour, and leaving Campbell River on the hour, which they had never done before, and we'd all got to sing to David through the glass. I even got to press my home-made banner up against the glass so he could see it. "Hahn's Off Our Ferry Shelter" it read, which I thought was rather clever. He looked at it and ignored me. But then, he would, wouldn't he.

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## Free Money

Free money is available at 11:40 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8 at the Quadra Community Centre. It's just before the community lunch. Location: The hallway between rooms #1 and #2 on the main floor. For more info, phone Steve at 285-3323

## Quadra Money

Thirty service providers will be receiving \$500 in freshly printed Quadra money in late March, 2006. This extended barter system will place \$20,000 Quadra dollars in circulation on the island. All 30 service providers will be called to confirm their exact service descriptions and be informed where they can pick up the Quadra currency. Many thanks for the warm community response to this new & exciting way of serving each other and strengthening our community & business & professional goals. Call Steve for more info at 285-3323

## Quadra Island Mixed Slo-Pitch

AGM and elections. This is a very important meeting. Do you want to play ball in this league? Please come and bring ideas, suggestions or gripes. Phone Marie 3591 or come out Wed. March 8 at the Community Centre 7 pm.

## Family Bingo

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You'll get the \$5 back when you arrive at QCC on Saturday, April 22 at 10:30 with your (or a borrowed) drum. And remember Uzume Taiko's concert on

Friday, April 21st.

## Update On Questionnaire And Petition

Thanks to everyone on the island that filled out the yellow ferry questionnaire. All of the copies were collected and taken to Victoria on Thursday, March the 2nd. These questionnaires were distributed only on Quadra. Our MLA Claire Trevena will present them in the legislature. At the time of writing, the final count was unknown.

The on-line petition is directed to Ferries CEO David Hahn with copies going to Martin Crilly, Ferries Commissioner; Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation and Gary Coons, NDP critic for the ferries. This petition is being circulated to all coastal islands. If you haven't already, please sign it and forward the address to any friends on any of the islands.

[www.ipetitions.com/campaigns/quadra\\_island\\_bc\\_ferries](http://www.ipetitions.com/campaigns/quadra_island_bc_ferries)

Or log on to [www.quadraisland.ca](http://www.quadraisland.ca) and follow the link to the petition.

## Click - back

### Results of last issue's online poll

The question was:

Given that each dollar invested in parks has been proven to return three times that amount, should B.C. Parks erect signs to identify new provincial parks on the islands, their boundaries and appropriate recreational use of park land?

**Yes = 84%**

**No = 16%**

See this issue's poll question on page 5

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## Peace Demonstration

62% of Canadians are against sending troops to Afghanistan according to a recent poll published on the front page of the Globe & Mail on February 24, 2006. Yet, the Conservative Government is sending 2,200 Canadian troops to Afghanistan to fight on increasingly dangerous insurgency with Bush's American troops. This is not a peace keeping mission. This is war. Canadians didn't vote for war in the last election. Neither did we vote for the US version of Star Wars. As a matter of fact, even our MP's have not voted to join this war. And 73% of Canadians think that their MP's should vote on deployment.

This is not something that should be left up to George Bush and Stephen Harper and their respective cabinets. General Ray Henault, Chairman of the NATO Alliance's Military Committee says, "we're saying to nations that this will be a task for NATO for ten years or so." (Globe & Mail, February 23, 2006, p. A14) Clearly 2,200 Canadian troops for ten years is going to cost hundreds of Canadians lives. Canadian protests before the invasion of Iraq did not prevent the war, but they stopped Canadian troops from going to Iraq. When I went to Comox after the Liberal Government decided against sending Canadians, I found every soldier I talked to agreed it was a good idea not to go.

Now we have a chance to do the same thing for our soldiers in Comox and elsewhere in Canada. Stop them from going to Afghanistan before the blood flows and the grief sets in. Canadian troops should also come home from Haiti as well. March 18, 2004 is also the third anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq. It is the day set aside for massive international peace demonstrations in all the major cities in the world: Paris, London, Rome, Berlin, Mexico City, Toronto, New York, Washington, San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria and here at Comox. The Quadra Action for Peace is car pooling for rides to the Canadian Forces Base in Comox for the Peace Demonstration. Call Steve at 285-3323 for an individual ride or if you have seats to offer. We are leaving on the 11 a.m. ferry from Quadra. The demonstration starts at 1 p.m. at the Comox Base on Saturday, March 18, 2006. The number for the Comox Peace Group is 1-250-897-3916.

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## U.S. War Resisters in Canada

Quadra Action for Peace will be showing a new film called "Let Them Stay: Voices of U.S. War Resisters in Canada" As readers of the Discovery Islander know, there has been quite a lot of back and forth discussion on this issue in recent issues. We, in Quadra Action for Peace, have remained silent on the debate because we thought the War Resisters should speak for themselves. This film allows them to do exactly this. Thousands of young Americans have been leaving the US military and refusing to participate in the illegal war and occupation of Iraq. Facing imprisonment, a small but growing number are coming to Canada, in the same way that thousands of Vietnam War resisters did years ago.

"Let Them Stay" features exclusive one-on-one interviews with the soldiers, documenting their life-changing experiences in Iraq and the hidden realities of US military recruitment and warfare. It also documents the War Resisters Support Campaign, a pan Canadian coalition of labour, faith and peace groups, Vietnam War resisters and individuals who are working with these war resisters to put pressure on the current federal government to let them stay.

Time: 7:30 p.m., Date: Tuesday, March 14, Place: Quadra Community Centre. Cost \$5. All money collected after rent goes to support transportation to the 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18 Peace Demonstration at the Canadian Forces Base in Comox, B.C. Call Steve at 285-3323 for more info.

## Carpenter Wanted

The Quadra Recreation Society is accepting estimates for an outdoor designated smoking shelter. This is a wood beamed floorless and partly sideless structure measuring 8 by 12 feet with wood roof shingles.

Two five foot long unremovable wood sitting benches would be inside.

Think of a smaller version of the new outside rain shelter at the Q.Cove ferry parking lot as a model, with no glass or plastic and more wood. The smoking shelter at Hollyhock on Cortes Island is another example.

Include labour & material costs & all taxes in your estimate. Estimates are due March 30, 2005. Give the estimates to Sandy or Sonia at the Quadra Community Centre office. Call Steve at 285-3323 for more info and exact location on the property.

## Beyond What You See – Exploring at “Explore”

Once again, Explore Gallery will feature the Quadra Children's Centre for the month of March.

Each year the community is treated to a taste of children's work but really far more is being shown. We are given a window into the children's world.

Quadra Children's Centre is an early childhood education and care centre that offers an “emergent or child-centred curriculum”, inspired by the preschools of Reggio Emilia, Italy. The works displayed at Explore Gallery are snapshots in a process of identifying interests, exploring those interests, developing skills, problem-solving and documentation.

The children are encouraged to explore and expand through their play, discussion with their peers and the teachers, and use of a wide variety of materials. Teachers document the process through photographs and written recording to share these experiences with parents, to enable the teachers to prepare for additional exploration and so the children can revisit their ideas.

This provides a springboard to keep the process going and to deepen the experience.

Children and teachers learn together, about many things besides art.

This year we have decided to focus our exhibit on only one of the interests we are currently following... OUR FACES.

When you look at the display, ask yourself:

- What interests are the children expressing?
- How have they experimented with their interests? (Different materials, different perspectives...)
- Can you see examples of collaboration?
- Can you see a process of learning and skill-building taking place in their work?
- Are you surprised by the detail or lack of detail?

The teachers view children as, “capable, creative, social, curious, strong, inventive, imaginative and interested in communicating in many ways” and we hope that through this lens, you will enjoy what they have to say.

- Stacey Nielsen

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## Live Reggae Music

Fresh from a sold out performance at the Sundance Java Bar in Willow point, Shirley Locks, teams up with three bears at the Quadra Legion tonight, Friday, March 3 at 9 p.m. No cover. This is Rockin Reggae music complete with the Legion's big dance floor. The evening features Bob Marley tunes & home grown original songs written by Shirley Locks and Steve Moore.

Shirley Locks & the Bears are now coming to the Quadra Legion for a Friday night, no cover, dance til you drop fun time. Think about it folks. There has been very little live dancing music in Quadra bars for 8 long weeks. The HBI opens in late March hopefully. So this is it! So bring your dancing shoes out of the closet and let's groove!!

## Legion News

Come join in the fun - free pool, darts, shuffleboard, and Pull tabs

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**Darts** - Open dart tournament March 17th and 18th Fri. nite registration time 6pm to 7pm start time 7pm. Sat. morning registration time 10 to 11 am start time 11 am

**Meat Draw** - Every Saturday come join your friends and try your luck at fillin the old freezer. First draw at 5pm and every half hour until 6:30pm.

We also have a pull tab draw. At the last draw of the month there is a \$50.00 cash draw donated by one of the businesses on the island. GOOD LUCK

## Women's Support Group

Using talk therapy and hands on healing techniques, this on-going group will assist women in increasing their personal awareness, emotional integrity and capacity for intimacy. In addition, group members will improve their interpersonal communication skills and be supported in practicing behavioral changes that will make a difference in their lives. When: Group meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM Where: Quadra Island's Q Cove: Medical Building, upstairs

Who: Women of all ages!

Beginning: March 2006 Cost: \$10-20 sliding scale / week Group Facilitated by Catriona O'Curry, M.A., A.B.S.: Seasoned hands on healer, personal mentor, registered counselor, experienced teacher and group facilitator (Interpersonal Communication and Group Communication teacher at Bellevue Community College, Washington, and Group facilitator for 12 years in Seattle). In collective work we learn about the beliefs, assumptions and behavioral patterns that limit our capacity to be who we really are and keep us from living fuller lives of courage, compassion, vision and action. It is my intention that this group serve as a vibrant container that will foster and nourish each woman's growth. Personal interview required for admission to the group. If interested call 250-285-2776. Enrollment is on-going (Group size limited to 8 women) minimum 6 week commitment expected.

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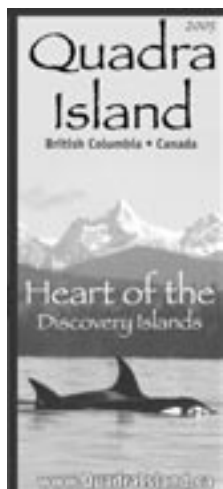


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## Quadra Island Garden Club

The Garden Club presents Kathy Leishman and her slide show 'A Bowen Island Garden' on Monday March 13, 7 pm CC. After training at UBC, and the Sheridan School of Design, Kathy has studied with John Brookes a well known English garden designer and author. She has worked in B.C. for fifteen years as a Residential Garden Designer, and has been a member of the UBC Friends of the Botanical Gardens for 20 years, serving for some time as President. Kathy has led workshops for UBC's Continuing Ed, the Master Gardeners Association, and several Garden Clubs. Her slide show will take us through the creation of a garden at her new home on Bowen, explaining how she has adapted her landscaping to island conditions. 'Right Plant, Right Place' is the basis of Kathy's design work, and she will focus this talk on deer browsing and water conservation. Her gardening philosophy is to be ecologically harmonious, an appropriate style for gardens on Quadra - and a good trend everywhere.

For the show and tell table, bring spring flowers from your garden! This week the Japanese plums are starting to open, while the hellebores have remained beautiful through the cold and snow. The early daffodils are colouring, and the violets are showing off their sweet purples. It is not too early to donate divided plants for the perennial table. Share your extra seeds or seed catalogues. The special April meeting with guest speaker Des Kennedy will cost \$10 unless you are a member. No new memberships will be available in April. Drop ins welcome \$2 at the door or buy a membership (now) \$10 annually.

## News From The Preschool

Quadra Preschool is selling fish compost at the Quadra Foods parking lot on March 4th (10am-3pm) and March 5th (1pm-3 pm). You can help build healthy soil for your garden and a healthy preschool for your community by buying 20-litre bags for only \$5.00 each. Any unsold bags will be at the preschool after March 5th. Call 285-3711 for more information.

The kids had a great field to the Heriot Bay Store recently. Thanks to Chris in the bakery who taught all the kids to make cheese sticks.

The cookbook project still needs your recipes. Drop boxes are located at the Heriot Bay Store and at Café Aroma. Submit your recipe on any paper you've got; just remember to include your name so that you can be immortalized.

## Quadra Studio Tour

Set your sights on Quadra Island, B.C. this June 3rd and 4th, 2006, for the 4th annual Quadra Island Artists Studio Tour. Visit Quadra Island, known as "The Jewel of the Northern Gulf Islands." A scenic 12-minute ferry ride from Campbell River, the island boasts the best views in the world. Over 30 artists open their studios to present distinctive, original work by painters, jewellers, carvers, potters, sculptors, weavers, fabric artists and furniture makers. See a glass blower at work, watch the magic of clay on the potter's wheel, and experience a moment of First Nations cultural heritage and tradition explored through wood, silver and dance. After the Studio Tour weekend, many of the island artists keep their studios open for the rest of the summer or year-round.

A free brochure and map is available for a self-guided tour. Quadra has many other charms for those who come to visit. The island's natural beauty inspires all who come. Whether you enjoy outdoor activity at Quadra's many remote lakes, trails, fishing and kayaking areas, or if you prefer a quiet stroll or picnic at Rebecca Spit Provincial Park, whale watching or wildlife tours, Quadra has it all. Settle in at a 4 star resort, a cozy B&B or a beachfront campsite. Plan now to experience inspiring surroundings, invigorating ocean air, friendly locals and of course...fabulous art! For more information on Quadra Island Studio Tour or art on Quadra visit: [www.quadraislandarts.com](http://www.quadraislandarts.com) Contact: Gordon James at: (250)-285-3101, or: [gjames@island.net](mailto:gjames@island.net)

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## Quadra Island Cultural Committee presents The Abegg Trio

Quadra Cultural Committee is delighted to sponsor the stellar international chamber group "Abegg Trio" at Quadra Community Centre on Friday, March 24th, at 8pm. The trio of violinist Ulrich Beetz, cellist Birgit Erichson and pianist Gerrit Zitterbart formed in 1976 in Hanover, Germany, taking the Abegg name from Robert Schumann's first published composition, "Abegg Variations #1". They began to gather prizes from an early stage, winning international competitions in Geneva, Bonn, Bordeaux, and many other European musical hotspots.

Although Abegg Trio calls Germany home, where all three members are professors in music conservatories, the ensemble travels extensively, having played in 45 countries in Europe, North and South America, Asia, and Africa, sharing their love of music in formal concert halls, festivals gardens, and classrooms. Six years into their partnership, they began a serious project of recording their extensive repertoire, and have created over 25 CD's, many of which have won awards. Five of them, including Smetana and Ravel pieces, have garnered a German Critics' Choice Award, and their Schubert CD was named German "CD of the Year". Their discography includes the complete cycles of piano trios by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Brahms, and Dvorak.

Piano trio music has a special place in the hearts of classical music lovers, exemplifying some

of the most beautiful, evocative, and intimate literature ever composed in Western music. Abegg's Quadra concert program will bring together a combination of less and more familiar pieces, including, German, Russian, and French compositions: Franz Schubert's Pianotrio E-flat major op.100 D.V. 929, written in 1827, the year before his untimely death at age 31; Friedrich Smetana's Pianotrio op.15, written in 1855, and Maurice Ravel's Pianotrio in "a" minor, written in 1914. The diverse styles of these compositions, both in time and place, promises to provide a varied and thrilling experience for the audience, showcasing the depth of experience and mastery of this trio of musicians.

At their 25th anniversary concert in Hanover, German critic Ludolf Baucke remarked, "The Abegg Trio conveyed to the audience the combination of artistic sensibility and musical passion that lies at the heart of their interpretations. Chamber music is their life's work and as this astonishing concert made clear, this work is still going on even after 25 years". Treat yourself to a sublime and astonishing afternoon in Europe by joining the Abegg Trio on Quadra on March 24th.

Advance tickets are available at Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay, Hummingbird Stationery in the Cove, and The Music Plant in Campbell River at \$17. Tickets will be available at the door for \$20. Youth 16 and under may attend free when accompanied by an adult.



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Section 182 (2) of the Motor Vehicle Act states "If there is no sidewalk, a pedestrian walking along or on a highway must walk only on the extreme left side of the roadway or the shoulder of the highway, facing traffic approaching from the opposite direction".

Section 183 (2) of the Motor Vehicle Act states:

### A person operating a cycle

(a) must not ride on a sidewalk unless authorized by a bylaw made under section 124 or unless otherwise directed by a sign,

(b) must not for the purpose of crossing a highway, ride on a crosswalk unless authorized to do so by a bylaw made under section 124 or unless otherwise directed by a sign,

(c) must subject to paragraph (a), ride as near as practicable to the right side of the highway,

(d) must not ride abreast of another person operating a cycle on the roadway,

(e) must keep at least one hand on the handlebars,

(f) must not ride other than on or astride a regular seat of the cycle,

(g) must not use the cycle to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped and,

(h) must not ride on a highway where signs prohibit their use.

Section 183 (6) of the Motor Vehicle Act states:

A cycle operated on a highway between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise must have the following equipment:

(a) a lighted lamp mounted on the front and under normal atmospheric conditions capable of displaying a white light visible

at least 150 m in the direction the cycle is pointed;

(b) a red reflector of a make or design approved by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia for the purposes of this section;

(c) a lighted lamp, mounted and visible to the rear, displaying a red light.

Nothing in the Motor Vehicle Act states a pedestrian has to wear reflective clothing or other safety devices. This is left to common sense. Unfortunately common sense isn't always all that common. Please wear reflective or bright clothing when walking at night. Carry a flashlight, and/or a flashing red light. These flashing lights can be purchased for a minimal amount of money (under \$5 usually), in most stores which sell bicycles and their accessories. A minor price to pay for our safety.

### The Quadra RCMP

## Like No Other Pianist

On Saturday March 11, pianist Lee Pui Ming will be performing at the Quadra Island Community Centre. Ms. Lee is as hard to describe as her music is to categorize. She is simply unique and phenomenal. Her music moulds piano and vocal into a gleeful avant-garde concoction that is all her own. Her style exudes an exhilarated and innocent freedom as she playfully dances upon the piano keys, strings, framework and octaves with energetic spontaneity, creating a glorious buzzing, tinkling repertoire of sounds. But Ms. Lee is also capable of great subtlety, creating shimmering hazes of harmony. One critic writes: "this was inventive, exploratory, crazy, fun and definitely different"

Lee Pui Ming was born in Hong Kong and started studying piano at age 3. At 20 she began music studies in the United States, acquiring a Bachelor, Masters and most of a Doctorate degree. During this time she discovered jazz. McCoy Tyner and Herbie Hancock joined Prokofiev and Bartok in her galaxy of influences. As she grew musically, Ms. Lee decided she wanted to make her

own music rather than reading the scores of others. In 1985 she began a new life in Toronto as a composer, teacher and performer. Here all the music in her head came together: the Chinese traditional and pop music she had heard growing up; the European classical music she had spent almost her entire life studying; and the jazz she had been listening to more and more often. In Canada she found the freedom and confidence to play on the keyboard what she felt in her



heart. She now plays European, North American and Asian music from the most traditional to the most contemporary; music that is sometimes composed and often improvised; music that uses the voice, body and piano in unorthodox ways. Lee Pui Ming plays music of her own creation that is filtered through the mind, hands and voice of an uncommonly fearless artist determined to make her very own way in the musical world.

Recent festival performances include the Vancouver New Music Festival, the Guelph Jazz Festival, and the Canvas/Asian Heritage Festival. Ms. Lee has composed music for film, theatre and dance. She has toured her solo performances and collaborated with other musicians in concerts in Toronto, Winnipeg, and Edmonton. Her concert on Quadra is part of a tour of British Columbia towns and cities.

The concert will be held at the Quadra Island Community Centre at 8 p.m. on Saturday March 11. Advance tickets are \$17, available at the usual outlets: Quadra Crafts (Heriot Bay), Hummingbird Office and Art Supply (Quathiaski Cove), and The Music Plant (619- 11th Ave, Campbell River. Tickets at the door are \$20. Youths under 16 admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

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"See the world without ever leaving Beijing," promises the slogan for Beijing's World Park entertainment center. Each day, thousands of (mainly Chinese) tourists flock to the Disneyland-like premises to be shuffled on a blue monorail across a themed expanse in the suburbs that features scale replicas of some 100 tourist attractions from five continents, including the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Piazza San Marco in Venice, the Egyptian pyramids and even an intact World Trade Center in New York. Such an attraction needs a lot of employees, and young adults migrate from all over China to work there, giving up their local dialects to speak a lingua franca version of Mandarin. "The World" focuses on a cross section of these folks, their shared stories and entwined lives.

The director, Jia Zhangke, whose first three feature films were banned in China, has a complex take on how globalization affects the kid on the street— particularly in terms of imported popular culture and technology. Jia's characters embrace karaoke and break dancing, consume Taiwanese pop and bootleg DVDs, cling to favorite songs as if they were personal flotation devices on the frigid ocean and no land in sight.

In "The World," he has concocted a more 'acceptable' product and, as a result, release in China. The movie is an exercise in pageantry, though only the myopic could consider it a positive representation. Behind the costumes and grandeur, we can see that Jia's theme park offers no way out. It is a hermetic zone of rote ritual. He emphasizes that the modern day illusion of inter-connectedness does not equal (or even enable) the experience of mobility. Nor does the equation of free trade with freedom equate. Closer to

home, Jia challenges the state's tourist-friendly face, which, like the fake geishas of World Park's Japan, seems merely painted on. "The World" may be flat; the world is decidedly not.

Beautifully shot and well-acted, "The World" is a provocative and cinematically rewarding experience. It's fascination comes from Jia's expert mingling of exquisitely shot dramatic scenes, it's animation sequences that spring up whenever someone's cellphone receives a text message, it's ready-made metaphors that arrive on the silver platter of it's theme park context, and a seductively trancey score by Lim Giong. Like World Park itself, the movie visits upon many compelling ideas without needing to go far.

Review sources: Christian Science Monitor, Georgia Straight, The Village Voice



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# On the Big Island

## Bocephus King & The Band of Doom

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Tidemark Theatre – Campbell River, B.C.

The Tidemark Theatre in Campbell River will showcase an unusual and rarely seen set from Bocephus King and his Band of Doom on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Getting a chance to leave the gritty bar setting behind Bocephus King is planning something completely different from the usual fare. There will be entertainment but the focus will be placed on providing a musical show versus talking over the general alcohol induced fervour. If you are familiar with Bocephus King's work then this is a perfect opportunity to hear songs such as "Hours Before Light" and "Precious Things" which are not played as often as they should in live performances. If you are not familiar with Bocephus King and crew then this is the perfect first start. Whichever category you fall into we promise this is a show you don't want to miss.

## Gary Fjellgaard in Concert

The award winning singer/songwriter GARY FJELLGAARD will be performing songs from his new CD Caragana Wind on this tour, as well as many of his favourite old tunes. Gary Fjellgaard was recently inducted into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame in September 2005. He has won numerous awards throughout his career, including a Juno in 1993. This is an important series of concerts as it is a rare opportunity to see Gary Fjellgaard perform in a small and intimate venue. Date of engagement: Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Sundance Java Bar, Campbell River

Tickets/Reservations/Information phone: 250 923 8827 (tix \$15 - show @ 7 PM)

## Campbell River Art Gallery Coming Exhibits

The Campbell River Art Gallery is opening a new exhibition of artist Andy Shutse Lou's work in the Main Gallery on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. Lou's exhibition, entitled "Simplicity and Spontaneity: Contemporary Chinese Brush Painting" features paintings which are personal investigations into the interaction between Eastern and Western culture. His interpretations of landscapes are a blend of styles that reflect the strict traditional Chinese painting techniques and subject matter of his youth and the contemporary Western art education he received as a young man. Lou fuses Chinese brushes, rice paper and ink with vibrant watercolour and acrylic paints to create dynamic compositions, challenging the norms of traditional Chinese brush painting. His landscape-based images provide the viewer with a visual language that expresses the balance between nature and the artist. Lou was born and educated in Beijing, China. Lou later received his Master of Fine Arts (major in painting and drawing with a minor in print making) from the University of North Texas. He currently resides in Victoria where he is the art director and owner of A & A Gallery. Lou has taught Chinese brush painting workshops at the University of BC, University of Victoria, Malaspina University College, and Red Deer College, and he will be teaching one at the Campbell River Art Gallery on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Paula Maloney's exhibition entitled "Umbræ" continues in the discovery gallery until April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for the opening of Andy Shutse Lou's exhibition "Simplicity and Spontaneity: Contemporary Chinese Brush Painting" on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.

There's a new session of Children's Art Classes beginning the week of April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Art gallery. Classes for children aged 7-12 years are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There will be a class entitled "Where Shape Takes



Artist Andy Shutse Lou seen here in his studio will have his mixed media paintings on display in the exhibition "Simplicity and Spontaneity: Contemporary Chinese Brush Painting" at the Campbell River Art Gallery beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Form" on Tuesdays where children will explore a variety of media, including clay and found objects, to create three-dimensional artwork. Thursday afternoon children can enjoy some "Phantastic Photo Fun" while learning how to use photos as inspiration for paintings. Wednesday afternoons are reserved for the younger crowd with classes for children aged 4-7 years with "Colour Books", a class where children will use acrylic paint to create a very unique colouring book. All sessions run from 3:30-5 pm. The fee for classes is \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. All supplies are included.

The gallery located at 1235 Shopper's Row, is open Tuesday to Saturday from 12-5 pm. For more information about gallery exhibitions and programs please call 250-287-2261.



Author David Carpenter will host a writer's workshop at the Museum at Campbell River

## Museum at Campbell River Writer's Workshop

Author David Carpenter, currently Writer in Residence at Haig-Brown House, will offer a workshop to encourage and inspire budding writers. Hosted by the Museum at Campbell River, this workshop entitled CE So You Want To Be A Writer, will be held at the Museum on Saturday, March 18 from 1 pm to 4 pm. Writers of any style (novel, short story, poetry) are encouraged to submit manuscripts for critique and development. Manuscripts must be no longer than 20 pages and must be submitted to the Museum by March 13. This is a workshop ideal for anyone with an interest in evolving their writing craft. Numbers are purposely kept low to provide focused insight into each writer's work. Only 6 writers will be registered for the workshop. The cost for the workshop is \$50.00. Please contact the Museum at Campbell River at 287-3103 to reserve your place.

David Carpenter is the author of numerous books, including his latest mystery CE Luck, as well as CE Courting Saskatchewan, and CE Banjo Lessons. He has published in journals and magazines across the country. He will be reading at Words On The Water on March 24 and 25th.



## Independent Consultant Reviewing Board Directors' Remuneration

The Regional District of Comox-Strathcona (RDCS) has contracted with Chris Green & Associates to conduct an independent review of remuneration provided to directors who sit on the RDCS board and committees.

"The last time a remuneration review was done was in 1997," said RDCS board chair Jim Abram. "We need have a new look at compensation for the work directors carry out at the board and on committees on behalf of their constituents and the regional district as a whole."

It was decided at the board's January meeting to contract with an outside firm to conduct an independent review of directors' remuneration, in order to ensure that there is compensation at fair rates for both the municipal and electoral area directors.

Background information on the RDCS will be reviewed including the nature of regional programs and services, board and committee structure, existing levels of remuneration, organization structure and size and budget. Up to 12 comparative local governments will be surveyed including consideration of population, programs and services, budget, staffing levels and other factors such as amount of travel required, geographic size of the region, etc. In addition to this survey, interviews will be conducted with individual RDCS directors.

A review and analysis of the comparative data will be undertaken and the survey results, analysis and recommendations will be presented in a report to the board in April 2006.

Christ Green & Associates is an HR management consulting firm with extensive experience in designing compensation structures and conducting compensation market surveys. They are very knowledgeable about BC public sector organizations and have recently completed compensation projects for the town of Comox and the city of Courtenay which both have adopted.

## Regional District of Comox-Strathcona Releases Proposed Financial Plan for 2006 – 2010 and Announces Budget "Roadshow" Dates

The Regional District of Comox-Strathcona (RDCS) presented its proposed financial plan and capital expenditure program for 2006 – 2010 to the board of directors on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

This document, presented for the first time in electronic format for easier public access, outlines proposed tax requisition levels and financial plans for the different services provided by the RDCS. The public can view the document at: [www.rdc.bc.ca/budgetbinder](http://www.rdc.bc.ca/budgetbinder)

"This is a proposed financial plan based on board priorities established in 2005," explains Debra Oakman, general manager of corporate services. "We are pleased to make it available for public review in an online format, and are looking forward to continuing our budget roadshow this year with visits to different communities."

Debra Oakman, Bob Long, the regional district's chief administrative officer, and Jim Abram, RDCS board chair will be presenting an overview of the proposed financial plan to various communities on the following dates:

March 7	Gold River
March 13	Cortes Island
TBA	Area G and Zeballos
TBA	City of Campbell River
TBA	Courtenay and Comox

A full news release with budget highlights and tax requisition details will be issued in the coming weeks. The board of directors will make a final decision on services to various areas and the corresponding tax rates.



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# Area J Regional Director's Report

February 26, 2006

by Jim Abram

**L**ast issue, I mentioned that I had published 45 Discovery Islander articles in the past three years... Wrong!. It was 58 ! I just had not filed the others yet in the folder that I keep them in. So here is number 59.

I'll bet that you can guess the major topic for this issue... BC Ferry Services (BCFS)!

## David Hahn meeting

I met with David Hahn, CEO of BCFS, along with the Director from Cortes Island, Jenny Hiebert and members from our Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC), Bob Brown, Terry Hooper and Michael Stahnke on Friday, February 24th from 9 am to 12 noon. The extent of the meeting of course conflicted with the protest at the 10 am ferry, but there was nothing we could do about that. Considering the outcomes of the meeting, I would suggest that the protest was probably more effective! One thing we found out for sure is that David reads my articles! He had copies of all of them to dispute comments made in earlier reports. So, being polite, and assuming he will read this one also, I must say "Hello, David!... thanks for coming to Quadra Island!".

We really didn't get much, in spite of some of the media reports, which we did get a lot of!... That much was a plus. Our issues did get broadcast nation wide. We were in the Globe and Mail, the Vancouver Sun, the Times-Colonist, CBC Radio, A-Channel TV news, all local papers and the local radio stations. And that was just the warm up act! Now we go to Victoria and have access to ALL of the Legislative Press Gallery and all other media to get our message out to the other coastal communities and to the government.

So, back to what we achieved with David Hahn: He said he would enter into a process to look at putting a temporary shelter in place where the two seats now stand at the bottom of the stairs, and this will cost in the neighbourhood of \$50,000.00, which would come out of the fares for this route group. We did explain to him how ludicrous this idea is since there is no room in that area for a shelter that will not impede the flow of traffic from the stairs and to the engine room not to mention it would be right in harms way once cars are on the deck. But that is his solution and he is sticking to it!

Next he said that he would enter into a process to look at a more permanent shelter for the long term that will be in the range of \$300,000.00 to \$500,000.00 dollars, but he would not commit to the value, but would commit to the payment plan of coming from the fares that we pay in this route group. This fits in nicely with his

derogatory comments on TV, where he said that we want all the services, but we don't want to pay for them! We are so unreasonable to expect our disadvantaged to have a place to get out of the weather!

We repeated our demand that a new shelter be constructed immediately, at no cost through the fares. Seeing that we were getting nowhere with him on this issue, I politely informed him that I had waited until this meeting to make up my mind as to whether or not I would take my next action, since I wanted to give him the benefit of the doubt and that he just might do the right thing. Since he had not "done the right thing" (replace the shelter), I handed him a copy of the Human Rights Tribunal Complaint that I had prepared along with the lawyer that offered his services pro bono, and then went out into the hall and called the law firm and instructed them to file the action with the Tribunal. (that was done and confirmed to me by email later that day). He shoved the copy into his file folder and dismissed it as unimportant and of no surprise.

It is now up to the Tribunal to make a determination and I will say no more at this point.

With regard to other items, he was absolutely intransigent on the issue of implementing the "Coast Card" and eliminating the convenience of the paper ticket books that we now enjoy. He cited the incredible amount of "theft and loss of money to BCFS" as the reason for doing it. The only thing we got out of him on that issue was that there will be more consultation in the near future... and that the time limit might not be 90 days but maybe 120 days! Are we ever lucky! eh?...

Fares and fuel surcharges??? they are all the fault of someone else! The province doesn't give them enough money in the service contract and those crazy world prices of oil!... gotta pass it on to us! what else can they do???

Please be aware... I have stated the following: over the past three years, the prices have gone up by approx. 38 %. In the past five months, they have risen by approx. 17%... well get this... if the planned fare hikes and possible fuel surcharges that may be applied for are implemented, our fares will have gone up by FIFTYTWO PERCENT during the period covered by the present contract (approx. 4 years). By comparison, in 1997, we went to Victoria in droves to protest the increase at that time of 45%. AREYOU ONTHE BUS, YET!?! (there will be more protests if you missed this one on March 2nd).

I think I will stop there concerning the meeting. It was basically a waste of three hours of our lives. Next stop; VICTORIA! The government has to listen to the people effected by the corporate greed of BCFS.

## Remuneration review

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see a press release put out by the RD, telling you that the RD has hired an independent consultant to review the remuneration of directors of the board. This has never been done and there has been no review of any kind since 1997 (that one was done internally by staff).

## Financial Planning process

The budget review process continues and the staff have pretty much made their recommendations on what we need to run our area. I will now be going through the individual budgets for every service to see how much less we can get away with. I hate taxes as much as you do and will not tolerate waste. I also understand that we need to look at sustainable taxation for our area to keep us from having wild swings upward and downward and that is what we are working toward over the next three years. You will have the opportunity to follow the process on line if you wish or you can call our staff at 1-800-334-6007 or give me a call.

## Granite Bay area

I will be meeting with DFO officials and some Granite Bay users in the next week or so, to see when we can get started on the improvements to the dock and boat ramp for the benefit of all. I have been waiting a long time for this to get to this point but hopefully by the summer we will have another first class facility like we put in at Hoskyn Channel, which was a local government, community and industry cooperative effort.

## Victoria protest

Well, folks, I need to get on with the final details for the protest in Victoria. The FAC and myself have met many times a week to strategize and plan for all of what has been going on with regard to the ferry situation. Today was no different. We met for two hours to come up with the final list of points that we want to take to government and to fine tune the protest on the steps of the Legislature. I now have to write an official letter to Minister Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation, informing him of our requests and asking him to put our ferry system back into the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, where it belongs! I will let you know how it goes in Victoria. Stay tuned!

I look forward to your comments, as usual, at 285-3355, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 am and 7:00 pm (not on weekends, please!), or by fax at 285-3533, or by email at [abramfam@oberon.ark.com](mailto:abramfam@oberon.ark.com)

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

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



# Claire reports in from the Ether

**F**or the last year Claire has been working undercover in God's civil service and she sends us this report documenting the p-mail (psychic mail) correspondence of David Con of Broken Corpse Fairies. As you know, BC Fairies is responsible for carrying the dead (dead in this case means people who are actually dead and civil servants who are psychically dead) to the Other Side. A few years ago the minister in charge of this department was voted out for making waves and replaced by GC. GC is not related to JC by the way but thinks he is. After another night of too much nectar, GC got the bright idea to save the public money by privatizing BC Fairies and giving them the mandate to cost the public more and thus allow the Corpse to make money. David Con was the man he chose to head the Corpse up. You may wonder why GC offloaded BC Fairies if he thought it could make money, but there you go a friend is a friend. As is usual in this sort of thing, service went down and the price went up. As a public service, the Fairy fare of two coppers had been steady for thousands of years. After Con took over, the fares started going up even though the fuel used cost less.

**Dear Mr. Con:** A couple of questions about this sailing on time thing. 1) Why are you worried about this when you are so obviously not worried about their opinions on everything else. 2) If your grandmother is coming in the ambulance and is a two minutes late should I wait.

*Charon, Fairy Boat Captain*

**Dear Lackey:** A couple of answers. 1) Question me again and you'll be cleaning latrines in the plague ship. And your little dog too. 2) You only wait for me and anybody who can fire me.

**Dear Mr. Con:** Why have you removed the shelter from one of your runs? Granted it takes up room, but as the vehicles left behind get on the next fairy boat you're not losing any money and it's very inconvenient for people who can't climb the stairs.

*Mr. Spin Md.*

**Dear Mr. Spin** If it becomes too inconvenient they'll be forced to take their vehicle which will make us even more money.

**Dear Brother** I can't believe they went for that plastic idea of yours. That's a poke in the eye for all those environmentalists. Instead of using recyclable paper we get to use carcinogenic, ozone eating, global warming plastic. Combine that with forcing the elderly and the infirm to take cars across, that cottage you have back inland could be waterfront property sooner than you thought. Making therm nontransferable was a stroke of genius. I wonder if we can install some big demagnetisers in the stairwells so it will erase the cards after a few trips. It'll be hell on the public and the ticket people and will probably cost the Corpse more in the long run but GC will bail us out again if we cry hard enough. You get your usual commission of course.

**Dear Brother** Man I love this job. I get to screw almost as many people as GC and I don't have to worry about elections. You gotta love publicly funded private enterprise. The funny thing is that the people who voted GC in are the people complaining the loudest.

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Mr. Lawrence Lewis, General Manager of BIDC on behalf of the BIDC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that "Mr. Norm McLaren, EDO" has been retained under a 1 year contract to advance the Nations intent to develop a destination resort facilities at Orford River. BIDC "anticipates that Norm's expertise and business network will provide the necessary impetus to advance this project to the next level, and ultimately lead to the construction of the destination resort".

Norm is well known in the Campbell River and Comox Valley area for his outstanding accomplishments and community involvement in both areas. He capably led Campbell River Tourism and the Comox Valley Economic Development Society to a string of successful projects spanning a 20 year period."

Norm will be directly responsible for developing the destination Resort business case and other necessary steps needed to advance the project. The facilities will host approximately 50 guests and will feature a Rustic Lodge, an Interpretive Center, Welcoming Center and numerous cabins. The project from construction to operations will create meaningful employment opportunities for many of the Nations members, and provide numerous spin off benefits to Campbell River and Comox communities. The destination Resort is anticipated to be completed and ready for operations no later than June 2008.

All Resort related enquiries should be directed to Norm McLaren directly at BIDC's offices at 1201 Bute Crescent, Campbell River, V94 1G5 or 250.923.0619 or via email at [n.mclaren@bidc.ca](mailto:n.mclaren@bidc.ca)

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by Tanya Storr

## Islanders Protest BC Ferries Initiatives



Islanders protest at Quathiaski Cove ferry terminal

photo: Philip Stone

Quadra and Cortes residents are continuing to protest BC Ferries' actions affecting smaller routes. More than 300 people filled the Quadra Community Centre at a packed community meeting on February 18 in a standing room only show of support.

On February 24, BC Ferries CEO David Hahn and three senior managers travelled to Quadra for a meeting with members of the local Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC).

That morning close to 200 islanders gathered at the Quathiaski Cove ferry terminal to voice their concerns. Carrying placards, chanting, and singing, the demonstrators boarded the ferry and crossed to Campbell River. The Discovery Blockage brass band provided spirited musical accompaniment.

When the ferry docked in Campbell River, the protestors refused the captain's orders to disembark and buy tickets for the return passage. The ferry left eventually after a half hour stand off.

The demonstrators had intended to accompany David Hahn on his return ferry trip to Campbell River, however his meeting with the FAC members was still in progress. They moved to the Quadra Community Centre, where they continued to sing and chant outside the windows of the meeting room.

Susan Westren, one of the organizers, said the event went very well and received TV, radio, and newspaper coverage.

"The signs covered all of the issues and the music was the biggest contribution. Gordon James had written lyrics to suit the protest. It was great that we were able to take the protest to the meeting location, so Mr. Hahn could see the number of people involved."

As the *Discovery Islander* was going to press, FAC members and other volunteers were busy organizing a March 2 protest in Victoria.

"We presented our issues to the top of the corporation as clearly and concisely as possible at the February 24 meeting. We did not get a lot of movement from David Hahn on any of the issues. That leaves us no option but to take our argument to the government," said Jim Abram, Area 'J' Regional District Director and member of the FAC.

Key issues of concern for local ferry users include the removal of the car deck shelter on the *Powell River Queen* and BC Ferries' refusal to pay for a promised new terminal building in Quathiaski Cove.

Issues affecting ferry users on the smaller routes coast wide include fare increases, fuel surcharges, the plan to replace paper ticket books with plastic Coast Cards, and the one-minute cut off time for ticket sales.

The *Powell River Queen* returned from its annual refit in December without the car deck foot passenger shelter used by those who have difficulty with stairs. BC Ferries staff said the shelter was removed because it did not meet

Transport Canada standards. Despite promises by ferries officials that passengers who relied on the shelter would be accommodated, to date no replacement shelter or alternate service has been provided.

At the February 18 community meeting, residents talked about the hardship this has caused. One woman said she has seen people using inhalers after struggling up the stairs and others huddled by the engine room doors to keep warm on the car deck.

FAC member Bob Brown told the crowd that he had spoken to Transport Canada managers in Nanaimo and Vancouver, and they assured him they had nothing to do with the shelter's removal. "It was okay by them. They said there was no reason to remove it," Brown said.

Abram reported that FAC members raised the shelter issue at the February 24 meeting, however no resolution was achieved.

"David Hahn kept repeating that he will not do anything that is illegal, even though Bob Brown talked to Transport Canada and they said the shelter didn't need to be removed," Abram recounted.

Hahn did commit to looking into erecting a temporary shelter at the bottom of the stairs. BC Ferries estimates the cost of such a shelter to be \$50,000. The corporation proposes to recover this amount from local ferry fares.

Hahn also committed to looking at a more permanent shelter, which BC Ferries predicts

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would cost between \$300,000-\$500,000. This amount would also be funded through local ferry fares, according to the corporation.

Abram said the proposed location for the temporary shelter is impractical and the estimated cost exorbitant. "It's so typical of the waste of a Crown corporation. It could be done for far less."

In a letter to the FAC received prior to the meeting, David Hahn stated that committee members would have to sign off on raising local fares to pay for a car deck shelter.

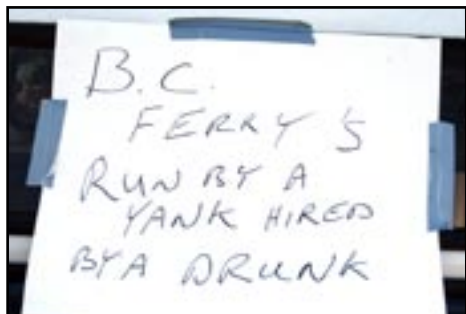
"I told him we are not going to pay for something that is an absolute requirement for BC Ferries to operate that vessel," Abram said.

Abram presented Hahn with a copy of a complaint that he is submitting to the BC Human Rights Tribunal. He is launching the complaint on behalf of all those who cannot use the stairs to access the upstairs passenger lounge.

"I told him that it was unfortunate we didn't have a better answer from him on the shelter because I wanted to give him a chance to do the right thing. Afterwards, I went out in the hall and called our lawyer to direct him to submit the complaint."

FAC members also presented islanders' concerns about the plastic Coast Cards, slated to replace the commuter books of paper tickets. The cards will have an expiry date and will not be easy to share among family members like the paper tickets.

"BC Ferries is determined to introduce the Coast Cards, despite all of the concerns raised by ferry users. They said there will be further consultation with communities on the Coast Cards, but only regarding the details of how they will be implemented," said Abram.



*One islander's summary of the situation.*

*Photo by Philip Stone*

BC Ferries officials did not offer any solutions to concerns about fare increases (37% in 3 years) and fuel surcharges that are impacting island residents and businesses.

"They said the fuel prices are outrageous and we have to help pay them," said Abram. "When we pointed out the price at the pumps has gone down, they said it will go up again. It was very frustrating."

At press time, Abram was trying to set up a meeting with Minister of Transportation and Highways Kevin Falcon for March 2.

"One of our key requests is that the provincial government put our marine highway system back under the direct control of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. We are asking that they remove the smaller routes from the corporation altogether," said Abram.

Hundreds of island residents were expected to head to Victoria on March 2 for a demonstration on the steps of the Legislature. A petition and letter writing campaign are also part of the ongoing protest efforts.

You can view, sign, and forward the online petition at: [http://www.ipetitions.com/campaigns/quadra\\_island\\_bc\\_ferries](http://www.ipetitions.com/campaigns/quadra_island_bc_ferries)



*Islanders gathered at QCC on February 18 to coordinate a response to ferries issues.*

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# Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

## Crude Weapon

**B**efore launching into this issue's viewpoint, I wish to acknowledge the comments of reader R. Nursall of Whaletown regarding some errors in *The Rage* (DI #363). He correctly points out that I probably meant to refer to cartoonist Bill Mauldin rather than Ernie Pyle as Patton's nemesis in WWII, and that Mark Twain was the nom de plume of Samuel Clemens, not Clements. He apologizes for his pedantry, but I see no reason for any apology when the reader does a better job than the author AND his editor.

On Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> a suicide bomb attack was made on an oil refinery located at Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia (SA). The object of the attack is an Aramco facility that is one of the world's largest refineries, processing about 2/3 of Saudi oil production for export. The attack was thwarted about 3 km from the refinery itself at the facility gates, where two cars laden with explosives were detonated after coming under fire from security. No damage was done to the refinery, though two security guards died as a result of the blasts. Al Qaeda has claimed responsibility for the attack, or at least the Saudi arm of the organization. Spot oil prices rose \$2.00 per barrel (from approx. \$61) on the news, in spite of there being no impact on production – merely the fear of potential interruptions in future drove up the price. In my view, this is just the start of higher prices due to potential or imminent disruptions in the global oil supply, rather than the normal price inflation driven by greed.

Canada imports no oil from SA, so in theory any shortfall in their production has no impact on us directly. But since Saudi production is almost 11 million barrels per day

(which coincidentally is about 1 million shy of US oil imports per day), or roughly 1/3 of all OPEC production, anything jeopardizing that supply is sure to disturb the world's oil importers. Even though we don't buy Saudi crude, the price we pay at the pump will be increased because of their domestic problems. Theoretically, we could see up to 2/3 of OPEC production jeopardized by extremism of one form or another in the Arabian region, something that is not at all out of the range of probability given the level of unrest in the region. In fact, I think it is inevitable. And when it happens, \$100 per barrel oil might seem a bargain.

SA has been subject to political instability since at least the early 1970's, particularly after the overthrow of the Shah of Iran. Many strict followers of Islamic laws and principles find the domination of SA by thousands of descendants of Muhammad Ibn Saud abhorrent. The vast majority of Saudis who weren't lucky enough to be born into the Ibn Saud family are coming to that same conclusion. One early convert was Osama bin Laden. Though his family is fabulously wealthy through connections to the ruling family, Osama has made it his life's work to see the Ibn Saud extended family deposed. The intimacy between the USA and Saudi rulers is the primary excuse he would use for the 9/11 attacks – not the "decadency" of the west, as some would have you believe. It's a pretty tight and long-lived relationship – the US purchases the bulk of Saudi crude exports, and in return the US provides advanced weaponry, cash and access to the upper echelon of American politics and commerce. Similar arrangements existed with Saddam Hussein in Iraq prior to 1991, as well as Iran pre-1979 when the long-standing

beneficiary of US largesse Shah Pahlavi was overthrown by the Iranian people under the banner of the Shia Muslim cleric Ayatollah Khomeini.

The Top 10 oil producers on the planet are said to possess total proven reserves of some 1.1 Trillion barrels of recoverable oil. Iran, Iraq and SA control some 490 billion barrels of that total. I think it is fair to say that anyone even remotely familiar with current events would accept that the situation in all of these countries is unstable at best, and in the case of Iraq, chaotic might be a better description. Many of us seem to be locked into a mindset whereby we view SA as we did in the 1980's – exporting oil, people and money all over the world.

Oil revenues funded free education, health care and a social safety net that was the envy of the world. Sadly, SA has never been the utopia it appeared, and as is the usual case the vast majority of the population saw little or nothing of the crude-fuelled bonanza. That majority is the incubator from which men like bin Laden draw their followers. Iraq has already blown apart (a process undoubtedly accelerated by the dubious ambitions of G.W. Bush), Iran is flexing its considerable might much to the chagrin of the "west", and Saudi Arabia is teetering on the brink of a populist revolution. These, among many others, are the reasons I am extremely bullish on oil.

Fortunately, we are now starting the process of kicking our addiction to crude oil. Unfortunately, we may have already destroyed the planet before we came to our senses. Oil and the messy business of obtaining it has been the root cause of most of the ills that have affected the planet since it first became popular in the 19<sup>th</sup>

century. Crude oil has been around since the 4<sup>th</sup> century when the Chinese discovered its uses, but it never really came into its own until the process of distillation (literally rendering the crude into numerous flammable products) was discovered in 1853, just in time for the Industrial Revolution. The world quickly became enamoured with the stuff, and the rest, as they say, is history. Too late, we are quickly realizing that the stuff is killing us and the rest of the planet along with us. We now know we must change our ways.

As of 2005, Canada has the world's second largest proven reserves of crude – 179 billion barrels of the stuff. The tar sands are considered to be only partially exploited, and it is likely that the reserve level will grow dramatically as we improve the means of detecting and extracting the product. But that doesn't mean we can thumb our noses at the rest of the world – the output is spoken for, including our NAFTA commitment to provide 60% of our production to the USA. Being in possession of the stuff is no safe haven. If supplies from the Middle East dry up, we'll be called upon to fill in the slack, and the owners of the oil patch will clean up accordingly. We, as consumers, will pay the price (based upon global levels) at the pump. That price is going to rise, and continue to rise until the law of supply and demand dictates lower prices as our demand drops. This, I fear, will be a long-term process.

If global warming isn't enough of a threat, factor in the discovery of oil as a terrorist target and you have a guarantee that it is in our best interests to wean ourselves from oil. Put it this way – if \$0.95/litre hurts, how do you think \$3/litre will feel?



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03	00:17	2.1	6.9
Friday	06:56	4.5	14.8
	14:27	1.6	5.2
	20:00	3.7	12.1
04	00:55	2.7	8.9
Saturday	07:28	4.4	14.4
	15:11	1.4	4.6
	21:26	3.6	11.8
05	01:47	3.1	10.2
Sunday	07:59	4.2	13.8
	16:00	1.3	4.3
	23:01	3.7	12.1
06	03:19	3.5	11.5
Monday	08:31	4.0	13.1
	17:01	1.3	4.3
07	01:06	3.9	12.8
Tuesday	05:38	3.7	12.1
	09:03	3.8	12.5
	18:07	1.3	4.3
08	02:18	4.0	13.1
Wednesday	19:10	1.4	4.6
09	02:59	4.1	13.5
Thursday	10:14	3.5	11.5
	11:49	3.5	11.5
	20:07	1.4	4.6
10	03:30	4.1	13.5
Friday	10:42	3.3	10.8
	13:17	3.5	11.5
	20:56	1.4	4.6
11	03:53	4.1	13.5
Saturday	11:09	3.2	10.5
	14:18	3.6	11.8
	21:39	1.4	4.6
12	04:13	4.0	13.1
Sunday	11:35	3.0	9.8
	15:06	3.6	11.8
	22:15	1.5	4.9
13	04:35	4.0	13.1
Monday	09:53	2.9	9.5
	10:01	2.9	9.5
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	15:49	3.7	12.1
	22:39	1.7	5.6
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Tuesday	12:17	2.7	8.9
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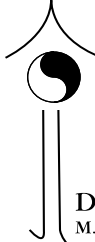
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