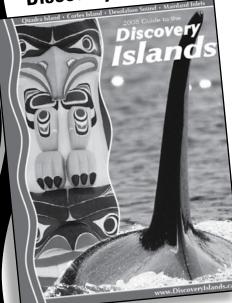


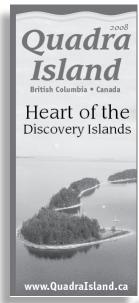
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 - Kalina Folkdancers -QCC, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Sept.to Apr.
 - Sketching group at Firesign Studio 10 am-12:00 pm
 - Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Childrens Centre
- Every Wednesday Badminton, 7:30 pm Cape Mudge Hall
- Every Thursday Isle Sing 3-4:30 pm Q.C.C. upstairs, use South entrance
 - Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
 - 7-9:30 PM: Life drawing sessions at Firesign Studio 285-3390
- Every Friday Free Pool, Darts and Shuffleboard at the Legion 4 pm to 1am
- Every Saturday Legion Meat Draw 5:00pm to 6:30pm
 - Peace Vigil, Noon, Q.Cove Post Office
- 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
- Sunday Celebration, Centre for Positive Living 900 Alder St. C.R. 10:20 11:20 am
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- 3rd Sunday of Month Raw Food Pot Luck 5 7pm 285-3827
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Aftermath! Mudslide on We Wai Kai Rd. Photo: Scot Hutton

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noon

- How Can Quadra Island Respond to Global Climate Change? Guy Dauncey . Doors open at 7:00 pm

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· Climate Action Planning for Quadra Q.C.C.

with Guy Dauncey 10 am to 3 pm

- Buddhist Meditation Upper Realm, Q. Cove

10 am

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Garden Club presents David Leadbitter, Q.C.C.

"The art of catching garden beauty with a camera."

7 pm

Q.C.C.

Thursday, October 18

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Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge

7 pm

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- Geshe YongDong speaks

Upper Realm Q. Cove

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- Wine Tasting with Five Course Dinner Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge

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- Last Wild Wolves slide & new book presentation Q.C.C. by Ian McAllister 7 pm presented by Sierra Quadra & Book Bonanza

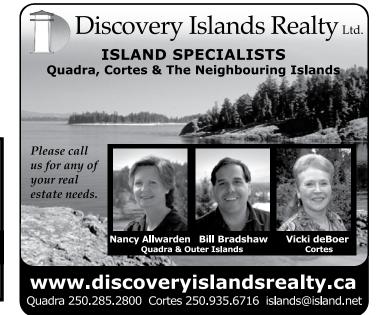
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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank all of our wonderful and generous neighbours and friends who have leant a hand in helping us extricate ourselves out from under the 20 dumptruck loads of mud and rock after Sunday's landslide. We would especially like to thank Murray Johnson for attending personally to our plight as well as the many hours it took Hugh Ross and his highway's crew to remove the mountain of debris late Sunday night in order to avoid serious flooding; and a big shout out to Quadra's volunteer firefighters who several days later were on hand to dig out and remove our car that was buried in earth after being pushed 20 feet through our fence and into our yard.

We will be counting our blessings this Thanksgiving Weekend.

Scot, Chantal, Alexandra and Django

Thanks a Million.



We would like to send out a huge bouquet of roses to the wonderfuls souls who braved the weather on the last weekend of September to put a new roof on Quadra Children's Centre. Thanks to Ed Jordan, Scott Anderson, Ross McPhee, Sam Keefer, Scott McPhee, Joe Beldam, Matt Danylczuk, Keith Parlee, Matt Griswold, Laurie Bowles, Stacey Nielson, Rob Wilson, John Goodliffe, Scot Hutton, Tony Simard, Jeremy Savard, Rupert Gale and Dan Veloso. You all did an incredible job. Thanks to Quadra Credit Union for their donation awhile back to help purchase the materials for the roof. Thanks to Quadra Island Buiders for the great deal on the materials. Thanks to Taste & Sea Catering for bringing the hot lunches. It is wonderful to see Quadra's community spirit at work again.

Quadra Children's Centre - staff and board

Dear Editor,

For the last hundred years or so there have been people studying, often living in, cultures that were still functioning - anthropologists working here and there around the world. Others mine the data thus obtained and seek to find parallels and similarities among all peoples, and sometimes surprising contrasts come to light.

Most cultures have seemed to share... well, one thing is that many people, clearly, are aware that we both kill to live, and are empathetic beings. Many cultures of people have had some sort of group gesture, some atonement ritual or recognition of spirit in the animals that they kill. They are clearly aware of the emotional dichotomy that comes up from their need to eat and their natural-born empathy.

Now it seems that the cultures of Europe are the least likely to make such gestures, express recognition of their internal conflict in this regard. So isn't it weirdly interesting in light of the fact that it is the Europeans and us, their offspring, who have been engaged in the systematic removal of ambient-life from the world?

For me, I have been living in painful awareness for years of both the demise of ambient life and the successful efforts of my cohorts here to keep that fact at an emotional distance. I watch the souls of my friends shrink to smaller and smaller spheres of awareness in, I think, an effort to remove themselves from a sense of responsibility, and thus action of some kind, concerning their own feeding into the deceit and conceit that characterizes the communities that exist around here.

It seems clear doesn't it, that we, out-sourced European cultures, carry the bias of our forebearers? Is it not also clear (but difficult) to see that, as an A.I.M. person said years ago, for the world to live Europe must die. He meant it symbolically but at some point it becomes literal, doesn't it?

Global warming, and all the bruhaha, is clearly just a part of the larger war on nature that the people here, like affluent people everywhere, are perpetuating on the world - no? Never mind the projected consequences of more greenhouse gases on our own fortress of solitude, there are an array of effects on the world, on ambient life, on how we live and aim to live. The outcome of personal ambition times a billion serves to ensure the narrowing genetic base of life on Earth and whether its tomorrow or in fifty years, will precipitate disaster for us all - all life.

Is this not obvious? Yet we as sentient beings can change the structure of politics and economics for a more benign effect... so why don't we? Nature will begin to fix itself in a trice if the people but let it. We can easily live much lower on the food chain - we are only led astray by our own boosterism, by our 'Rah rah' for U.S. rhetoric. You, my old dogs, can and must learn new tricks.

John-John the piper's son

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Ferry Report New Q-Cove Ferry Building This Winter

by John Sprungman, Chair, Ferry Advisory Committee

uathiaskiCovewillgetanewferryterminal building this winter, and construction may start as early as next month. The go-ahead on the long-awaited project followed approval last week by BC Ferries' Capital Budget Committee and by President & CEO David Hahn.

The building will include washrooms, a waiting room, an electrical room, a terminal attendant's booth, storage, and a 10x10 commercial space which could be used for retail "or something of that nature," according to Erinn Cousins, the Manager of BC Ferries' Operations Administration.

"We have not secured a tenant at this point but will be evaluating the possibilities in the near future."

She said the "finishings, scale and design" would be similar to the recently completed Alert Bay terminal building (see photo, right).



The MV Powell River Queen is scheduled to go to refit for four weeks beginning Monday for engine work and maintenance.

It will be replaced by the MV Bowen Queen which has a more limited capacity for overheight vehicles. Heading into the season of southeasters, the lack of an on-deck shelter for those who cannot climb stairs to the passenger lounges is an issue that was unresolved at this writing.

Q-Cove Traffic Flow

The new holding lanes on the hill in Quathiaski Cove are now clearly marked on the pavement with signs to follow. Hopefully, the use of the second lane will reduce the number of times traffic backs up around the corner across from the Credit Union. When it does, those waiting for the ferry can make the road safer for everyone by pulling onto the shoulder as much as possible.

Discussions are continuing with BC Ferries' terminal management regarding passenger walkways on the hill and marked crosswalks at the bottom. Safety for people on foot remains a concern at the entrance to the Harbour Authority parking lot with vehicles entering and leaving through the same gap. Caution on everyone's part will help.

Overloads About The Same...

It may have seemed worse than ever, but the number of overloads in July and August at the four terminals



New terminal building at Alert Bay.

serving the Quadra and Cortes ferries were remarkably similar this summer to last year with common patterns on individual days and during the week.

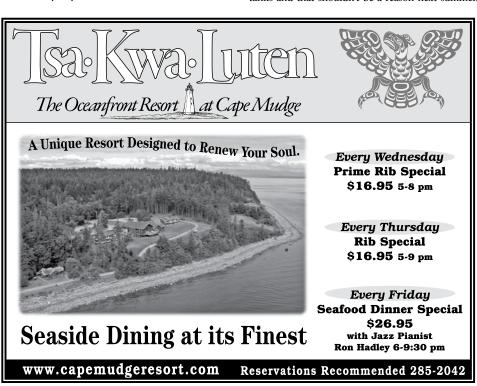
I have turned BC Ferries' overload statistics into tables which clearly show these patterns and have sent them to management in the hope they will make staffing and capacity needs more obvious to everyone.

Quathiaski Covefrequently needed a second lot attendant to manage traffic this summer, but the practice was to call in another person when the situation was already beyond the control of one attendant.

Cortes Summer Relief

For several years now, there has been talk of bringing the MV Tachek, which serves Hornby Island in the winter, onto the Quadra-Cortes route for the summer. It is a 30-car vessel which the docks at Heriot Bay and Whaletown can accommodate. It has the same engines and requires no more crew than the MV Tenaka.

Two years ago, we were told, it couldn't be used on the Cortes run because it didn't have holding tanks for sewage. This past summer it had to go to refit. Now all the smaller BC Ferries are in the process of getting holding tanks and that shouldn't be a reason next summer.



More deck capacity with the same schedule is probably the only way Cortes is going to get any summer relief until BC Ferries has a larger replacement vessel for the MV Tenaka.

Flexibility For Them, Not Us

Although the government gave BC Ferries the flexibility to drop one roundtrip a day on any run, provided the same total number of roundtrips were provided in a year, management has no immediate plans to use that option for seasonal schedule changes.

At the annual general meeting in Powell River in September, President & CEO David Hahn told the Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs that some lightly traveled sailings would be used for training and required drills and would be unavailable to the public. These would be made up by adding trips at busier times, resulting in more revenue on those trips and less cost for crew overtime.

The Ferries & Ghg **Reductions**

BC Ferries may not be subject to Premier Gordon Campbell's soon-to-be legislated requirements for the BC government and its Crown corporations to significantly reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in their operations. Another FAC Chair reported that Ministry of Transportation officials at the recent Union of B.C. Municipalities convention in Vancouver said BC Ferries was not included in Campbell's mandate "because it is not a Crown corporation."

The Liberal government's shell game with privatization continues: BC Ferry Services Inc. is legally a private company, which was created by government legislation. Its only important shares are wholly owned by the BC government.

Asking about GHG at the Powell River AGM, David Hahn mentioned a number of initiatives BC Ferries has implemented such as fuel monitoring systems which control engine speed to maximize fuel efficiency. He also said the 3 new Super-C ferries for the mainland routes would be 30% more fuel efficient than the existing big ferries.

It turns out that the Northern Adventure, the ship purchased in Spain to replace the Queen of the North, burns considerably more diesel per roundtrip than the vessel which sank a year ago last March. An amendment to BC Ferries' fuel estimates submitted to the Ferry Commissioner revealed that fact and was confirmed by the Commissioner in an FAC Chairs' meeting with him.

Ticket Books & Cash Cards

The FAC's next meeting will be from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30th at the Quadra Community Centre. BC Ferries' Vice President & Chief Financial Officer Rob Clarke will be present to explain the plans for replacing paper ticket books with cash cards and to answer questions.

FAC meetings are open to the public. Ferry users who cannot attend can email comments or questions to me at sprungman@twincomm.ca.

Area J Regional Director's Report

October 12, 2007

by Jim Abram

am racing the foul weather outside to get this report filed before we lose power. All fingers .crossed, so typing is difficult to say the least! I will try to keep this as short as possible this issue, but there are a couple of items I do want to talk about.

Granite Bay Hydro Meeting

On October 3rd a meeting was held with five members of B.C. Hydro staff and the Granite bay community, myself, members of Skookum Logging Contractors and a representative from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. The purpose was to hand over the \$96,000.00 (and change) cheque to B.C. Hydro so as to get the project underway, officially. It is done! the project is real and hydro will be a reality in Granite Bay in the next year. It has been a real treat to work with such a committed, hard working group of volunteers in Granite Bay. The original push came from resident, Len Kirkby, and was followed through to the end by Chris Toulmin. Everyone helped out in their own way.

I am proud to be your Regional Director while yet another cooperative effort has proven to be successful. It is such a great feeling to get things done for our island.



Chris Toulmin, Granite Bay community committee organizer (Chris did the majority of the work in recent months) Corey McAstocker, Area Project manager

Jim Abram, Electoral Area J Director for Comox-Strathcona Regional District (I've been there since the start, doing my part, but Chris deserves the credit for making this happen)

Lucky Jim Mine

The last I heard, we were to have the materials for the renovations to the mine site delivered to the site on October 9th. I am awaiting word from the Ministry to confirm the delivery date and then I will organize the work party. the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts (Charlie Cornfield) picked up the bill for materials in the amount of more than \$5,654.50. The Ministry of Forests and Range (Rory Annett) picked

up the costs of the delivery. The Quadra Recreation Society will add the site to the list of sites that they cover in their agreement with the Regional District and the trails committee will be discussing this further. The Regional District paid for the engineered design drawings and we, the community, will supply the brute force to put it all together. I am very pleased to have had the invaluable assistance of Charlie Cornfield and Rory Annett within the two previously mentioned Ministries. Once again, this shows what we can accomplish on our island when we all work together. I am looking forward to the upcoming work party. We can still use some more volunteers!

Official Community Plan (OCP)

So, Wednesday night, October 10th, will be the Public Hearing for our OCP. I am hoping we have a really good turnout. The Directors at the hearing need to hear your thoughts. I think that we came a $long\,way\,during\,the\,year\text{-}long\,process\,and, personally,$ I feel that we managed to come up the middle in trying to accommodate everyone's ideas on how best to plan for the changes ahead that we must all prepare for.

If the OCP is adopted, there will still be more work

to be done on details around development permits, multiple housing options for different ages, water studies, a sewer study for Heriot Bay, and lots of work to be done around climate change. These are things that can be done in conjunction with the Regional District and some can be done within the community and forwarded to the RD.

I am required to tell you that after the Public Hearing closes, none of the Directors will be able to receive any input from the public. That means no contact whatsoever regarding the OCP: no emails with last minute suggestions, or calls with questions, etc. We cannot receive new information after the close. Sorry for being repetitive, but this is very important.

So, for now, that is about all I have time for. 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 anytime at abramfam@oberon.ark.com, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, VOP 1NO... Lots of choices!

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

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

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7:00- 7:30pm will be focused on stretching and relaxation. Drop in \$ 7 incl. stretching. For more information call Marion at 285 2895

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Quadra Island Runners

Sundays at 8 am. Meet at the junction of Heriot Bay Road and Rebecca Spit Road. Anyone welcome!

Free Wood

Due to unexpected delpays, the free wood program will probably not happen this coming winter. My apologies to the Community. Getting wood was not the problem; there were four generous donors. But we needed a small building to keep the wood nice & dry and so far we have not been able to do that. As usual, time, space & money have been a problem. The basic idea is still a good one.

Time will tell if we can actually do it. Call Steve Moore at 285-3323 for more information or to make suggestions.

At the Legion

Quadra Legion Lounge open Tuesday, Friday, Saturday at 4:00pm. Check out Taste & Sea Catering! Meat draws support Quadra Island based non-profit organizations on Saturday's 5:00pm to 6:30pm. New and established members with guests welcome. See you at the Legion!

Smile Makers Kidz Klub

Hey kids! Smile Makers Kidz Klub is back at Quadra Island Bible Church. Remember all the games, snacks, crafts, stories and fun? Well it starts again on October 23rd. Get ready for fun every Tuesday after school, from 2:45 to 4:15. Our theme this fall is "Playing on God's Team". Kidz Klub is free for kids in kindergarten through grade 6. Call 285-2020 with any questions.

Art Show

New works by Laurie Bartlett and Lyn Farquharson September 23 -October 21 at the Grasshopper Gallery 748 West Road, next to the RCMP Station. Everyone welcome 295-3136

Open House and Concert

John and Ann Toelle invite you to an Open House and Concert at the new West Road Yoga studio, 680 Industrial Way.

Come have a tour and listen to some great music. Performances by Sunday Dennis, Kent O'Neill, John Toelle and special guest Erik Lunde.

Studio open at 6:30. Concert by donation at 7:30 Saturday October 20th. Seating on the floor. Bring your cushion or festival chair and a beverage of your choice.



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Local Couple Get Lucky

Two Quadra Island Seniors, let's call them Peter and Sophie, enter a bar and buy tickets on a draw. One hundred tickets are sold. There is a 1 in 50 chance that either Peter's or Sophie's ticket will be drawn. Peter's is drawn and his ticket removed.

Sophie now has a 1 in 99 chance that hers will be next and she comes up lucky. Assuming no skullduggery, what are the chances of this happening?

Well as there was a 1 in 50 chance of one of them being lucky in the first draw and 1 in 99 in the second, the chance of the combination win was 50×99 or 1 in 4950.

Of course, with Sophie's luck, who knows?

This is a reconstruction of a recent event that has some pondering the odds of such an occurrence. This is the way I see it, but maybe you see it differently. If so, please explain

Frank Smirfit

Quadra Quilters' Guild Marathon '07

It is wet, windy and down right nasty outside so it is a great time to sew. The quilters will be sewing up a storm, figuratively speaking, in the Community Centre on Saturday October 27 and Sunday October 28. Using donated fabric from all over North America and a variety of patterns which seem to get better each year, they will be sewing a goodly number of quilts. The quilts are designed for children from babies to eighteen years old. The quilts are taken in batches throughout the year to B.C. Childrens Hospital and Ronald MacDonald House. There they are given to children who are undergoing cancer treatment. The quilts help to give comfort to children going through a very difficult time and show them and their families that we care. Somehow there is always a quilt that appeals to every child and unfortunately the need never goes away.

The quilters would love to have you drop by and see the quilts between 1pm Saturday and noon Sunday. A Saturday evening or a Sunday morning visit will show you more quilts approaching completion. If you can quilt but are not a member of the guild and would like to volunteer your time, please contact Heather Van Der Est. If you are willing to spend a couple of hours ironing, please also contact Heather. Quilting has a long tradition in North America and is very much part of women's history on this continent. Come and experience the camaraderie and fun that happens when women get to gether to quilt.

Qigong Workshop

Qigong is a 3,000 year old Chinese system of simple and gentle movement exercises, co-ordinated with breathing to strengthen the flow of energy in the body, helping to release toxins and relieve stress.

This workshop will focus on Balancing the Heart Qigong. These eight simple exercises strengthen the heart and are practised in China for the prevention and treatment of hypertension and cornonary disease.

The workshop is at the Quadra Community Centre in Room 3. Please use the south entrance. Saturday, November 3rd between 10 am and 3 pm. Cost is 450. To pre-register call Denise Maile at 285-3743.

Garden ClubPhotography Workshop



Next Monday at the Community Centre, local photographer, David Leadbitter will discuss the art of catching garden beauty with a camera. By learning to take better photos, you can enjoy the special features you have created in the garden, during all seasons. What better tonic in the dark days of winter than to look at your summer garden and enjoy its bounty with a picture. David will give us an introduction to flower photography and show us how to improve our skills using any camera. He has worked commercially in advertising, portrait and stock photography for twenty years, and currently teaches photography at the college level. He will share with us some of his favorite images taken of our natural surroundings and the local gardens with a slide show presentation. What better way to catch those perfect, beautiful but fleeting moments in your garden than with a photo.

Join us at the Community Centre Monday October 15 at 7pm, new members welcome. Annual membership is \$10 which gives a discount at many local nurseries. Drop Ins \$2. We share plants, magazines, and garden knowledge. Remember Eileen's request/challenge that we all bring something beautiful, practical or curiously interesting for the show and tell table this month. We would love to see the results of all the time enjoyed in your garden. Anyone interested in showing off their largest, or oddest pumpkins or squash?

Quadra's Climate Change Action-Challenge

The doubters are quashed, the truth is out, and by now everyone should be aware that we are in the midst of a human-induced period of global warming and associated climatic shifts. The disruptions to the Earth's climate are already noticeable in many parts of the world, and they are forecast to become more dramatic in the years to come.

Now is the time to take action: if we do not, then there is no hope of slowing the damage to our planet. Every one of us needs to respond to this challenge... and we need to do it both as individuals, and as a community.

To participate in the action-challenge we need to learn about the range of different options that are available to us. What are people doing elsewhere? What other ideas and strategies should we be aware of? What innovative contributions can we make? Let's then take this information and move it forward into direct action, as well as planning and policy-making.

Fortunately, a respected and inspiring actionfocused speaker will soon be visiting Quadra to help us with this process. Guy Dauncey will help us develop a vision of a more sustainable future for our island and our planet, and then to translate that vision into action. Check out the event details below, and mark your calendars for October 13th and 14th. These events are sponsored by Sierra Quadra, and admittance is by donation towards expenses.

Presentation:

Saturday, October 13th, 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm) "How Can Quadra Island Respond to Global Climate Change?"

In this powerful and inspiring presentation, Guy Dauncey will give us an overview of some of the actions that are needed to address the climate change problem globally. He will then focus in on what island communities such as ours here on Quadra can do to contribute to the solution.

Workshop:

Sunday, October 14th 10am to 3pm "Let's Make It Happen! Climate Action Planning for Quadra."

Communities like ours can and should work to lay the foundation for a healthy, resilient and sustainable future. By brainstorming together during Guy dauncey's participatory workshop we can begin the process of developing a local action plan, and thus addressing global climate change.

The greater the community representation at this workshop, the better the foundation of our plan. To help safeguard our future, we need to be thinking about such things such as land-use management, transportation planning, 'green' power options and energy efficiency, water quality and water-use, waste reduction and management, and 'greener' buildings.

So, please come along and share your ideas, your enthusiasm, and your knowledge with us at the Community Centre. Refreshments will be provided, and you are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch.

Geshe YongDong

Geshe YongDong, a Tibetan Buddhist monk from Courtenay, B.C., will be speaking & leading a meditation on Quadra Island on Sunday, October 21 at 11 a.m. in the Upper Realm at Quathiaski Cove.

Last month 30 people were delighted with Geshe's presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend. Suggested donation is \$10 but pay what you can afford. Folks from Cortes Island can phone Steve or Danielle for a ride to & from the ferry at 285-3323.

Isle Sing!!!

Winter's coming. What better way to shake off the winter blues and raise those endorphin levels than singing in harmony your neighbors and friends? Open to all singers, regardless of experience. We gather to raise our voices in songs that uplift and inspire.

Isle Sing!! is modeled after the 'natural voice movement" which has been spreading across Europe and North America in recent years. Through this movement, neighborhood singing circles and choirs have sprung up based on inclusiveness and the belief that singing is basic to human nature. All societies throughout history have sung together to mark births and deaths, to unify and heal, and to strengthen and celebrate. It is in this spirit that we sing. We come together as participants and co-creators of music. This flies in the face music consumerism which encourages us to enjoy music through our CD purchase and leave the business of singing to the professionals.

Many of us have shut down our voices, having been told as children that we could not sing or having been asked to "mouth the words" in concerts. Some have been discouraged by trying to sing in a choir section which did not match their vocal range.

The voice can be reopened and confidence restored with listening exercises, group toning and entrainment within a supportive group of singers. It's never too late!!

Isle Sing!! is led by Dayna Davis, who has been inspired and mentored by Shivon Robinsong of "The Gettin' Higher Choir", Victoria and Tina Erickson of "Letz Sing", Vancouver Island. She recently studied with Ysay Barnwell of "Sweet Honey in The Rock". Dayna brings a love of world music to the group and a belief in the power of song and voice to unify and cross cultural boundaries. Songs, chants and rounds from all religious traditions weave together. Gospel, freedom songs, lullabies, sea shanties, love songs, and peace chants bring us closer to the struggles and joys of people round the world.

Isle Sing!! is happening on Quadra at the Community Center on Thursday afternoons from 3-4:30 and on Cortes at Linnaea School on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30. The cost is \$63 for 10 weeks and \$7 for drop-in. Sessions run from Sept 18-Nov. 20 on Cortes and from Sept 20 to Nov. 22 on Quadra. The first session is free for newcomers. Older children are welcome. Call Dayna 935-6674 for more information. Check out www.ubuntuchoirs.net for info on other similar choirs in our area.



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Last Wild Wolves presentation at community centre

Friday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.

EVENT: The Last Wild Wolves, a slide presentation

Location: Quadra Community Centre

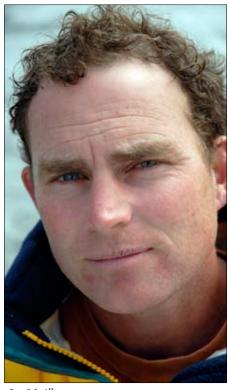
Hosts: Sierra Club and Book Bonanza at-the-Cove Admission: by donation

Join award winning author and photographer Ian McAllister as he launches his latest book, The Last Wild Wolves. An unforgettable evening of exploration, adventure and first hand accounts drawn from nearly two decades of wildlife observation, research and photography along the remote outposts of Canada's Great Bear Rainforest.

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"Ian's first book, The Great Bear Rainforest launched the international campaign to protect Canada's northern rainforest. With the emerging threats facing the Great Bear - the Last Wild Wolves will assuredly finish the job" - Will Horter, Dogwood Initiative

The slide presentation, hosted by Sierra Club and Book Bonanza at-the-Cove, takes place at Quadra Community Centre on Friday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m., by donation.



Ian McAllister

Time for Lunch

Quadra Island's Community Lunch is starting up again soon. Mark Wednesday, Sept. 19 on your calendar and come to the Community Centre at noon to meet your neighbours and eat a delicious meal.

The lunch will happen weekly on Wednesdays from the 19th on through to next spring. If you already know how special this occasion is, bring a friend who doesn't know about it yet. The more the merrier. The lunch is supported by a donation box, and is made possible by many generous volunteers.

Fall Painting Workshops at Firesign Studio

Perrin Sparks is teaching "Steps to a Likeness" a 5-day portrait painting workshop on October 1-5, Monday-Friday from 9 AM-3 PM at Firesign Studio. Working with a live model, this is a great opportunity to learn techniques Perri has developed as professional portrait artist and medical illustrator. Students may use pastels, oils or acrylics. On November 3-4, Dianne Bersea will teach "Still Life with Watercolour", a weekend watercolour workshop for intermediate painters. Class size seven students maximum. Firesign studio also hosts ongoing life drawing sessions on Thursdays 7-9:30 PM, and drop-in sketch group on Tuesdays 10 AM-noon. Check the website at www. firesignartanddesign.com or call Nanci at 285-3390 for details.

Folk Dancing

This season's folk dancing has started at the Quadra Community Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm.

We welcome anyone interested in joining us for light-hearted, mildly energetic dancing. Come on out and try it and find out if you'd like to join us for the rest of the season.

For more information phone Marci Wolter at 285-3849.





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Buddhist Meditation

Come join the Sunday morning Buddhist Meditation. We meditate for 30 minutes, have tea & cookies and then read and discuss Pema Chodron's book called "When Things Fall Apart." Last weekend we discussed the Tonglen Practice of taking in the suffering of others and sending out Love with every out breath. Next week we are reading and discussing chapter 16 on the "servants of peace."

Last year, we had a wonderful group of 10-12 people meditating & sharing our collective wisdom in our circle discussions. This year its been a slow start. New people and old timers are always welcome.

We meet every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Upper Realm of Q. Cove. Take the outside stairs up to Brenda's Yoga/Massage space. Call Steve or Danielle for more information at 285-3323

Peace Vigil

Peace vigils are a weekly event all across the country and in most B.C. cities and towns. For example, Roberts Creek and Courtenay have one. The Courtenay Peace Vigil is at Noon every Saturday in Front of the Downtown court house.

Quadra Action for Peace will be organizing a Peace Vigil every Saturday at Noon in front of the Post Office in Quathiaski Cove starting on October 13. Canada's war in Afghanistan is organized by the Federal Government and the Post Office is the only Federal Government building on our island. And it closes at Noon, so there shouldn't be a problem. Bring a candle and/or a peace sign of your own.

Wewill be carrying on the Peace Vigil until Canadian and American soldiers are brought safely home from Afghanistan and American troops withdraw from Irag.

Recently, individual pictures of the over 70 Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan were posted on Quadra Island. More have died since then. Afghan and Iraq

civilian deads are also very troubling. Iraq now has over 2 million refugees who have been forced out of their homeland.

Be prepared for the long haul. "Give Peace a Chance"

every Saturday at Noon in front of the Q. Cove Post Office.

Even one human with a candle sents a message, but the more the better. We'll stay for at least 30 minutes, maybe more. Call Steve at 285-3323 for more information.

Music Lessons

Island music at the Upper Realm is still accepting students for music lessons. With over 20 years experience, Dave and Michele offer lessons in several music disciplines. Learn how to play the trumpet,saxophone, flute, drum set, cello, violin, guitar or piano in a friendly positive environment. For those who like to sing, voice lessons are also available. Need and instrument? Island Music also has new guitars available for sale and can order the instrument of your choice. Call Dave at 285-2168.

Healing and the MInd

Don't forget the Bill Moyer's interviews with experts & yogis on the topic of "Healing & the Mind" starts this Monday, October 15 in Room #1 of the Quadra Community Centre at 7 p.m.

This is a six week course facilitated by Liam Grimm and sponsored by Quadra Circle and the Quadra School of Philosophy. The course will cover all the important interactions of the body and mind which can contribute to physical well being and mental peace of mind.

Call Liam Grimm at 287-9739 or Steve Moore at 285-3323 for more information.

Bookmaking Workshop

The Campbell River Arts Council will host a Bookmaking Workshop on Sunday, October 14, from 10am to 4 pm at the Sybil Andrews Cottage, 2131 South Island Highway in Willow Point. Local bookmaker Gwen Kushner will lead the workshop, designed to produce a 4-Needle Book and Concertina Scrapbook. This scrapbook will make for an excellent Christmas present and introduces endless possibilities for content, both of a historic or contemporary nature. It will also prepare local artists and writers for the Arts Council's 'Handmade Book Fair' to be held in the Spring of 2008. What can be more beautiful than a hand-crafted book? Please register early for this workshop as the last bookmaking session with Kushner sold out quickly. The cost for the workshop is \$55.00 and includes all supplies. Participants leave with a completed book by the end of the day. Call the Arts Council at 923-0213 to pre-register.

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Quadra Circle News

Quadra Circle is off to an energetic start-up at your Community Centre. This adult-oriented group is organized by a committee of the Quadra Island Recreation Society and our aim is to have fun, provide volunteer service to the community and offer educational opportunities.

Our monthly meeting (the hub of our activities) is open to all adults and is held on the third Monday of each month from 11:00 until 12:00 noon in Room #1 at QCC. This is followed each month by a bag-lunch social in the main hall with coffee and tea available. The hall rental is paid out of our donation box which is available at the meeting, at the lunch and at all our activities. The next meeting will be held on Oct. 15. If you would like to participate in our energetic meetings, or just listen, come out and join us — or come at noon with your bag lunch and meet some new people.

Other activities are ongoing. Every Monday (except for holidays and the third Monday of each month) we offer classes in Temple Tai Chi (Room #3 – 10:30 to 11:30) followed by bridge lessons (the card game) in Room #1 from 11:30 – 1:30. Both groups have been well attended, and both are facilitated by Annie Strong (285-2885), with help in the bridge class from Hilda Van Orden and Chris Thompson. Newcomers are welcome. Next classes will be on Oct. 22. Call Annie for more information.

Coming up soon, on Monday nights, starting on Oct. 15 and running until Nov. 12, we are presenting five mind-stimulating evenings based on Bill Moyers' video interviews with famous healers. These classes will be held in Room #1 from 7 – 9 p.m. Liam Grimm will be coming from Campbell River to facilitate group discussion after each video viewing.

Starting Tues. Oct. 30, there will be five Tuesday-evening dance classes held at QCC (6 -7:30 p.m.). Classes will be facilitated by Barry and Sharron Hatelt. Find a partner and come out and have fun learning some new "moves". Call Barry or Sharron at 285-3144 for more information.

On the community service front, frozen meals are still available at the affordable price of \$4.25 each. These are available at the Community Lunch (QCC) on Wednesdays or by calling Karen Gair at 285-3064.

Friday Flicks Presents

October 19th, QCC Doors 7:30 - Showtime 7:45 Adm: \$5.00 - stu/snr \$4.00

Just when you thought there was no way to spin a fresh zombie story, along comes /Fido/. Set in a Canadian suburb during the 1950s, the movie boasts a delicious premise: What if humans were the victors in a zombie war, and now the living dead – fit with dog collars to zap their cannibal instincts – were turned into domestic slaves? Hey, zombie, mow that lawn.

Housewife Helen, played with inspired silliness by /Matrix/ diva Carrie-Anne Moss, persuades her hubby (Dylan Baker) to get the family its own indentured corpse. New servant Fido (Billy Connolly) becomes a valuable friend to their son, Timmy. Played by Scottish comic Billy Connolly, Fido is a good doggie until he gets his collar off. Crossing Leave It to Beaver with Night of the Living Dead, director Andrew Currie's genial zombie comedy freshens up some familiar genre elements with considerable style and wit. Currie is better at laughs than scares. Though too mild for horror fans, Fido satisfies as a screwy family comedy and a hilarious homage to the classic dog movie.

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Canada's 'Master of Mirth'

LORNE ELLIOTT, Canada's "Master of Mirth", will spread laughter and fun with his brand new show, "The Collected Mistakes" at the Quadra Island Community Centre on Saturday, October 20, at 8:00 pm. If you've never been to one of this funnyman's one-man shows, you'll need to get your tickets early: they always sell out! Lorne Elliott's stage performance is a very special blend of highly original comedy and music delivered in a unique performance style that is described as: "...delightfully quirky and unrelentingly hilarious!"

CBC Radio listeners will recognize "Madly Off In All Directions" as Lorne Elliott's own weekly CBC Radio Comedy Series. Taped in concerts across Canada, it started airing in January 1996 and continued for 11 seasons until the fall of 2006. His latest project for CBC is entitled "Chasing the Big Silly." Lorne has 5 recordings of his stories and songs entitled "Selections from all Directions I and II," "More Lorne Elliott," and "Collected Mistakes I and II."

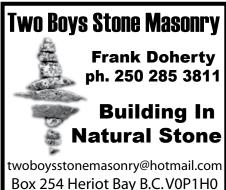
Lorne Elliott was born in Montreal and educated in Newfoundland. First performing in 1974 as a folk musician on Canada's East Coast, he was, at the same time writing fiction, songs, monologues and one-liners. In 1976 he began performing his special brand of humour and songs on stage and started a career touring theatres across Canada, USA, Australia and as far east as Singapore. Elliott has also had an extensive career writing comedy for theatre and TV , including "The Lorne Elliott's Really Rather Quite Half-Decent TV Special" for CBC-TV.

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The timelessness of Elliott's material, joined with keen observations of today's trends, makes Lorne Elliott's work very special. Even though he includes occasional references to Canadian politics, Elliott prefers to focus on the wickedly amusing miseries of every-day life. "An exceedingly astute student of his environment, with a quick wit and matching delivery, Mr. Elliott gives a new meaning to the word stage presence" says Doug Gallant of The Charlottetown Guardian.

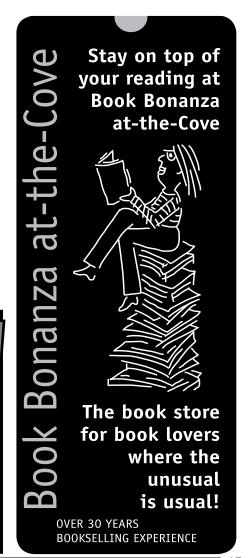


To hear Canada's most "talented nut-case" Lorne Elliott perform "The Collected Mistakes," get your tickets at the usual outlets: Quadra Crafts (Heriot Bay), Hummingbird Office and Art Supply (Quathiaski Cove) and The Music Plant (Campbell River). Advance tickets are \$17. Door, if available, will be \$20. For information, call 285-3560. Lorne's website: www.lorne-elliott.com/





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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

y father loved to come home from work and relax by making candy. My mother when the stress of raising two small children got too much for her, loved to bake double fudge brownies. I grew up with a huge sweet tooth. I still enjoy the pleasure that comes from eating a slice of fresh baked pie, or a homemade piece of chocolate cake. I've come to terms with my sweet tooth, and have dramatically reduced my consumption of refined sugar. And it's not the purpose of this article to debate the evils of sugar. I know and my customers know the health problems caused by the over consumption of sugar. However, as long as people continue to cook or bake, most of them will use refined sugar for some of their recipes. The question I'm most often asked is whether there is one type of processed sugar that is better than another type. So, here's the skinny on processed sugar.

Sugar is made from the extracted juice of sugar cane or sugar beets. Raw sugar comprise yellow to brown sugars by clarifying the source syrup by boiling and drying with heat until it becomes crystalline solid with minimal chemical processing. It is sold as muscovado, demerara and plantation raw. Turbinado sugar is made by steaming unrefined raw sugar. Sucanat and rapadura are sugars made from pure dried sugar cane juice.

White refined sugar is made by dissolving raw sugar and purifying it with phosphoric acid and calcium hydroxide, or by a carbonation process involving calcium hydroxide and carbon dioxide. Impurities are further filtered through a bed of activated carbon or bone char. Some brown sugars are made by coating white refined sugar with a cane molasses syrup. Other brown sugars come from the late stages of sugar refining when sugar forms fine crystals with significant molasses content. While researching sugar, I found a recipe for making brown sugar at home: add 1 tablespoon of molasses to one cup of granulated sugar.

According to the many declarations I read on the Internet, there is little discernible difference between beet sugar and cane sugar in baking. Until I moved to British Columbia, I had always used cane sugar in my baking. Here, I use Rogers sugar, a beet sugar, and I notice no difference in the quality of my baked goods.

So, when all is said and done, nutritionally sugar is sugar and too much is a health hazard. However, used sparingly, it can create a small piece of heaven. Therefore, in choosing the type of sugar to use, it becomes simply a matter of taste.

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Children's Art Programs

If you missed out on taking part in the first set of children's art programs at the Campbell River Art Gallery, then this is the time to rush down and register for the next set of after school sessions that begin the week of October 23rd. Each class is limited to ten students so don,t leave it too late. Children ages 4 - 12 years of age can choose from an assortment of classes. The schedule includes painting and drawing classes as well as holiday themed programs. Each after school art making session runs for four weeks. Classes for 4-7 years take place on Thursday afternoons. Classes for 7-12 years are available on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Beginning October 23rd, Angela Hanuse will lead a "Wild and Wonderful Watercolour" painting course for children ages 7 -12 years. This class runs on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 - 5:00 for four weeks. Children will learn the basics of watercolour painting, including the materials and techniques needed to create their own unique artwork with this watery medium.

Instructor Katherine Douglas Knappett continues with her drawing based themes with a new course called "Fantasy Art Drawing" beginning October 24th from 3:30 - 5:00. This class is for children ages 7 - 12 years and runs for four weeks. Dragons, fairies, warriors and all kinds of imaginable creatures will show up in this drawing class. Learn the basics of mythological character building including garmentry, armour, and dramatic settings. You will work on your drawing skills in 3-D effects, proportion, and perspective. Beginners as well as drawing enthusiasts will have fun in this class.

Starting on October 25th, Pippa Kaye will lead children ages 4 - 7 years through an introduction to painting that will be sure to get your little artists in a creative mood. Learn the basics for painting, from techniques to tools to colour wheels, in "ABC - Come Paint with Me!". Then have some fun creating all kinds of exciting painting projects with these new skills including a group mural that will be hung in the gallery lobby. This class runs from October 25th to November 15th from 3:30 - 5:00pm.

Class fees are \$45 for gallery members and \$55 for non-members. All supplies are included. The deadline for registration is two working days prior to the start of each program. For registration information or to pick up a copy of the full fall schedule visit the Art Gallery at 1235 Shoppers Row (across from the Visitor Info Centre) or call 287-2261. Hours of operation are Tuesday to Saturday from 12-5pm. The schedule is also available on the gallery's new website at www.crartgallery.ca.

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Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

The Other Mr. Gates

'n August of 2003 I quoted Gwynne Dyer regarding Iraq (A Ghastly Strategic Mistake - DI #299) without any comprehension of how off the mark I would be... Iraq is not bound to become America's second Vietnam, but it rapidly drifting that way. This was always possible, given the vast gulf between Washington's declared motives for the invasion and what most Iraqis think America's real motives are, but it has been made much more likely by the monumental incompetence of the post-war administration of Iraq." The Iraqi-American editor of Iraq Today, a Baghdad English-language weekly newspaper said just last week "The occupation is a mess". In actual fact, the situation in Iraq bears no resemblance whatsoever to Vietnam - at the height of the Vietnam war (which, in spite of continuing US bleating about a "police action", a war indeed occurred in that country in the 60's and early 70's) it is known that at least a component of the population actually wanted the US to stay - to protect, ostensibly. Today, 90% of Iraqi's would be overjoyed to see the tail end of their US "liberation".

If one were to naively view the American invasion as a mission of liberation, the inescapable conclusion is that it has been an abject failure that has cost the US some 4,000 young lives, well in excess of 20,000 American soldiers have suffered life altering injuries, and no less than 100,000 Iraqi civilians have lost their lives. Anyone with any semblance of rationality in 2003 could have made the same prediction, but then, as now, no-one in the White House wanted to hear such defeatist talk. This past weekend, General Petraeus, the US Commander in Iraq, spoke at length of how the present "surge" of US forces is succeeding in stabilizing the Iraq situation. In my view, this man has not only drunk the Kool-Aid, he followed it up with a tab of LSD - he is clearly hallucinating. In the meantime, the people holding his leash - the White House administration, led by president Cheney – have been rattling their scabbards about Syria and Iran, with increasingly strident threats to bomb the living bejeezuz out of both of them. Such talk is clearly delusional, ill-advised and likely an indication of advanced impotence. And I'm not alone in thinking this way.

Dr. Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, has said that those close to the Bush administration in the USA who want military action against Syria and Iran are guilty of "criminal, ignorant and potentially murderous folly". In words of extraordinary force for the usually mild-mannered spiritual head of the world's 77 million Anglicans, the Archbishop told the BBC (BBC – October 5, 2007) on his return from a Middle East trip that "we do hear

talk from some quarters of action against Syria and Iran" but that "I can't understand what planet such persons are living on, when you see the conditions that are already there." Dr Williams continued: "When people talk about further destabilization of the region and you read some American political advisers speaking of action against Syria and Iran, I can only say that I regard that as criminal, ignorant and potentially murderous folly." I agree wholeheartedly with Dr. Williams - and it begs the question - have the people of the USA gone entirely blind to the mess their government has created, or do they simply do not care? In the case of a very small but influential minority the answer is undoubtedly yes to both questions. This minority, by and large, has no investment in this war no kids serving, no huge tax increases suffered to fund the war, absolutely no sacrifice required - everything is just hunky-dory in their books. And that is certainly the situation for all senior members of the Bush administration and its supporters. These same men (and Condi too) now talk seriously of bombing Iran.

Fortunately, an exception has emerged. Secretary of Defence Robert Gates, Rumsfeld's replacement, has apparently taken a different tack with respect to how he conducts the affairs of his department, the US military machine. According to the October 9, 2007 Telegraph (UK) "Mr. Gates has set himself up as chief rival to Dick Cheney in a bid to thwart the vice president's desire to bomb [Iran]", and goes on "Insiders say Mr. Gates has ensured that Mr. Bush has seen more extensive studies of the probable negative effects of an attack on Iran than he was privy to before the war in Iraq". As a stranger to the White House, Gates is establishing his mark quickly and effectively. "Bruce Reidel, a former CIA Middle East officer, said: "Cheney's people know they can beat Condi. They have been doing it for six years. Bob Gates is a different kettle of fish. He doesn't owe the president anything. He is urging his officers to be completely honest, knowing what that means." Consequently, both Admiral William Fallon, US Central Commander, and Gen. George Casey, Army Chief of Staff, have spoken out recently regarding the present dire strait of US military readiness; referring to White House statements regarding Iran, Admiral Fallon said in September that "the constant drumbeat of war was not helpful". Music to my ears, words such as those. So perhaps Iran is safe for now. But what about Iraq?

Perhaps saner minds will prevail going forward, but statements by all leading 2008 Presidential contenders leave little doubt that no rapid withdrawal will occur. There are several reasons why not, some of which actually make sense, but a complete withdrawal of

US military forces must occur before Iraq has any chance of resurrection as an independent nation. Notwithstanding that distant event, a recent article in the Washington Times (Iraq exit logistics - October 7, 2007) brings to light the staggering amount of time and resources it will require for any sort of orderly withdrawal of US personnel and equipment. "Watching them drive by at 30 mph would take 75 days. Bumper to bumper, they would stretch from NYC to Denver. That's how US Air Force logistical expert Lenny Richoux described the number of vehicles that would have to be shipped back from Iraq...these include, among others, 10,000 flatbed trucks, 1,000 tanks and 20,000 Humvees. Even in an emergency, said Col. Richoux in DefenseNews, the evacuation of 162,000 troops in 23 ground combat brigades and millions of tons of equipment would take some 20 months." And in the meantime, "After a year's use in Iraq's desert climate, the Army's 70-ton M1A2 tank morphs from an awesome fighting machine to a repair nightmare, as sand infiltrates everything down to electronics. These [tanks] can only be repaired stateside where 25 ton turrets can be lifted off the rest of the tank...major overhauls cannot be done in the field." Helicopters must be dismantled and shrinkwrapped for shipment. So it is clear that a very orderly withdrawal will be required to avoid another disaster such as occurred in America's hasty retreat from Vietnam in April 1975, which handily re-equipped Vietnamese forces with abandoned US hardware. This clearly cannot be allowed to happen in Iraq.

The USA presently cannot effect a ground war in Iran, and it appears current mission planning acknowledges this fact by calling for an air campaign - many "shock and awe" bomb/missile attacks that will knock Iranian infrastructure back a few centuries. And unfortunately, a lame duck president being puppeted about by a vice president with no presidential ambitions (no third term for Dick) is the stuff of nightmares – these guys simply don't care, and they only have 15 months left to fulfill their goals after which they'll just pass on the mess, presumably to President Clinton II. But this need not be the case if men like Robert Gates stand up for the vast majority of Americans, indeed the entire world's citizens, and if he is successful in bringing some sense and reason back to the Oval Office. I wish him well, and trust the 20 month drawdown of US forces in Iraq begins now as a result of the first smart decision Bush could make in his unrelentingly disastrous presidency - if he listens to Robert Gates. It's time to bring the troops (and their stuff) home. But I won't hold my breath.

The Editor Notes ACCOMMODATION

These two short columns are looking back at me like the hands on the clock at last night's (Wednesday) public meeting on the O.C.P. (Official Community Plan). There's an advantage having this opportunity, to add to my own and all other speakers' comments at the meeting and reach a wider audience. I'll try my best to make the most of it even if I don't intend to stick entirely on topic. In advance please excuse this hurried and erratic outpouring.

The O.C.P. Process

A few speakers, myself included, commented last night on the nature of this recent O.C.P. process, specifically how it seems peculiar that what started out under the banner of 'Local Area Planning' has now come forward to the community as a full-blown O.C.P.

I don't believe that the process has been adequate, regardless of how much work went into the L.A.P. This is underscored in my opinion by the comment at the head of one of the documents distributed at the meeting that stated that staff planners (at the regional district) found the 1996 O.C.P. to be a 'strong document'. Well excuse me but as I understand it, it is for the Quadra Island community to decide whether the O.C.P. is strong or weak document and I don't believe that the community as a whole has had that opportunity.

Community Leadership

I can't put my finger on it exactly but there is something amiss with our model of local government. Having been involved with the Quadra Community Association in seeking solutions to this percieved weakness in the system I know this to be true but find it hard to describe exactly what is wrong with the current picture and how to fix it beyond the Q.C.A.'s suggestion of an advisory body to the Regional Director.

My observation is this: under the current regime we have one Regional Director who has the job of facilitating community discussion on a range of issues in an impartial manner when what is so often required to reach a workable solution is plain and simple leadership.

Too often Jim Abram has become a target for those on both sides of an issue as his office suggests he should please all people all of the time. True consensus is idealistic hogwash. The best that can

ever be acheived through our social dynamic is a course of action, regulation or whatever the aim of the day is, that can be swallowed however delicious or unpalatable. Often it takes a helping hand to put the spoon in while we hold

Attempting to reach consensus is so often an exercise in futility which is why, I am sure, such a, mostly, progressive community as ours ends up chasing its tail indefinitely on controversial issues.

Parks

Following are examples of some of the types of topics I feel have been missing from the recent O.C.P. dialogue which as noted seems to have been borne out of a narrowly focused local area discussion.

- There is a waterfront parcel for sale in the north west corner of the main beach at Open Bay. I believe this property should be purchased by the regional district, province and/or community as park land. The use of Open Bay as a recreational area has skyrocketed in recent years and yet there are no facilities at all to accommodate this use.
- Rebecca Spit I venture that it's time to talk about closing the road at the neck north of the boat ramp. There is no need for this jewel of a park to have an open road running most of the way along it. The road bed could remain in place to accommodate community acitivites like May Day and Canada Day and emergency access but be gated to prevent day to day vehicle access. There is already ample parking at the entrance to the park that is never used so the expense involved to implement this change would amount to one gate - simple.
- Other provincial parks Where are the signs for our provincial parks and where are the parks' plans?

TimberWest

Lastly, and for the benefit of those unable or unwilling to attend Wednesday's meeting I reiterate my call for TimberWest to have their tenure(s) revoked on Quadra Island. Property prices are about supply and demand. There's no shortage of land on Quadra, the community just needs to have the abilty to offically plan what happens to it. I don't recall seeing their C.E.O. at the O.C.P. meeting. They don't belong here and it's long past time for them to leave.

Thanks for reading. - Philip Stone

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