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July 1st - Fireworks and celebrations at Rebecca Spit!!!

Ferry Schedules

Campbell River - Quadra Island

Crossing Time: 10 minutes

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6:15 am	3:05 pm
†7:05 am	** 4:00 pm
8:00 am	5:00 pm
9:00 am	5:50 pm
10:00 am	7:00 pm
11:00 am	8:00 pm
12:00 pm	9:00 pm
1:00 pm	10:00 pm
2:00 pm	*11:00 pm

Leave Campbell River

6:40 am	3:30 pm
†7:30 am	4:30 pm
8:30 am	5:25 pm
9:30 am	6:15 pm
**10:30 am	7:30 pm
11:30 am	8:30 pm
12:30 pm	9:30 pm
1:30 pm	10:30 pm
2:30 pm	*11:30 pm

Quadra Island - Cortes Island

Crossing Time: 45 minutes

Leave Quadra Island	Leave Cortes Island
† 9:05 am	† 7:50 am
**11:05 am	9:50 am
1:05 pm	11:50 am
3:05 pm	**1:50 pm
5:05 pm	3:50 pm
6:45 pm	5:50 pm

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The Regulars

- **Every Day** - Quadra Legion - Now Open at 2:30 p.m.
- **Every Monday** - Badminton, 7:30 Cape Mudge Hall
- **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
 - Quadra Seniors @ Legion- Tai-chi 10:00 am Carpet Bowling 10:30 am
 - Armchair Aerobics 1:00 pm
 - Community Lunch, noon
 - Badminton, 7:30 pm Cape Mudge Hall
 - Prime Rib Night at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Every Thursday** - Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
 - Rib Night at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Every Friday** - Yoga 9:30 am and 4:00 pm Community Centre
 - Seafood Dinner with Rod Hadley Jazz Pianist 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm
 - Pool Tournament - Quadra Legion
 - Jam Session - Quadra Legion
- **Every Sunday** - Sunday Service QI United Church 10:30
 - Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
 - Buddhist Meditation 10:00 am Upper Realm
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre
- **3rd Sunday of Month** - Raw Food Pot Luck 5 - 7pm 285-3827
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw. Quadra Legion 6:30pm (members & guests welcome)

Next Deadline: Monday, July 3rd 2006

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Day by day

Saturday, June 24

-Cortes Island Garden Tour
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Cortes Island
various locations

-Duffy and friends
9 pm

Quadra Legion

Saturday, July 1

- Canada Day Celebrations
entertainment all evening, fireworks at dark

Rebecca Spit

Monday-Friday, July 24-28

-Fiesta
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Q.I. Bible Church

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Correction

page 17, this edition: In the Fire Protection District paragraph, the SQFD ten year total compared to the CSRD total is not 43%, but rather 70%

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**Hilary Stewart with Raven
Stone, Quadra Island
Garden Tour.**
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May Queen Speech 2006

by May Queen Willow Ortloff



May Queen Willow Ortloff and escort Kevin Kinskofer in the May Day parade chauffeured by George Nickloff.

Welcome everyone to this year's May Day celebration

I'm Willow Ortloff and this is my escort Kevin Kinskofer. I moved to Quadra Island six years ago and I have never lived anywhere else that has felt so much like home. This year's May Princess are Keely Anderson and Amanda Annet and their escorts are Reily Dahlman and Brandon Doak. It would be my pleasure to introduce to you last year's May Queen Brianna Crighton and her escort Mike Kemshaw. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the selection committee for their time and effort.

May Day has been celebrated on Quadra Island since 1890. I think anyone would agree that it feels good to gather here at Rebecca Spit with friends and family old and new to celebrate spring becoming summer. In the days before television and radio May Day was the main event of the

year. People came by foot, in horse-drawn carriages, boats propelled by oars or sail. Here they renewed friendships and it was at this gathering that many young ladies met her future husband.

Ron Atkinson was the minister at the Cape Mudge United Church. In the 1970's and 80's he wrote an article over 30 years ago that really held a true meaning to me. He said "We are such diverse people. When we come from our solitude and reveal our differences there is a wonder in it! Just as the colored ribbons interweaved in ever changing patterns, so do our lives. Not with the same order but as tangled beauty."

May Day has always been a special part of my life while living here on Quadra Island. I remember my first May Day experience like it was yesterday. Being that I came from another community I felt nervous and didn't know what to expect

from May Day. But from the moment my hand gripped tightly around the silky red ribbon of the maypole I knew that I had a connection with this community that would last a life time.

I remember vividly seeing the May Queen for the very first time back in 2003 looking so beautiful and confident up here on this stage surrounded by flowers. I continued to anticipate each and every May Day there up until now as I stand before you.

I've grown to appreciate the hard work that goes into making an event like this happen year after year. I feel so lucky to live in such a creative place where everyone is part of the same team. This year's theme "the elements" has sparked a lot of imaginations and a lot of true Quadra Island spirit. We all should feel very proud of where we live.

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Kristen Scholfield-Sweet At Grasshopper Gallery

Grasshopper Gallery presents STRANGE TERRITORY: Chalk Pastels by Kristen Scholfield-Sweet. The exhibition opens on Sunday, July 9 from 1 to 4 pm and continues until July 30. To arrange foot passenger rides from Harriot Bay call Kristen at 935-6464. For Gallery hours call Richard at 285-3136 or open when the sign is out.

Kristen is an artist and drum maker living on Cortes who has been involved in shamanism for more than 30 years. These pastels express her travels in the strange territories of her shamanic life.

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Fiesta!

Hey kids, wondering what to do with yourself this summer? Why not party with us at Fiesta! This will be a great time with Bible stories, crafts, music, games and skits at Quadra Island Bible Church. Fiesta runs from 9:30 a.m. till Noon, July 24 - 28. Fiesta is for kids going into grades 1 - 6 and it is FREE. Please pre-register to ensure your spot by calling 285-2020.

Thanks From Quadra Children's Centre

Quadra Children's Centre would like to extend a big thank you to all community members who supported us with our garage sale. It was a big success.

Duffy & Friends

Saturday June 24th @ the Legion Music starts at 9pm. All proceeds will be supporting Nuala Sheran's work with HOPE International in the Dominican Republic. Slide on your dancing shoes and come out and show your support!



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Area J Regional Director's Report

June 23, 2006

by Jim Abram

Well, it has been seven weeks since my aborted holiday, life is good, the sun just peeked out from behind the clouds, the air smells fresh and [at the time of writing...] it is Father's Day! What more could a person ask for? O.K. ...I can think of a few things on my wish list, but, hey, you have to admit, that is a pretty good start! It has been an eventful month so far and seems like it is not ready to slow down yet for summer. My goal for the next two months is to insure that all the people that I deal with politically at various levels of government understand that summer is the time when people like to be out enjoying the most beautiful place on earth and that sitting in meetings during the summer is not the best and wisest use of one's time. I hope that you all agree, because this is the year that I will get out in my boat and I will get out in my kayak and I will go camping more often and... I will try to get some chores done around my place. (sounds like New Year's resolutions, doesn't it?...). So onward to the topics of the day...

B C Ferry's meeting

On June 7th, the Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) met with the brass from the corporation at the community centre. We elected a new chair to replace outgoing chair Michael Stahnke. John Sprungman, of Cortes Island, is the new chair for this year. He is a very dedicated volunteer, has been on the FAC for some time, is also the alternate RD director for Cortes Island (Area I) and is a very articulate and passionate defender of our marine highway system. I have total confidence in his leadership while chair and look forward to continuing to work with John on all ferry related issues. I am sure that he will report out to you on the meeting in the Discovery Islander.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michael Stahnke for his years of dedication in the thankless position of chair of the FAC. He has always been quick to react to the unjust treatment that we have received from the government and the corporation regarding our marine transportation system. Michael worked tirelessly with me and the other members in dealing with the issues of the proposed waiting/holding lanes for the ferry, the new proposed terminal building for Q. Cove and on the protest in Victoria on March 2nd of this year. Michael deserves a great big thank you from all members of the community's of Quadra and Cortes.

The many issues that we discussed will be written about by John, elsewhere. I just want to touch on two issues of interest.

The first is the proposed fuel surcharge (which may be a reality by the time that you read this). The corporation has asked the commissioner for

another ten percent increase to our fares to cover the rising cost of fuel. Nothing we had to say made any difference whatsoever. We got all the usual whining about the cost of fuel and the "bottom line". Don't you wish that you had someone that you could go to for a subsidy to offset your rising fuel costs? So watch the price of tickets to see if the commissioner grants the request and the government decides that we should pay it through our fares. Government still makes the decision!

The second item, is the deck shelter for passengers that are unable to access the upper lounge. This has been an ongoing issue for me for the past many months and, as many of you may remember, is the topic of the Human Rights Tribunal action that I launched last February. The dates have been set, first, for a "settlement meeting" on July 5th and, secondly, for the full two day hearing on August 29th and 30th. At that time the Human Rights Tribunal will hopefully issue an order to replace the deck shelter thereby enabling disabled, handicapped, injured, elderly, and people that just can't get up the stairs for any reason, a place to sit in comfort, out of the weather for the duration of the crossing. I still cannot grasp any understanding of the kind of emotionless mentality that would deny this right to the passengers on our ferry. The management staff that attended the FAC said that the corporation is planning to reinstate the shelter but could show no plans or timelines for doing so. Hence, the action will proceed on schedule. I have no faith in the corporation actually following through on this unless forced to by the Tribunal. More to follow.

Geoduck Meeting

On Monday evening, June 12th, the province made presentations to the public concerning some Geoduck clam leases that are being proposed to allow for farming of these shellfish along the shoreline of the east side of Quadra and along the shoreline of Open Bay. Well, what a meeting! More than 150 residents showed up for the meeting. The representatives from the province and DFO gave their presentations and then took questions. The general mood of the crowd was "upset", to put it mildly. Many speakers made it quite clear that these applications should have never even been entertained since they were in residential areas with high recreational value. I certainly agreed that the issue of siting should have been first and foremost when accepting the applications and that consultation with local government and the residents prior to acceptance would have been the smart thing to do. We were told that "a successful meeting would be one that people would go away from feeling that they had been heard," by the presenters. I suggested that

they needed to not only feel that they had been heard but that the province must truly have heard them and act upon what they heard. After the meeting I contacted the province and once again obtained an extension to the comment period so that the community letters can be received by the province. I was granted until July 15th for comment. You will see elsewhere in this issue the addresses to use to send in your comments. If they proceed with the applications, then a rezoning will be required and there will be another opportunity for the public to comment.

Granite Bay wharf

I have been up at the Granite Bay wharf area for the past 10 days helping the group of volunteers that are working on the reconstruction of the wharf. It is going really well and is such a joy to be working outdoors for a change, rather than sitting in a meeting, talking about working outdoors. The piles are all driven and the wharf is up and decked and railed and the ramp is being built and will be installed as soon as it is ready. The boat ramp has been in place for about a month. This is a really great community effort to improve the access to the north west of Quadra for residents, recreation, tourism and business. There have been some generous donations of funds from Quadra business and lots of "in kind" time from residents. It has been a pleasure to be part of it, start to finish. I will publish a special report with photos when it is finished, so stay tuned.

May Day 2006

Having May Day dedicated to me (and Wendy), had to be the best kept secret on the island in a long time!. What a shock/surprise/thrill/honour! It was such an honour and we'll never forget it. It was so wonderful to have my entire family there to be part of Quadra's highest honour. I would like to thank the May Day committee and especially Sandy Spearing for the wonderful, touching speech that she gave at the presentation. It has been a real pleasure to be your representative for all these years. There have been bad times along with the good, but that is what great relationships are built on and I feel that we do have a great relationship. I will continue to foster its growth over the coming years, as long as you see fit to ask me to do the job. This is truly a great community and I only hope that I can contribute to making it better for all.

Well, that is about it for this issue. Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me at anytime at abramfam@oberon.ark.com or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, VOP 1N0

Respectfully submitted,

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Quadra Island's 41st Annual Trout Derby Report

Wow! what a weekend it was, beautiful weather, great food prepared by our favourite chef Bill Bradshaw and a fabulous turn out. We had over 100 entries for the trout derby and lots more who came up to support the event. Thank you to all of you!

This year's recipient of the Garnet Patten Memorial trophy for the men's largest fish and the winner of this year's trout derby was Gary Krook with his 1 lb 15.9 oz beauty. The Howard Richard Memorial trophy went to Sharon Craddock for her 1 lb 6.3 oz catch.

Congratulations to all the winners!!

Mens

1- Gary Krook, 2- Ryan Binnersley,
3- Terry Krook

Womens

1- Sharon Craddock, 2- Gail Stoller,
3- Barb Frank

Girls

1- Emily Craddock, 2- Shelby Mitchell,
3- Hailey Craddock

Boys

1- Kyle Mountain, 2- Graeme Binnersley,
3- Luke Hewison

The entry prize-winners were Keenyn Halsey and Dave Taylor. Aemon McKirgan, the youngest participant, won the hidden weight. This year's overall derby winner, Gary, also won the 50/50 draw and Sandra Beech was the lucky winner of the \$200 raffle.

This year's proceeds of \$654 went to 'Cops for Kids with Cancer'. This is a kick-start to the big fundraising event for Cops for Kids with Cancer which will take place Saturday, August 12, 2006 at the Quadra Legion. There will be raffles, food, prizes and pledges for people shaving their heads. Last year Quadra raised \$11,000 for this great cause so please come out and support this year's event.

Thanks to Quadra Foods and to Heriot Bay Tru-Value Foods for their contribution to the concession stand. We would also like to thank Nina and Ian Morrison for the delicious donuts and Steve Mitchell for the corn on the cob.

Thank you to Walcan for the tote of ice and to the guys who get our campsite ready for everyone. To Mava and Mary-Lee go thanks again for the road signs, love 'em! A special thanks goes out to the Department of Highways for once again allowing us to continue enjoying the Quadra Island Trout Derby tradition.

Looking forward to next year!

Darlene, Laurel and Sally

Cancer Study Continues

Amped on Nutrition is still involved in a cancer study on Quadra Island. Please if you or any member of your family has now or has 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 information on cancer cases and mapping the occurrences on Quadra. 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.

In addition Dr. David Martin of Health Canada is in the process of matching postal codes with cancer on the south end of Quadra. We need to know your postal code as part of our information gathering. Please contact Amped on Nutrition with your details at 285-3142

Quadra Is. Farmers' Market & Bazaar

Spring has sprung & it's time to start thinking about the Farmers Market & Bazaar again! Who knows what treasures are to be found there! We look forward to welcoming back old friends and meeting new!

The Market takes place on every Saturday between May 6 and September 30, 10 AM til 2 PM behind the Quadra Credit Union.

Parking for Market customers is off Green Road - the Credit Union parking lot is for the use of their customers only, while doing business at the Credit Union.

Please do not bring your dog to the Market. We have received numerous complaints from both vendors & market visitors about the doggies, both leashed & unleashed, so we're going to have to bow to the majority and really discourage canine presence. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Of Special Interest to Vendors!

Set-up starts at 8 AM. Please use the Green Road entrance. The gate will be unlocked shortly before 8AM, ensuring plenty of time for you to set up. The fee is still a low, low \$4.00 for adults, and \$1.00 for kids! Due to the limited space we have available to us, all vendors must be residents of Quadra & the Outer Islands.

For more information, please contact: Dalyce 285-3180, or Linda 285-3952.

Neuter and Spay

At summer time we seem to have lots of kittens to find homes for and it is an impossible task. Do your animal a favour and neuter or spay to help keep the population down and in good health. Outside of the stores and at the Farmer's Market are not appropriate places to dispose of your animals. The S.P.C.A. in Campbell River will take them and if you do take them there please give a donation as each unwanted pet will go to the vet to be neutered or spayed.

If your children need to see the miracle of birth take them to the S.P.C.A. where you will find lots of miracles in cages and the cat room, all waiting to be adopted. When two cats produce six kittens and those carry on to reproduce within 5 years we have five thousand kittens looking for homes.

Dogs and Vehicles

The summer days get very hot and dogs in cars get overheated very quickly. Their brain cells start to fry after 5 minutes so please leave your dog at home in the shade with lots of fresh water. he/she will be a lot happier and healthier.

Unsecured dogs in the back of pickups can be very dangerous [and illegal], plus a metal box can get very hot in the warm weather which is bad for the dogs' feet. Remember they wear a fur coat twelve months of the year. The local police can stop you and the fine for an unsecured dog in a motor vehicle is \$109. Please be a responsible pet owner.

Daphne Young
S.P.C.A. volunteer

The Miracle of Birth

I wonder if those parents who want their child to see the miracle of birth would come with me?

We'll go to any shelter or pound you care to name. It really doesn't matter as they're all the same

Rows of dogs and cats all frightened, their eyes begging 'Won't you please take me?'

Would you parents bring your children as this show is quite free. There's thirty to put to sleep today as there were only homes for three.

Quadra Island Slo-Pitch

Here are the highlights from the last two weeks in the Quadra Island Slo-Pitch League.

The Rowdies knocked off Sleemans Special Blend 16-7. Chris Rendalls Chuckers became victims of the first shutout of the season losing 14-0 to the Diamond Junkies.

The Chuckers were then beat 23-12 by the Rowdies while the Master Batters lost to Special Blend 25-16. The Batters woes against the Diamond Junkies continued as they were slaughtered 30-5!

Chris Rendalls Chuckers won a pair of close ones to post the first streak of two games this season squeaking by Special Blend 9-8 and prevailing over the Master Batters 25-20.

And the Rowdies and the Diamond Junkies played a good solid game with the Rowdies getting the 11-10 win to even the season series at two wins a piece.

The memorial tournament will be played Sunday June 25th at Blenkin Park starting at 9:30 am. See you there!

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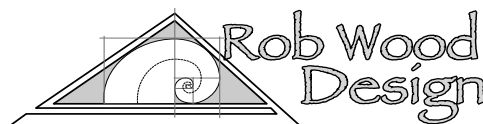
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Quadra Garden Tour Thanks

Thanks to all of the gardeners and quilters involved in making the 2006 tour a success. The visitors didn't seem to mind the showers, we are after all taking about a dedicated group of people. Gardeners frequently work in the rain anyway. It shows that gardens and quilts can be shown off in any light and look great.

The success of the Quadra tour is due to the wonderful combination of the two. We don't have the numbers in yet but some ticket sellers were going to other venues because they ran out of their supply. We hope the success will encourage others to volunteer their gardens next year, the more variety the more repeat visitors. Quilters the count for next years supply of beautiful quilts begins now!

Cortes Islander Finalist in Regional Quilt Comp.

Diane Elliott of Manson's Landing, B.C. and a member of the High Tide Quilters Guild of Cortes Island, is a finalist in the Pacific northwest Quiltfest, August 11-13, 2006 at the Seattle Centre's Exhibitions Hall, Seattle Washington. The piece entitled "Palaeobotany 101" will compete with 276 quilts and wearable art entries from the five northwestern states and the four western provinces of Canada. Over \$30,000 in cash and major prizes, including top of the line sewing machines will be awarded to winners in nine categories.

The Association of Pacific Northwest Quilters, APNQ, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1992 to encourage and reward quiltmakers of the Pacific Northwest and western Canada by producing this popular regional event every two years. "We are extremely pleased with the very high standard of the quilts being created throughout the region in both traditional and innovative designs", says Trish Grant, APNQ president. She adds, "Of the 543 entries juried, 276 were selected. the seventh Quiltfest will be an outstanding exhibition of the finest quilts being created in our region."

The Pacific Northwest Quiltfest is open to the public from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm each day. Admission is \$10 or free to APNQ members. For information contact the office of APNQ at 206-297-2490 or visit the web site at www.apnq.org

Celebrating Cortes Island Gardens

Sharing the beauty and individuality of Cortes gardens is what the Annual Cortes Garden Tour is all about. This 9th annual tour, an important fundraiser for the Cortes Museum, will begin at 9:30 am on Saturday, June 24. Regular patrons of the tour will be pleased to see many new gardens being featured this year.

Garden tour tickets are \$12.00 per person and are available at most Cortes Island stores, the Museum, and the Friday Market at Manson's Hall.

Tickets will also be available on the day of the tour at garden site #1 (corner of Seavista and Harbour Rd. just up the hill from the ferry dock).

Every year for the last eight years Cortes gardeners extend a warm welcome to neighbors and visitors alike. After preening and grooming their gardens to the extent they are able, they open their garden gates and let other garden lovers feast on the colours, sights and smells only a garden can offer. While their gardens are indeed magnificent, they are not necessarily the picture-perfect manicured gardens on the pages of Better Homes and Gardens.

Cortes gardens often reflect an easy-going style. Cortesians prefer to cooperate with the natural surroundings, making use of recycled and found materials for building beds and trellises.

Many Cortes gardeners have literally scratched gardens from rocky hillsides, hauling precious soil and compost to make beds. Others have adapted to their swampy terrains, working with nature to make the best of the wet, clay-like soil.

The gardeners if Cortes persist in overcoming all manner of gardening challenges; too much sun, not enough sun, scant water, bionic deer that make it through all manner of barricades, slugs, and ravenous birds.

Yet every year, through all the joys and tribulations of gardening, Cortesian gardeners celebrate the uniqueness and beauty of their island's garden life and culture.

Rain or shine, this year's Cortes Island garden hosts look forward to sharing their gardens with other garden lovers on June 24.

For more information call Lucretia at 250-935-0172 or email lucretia@uniserve.com

Thank You Quadra Residents!

Even though you had only a few days notice, approximately 200 Quadra residents attended the June 12th meeting at the Community Centre to listen to presentations from six representatives of federal and provincial agencies about the two proposed industrial aquaculture sites at Open Bay and one at Rebecca Spit.

Although we did not get answers to a number of penetrating questions about the potential effects on swimmers and recreational users of Quadra's beaches, the audience was overwhelmingly united on one point:

*"Industrial aquaculture is **NOT acceptable** in residential areas nor in front of our **ONLY two sandy swimming and crabbing beaches at Open Bay** – Quadra's 'Jewel' for islanders, boaters and recreational users"*

THANK YOU for attending the meeting and for opposing the proposed industrialization of Open Bay and Rebecca Spit.

Let's make it very clear: we do not oppose aquaculture – except in residential neighbourhoods in contravention of our Community Plan and in prime recreational areas, in this case in front of Quadra's only two sandy beaches at Open Bay.

This is only the beginning of the 'process'. Now is the time to ensure this industrialization of the waters in front of our residential areas does not occur. We need your active continued support.

To sign our Petition:
Questions or want to help?:

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Thank You!

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Aquaculture: In the right place!

Thanks and Update from Rose Family

continued from last issue...

Max had an NG-tube for months that he got most of his calories through. It reached a point that he couldn't stand it anymore and the decision was made to give him a Gastric tube (G-tube). This required a surgery to insert small port or "button" in his abdomen so we could feed liquid food directly into his stomach. We went through cases and cases of that stuff.

We had a special pump that would run all night feeding those precious calories and it became a fixture in our daily lives. All night it would run....pffft fffhh, pffft fffhh, on and on through the night. Luckily the sound was somewhat comforting, not unlike a heart beat, or waves, I guess.... Comforting, that is until the pump alarm went off because of a kinked line or an empty feed bag. For many months it was as if we had an infant again, complete with the associated sleep deprivation.

It was a huge milestone for us the day Maxie's "button" was removed.

For over a year Max also had a venous access device (VAD) implanted under the skin of his chest. It was a "button" like device as well with a fine catheter that ran under the skin to a vein in his neck. This facilitated the administering of the chemo and all the blood testing required during treatment phase without having to insert an IV line in small veins every time.

Just numb the skin with anesthetic cream, access the "button" with a special needle, and voila, all the chemo and blood work could be done.

The surgery to remove the VAD was another huge milestone in our journey with Cancer.

Part of Max's treatment now is a daily injection of growth hormone to replace the function of his pituitary gland which was damaged by the radiation and chemo. Both Max's mother and I have become expert with a needle and some day Max will administer his own shot.

Without growth hormone Max will not grow. He will need this injection every day until he is around the age of 17 and will be under an endocrinologist's care for the rest of his life to manage his hormone levels.

If we were not covered by our Canadian universal health care system our family would face certain financial ruin as this hormone costs \$200/dose! One dose a day, every day. Thank you, Canada.

Our trips to Children's Hospital now are for check ups, and we were only at the chemo clinic for pre-hydration in order to conduct liver and kidney function testing. Hospital lingo for these tests is GFR testing, but I can't remember what that stands for. Next, was a trip to the kidney and liver specialists and after that upstairs to for the audiologist.

Due to the many and varied side-effects of the life saving treatments our children receive, there can be damage done to everything from internal organs to hearing. (Max has significant hearing damage) All the testing, though tedious and time consuming, is very important to best help the kids recover and adapt to the consequences of their treatments.

Finally, it was down to the MRI room for a scan. No time for the endocrinologist today.

Our day started at an 8:30am appointment and finally wrapped up at 5:30.

All the various specialists complete and compile their reports, and an up-dated treatment plan is agreed upon.

Max's oncologist handles his master file, now inches thick and several pounds in weight. All relevant information is disseminated (with our consent) to those concerned, our family doctor, the educational professionals in our community, and many others.

Our latest MRI came back clean. HOORAY!!

Max's doctor said to him, "Well... I don't think we need to worry about the lump in your head coming back".

What a contrast to see our Doctors smiling face compared to that first fear and pain clouded consultation some three years ago.

Although Max will have to deal with many side effects for the rest of his life we couldn't have asked for better news.

I feel deeply for the parents we see now who are just beginning treatments. You can't comprehend the pain and fear they feel unless you've been there. It's just brutal.

Sadly, not all the parents and children we have met have received good news, and we've seen a few friends from Ronald McDonald house pass from this world in the last few years.

Our family has taken a few body blows from life in the last few years and these experiences have galvanized my thoughts and opinions on a number of subjects.

I would like to share some of them with you...

I have seen first hand that miracles do happen and I know that they are no accident. We don't have to rely on faith for miracles. With the continued persistence, efforts, and support, of many fine people, I hope we all see a day when the miracles outnumber the tragedies. People helping people will make dreams come true.

The great Canadians that had the courage and vision to build our social system, despite the forces of capital and human greed arrayed against them, have created a wonderful inheritance for us all. It is our solemn obligation to maintain and pass down this great inheritance.

Thank you, Tommy Douglas. Now HE was a real Canadian Hero.

Health Care, Education, and Employment issues are all related. In recent years we've seen our elected governments, either not adequately addressing our professional concerns and needs, or mounting open assaults on many of these people and the organizations they belong to. Whether it's the teachers, nurses, or doctors, they've all had to fight for their rights and to protect our social system.

Many of our citizens don't have the protection provided by an association or union and must rely on labor law and their own courage when they are faced with injustice or abuse in the workplace.

Having recently needed to get acquainted with the employment standards act, I think many of British Columbians would find it very revealing to note how many clauses of that act, designed to protect average working people from various forms of abuse in the work place, have been repealed by our provincial government. While our government was at that they also found the time to gut the WCB as well.

Nice to know they're looking out for the common good isn't it?

I say, it's high time we put our collective foot down.

WE must set the tone in our Community, Province, and Country.

Regardless of how well groomed, smooth talking, and supposedly well intentioned some of our political, corporate and business leaders may be, we as Canadian citizens must defy and challenge those among us who would happily see our social systems, and institutions eroded away, dismantled, or sold off.

We are NOT without power. We CAN influence the world around us and the character of the communities we live in.

We can support our neighbors' and choose to reward ethical business practice with our spending choices every day.

Once in a while... we even get a chance to vote. Next time.... Vote for Canada and our Canadian way of life. Vote for Health Care, Education, and a Just society.

Nick Rose

Say No to the industrialization of our Recreational Waters!

Let's get one thing straight:

This isn't about opposing commercial aquaculture.

This is about putting it in the right place.

Here are only eight reasons why industrial aquaculture sites should not be allowed at Open Bay:

- not in front of Quadra's only two sandy beaches
- not where residents and recreational users drop anchor
- not where islanders and visitors picnic, swim, and snorkel
- not where storms and strong tidal action will wash industrial aquacultural waste onto our beaches and into swimming areas
- not where "predator control" measures to protect aquacultural products could wipe out local crabbing opportunities
- not directly in front of residential neighbourhoods
- not where residents, visitors and tourists navigate and anchor to enjoy and explore our waters
- not right where salmon spawning streams empty into the Bay and eagles nest

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Dear Islanders,

After many months away in Vancouver and a bone marrow transplant in Vancouver General Hospital, I am finally home. We will not know how effective the procedure was for six months to a year, but I feel better every day. Many months in bed and continued intake of more than a half a dozen different drugs every day has made me weak as a baby but at least I am a living baby!

A large part of my speedy recovery has been directly due to the support of family, friends, neighbors, local businesses and even complete strangers. While I would like to deeply apologize for those I disappointed when the rapid onset of my illness kept me from fulfilling work obligations and monies owing for work done, I feel blessed to be a part of the Quadra community. Uncountable times, bags of produce, seafood or groceries appeared on our front step. A bank account was set up at the Credit Union which got my family through Christmas. Christmas cards arrived bearing words of support and cash but no names or return addresses. A large past due account at a local business was forgiven and written off with best wishes. Enough firewood was delivered, split and stacked to get us through the winter and our chimneys were cleaned and repaired - thanks to the crew at the Quadra Fire Dept. That bunch has also showed up to help with repairs and renovations which we were unable to do. The list goes on and

on. I pledge to Barry, Donny, Mel and Grant to somehow make up for my inability to take care of my bills at this time.

My family in Richmond was no less giving, tempting me with food they thought might convince me to eat - after weeks of food through a tube- they fed me with high protein, high fat and high calorie foods although they are on a completely opposite diet. They insured I made appointments at many of the hospitals in the lower mainland, even booking off work to drive me to these far flung locations. I know they gave up a lot to look after me and have insisted on nothing but my continued commitment to recovery.

My daughter flew out from Quebec to present my new grandson with the hope of making me really, really want to live. What an easy target I am.

We are so thankful to live in this fine community. Everyone, without exception, has been kind and supportive. My greatest wish is that I recover well enough to be able to return the favor.

Thanks to everyone and then thanks again. I don't know how we would have managed without all of you. I dreamed for months of coming home and here I am ... in Paradise... (which today is **FAR** better than heaven).

Michael Windrim

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Act Now: before it's too Late!

Again, let's get one thing straight: This isn't about opposing aquaculture

This is about putting industrial aquaculture operations in the right place. Provincial and federal bureaucrats admitted at the public meeting on June 12th at the Community Centre they knew nothing about Open Bay and Rebecca Spit, the proposed sites for three industrial aquaculture operations.

They need to know: you don't put industrial aquaculture in residential areas in contravention of our Official Community Plan and in front of Quadra's only two sandy beaches enjoyed by all island residents.

Now you need to tell them. Do it NOW to beat the July 12th deadline! Approximately 200 Quadra residents – members of the OAP, businessmen, recreational users and parents, grandparents and homeowners – have already made it clear: Open Bay and Rebecca Spit are not acceptable places for industrial aquaculture.

Geoduck farming is big business. The bureaucrats told us industry has invested millions of dollars. A representative of the industry has stated that all they need to succeed is for "government to get out of the way."

This is your only opportunity to get in the way and stop industrial aquaculture operations at Open Bay and Rebecca Spit. Bureaucrats need to hear from you – in writing. Here is who to contact:

Duncan Williams, Manager, Crown Land Adjudication
Ministry of Land Management Bureau, Province of BC

By email: Duncan.Williams@gems5.gov.bc.ca

By mail: Suite 142, 2080 Labieux Road
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It is critical that you send a COPY of your email or letter to:

- Jim Abram, our Regional Director for Area J, at abramfam@oberon.ark.com
- Claire Trevena, our MLA, at claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca
- and us at quadra-speaks@uniserve.com

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Aquaculture: In the right place!

Quadra Island's Local Governments Property Taxes **

\$2,860 per day

2005			2006		
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Amount	% change	\$ / Day	Amount	% change	\$ / Day
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\$ 16,803	276.92%	\$ 46	\$ 17,366	3.35%	\$ 48
20,968	-2.37%	57	\$ 26,881	28.20%	74
63,001	17.90%	173	\$ 64,889	3.00%	178
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50	100.00%	0	\$ 1,000	1900.00%	3
100,822	27.02%	276	110,566	9.66%	303

909	60.04%	2	600	-33.99%	2
6,948			7,928	14.10%	
31,118	12.54%	85	34,721	11.58%	95
9	-91.00%	0	9	0.00%	0
38,984	37.66%	107	43,258	10.96%	119

1,493	100.00%	4	1,612	7.97%	4
(13,280)		(36)	-		-
(11,787)	100%	(32)	1,612	-113.68%	4

120,287	-1.26%	330	153,904	27.95%	422
475	-3.26%	1	489	2.95%	1
239	5.29%	1	239	0.00%	1
8,587	228.88%	24	8,635	0.56%	24
129,588	3.54%	355	163,267	25.99%	447

38,000	3.49%	104	61,491	61.82%	168
-		-	-		-
100	100.00%	0	100	0.00%	0
38,100	3.76%	104	61,591	61.66%	169

\$ 295,707	2.82%	810	\$ 380,294	28.61%	1,042
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166,400	-3.82%	456	352,825	112.03%	967
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113,270	-4.94%	310	46,378	-59.06%	127
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66,199	0.00%	181	77,199	16.62%	212
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442	0.00%	1	442	0.00%	1
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182,000	2.82%	499	186,660	2.56%	511
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\$ 824,018	0.08%	\$ 2,258	\$ 1,043,798	26.67%	\$ 2,860
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Tax Requisitions

Ten Year Totals

General Government Services

110 - Administration & General Government	\$ 124,386
127 - Grants in Aid	249,133
130 - Electoral & Administration	375,757
150 - Feasibility Study - Regional	4,288
158 - Feasibility Study - Area J	1,100
sub-total	754,664

Protective Services

263 - Search & Rescue - Campbell River	13,050
272 Emergency Preparedness Plan	14,876
275 - 911 Answering Service	308,626
297 - Soil Deposit & Removal Control Extended	248
sub-total	336,800

Environmental Health Services

345 - Pesticide Awareness Service	4,780
391 - Regional Solid Waste Plan LSA	12,093
sub-total	16,873

Environmental Developmental Services

500 - Planning	1,044,490
510 - Planning - (non part 26)	7,275
536 - House Numbering	7,990
555 - Economic Development - Area 'J'	24,980
sub-total	1,084,735

Recreational & Cultural Services

618 - Community Parks	296,880
625 - Regional Parks	(8,911)
698 - Heritage Conservation Extended Service	5,300
sub-total	293,269

Comox-Strathcona Regional District Area J	\$ 2,486,341
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Comox-Strathcona Regional Hospital (8 yrs)	\$ 1,390,667
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Vancouver Island Regional Library	\$ 977,243
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Community Hall - Quadra Island	\$ 614,263
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North Quadra Assistance Response (5 yrs)	\$ 1,880
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South Quadra Fire Protection District	\$ 1,741,993
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Totals	\$ 7,212,387
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** ~ includes Area J's outlying areas

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errors and omissions excepted

29% Tax Grab Increase

2006: "only" \$2,860 per day from \$2,258 per day in 2005

For Area J Discovery Islands & Mainland Inlets, but mainly from Quadra Island property owners, the Regional District has increased it's budgeted tax take by a whopping 28.6% in dollars this year over last year.

As seen in the accompanying schedule, this year's tax grab brings it's total increase to significantly more than double (i.e. 127.9%) it's tax take in dollars over the last ten years. Topping the list of dollar increases this year, is Planning, 28%, then Community Parks, 61.8%, followed by Grants in Aid, 28.2%, and 911 Answering Service, 11.6%.

Not included with this tax take, but subsequently included in your tax bills is the Provincial Governments tax surcharge of 5.25% for issuing tax notices and collecting taxes. Noticeably missing was the supposedly continuing revenue contribution to taxes of \$6,245 from the Regional Solid Waste Plan which the District window-dressed in it's last year's election budget forecast.

Such tax hikes are not (repeat .. are not) correlated to increased benefits for the area, but rather are appropriated (not entirely tongue in cheek) on the presumed wealth of seniors, pensioners on fixed incomes, widows, orphans, and others only because they live on Quadra Island and of course presumably can afford to pay a lot more because they have higher assessed property values. Justifiable logic, eh?

The directors of the Regional District and their staff justified such increases to the tax collectors by a catchall phrase "increased staffing costs and maintenance", (meaning ... increased Director's and Administrator's pay increases?)

Other notable tax dollars increases without explanation, is the Comox- Strathcona Regional Hospital, 112.0%, and the Quadra Island Community Hall, 16.6%. and without explanation the 59.1% decrease for the Vancouver Island Regional Library.

The Fire Protection District's 2.56% increase this year brought it's ten year tax take total to \$1,741,993 (keeping in perspective for an unpaid volunteer fire department, it is "still only" 43% of the CSRD ten year total). As they did last year, are the trustees still justifying their tax increases with the "back of the envelope" scratches, accumulating an unexplained and unallocated mythical reserve fund capital surplus in the hundreds of thousands of dollars?.

Meanwhile, the Provincial Government's Rural Taxes and the School Taxes have been almost static for the past five years, resulting in the tax rates dropping to almost two thirds of what they were five years ago, finally ending the Province's seven year tax shift (not cuts) from incomes to properties. I suppose that's the good tax news this year.

Sincerely,

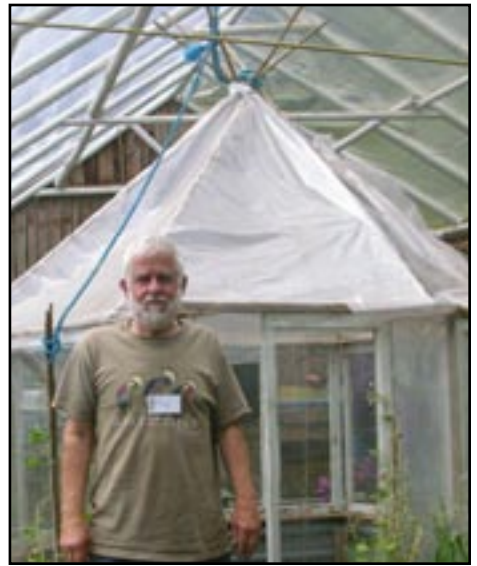
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Pics From the 2006 Quadra Quilt and Garden Tour



Garden Tour visitor admires a quilt in Hilary Stewart's garden.



Frank Boas in front of his mini greenhouse within the 1200 sq.ft. greenhouse



Quilts at Marshwood, Quadra Island Garden Tour.

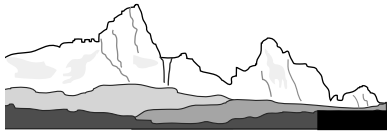
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On the Big Island

Campbell River Art Gallery Members Exhibition

Over 135 people attended the 24th Annual Members' Exhibition at Campbell River Art Gallery on June 1. The show, co-hosted by the Campbell River Art Gallery and the Community Arts Council, represents 58 regional artists, many of whom submitted their work for juried awards.

The jurors this year were Elizabeth Russell, an art instructor in the North Island College's Comox Valley campus, and George McGladrey, an award-winning sculptor from Nanaimo. They spent a full day discussing the work and gave special recognition to 11 artists on opening night. "It was very hard to narrow our choices," said McGladrey. "We're really impressed by the caliber, depth and range of work being done in your community."

The two top awards went to Sylvia McGourlick and Sandra Chow, both of Campbell River. Sylvia McGourlick's ceramic teapot in the form of a dragon took the Award of Excellence for sculpture. The jurors were impressed by the blend of function and art represented in the piece and by its design and craftsmanship. The Award of Excellence in the two-dimensional category went to Sandra Chow. Her digitally manipulated photograph, "6 Slippers," was praised for its perspective, movement and energy.



Road Man by Perrin Sparks of Quadra Island received an Honorable Mention Award in the CR Art Gallery's members' exhibition.



Luise Grav of Quadra Island was selected for an Honorable Mention award in the current Members' Exhibition at Campbell River Art Gallery for her mixed media piece "Movement."

Claude Desjardins, Dawn Bencze and Judith Koeleman were presented with Awards of Merit. The jurors commended Dawn Bencze on her skillful use of watercolour and the richness of colour in her painting entitled "Rooster." The collaborative work, "Soldiers of Peace," co-ordinated by Claude Desjardins, struck the jurors with the sense of play in the figures. Judith Koeleman's photo-based triptych, "My Containment," was admired for its composition, light and colour.

Honorable Mention Awards were given to six artists. Luise Grav's mixed-media piece, "Movement," was noteworthy for its powerful emotional impact and skillful under painting. Jo Swallows, "Winter Flight" was admired for the impeccable hand-weaving of a kimono

decorated with soaring images.

Perrin Sparks received an award for the lifelike detail in "Road Man," as did Angela Hanuse for her bold use of watercolour in her piece "The Cello." Manon Staiger's acrylic painting, "Media Landslide", was described by the jurors as provocative and well-crafted. The Gallery's summer art instructor, Amy Muloin, caught the jurors' attention with "Paralysis," for her creative use of mixed media.

Mayor Roger McDonell, Councilor Morgan Ostler and MLA Claire Trevena were on hand to present the awards and to commend all the participants for their outstanding work. "I'm thrilled to see the quality of work represented in this show," said the Mayor. "I hope everyone in Campbell River has a chance to see it.

It really makes you feel proud."

Impressions Custom Framing and The Framing Post presented \$100 gift certificates to the top award winners and Opus Framing and Art Supplies gave \$30 gift certificates to the winners of the Awards of Merit. The sponsor for opening night was CRTV.

The Members' Exhibition continues at Campbell River Art Gallery until July 7. Visitors are invited to cast a ballot for the piece they feel should receive the coveted People's Choice award, which will be announced on closing day. The Gallery, in Tyee Plaza, is open 10 - 5:00 Monday to Saturday. Call 287-2261 for more information about this exhibition and the upcoming children's and teen's summer art classes.

Haig-Brown Camp

The *Haig-Brown Camp* would like to invite all children ages 6 to 12 years old to attend this increasingly popular camp based at the historic Haig-Brown House in Campbell River, which is surrounded by impressive woods, streams and trails.

The Haig-Brown House and Heritage Properties are a tribute to the beliefs of Roderick and Ann Haig-Brown, two of Campbell River's most respected citizens. They were concerned about conservation and community service and shared a passion for literature and gardening, which is evident to visitors to the Haig-Brown House today.

The *Haig-Brown Camp* offers nature activities, crafts and games. Participants learn to appreciate the natural world through hikes and river based activities. Games are organized that promote group building and friendship. Crafts and journal writing provide creative outlets. Recreational trips include fishing at Discovery Pier, experiencing lively puppet performances at the Museum and visiting the Quinsam Hatchery to learn about the life cycle of salmon.

There are four weekly sessions of the *Haig-Brown Camp* that start on Monday, July 17th and run until Friday, August 11th. The camp starts at 10:00 a.m. and finishes at 3:00 p.m. daily. Separate sessions are organized for children aged 6 - 8 years and 9 - 12 years.

Group size is limited to 20 participants per session so early registration is recommended. Fees are \$75 for a 5 day session and \$60 for a 4 day session. You can register at the Sportsplex or the Community Centre in Campbell River.

The Haig-Brown Camp is a joint partnership between the Museum at Campbell River and the City of Campbell River Parks and Recreation Department. For more information please call the Sportsplex at 923-7911, the Community Centre at 286-1161, or e-mail: hbcamp@telus.net

Campbell River Art Gallery Summer Programs

The Campbell River Art Gallery is pleased to have a talented young artist with them this summer. Amy Muloin is a recent graduate of North Island College Fine Art Diploma Program and received an award for her piece "Paralysis" as part of our current Member's Show exhibition. A small collection of Amy's work is currently on display in our four satellite cases out in the lobby. Her work is also in private collections in Canada, Oregon and Germany. Amy's work includes drawing, painting, printmaking and photography, often combining these methods into dynamic and non-conventional mixed media creations. Amy's second passion is music. Being a singer/songwriter and self-taught acoustic guitar player, music is an important part of her expression as an artist.

Amy will incorporate her musical and mixed media techniques into her Children's Summer Art Program for ages 7-12. This program runs all summer long, 1-3pm, Tuesday through Friday with a new course each week.

Join Amy as she takes you through the basics of working with a large variety of materials. In the first four classes we will make art using pencil, chalk, oil pastel, paint, clay and paper mache. These classes begin July 4-7 with Drawing Daze, July 11-14 Playing with Paint, July 18-21 Creative Clay Works and July 25-28 for Paper Mache Piñatas. Cost for these classes is \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members with all supplies included. Registration deadline is two days before classes start and can be done at the gallery, 1235 Shopper's Row or by calling 287-2261. Program posters with the full summer schedule are available now!

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Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

Just Stuff

As most of you know, I'm just a regular guy (well, in most respects). As a regular guy, I like stuff. Lots of stuff. Preferably stuff that makes a great deal of noise, smoke and mayhem. For some guys, this would be a motorcycle while others go for race cars or supercharged boats. In my case, a Massey Ferguson tractor gives me a thrill on occasion, and as with boats, carries with it the contagion of what boaters call *footitis*. Footitis is the overwhelming urge to get larger and larger boats, or in my case, a newer and more powerful tractor, with even more attachments. But in addition to motorized stuff I happen to like geegaws and gizmos, antiques and bric-a-brac - anything that is unusual, or just plain neat. This affinity for stuff is both a blessing and a curse for my wife, for at Christmas she at least has an objective, though the search for the right stuff can be frustrating. Luckily for me, she does a great job

and I'm generally as delighted as a 5 year old every year.

Let me describe some of what I think is neat stuff. One of my favorites is my Square Egg Maker. In its original box, this made in Hong Kong gadget actually compresses a hard-boiled egg into a square, which is perfect for preventing egg escapes from one's plate. What I really love is the catchy slogan they've italicized on the box - "makes a square egg". That's it - just "makes a square egg". Then I've got my Love Tester. Of unknown origin, the box advises one to place the glass cylinder "upright in palm of hand to measure your passion. If the liquid boils you'll know your overflowing with love". Well, I just tested myself and the amber liquid barely made it halfway up the tube - I could have sworn I had it boiling a few years ago! Oh well, it's a great piece of stuff anyway.

Being a banker I like stuff related to banking. My wife bought me a terrific desk set that may have been a banker's, but that is of little importance. And it doesn't qualify as neat stuff, just cool stuff. My neat banking thing is my Ve-Po-Ad. Made by the Reliable Typewriter & Adding Machine Company of Chicago, Ill., the Ve-Po-Ad is likely the first pocket calculator. About 4" long and 3" wide, it is only a 1/4" thick. One uses a thin metal stylus to input data in 8 columns of numbers that slide. The resulting answer is displayed in little windows at the top, and by gum it works! You can add, subtract, multiply and divide with the thing, and it and its leatherette case neatly fits in a shirt pocket. Wonderful piece of stuff! A friend of mine, after seeing the Ve-Po-Ad, insisted on giving me his KenKo KK-825 Electronic Calculator and key ring (with box), which is a working calculator 2" long by 1" wide, also 1/4" deep. It even

has a clock! Of course I have an abacus, though it is only plastic and probably industrial grade rather than a fine piece. One last item is my tiny brass hourglass, clearly marked (though requiring magnification) "1/2 minute". I joke that it was an old-time banker's, used to mark the time allotted to loan applicants to make their case. Actually, I think it is nautical in nature.

In the bric-a-brac category I have a 2" diameter cut crystal globe that I think is the cat's pyjamas, and almost as cool as it is my egg-shaped kaleidoscope, finished in brass and some exotic hardwood that has hints of red and green. I've also got a very spiffy brass notary seal - unfortunately it is utilitarian, so therefore not cool, as it stamp reads "From the Library of S.B.H.". It fits in nicely with the other stuff, though. Then there is my portable hookah, a small brass water pipe that is fitted into a silk lined case. I actually bought it for my Mom, but she just looked at me like I was nuts and gave it back. There is just no accounting for taste. Also I have what appears to be a bird's-eye maple doorstop - it's big and ugly but it has a very impressive brass handle on top. I could tell you about what is probably the ugliest, tackiest piece of ceramic art ever to exist, but it is simply too difficult to describe, or should I say too painful to look at to describe, so I won't. But I must tell you about my safety razor sharpener! 5" round, it is flat and has a mechanism that rotates a circular leather "strop", and an arm that holds the blade to be sharpened. After a few revolutions, it flips over the blade to sharpen the other side. How could anyone resist such a great piece of stuff? Not me, that's for sure.

Probably one of my most treasured collections is my set of scale model Caterpillar equipment, mementos of my days with Finning.

I am the proud owner of a D-10 dozer, a 980C loader, 235 Excavator and a 627 scraper, plus a Grove high lift crane truck. Many, many disappointed children have been in and out of my office, for they can look, but not touch. As a matter of fact I can recall a few tears shed by grownups who have been rebuffed at their attempts to covet my machines, but my rule is firm...no touchee, no feelie.

Last year, for a very brief time, I became addicted to eBay - books in particular. I am now the proud owner of the Rose & Carless Manual of Surgery For Students and Practitioners (Fifteenth Edition - 1937) Volumes 1 and 2. Having studied them both thoroughly, I am now eager to try out some of the simpler examples, such as applying ligatures for aneurisms, particularly Wardrop's method, which looks interesting. Bad luck in the volunteer department, however. A pride and joy is my leather-bound 1855 compendium of Harper's Magazine. Containing 864 pages of fascinating articles and commentary of the day such as "California through English Eyes" (written by "Mr. FRANK MARRYATT, an English gentleman of fortune", visiting California in 1850) and "The History and Mystery of Tobacco" from June 1855, containing such gems as "*Tobacco, if not a necessary of life, has become very essential to human happiness; for its use is seen among all nations, and includes every class of people, from the most savage to the most refined*". I look forward to reading it when I find the time - perhaps when I retire.

Over the years I have come to the conclusion a guy just can't have enough stuff. A codicil, though - satisfactory possession of stuff requires a willing partner, which thanks be praised I also possess, and of course she is my most treasured possession of all.

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by Tanya Storr

Quadra Residents Voice Concerns over Geoduck Aquaculture Applications

“We’re not against aquaculture, but siting geoduck farms in Open Bay and just south of Rebecca Spit is a bad idea.” That was the message Quadra residents told provincial government and DFO representatives over and over at an information meeting at QCC on June 12.

Thanks to pressure from Area J Director Jim Abram and MLA Claire Trevena, the info session was called so that local residents could express their concerns and learn more about the proposed geoduck clam farms. Normally, a newspaper announcement inviting written comments is the only opportunity for public feedback in the aquaculture application process.

Approximately 150 islanders filled the community centre at the Monday night meeting. In attendance were the two provincial representatives who will decide whether the geoduck farm licenses go ahead: Jim Russell, who is in charge of issuing the aquaculture license, and Duncan Williams, who licenses the occupation of the land.

Tom Yacyshen (Sr. Land Officer, Aquaculture), Baron Carswell (Manager of Shellfish Aquaculture Development), and Kerry Marcus (Department of Fisheries and Oceans) were also present. The proponents who have applied for the sites were not.

The regional district is the licensee for the zoning use. If the applications proceed there will be more opportunity for public input at the rezoning stage.



Provincial and federal representatives bear residents' concerns about proposed geoduck aquaculture at June 12 meeting.
Photo by Philip Stone.

Jim Abram pointed out that the Quadra Island Official Community Plan (OCP) obviously has not been taken into account during the process so far.

“By looking at the OCP, you would have seen these are not socially acceptable areas for a commercial activity,” Abram told the provincial and DFO representatives.

According to information obtained from the Integrated Land Management Bureau’s (Ministry of Agriculture and Lands) website, Discovery Diving Ltd. has applied for a geoduck aquaculture license for two sites adding up to 2 hectares in Open Bay (File # 1411182) and Canadian King Research Inc. has applied for a geoduck aquaculture license for a 20-hectare area south of Rebecca Spit (file # 1411183).

Kerry Marcus from DFO confirmed that these sites are being reallocated from a commercial to an aquaculture fishery. She explained that

Open Bay and Rebecca Spit were two of the areas on the BC coast that commercial geoduck fishers were willing to give up during a recent restructuring of the fishery.

“These were areas considered to have low-medium impact by the commercial fishery, or for other reasons were deemed to be not that desirable.”

The two Quadra Island sites, along with others along the coast, were then advertised on a provincial Fisheries and Aquaculture website as “potential new subtidal geoduck sites”. Aquaculture applications were requested with a deadline of February 10, 2006.

Quadra Islanders did not learn of the proposed sites and resulting applications until very recently, when a newspaper announcement was placed in the Campbell River papers soliciting public comments.



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Map showing sites of proposed geoduck aquaculture at June 12 meeting. Photo by Philip Stone.

Baron Carswell gave an overview of geoduck aquaculture. Geoducks are the largest intertidal clam in the world. BC took its first steps towards a geoduck aquaculture program in 1995. A 5-year initiative was undertaken by a number of stakeholders, including investors and researchers.

The technology for geoduck culture in BC has been refined and developed since that time, and there is now a push to move forward into commercial geoduck farming development and expansion.

FAN Seafoods has operated a geoduck farm off Savary Island since 1996 as part of the provincial government's pilot phase. At this time, they are the sole company farming and harvesting geoducks on a commercial scale on the BC coast. The government is now offering new tenures on a limited basis in Georgia Strait.

Geoduck seeds are started in hatcheries, using broodstock selected from areas where they

are to be grown. The only geoduck hatchery in BC is located near Menzies Bay.

The seeds are planted in the subtidal when they reach a minimum size of 10 mm. Due to the threat of predation from crabs and starfish, they need to be covered with a protective canopy of netting. The canopy requires a system of blocks and cables to hold it in place.

According to the BC Shellfish Growers Association website, without the canopy the survival of planted seed is probably less than 10%, but with the canopy survival rates can be increased to 80 or 90%. Further losses occur in the second and third year which may reduce overall survival to 50%.

After the geoducks are big enough to bury themselves deeper into the substrate, the netting is removed. The clams are harvested when they are approximately 6 years old at a weight of 1 kg. At this time the aquaculture licensees are

also allowed to harvest any wild geoducks within their boundaries.

Divers use a "stinger", which sprays pressurized water, to assist them in removing the geoducks from the sea floor. They gather them in bags to bring back to the vessel.

Geoducks fetch between \$8-\$10/lb (roughly \$20/kg). They are flown to Hong Kong, China, and Japan, where they are considered a rare treat.

"Although you need considerable financial backing to get into geoduck aquaculture, the economic feasibility looks very good at current market rates," said Carswell.

Many of the concerns raised at the June 12 meeting related to the potential environmental impacts of geoduck farming and harvesting in Open Bay and off Rebecca Spit. Ray Grigg mentioned the high numbers of diving birds that use Open Bay as a staging area and could become entangled in the net canopy.

Open Bay resident Valerie van Veen pointed out that Open Bay is a popular swimming spot during the summer months, and asked what would happen to the water quality if there is a dense concentration of geoducks on the ocean floor. None of the representatives were able to answer her question.

Allard van Veen voiced concerns about garbage, such as netting, from the geoduck farms washing up on the beaches. He noted that Open Bay is a very popular recreation and moorage area.

"I was amazed to see these applications being considered where boats moor all the time. It makes no sense to have protective netting and anchors in the same area."

One resident held up a leaflet from DFO, stating that there are high levels of dioxins in the areas being considered. He wondered why DFO hadn't researched its own material, as it didn't seem to be a suitable place to raise shellfish.

Peter Gellatly pointed out that there seemed to be a discrepancy between the biomass of wild geoducks estimated by DFO to exist in Open Bay (120,842 pounds) and Rebecca Spit (356,391 pounds), and what is written on the aquaculture applications.

"The applicants say the area

has 'been hammered' and you say there are lots of wild stocks left. Will there be a stock survey done to determine existing biomass?"

Kerry Marcus responded that a stock survey won't be done, however a habitat survey is part of the process if a site is allocated for geoduck aquaculture. That survey would be done by the applicant as a precondition to farming.

MLA Claire Trevena noted that there is a "serious concern about consultation here." She asked if there would be another public meeting with the proponents in attendance.

Duncan Williams (statutory decision maker for the land use) said there would not normally be another meeting, and he would prefer not to travel to Quadra for one unless he was going to hear something new or different.

Asked if there is a checklist that is followed when deciding whether to grant the licenses, Jim Russell (statutory decision maker for the water license) replied that there is not. He did say all the comments received will be taken into account.

To make your views known on the proposed geoduck aquaculture licenses for Open Bay and Rebecca Spit, write to the following addresses by July 15, 2006:

Jim Russell, Manager, Shellfish and Program Planning
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	18:24	4.1	13.5
	22:01	3.7	12.1
	23:42	3.7	12.1
25	00:32	3.7	12.1
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	22:51	3.7	12.1
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PRODUCE

**California
Seedless Watermelon**
48¢ lb \$1.06/kg

**B.C. Grown
Jumbo
White Mushrooms**
\$1.98 lb \$4.38/kg

*Parking Lot
Event on
Friday & Saturday!*

**Made-in-Store
Ham & Cheese Sticks**
98¢ Each

**Country Harvest
Sunflower Flax Bread**
2 for \$4.00
675g

**Farmer's Best
Beef Tenderloin Steak**
\$11.98 lb \$26.41/kg

**Grimm's
Sizzlin Smokies**
\$4.98
450g

**B.C. Grown
English Peas**
\$1.48 lb \$3.26/kg

**Happy Planet
Juices**
\$4.98
946ml

Specials in effect June 25 - July 1 while quantities last



Open 7AM - 9PM EVERYDAY!
(Liquor Store opens at 9 am)