**Issue 407** October 26, 2007 Discovery **Community News and Events from Quadra Island, Cortes Island and the Outer Discovery Islands** Halloween Fireworks Blenkin Field Wednesday, October 31, 8:30 pm

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# Ferry Schedules

### Campbell River - Quadra Island

**Crossing Time: 10 minutes** 

#### Leave Quadra Island

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 nm	*11.30 nm

#### Quadra Island - Cortes Island

Crossing Time: 45 minute

Crossing Time: To 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			

<sup>\* -</sup> Fridays and Saturdays only. † - Daily except Sundays. \* - Tuesday sailings are for Dangerous Cargo - No passengers

# Avoid Line-Ups

Peak local traffic are during morning and evening commutes. On Monday and Thursday Quadra - CR 9 am sailings, Cortes Island traffic has priority.

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of the Guide to the Discovery Islands and the Quadra Island map-brochure





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We're pleased to report on the activities of Quadra Credit Union as we enter the final quarter of what has been a challenging year for many business' on the Discovery Islands.

# Third Quarter Report

The summer of 2007 was quieter than most for many businesses on the island, and the Credit Union was no exception. Traffic from US visitors was down relatively sharply from 2006, due mainly to the weaker US dollar and recessionary trends that preclude many potential visitors from travelling. Border concerns may have had some impact as well. At QCU we noted that our US dollar based activity was down 50% from prior year. Current indications are that this trend will continue through next year as well due to weakening US economy.

The construction sector is a bright spot in our local economy, with virtually full order books for all local contractors. This trend is likely to continue for some time...great news for the contractors, bad news for homeowners looking to hire them. Demand for these services will only grow, while the industry struggles to fill the need for qualified trades. Homeowners thinking of renovations should be talking to a contractor as quickly as possible to ensure time can be made available to carry out the work. Barring a cancellation most contractors are booked ahead many months, in some cases over a year.

At QCU we just completed a strategic planning workshop that saw 45 Credit Union stakeholders meet to discuss the future of our community financial cooperative. Several terrific initiatives were brought forward for investigation, and you will be hearing more about these changes over the coming months. Many thanks to our staff and Board members who gave up a chunk of their weekend to help chart our future. Over the next 60 days QCU will be soliciting member input on a number of important questions. Whether we contact you personally, or mail you a questionnaire, please take a moment to let us know what you think member input is vital in how we run our business.

# Internet Banking - Member Direct. - www.quadracu.com

Quadra Island branch 657 Harper Rd. Quathiaski Cove P.O. Box 190 VOP 1NO 250-285-3327

Cortes Island branch Sutil Point Rd. Manson's Landing P.O. Box 218 VOP 1NO 250-935-6617



# Island Calendar

**Submit your event:** eMail: news@discoveryislands.ca • fax: 285-2236 • drop-off: 701 Cape Mudge Rd.

#### The Regulars

- · Quadra Legion Now open Fridays and Saturdays at 4:00pm
- Every Monday Badminton, 7:30 Cape Mudge Hall
  - Parent and Tots 9:30 am noon O.C.C.
- Every Tuesday Smile Makers Kidz Klub O.I. Bible Church from 2:4 -4:15 pm
  - 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 Moms and Babes 11 am noon Q.C.C.
  - -Community Lunch noon Q.C.C.
  - Badminton, 7:30 pm Cape Mudge Hall
- Every Thursday Parent and Tots 9:30 am noon Q.C.C.
  - 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
- 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 or gift certificate. Quadra Legion 6:30 pm

#### Next Deadline: Monday, November 5th 2007

Island Calendar is a list of on island events. Please submit separately for the Island Calendar and News & Events or indicate in your submission if you would like your event placed in both. Following the text order exactly as above for email submissions is appreciated (month, date, day, title, place and time), use the title as your email subject. Current advertisers welcome to submit events but not-for-profit items will be given priority. Thank you

#### 5 Day Forecast from | III Environment Canada

Thursday	Thursday night	Friday
High 10°C	Low 1°C	High 11°C
Sunny with cloudy periods	Clear	Sunny
Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 10°C Low 3°C POP 30%	High 11°C Low 3°C POP 40%	High 11°C Low 4°C POP 60%
Chance of showers	Chance of showers	Chance of showers

# On the cover



Halloween Fireworks past. Photo: Philip Stone

Next deadline for the **Discovery** Islander

November 5th

701 Cape Mudge Rd news@discoveryislands.ca

**Throughout October** - The Bean Ink'T by Amy Louise at DRAW Gallery

#### Friday, October 26

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

#### Saturday October 27 - Sunday 28

Q.C.C. Quadra Quilters Guild Marathon

9am - 9pm Sat., 9am - 3pm Sun.

#### Sunday, October 28

Restorative Yoga O.C.C.

10 am - 1:00

#### Wednesday, October 31

- Halloween Fireworks display

Blenkin Field

#### Saturday-Sunday, November 3 -4

- Dianne Bersea watercolour workshop, Firesign Studio 285-3390

#### Sunday, November 4

Reception Centre Open House

Q.C.C.

1.00 - 3.00 pm

#### Saturday, November 10

Film Show Presented by Sierra Quadra Q.C.C. End of Suburbia at 7 pm Escape from Suburbia at 8:30 pm

#### Saturday, November 17

- An Evening with Shane Philip - playground fundraiser Q.C.C. 7 pm

#### Friday November 23

· Christmas Craft Fair

Q.C.C.

4-9 pm

#### Saturday November 24

· Christmas Craft Fair

Q.C.C.

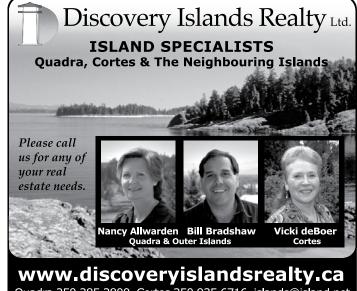
10 am - 3 pm Santa arrives at noon on the firetruck!

Banff Mountain Film Festival

Q.C.C.

7pm

#### Island Calendar online: www.discoveryislands.ca/news



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- · Please don't send original irreplaceable material, make a trip to a copier first!!
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**Next Deadline** 

7 pm. Monday, November 5th



# Island Forum

Say your piece: eMail: news@discoveryislands.ca • fax: 285-2236 • drop-off: 701 Cape Mudge Rd.

# **Re: Revised OCP**

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on Philip Stone's recent observations regarding the OCP process (Discovery Islander, October 12). I agree that true consensus is impossible to achieve, unless there is some yielding of opinion, and a willingness to consider each other's views. We are a diverse community, with differing perspectives and opinions. It is clearly impossible to create an OCP document which will satisfy each individual.

At the October 10 meeting, as at past meetings, we heard many constructive comments on how the 1996 OCP can be thoughtfully revised. We also heard considerable criticism of the process, and more disturbingly, of the regional director. The process has been described as divisive, pitting neighbour against neighbour. Yet how else are we to approach consensus without voicing our opinions, and listening to each other? Is the process perfect? No. Does everyone share the same opinion? Of course not.

At the beginning of this process, a compelling rationale was described to justify local area planning as a means to create a realistic plan for the future of Quadra Island. These four areas were chosen because of subdivision pressures at variance with the OCP. The 1996 OCP had served us well over the past decade, but needed revision. Those of us who bought into the rationale for local area planning felt it made some sense, and seemed to offer some potential for success. If we could make thoughtful recommendations for the four individual areas, then we might have a greater likelihood of success by integrating these plans into a larger perspective.

It has been disconcerting to listen to criticism of the process from those who have not contributed to it, but rather have become involved at the 11th hour in an apparent attempt to sabotage any consensual outcome. It has also been disconcerting to read and listen to an abundance of misinformation, apparently designed more to promote fear rather than meaningful discussion. Changes proposed to the 1996 OCP will not result in rampant development or subdivision. Current VIHA and Highways regulations severely restrict subdivision, and provide considerable safeguards against unrestrained development. For example, it is not possible to subdivide most five-acre properties in my neighbourhood (Animal Farm to Milford Road). This includes my property. Proposed changes to the OCP will allow some limited growth to meet the diversity of needs on Quadra, in all areas. It is unrealistic to expect one proposal for one areathe Cove, for example- to meet everyone's needs.

I am particularly dismayed at the criticism directed towards our regional director, who has worked tirelessly to assist with the development of a more up-to-date and relevant official community plan, taking into account a range of perspectives and interests. Each time changes are incorporated to

address one set of concerns, another set of concerns is produced. At some point, we have to acknowledge that the overarching needs of the community as a whole must take precedence over our individual needs.

I understand there will be another public meeting (the final one?), to discuss amendments to first and second readings of the OCP, incorporating concerns expressed to date. Please read the proposed OCP and come to this meeting prepared to speak to the proposal. As Philip Stone has said, we need a course of action "that can be swallowed however delicious or unpalatable". I believe that the current proposal is actually rather tasty, and offers a realistic blueprint for the future of our island.

Respectfully and hopefully,

Don Ramer

# ---Hospital Petition to Be Presented to the BC Legislature

On November 7, Citizens for Quality Health Care will present a petition to the B.C. Legislature calling on the government to ensure that hospitals are maintained in the Comox Valley and in Campbell River.

Since April 10th, over 16,000 people from Qualicum to Port Hardy have signed the petition which calls on the government to ensure that:

- fully functional acute care hospitals are maintained in the Comox Valley and in Campbell River
- the Vancouver Island Health Authority provides adequate funds to upgrade and expand our local hospitals,
- our hospitals remain publicly funded and care be publicly delivered.

Spokesperson Lois Jarvis comments "We've spoken to thousands of people who agree that we cannot afford to lose hospitals, or any hospital services, in our communities. We urge everyone to make their voices heard by signing our petition before October 31." It is imperative that ALL patients of the ENTIRE North Island have timely access to excellent hospital/ health care services.

Between now and October 31 anyone who has not already signed can do so at the Co-op Gas Bar (940 Ironwood St.) or Video Works (111 Dogwood St,) Campbell River. For more information or to arrange for petition pick up, contact Lois and Ed at 287-3096, or Rich and Joanne at 286-3019

#### To the Editor,

Speaking out on the wrongly treated is worth it. Awareness and communication are the first tools of positive change. We have to do something about families in poverty. We need to gather together. We 'the people' have the power for positive change, we really do.

If you care about people who are neglected by our government I invite you to tie a purple ribbon on your vehicle or person to show your support.

Perhaps Claude Richmond needs to live off the income welfare families get in order to respect their needs. I'm sure he would change the standards if he had to live it. I'd like to see it.

Respectfully Evangeline Tate

# **Tribute to Tony Marmol**

I went to the service for Tony Marmol today. The huge turnout in itself was a great tribute to the man and his life on Quadra! A number of family and friends stood up and spoke about Tony; I would have too, but they were doing a fine job, and I'm not much at public speaking, and so I'd like to share my thoughts here.

I came here to Quadra nineteen years ago. The first man I got to know a bit was Len Lakberg. Having bought land from him, the second man I made friends with was Tony Marmol - at the time he was still running a tandem dump truck and we needed gravel, dirt, drainrock...what a friendly guy, especially to a newcomer from the city! Some time after that he sold the big truck and got his first small excavator. Who knew what a talent he would find there? All these years later, having built so many projects, for myself and for others; with my brothers, alone, with the Fire Department - I can't even count how many times Tony was a vital part of the equation. Always in demand, he still always seemed to be able to fit you in. With his little machine he seemingly could finesse the earth into anything you needed it to look like. If it was a finishing project, when Tony was done you hardly even had to get the rake out. He was a master at finding underground utilities without busting them open - he probably knew every one of the buried pipes and wires criss-crossing Walcan; I know that they will miss him! If you're a property owner that's been here for a decade or two or three, you have probably used Tony's services. If you are newer to Quadra and didn't know him, believe me, there are pretty good odds that Tony worked on your place sometime in the past. His legacy lies all around us, in the driveways, building sites, foundations, drain fields, ditches, gardens, parking lots, fire lines, ponds, culverts, and even the graveyard...

The Island is going to be a harder place to build things without Tony around. But mostly I'm going to miss his cheerful greeting... "How's it going, Murray!" and his daily take on Island life...At the service today, it was suggested that everyone who could should plant some yellow daffodils in Tony's memory, someplace where they will be seen and multiply, and remind of us of what he did to help make our Island more beautiful. I know that I will be doing so, and hope that many others do as well.

See you later Tony, Murray Johnson www.discoveryislander.ca

#### Mr. Stone,

Your "Venture" into discussion of closing the vehicle road access into Rebecca Spit Park is unwelcome in my opinion. I agree this park is indeed a jewel and I take great pride taking visitors, friends and family there for recreation, picnics etc.. The closure you suggest would inhibit a great many people (the elderly, the infirm, people with small children) wanting to enjoy these activities. What kind of impression will it make on them if they must pack their picnic coolers along a road that should give them proper and reasonable access.

Remember sir, that public parks serve the public at large.

Mel Dery

## **Amen! Philip Stone**

Finally someone has spoken out against the major land rapers of Quadra Island. I have lived, logged and watched the island growing and logging practices change from the early fifties to just a few years ago when the Liberal government took the reigns and let TimberWest completely descimate the north end of Quadra.

I have spoken to many people about it and they all take the attitude of 'there is nothing we can do'. Well I think they're wrong! I believe if all of you land owners, renters and Native people of Quadra spoke out this would be stopped.

Most people now have email. Please! send an email to the Liberal government and voice your concerns for the eco-tourism and animals that are being disrupted. These are more important than the money from the trees, none of which is staying here anyway.

Yours truly A third generation Quadra Islander

# Comcerned About Increasing Ferry Fares?



Please join:

Claire Trevena, MLA North Island and
Gary Coons, MLA North Coast and
Opposition Critic for Ferries
on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to
talk about ferries.



- Worried about rising ferry fares?
- Wish the ferries were part of our highway system?
- What are your ideas?

This is an opportunity for Claire and Gary to hear your issues and concerns about BC Ferries to take back to the Legislature in Victoria.

Quadra Island Community Centre 10 am to Noon Sat. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 Cortes Island Manson's Hall 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm Sat. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007

For more information call: 287-5100 or email: <a href="mailto:claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca">claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca</a>

## Dear On the Island,

I'd like to express my profound disgust after listening to Forests and Range Minister Rich Coleman answering questions in the legislature regarding the sale of land near Jordan River on your show (CBC Victoria - On the Island) this morning.

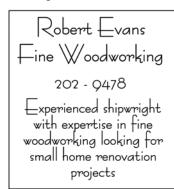
The Liberals are nothing more than a mouthpiece for private industry. That any British Columbian, let alone a government minister purporting to be a representative of the people, would have the audacity to claim that the activities of any of the major forest companies is defensible is as shocking as it is preposterous.

These corporations have inherited tenures and title to vast tracts of BC's land, especially here on the Island under circumstances that are dubious enough in today's light as to perhaps warrant criminal investigation. And if the acquisition of this land wasn't illegal, then the forest practices they engage in on these lands certainly should be considered so, and prosecuted accordingly.

I applaud the calls by the opposition for the government to put the public interest first. The Liberals can start by revoking and renegotiating forest tenure and using that leverage to secure sustainable forestry on the so-called private lands along with renewed appurtenancy for BC's forest dependent communities.

There is no such thing as profit when all that is happening is skyrocketing economic, environmental and social debt.

Philip Stone



# Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department

by Murray Johnson, Fire Chief

# Check Your Smoke Detector Batteries

On November 4th you will be turning back your clocks an hour to PST. Just a reminder that this is a good time to remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. If you don't have smoke detectors in your house, please think about getting them – they could save the lives of you and your loved ones. If you aren't sure where to put them or need assistance installing them, don't hesitate to call us and ask for help! We'll do what we can...

## A Flood, And A Mudslide

A few weeks ago, during two very wet weekends, the QIVFD had two calls for what may have been our first mudslide-about-to-cause-a-flood call, and our first flooding house call. Yes, we are first and foremost a fire department, and we are mostly trained to bring water, not take it away...But we certainly are always ready and willing to try and help with almost any emergency situation. We have people and equipment for many emergencies, and for those we don't, we have communications, organization, and can bring in outside help - so if in doubt, CALL 911.

# Do You Have A Building You Don't Like?

From time to time we have had people donate to us old buildings that are no longer of any use, too decrepit to repair, in the way of progress, or whatever. These buildings are very valuable to us in training our firefighters in the skills needed to safely enter burning houses, conduct searches, put out fires, and a number of other things that are harder to teach without a "real" building to beat up. Usually we spend a few weeks playing in it, then end up burning it down, and look after getting it cleaned up. But if it's not possible to burn it, it's a big help even to have it to practice in. We haven't had such a building for a little while and would like to ask if anyone out there might have something for us?

## A Fire Hydrant, And Some Thank You's

Some of you may have seen the fire hydrant recently installed next to the #2 Fire Hall in Heriot Bay. No, we don't suddenly have a municipal water system in the area – we still have to bring our own water to fires! The new hydrant is connected to the big steel water tank just up the hill from it, and is part of our ongoing program to establish reliable, easily-accessed fixed water supplies for firefighting. The hydrant lets us load water tankers quickly for fires in the area, or to connect a pumper directly to for an incident close by.

I would like to thank the following: Darren Ebbeson and Melissa Fraser for recently giving up one of the last sunny days of the fall to finally paint the steel tank, the neighbours for their patience waiting for that, and Bill Bradshaw for gnawing away at the big old stump that was in the middle of our expanding parking area.

# We Are Looking For A Few Good People

The Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department is currently accepting applications from people to join us and train as firefighters. You are up to a challenge, are 18 or over, are in good health, have clean driving and criminal records, want to do something for your community, and can give up one night a week (Tuesdays) for practice and other times to respond to calls.

We are primarily looking for people to train as attack firefighters at this time. Call Murray at 285-2281.

Our thanks to the publisher of the Discovery Islander for allowing us to put this column in every now and then.

For Fire Department information, write or call: QIVFD, Box 80, Q-Cove, BC, V0P 1N0, Attn: Fire Chief, Phone 285-3262 Fax 285-3273. You are also welcome to contact me at murray@island.net

# Quadra-Circle Dancing

Adult couples are invited to participate in a series of dance lessons aimed primarily at beginners. The emphasis is on enjoyment. The lessons will include elements of swing, ballroom, jive and country, depending on the wishes of the group. For more information, contact the dance leaders, Barry & Sharron Hatelt, at 285-3144. The classes will be on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Community Centre starting on Oct. 30th and ending on Nov. 27th. Admission is by donation.

# 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.

# Barbara & Sovay Desmarais at DRAW Gallery

"Like Mother Like Daughter", Paintings and Drawings - Opens on Friday November 2nd with a Reception from 6 – 8pm at Drawing Room Art Works, DRAW Gallery.

Barbara has experimented with several mediums including drawing, printmaking, painting and collage. Many of Barbara's pieces combine two or more mediums. Following her mother's example, Sovay has been drawing and painting since she could first hold a pencil. Her art studies include several courses at the Art Gallery of Winnipeg. Expect lots of big, bold shapes in big, bold colours in this debut exhibit of Sovay's acrylic works

Amy Louise exhibit 'The Bean Ink'T' continues until October 27th. Prints and Drawings by Amy honours the imagination and holds fast to the innocence so easily traded for adulthood. The Gallery is open Thurs thru Sat 12 - 6pm. We are located at Village Square, in rear - follow the signs. See the show next time you are at the Square. Everyone is welcome. www. drawgallery.com.

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# At Explore in November

Explore Feature Artist Ann McLean presents original works in Watercolour and Acrylic Quadra Landscapes and Poetry. Nov 6 – Dec 1 Open Tues to Saturday11 – 5pm

# **Aerobics**

Enjoy a refreshing, well rounded body workout with Marion.

Low impact cardio, strength training upper and lower body, core conditioning and stretching to the beat of great music. Improve your fitness. Get more energy and be part of a fun group class.

Everyone welcome. Suitable for beginners. Classes are Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00- 7:30pm at the Community Centre.

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

# Voices in Remembrance

Sunday November 11, 2007

Island Voices Chamber Choir presents "Voices in Remembrance", a program of songs and readings on Sun. Nov. 11 at 2 pm at Christ the King Catholic Church in Courtenay and at 7 pm at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Campbell River. Admission is by donation, with partial proceeds to the Royal Canadian Legion.



# 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 4pm on Friday and 4pm on Saturday with Taste & Sea Catering. The rest can remain the same and I think we are still at 40 words. If not, let me know.

# Musicians Wanted

Song Performance Club 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month beginning November 14, 7:30- 9:30 at the West Road Yoga Studio on Industrial Way. This is a place where musicians can join together and play for each other. Whether you are an experienced performer or beginner wanting to gain confidence in song presentation, this is the group for you. All ages and levels welcome. Please bring some songs and come and see what we can make of this. \$5 drop-in. Contact person John Toelle 285 3783.

# **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

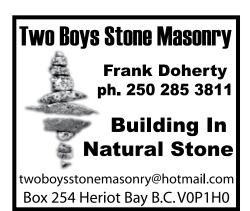
John and Ann Toelle invite you to an Open House and Concert at the new West Road Yoga studio, 680 Industrial Way.

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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# Sport Fishing Closures in Drew Harbour & Hyacinthe Bay – Again!

For the fourth consecutive year Fisheries and Oceans Canada has implemented local sport fishing closures on the east side of Quadra Island. DFO fishing regulation FNO654, effective Oct 01 – 31 states that there is no fishing for salmon east of the line between the two white square markers located toward the bottom end of Drew Harbour. As well, single barbless hooks are required for all salmon fishing in the Hyacinthe Bay area, west of the two white square markers.

This closure has been implemented at the request of the Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society. The reason for the closure is to minimize targeted sport fishing on coho that school in these two areas, sometimes for many weeks through October and November, as the fish wait for sufficient rain to bring up the stream levels for them to enter and spawn.

There are many opinions on mortality caused from catch and release fishing but what has been confirmed is that a certain rate do die from such activities. The numbers of coho are very low in Drew Harbour, likely less than 20. Biologically, once numbers get low enough fish populations cannot rebound to spite improved habitat or other conditions. QISES is therefore trying to minimize needless mortality on a population that maybe on the brink of no return. Coho populations are only slightly healthier in Hyacinthe Creek. However, a considerable work has been done in recent years to improve habitat conditions and summer water availability. It is hoped that by minimizing mortality on the returning coho that we maybe able to hasten the recovery of Hyacinthe's coho population.

It is unfortunate that sport anglers have to be impacted by these closures however there are few local management options to help protect these fish and whatever means possible must be used in these situations. Hopefully numbers may sufficiently rebound in the future to no longer require such extreme measures.

## LOST PET- CECIL CAT

10 yr. old beloved cat lost since Oct. 16th/07—neutered male, South end- 366 Sutil Rd. White & Black, will be scared, has never left home, before. Please call Ruth or Martin, 285-3801, or dogfish1@telus.net.

# **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 \$50. To pre-register call Denise Maile at 285-3743.

# NEW FILM : Salmon Coast Research Station Part 3

# Do lice kill young wild salmon?

In this short film, we delve a little deeper into some of the research happening at the remote Salmon Coast Research Station, located in the beautiful and wild Broughton Archipelago where young researchers gather to conduct a multitude of experiments surround salmon and sea lice.

One morning episode a research team is amazed to discover how much damage one louse has inflicted on a fish. This is an interesting point in the salmon farming vs. wild salmon debate, since the salmon farming industry, government and DFO claim that the lice aren't killing the young wild salmon of the Broughton.

Watch this episode and decide for yourself- to view the film visit www.callingfromthecoast.com or www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkQ-Y2q\_0DI

 Also check out my other recent film posting -After the Spill - Robson Bight

6 weeks after a barge tipped, dumping a fuel tanker and logging equipment into the Robson Bight Ecological Reserve, the equipment is still leaking petroleum products on a daily basis in the orcas rubbing beach sanctuary. Government has signed off on the project, leaving locals to coordinate their own efforts to protect the whales.

To watch this 5-minute film visit www. callingfromthecoast.com or www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXiRTdERbnQ



# Reception Centre Open House

Sunday November 4, 1-3 pm.

As islanders we take pride in being able to look after ourselves in emergencies and we do pretty well with power outages. After all we do get quite a bit of practice with those. However, there are other emergencies that we could also face: wildfire in a dry summer, land slides, earthquakes, gas tanker explosion, tsunami, cruise ships running aground or on fire, etc. Any time that knock could come at your door tellling you you have got to get out now. Grab your 'Grab and Go' bag and head out. Where do you go? You go to your Reception Centre. Where is it? Q.I. Community Centre is the first choice or Cape Mudge Band Hall is your second. There will be others as we sign them up and equip them. Which one is open depends on the situation. Look for the orange sign.

ESS (Emergency Social Services) on Quadra Island has been active for about a year and plans are well advanced. Many, many volunteer hours have already been spent on training. On Sunday, November 4 from 1 - 3 pm drop by the Community Centre and find out what a Reception Centre is all about. Here you will find information, be able to register, receive referrals for lodging and food for three days, clothes if you need them, get a cup of coffee and a sympathetic listener as well as any first aid treatment you may need.

Finding out this information on the day of an emergency may be a bit overwhelming so you may want to come and check it out ahead of time. Volunteers will set up the hall and be ready to answer your questions, practice registering you, provide information about pets, etc., and serve coffee with a smile. We need you to come so we can practice our skills, find out ahead of time problem areas and fix them before we actually have to do it 'for real'.

Please bring your kids as they will be under a lot of stress in a real emergency. Better they visit now when they can familiarise themselves with the Centre in a calm situation. We all hope we never have to actually do this but we have already been on stand-by this winter. Find out what you need to do to guard your families' safety. Come to the Open House. You may even feel you want to volunteer.

# Next Yoga Session with Ann Toelle

November 6 through December 13. Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 10:30.

Everyone welcome!

The 6 week, 12 lesson session of traditional Hatha Yoga will give you an introduction to some basic standing, sitting, inverted and relaxation poses.

A precision oriented method; this yoga seeks to develop flexibility, strength, stamina and concentration in a balanced way.

My Yoga Teacher Training is ongoing with an Iyengar Certified Teacher in Seattle. Come feel your energy, strength and health!

Located in our new studio upstairs at 680 Industrial Way. Session cost \$138. Missed classes can be credited to next session. Please phone to register. Ann at 285-3783.

# **Quilts Galore**

Saturday October 27 and Sunday October 28 will find the Community Centre main hall full of the whirring of sewing machines as the quilters once again piece and quilt almost non-stop. Colourful fabrics, creative designs, snacks, coffee and good conversation make the Community Centre the place to be this weekend if you are a quilter. If you want to drop by and visit, please do so between 1 pm on Saturday and noon Sunday. Quilt tops should be approaching completion by Saturday evening and almost finished by Sunday noon.

As in previous years, money raised by the Quadra Island Quilt and Garden Tour goes towards the cost of this weekend. The end product, quilts suitable for all ages of children, will be delivered to BC Childrens Hospital and Ronald McDonald House. Children undergoing cancer treatment are given a quilt, something to cuddle up with when things get hard. It also helps parents and family to know that others care about what they are going through. Come and visit and prepared yourself for a visual feast.

# Fish farms are Killing Our Wild Salmon - Protest

Protest the extermination of our wild salmon by industrialized fish farming. Run or walk on October 27 at 1 pm at the Port McNeil Community Centre.

There will be speakers and information, wild salmon bbq. Politicians have been invited. For more info call Roberta 285-2061

# **Correction - Clarification**

## **Seniors Housing Society**

- Please note that the qualifying age for residence in our planned affordable housing (may it be built soon!) would be 65 yrs or older.
- However, we'd still like to hear from you if you're no between 55 and 65 years young and have a 'future interest' in the housing.
- The list of interested seniors is still being compiled so please call if you haven't done so yet.

Riki Vogt 285-2640

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# Housing Q & A

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A. At Quadra Foods -Betty's checkout; Heriot Bay Store - in the foyer by the bulletin board; at Yellow Dog Trading and Hummingbird in the Cove Plaza.

Q. Why haven't I received a questionnaire yet?

A. Not all neighbourhoods have been covered by the volunteers.

Q. Why not?

A. Too few volunteers, too many neighbourhoods.

Q. Can I volunteer to take the questionnaires around to my neighbours?

A. Yes! thank you! We thought you'd never ask!

For instructions, blank forms and to volunteer please call Riki 2640 or Carol 3737



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# B.C.O.A.P.O. Branch #91 **Quadra Island**

Once again I have been reminded what a pleasure and a privilege it is to live on this Island and to be involved with such a talented, artistic and industrious community.

On October 3rd, at our monthly general meeting, we held our annual fall fair, which is open to all categories of home based produce and art, including flower arranging, garden produce, jam making, baking, pottery, knitting, woodcarving and all other artistic endeavors. As usual 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons were awarded to each category and as I suspected the standards were very high. This alone put an enormous burden on our independent judges, enlisted from the Fire Dept, namely, Sharon Clandening, Coleen Swanson and Tracy Jonsson, to whom I would like to give a heart felt thank you from all the seniors for this and all the other things that they do for the community, but, not only did they have to select a best of category, we put another hard task their way, we asked them to select our very first annual "Best Of Show" trophy winner

2007 Fall Fair "Best of Show" Trophy Winner Marshall Toelle

Category Winners:

- Baking Betty Toelle
- Flowers Ann Lawrence;

- Jams Marie Brown
- •Vegetables/Fruit Betty Thompson
- Knitting Win Smirfitt
- Mosaics Elena Mason;
- Bone Art Hilary Stewart
- Native Carving Marshall Toelle
- Quilting Shirley Duncan

October 11th, the Regional General Meeting was held at Willow Point, Branch 124, The meeting was chaired by Regional Director Ruth Amiabel, 16 of our members attended. Once again the main theme was the welfare of seniors, or the lack of it.

The meeting finished with a very interesting talk from Glen Ashby, President of the Maritime Heritage Society, on the now proclaimed National Heritage site, The BCP 45,

I had reported in my last article that we were hoping that a trip to a cranberry farm could be organized. Ruth accomplished this for Sunday 14th and 11 members spent some very enjoyable time being guided around the farm by the owner, returning home of course with some fresh cranberry's,

Wednesday 10th & 17th we had our usual activities day, I think the word is spreading about the fun we have, because our numbers are growing, so why don't you come along and check us out you might want to come again

Bob Brown President



2007 Fall Fair "Best of Show" Trophy Winner Marshall Toelle

# Two Great Films

Saturday, November 10th, QCC END OF SUBURBIA starting at 7 pm

ESCAPE FROM SUBURBIA starting at 8:30 pm.

End of Suburbia - Suburbia, and all it promises has become the American Dream. But as we enter the 21st century, serious questions are beginning to emerge about the sustainability of this way of life. With brutal honesty and a touch of irony, The End of Suburbia explores the American Way of Life and its prospects as the planet approaches a critical era, as the global demand for fossil fuels begins to outstrip supply. What does Oil Peak mean for North America? As energy prices skyrocket in the coming years, how will the populations of suburbia react to the collapse of their dream?

Escape From Suburbia - In Escape From Suburbia, director Greg Greene once again takes us "through the looking glass" on a journey of discovery - a sobering yet vital and ultimately positive exploration of what the second half of the Oil Age has in store for us.

Through personal stories and interviews we examine how declining world oil production has already begun to affect modern life in North America. Expert scientific opinion is balanced with "on the street" portraits from an emerging global movement of citizen's groups who are confronting the challenges of Peak Oil in extraordinary ways.

The clock is ticking. Escape From Suburbia asks the tough questions: Are we approaching Peak Oil now? What are the controversies surrounding our future energy options? Why are a growing number of specialists and citizens skeptical of these options? What are ordinary people across North America doing in their own communities to prepare for Peak Oil? And what will you do as energy prices skyrocket and the Oil Age draws to a close?Sierra Quadra is presenting these films. Donations towards expenses appreciated.

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# Quadra Rec. Update

Halloween Fireworks will be exploding over Blenkin Field October 31 at 8:30. Bring the family out for this fun event and enjoy another fine display by Doug Edwards, Ron Miller and crew. Appreciations to all the businesses and individual contributors, who we will list next edition. There will be no haunted house this year, in the building. If you miss it, please come out next year and help organize it!

Shane Philip, musician extraordinaire, performs Saturday, November 17 starting at 7 p.m. We are lucky to have this up and coming, touring music man stationed on Quadra and to have him generously perform for free, fundraising for the new playground in Blenkin Park. This will be a rousing event for dancers and also, for concert goers. Being a playground fun-raiser, the whole family is invited to come out and enjoy-- relax, smile and be happy! Your can check out his web site at www.shane.philip.com

Mark November 23 and 24 on your calendars for the annual Christmas Craft Fair at the Community Centre. Potters, knitters, sewers, candle stick makers, glass blowers, metal workers, soap makers, jewellers and more are working full steam ahead to fill their tables with unique crafts for your gift giving pleasure. The concession crew will feed you delicious fare and the atmosphere will lighten your heart. Buy a raffle ticket on the door prizes and win crafts donated by the vendors, while supporting the playground fund.

Thank you once again to all the folks who pick up litter on the road sides. Without you we would be driving through blizzards of white plastic bags. Sandy Spearing

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# Watercolour Weekend

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# **Firesign Goes To** Mexico!

February 13-19, 2008, Firesign Studio is hosting a February getaway to Mexico with Perrin Sparks! Let's take portraiture and figurative painting to the beaches of Mexico and paint away the winter blues. The bright tropical light of Mexico provides high contrast settings where it will be easier to define form by value changes, dark/light, and cool/warm shifts. Combine that with proportional measuring, toss in some classical techniques and tips using a variety of opaque mediums and stir it all into the relaxed setting on the West Coast of Mexico. Painting from live models each day, combined with the local plein-air landscape, \$1500 includes instruction, 8 nights accommodations and breakfast. Call Nanci 285-3390 or see website for more details www.firesignartanddesign.com

# **Drop In Yoga** with Ann Toelle

Starts Wednesday evening November 6 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Cost \$12.00. Studio open at 5:15 you are welcome then. Come re-balance after your day!

This Traditional Hatha Yoga will give you a foundation of standing, sitting, inverted and relaxation poses. A precision oriented method; this yoga seeks to develop flexibility, strength, stamina and concentration in a balanced way.

My Yoga Teacher Training is ongoing with an Iyengar Certified Teacher in Seattle.

Located in our new studio upstairs at 680 Industrial Way. Please wear tights or shorts. For more information or questions phone Ann 285-3783

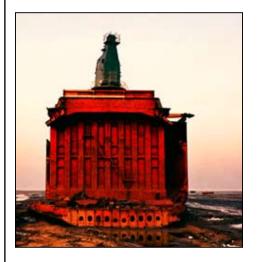
# **Folk Dancing**

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.

# **Friday Flicks Presents** - Manufactured Landscapes



November 2nd – Q.C.C. **Doors - 7:30 Showtime - 7:45** Adm: \$5.00 - \$4.00 stu/snr

The lengthy tracking shot that opens Jennifer Baichwal's documentary / Manufactured Landscapes/ is a thing of beauty. Mesmeric and mysterious, it takes in the seeming totality of a cavernous Chinese factory. The scene goes on so long that you think it must be some kind of film loop. Then you finally see Canadian artist Edward Burtynsky's still photo, an overhead shot of the metropolis-sized operation with its tiny ant labourers. That's when you grasp the colossal scale of what you have just witnessed.

Burtynsky's "landscapes," and Jennifer Baichwal's mesmerizing film on his work, show us a universe we never think of when we plug in a circuit breaker, pick up an iron, or use countless other items that carry a Made in China sticker. But the Asian factory cities are just one of the hidden worlds Burtynsky reveals in his photographs. /Manufactured Landscapes/ traces his work from the gaping quarries and gravel pits chipped out of mountainsides here in Canada to China and its massive thrust toward industrialization.

With sparse commentary from Burtynsky himself, /Manufactured Landscapes/ proves the cliché that pictures speak louder than words. It projects the alarming scale of our planet's environmental crisis on a much more visceral level than talkier docs like /An Inconvenient Truth/.

Baichwal's film adds meaningful context to Burtynsky's stills and, more importantly, gives intimate, human dimension to his landscapes. She's not afraid to forge personal connections with the individual workers rendered as anonymous, microscopic blips in Burtynsky's photos, even going so far as to interview several of them against the wishes of the Chinese authorities.

/Manufactured Landscapes / serves as a staggering wake-up call, underscoring how far removed Western consumers are from the production of everyday objects.

# **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.

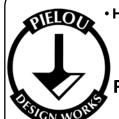
We meet every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Upper Realm of Q. Cove. Take the outside stairs up to Brenda's Yoga/Massage space. Call Steve or Danielle for more information at 285-3323

# **Time for Lunch**

Quadra Island's Community Lunch has started up again. Mark every Wednesday 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 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.

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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



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# **KidStart Program is Looking** for Mentors



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The John Howard Society of North Island's KidStart Mentoring Program is looking for volunteer mentors to spend three fun hours per week with a child or youth (ages 6-18) in the Campbell River area. KidStart is also interested in expanding to Quadra Island.

Buddies and their mentors decide what hobbies and interests they have in common, and then meet once a week to have fun. Mentors are provided with ongoing support and

Children and youth are referred to KidStart for various reasons. They may be struggling in school, lacking a positive role model, or a community member has identified that they are in need of support.

Being a KidStart mentor is a rewarding experience, as this quote from a Campbell River mentor

"It's so much fun. I don't have kids, but now I get to do all sorts of neat things I never used to do."

KidStart also welcomes donations or discounts on recreational activities. The John Howard Society of North Island can provide charitable tax

For more information, call or e-mail KidStart Coordinator Tara Jordan at 203-4666 or tara@jhsni.

# **Fireworks Enforcement Stepped Up** In Campbell River

With tighter restrictions around fireworks in the City announced this spring, Campbell River City Council supports increased enforcement in anticipation of Halloween festivities.

"With the eye and finger injuries, the structure fire and school evacuations related to fireworks last year, we support zero tolerance for unlicensed possession and discharge of fireworks," confirms Mayor Roger McDonell. For public safety reasons, purchasing and discharging fireworks in Campbell River now requires a permit issued by the Fire Department after safety training and consultation with RCMP. "Regardless of where people have purchased fireworks, we intend to enforce these safe and reasonable rules," the Mayor emphasizes.

Mayor and Council have approved \$200 fines for a number of fireworks contraventions, including selling, giving, or disposing fireworks in Campbell River, using or storing fireworks without a permit, using them in a dangerous way, or anyone under 18 holding, possessing, storing or using fireworks.

"This bylaw will promote the family enjoyment of Halloween in our community," says Fire Chief Larry Samson, "And the fire department will be actively out in the community Halloween night to help ensure a safe night for all families to enjoy."

'We believe the new fireworks bylaw will enhance public safety in the community, and the Campbell River RCMP will have additional resources patrolling the City on Halloween Night," says Inspector Larry Stright, RCMP Officer In Charge in Campbell River. "Although the bylaw is in effect year round, we will be paying particular attention Halloween night and aggressively enforcing the law."

School District #72 Assistant Superintendent, Craig Gillis says the school system also supports fireworks restrictions to enhance public safety. "Schools have codes of conduct and need to be very safe places," he says. Referring to the potential for students to bring unregulated fireworks to school, he adds, "There's an increased potential for harm or danger when fireworks are brought into a public

At least one group of Campbell River residents would prefer to see City Council completely ban fireworks use by the general public and limit fireworks displays to organized, approved community celebrations such as Canada Day and New Year's Eve. A letter and petition submitted to Council last year stated: "Fireworks cause great distress to all domestic animals (pets and farm animals) and most likely wildlife; and the noise from fireworks causes animals to bolt from their property, to be lost and in danger." The petition also suggests indiscriminate use of fireworks "carries on for weeks and disturbs everyone's peace and sleep, particularly those people who have animals that are terrified of the noise, and whose stressed behaviour causes the owner to be awake throughout the night trying to comfort the animal(s)."

A number of British Columbia and Vancouver Island communities are restricting the sale and discharge of fireworks for public safety reasons. The City of Campbell River Fire Department, RCMP and Public Safety Committee, as well as the Community, Environmental and Seniors Advisory Commissions support the fireworks restrictions. The Youth Advisory Committee supports the restrictions for the Halloween period.

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# The Problem with Revolutions

by Annette Yourk.

ould Quadra Island be part of an advance guard to the 'sustainable energy revolution' Guy Dauncey believes we can achieve?

The problem with revolutions is they involve a complete overthrow of the established order. That seems like a good idea when we realize that our socioeconomic order (more is better) is driving earth to the brink of disaster. The urgent state we're in calls for nothing less than dramatic and transformative action. But how do you motivate people to go against what feels good? If the Quadra masses were suffering miserably under the established order and had nothing more to lose, we'd already be in revolt! But most of us are pretty comfy, and we can't afford to wait until we're not.

Our small island offers us a sense of distinctness and separation. We can imagine that we're actually ahead of the big, ugly game out there. We have only to look from our island to the industrialized, suburbanized, commercialized "other" so see just how far advanced we are. In fact, we're completely dependant on "the game." We also suffer all the usual problems of human

What do humans do when faced with harsh realities and seemingly unsolvable problems? Some succumb to despair. Others pretend nothing is wrong. While some identify the enemy, hoist the drawbridge, arm the fortress and champion the revolution, others gather their determination, roll up their sleeves and get to work, one step at a time.

My small focus group experience at the Sunday workshop was a microcosm of the problems of human nature and revolutions. Although there was a collective will to find solutions, we argued about ways and means. There was an impasse between overarching ideals and tangible steps, position and process. Our task at hand - to identify two or three initiatives that were feasible for Quadra - at times became submerged in the debate. Guy Dauncey insists we have the ingenuity, strength and ability to usher in a carbon-peaceful age, but what will give us the grace and humility to do so?

I thought of our visioning process at the beginning of the workshop. As we painted, with words, our beautiful picture of a healthy environment and vibrant community, the values of cooperation, sharing, and caring for each other came up again and again. Perhaps we need a revolution of thinking, an overthrow our established mindset of limitations, of us and them. If we look to places where people have faced down and risen above terrible travesties, we can see what greatness humans are capable of.

My hope is that the work of the determined few becomes an invitation to the rest of us. As our denial and despair and delusion lose traction, we too will get to work, one step at a time. Focusing on the steps brings us closer to the realm of possibility. The ranks of the determined grow, and resolve and purpose become the collective reality. Quadra Island will join the wave of change our survival depends on.



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If you haven,t done any drawing since grade school or you want to work on some specific drawing tools then you might just want to sign up for Sandra Lamb's Intro to Drawing. This program will be held on Monday evenings beginning on October 29th at the Campbell River Public Art Gallery. Over an eight-week period, Sandi will gently guide you through the techniques and materials needed to build confidence in your drawing skills. The fee for gallery members is \$105 and \$120 for non-members. The deadline for registration is Saturday, October 27th.

If you want to give painting a try, then the Gallery has two options coming up for beginners. Sandra will be teaching an Introduction to Watercolour on Tuesday evenings beginning on November 13th. If you've never tried watercolour before, or if you've played around with it but can,t make it behave, this class is for you. Sandi will help you discover colour, brushes, papers and several different watercolour techniques while you construct a personal "Watercolour Reference Guide". You,ll have a chance to include a few of your own "minimasterpieces" as time permits. The fee for gallery members is \$80 and \$95 for non-members. The registration deadline is Saturday, November 10th.

An alternative for painting is, of course, the more modern day acrylics that can be used in many different ways. These typically bold pigments can be muted to emulate watercolour. Or they can be mixed with texture mediums, such as sand or glass beads, to create three-dimensional paints. The Gallery will be hosting a weekend Acrylic Painting Workshop with Sandra Lamb on November 17-18 (9:30am-4pm). Sandi will help you explore acrylic painting with four projects designed to introduce colour theory, tools (brushes, painting surfaces, etc.) and different painting techniques in a fun, creative environment. The workshop fee is \$85 for members and \$100 for non-members. The registration deadline is Thursday,

Copies of the complete schedule, with course descriptions, are available at the Campbell River Public Art Gallery. It is now also available on the gallery's new website at www.crartgallery. ca. Deadline for registration is two working days prior to the start date of a class. Registration can be done in person or by phone (250-287-2261). Supply lists are available for all of the classes. The gallery is located at 1235 Shoppers Row (across from the library). Hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 12 to 5pm.



# Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

# Iraq, Iran and Putin

his represents the primary inheritance left to George W. Bush's successor in the White House, writes Dan Balz in the October 18/07 Washington Post. Not to mention a severely stumbling economy, a demoralized military and bruised American national psyche. Iraq is certain, as Bush himself has stated the mess will be left for his successor to clean up; Iran, though, is far from a problem right now, except in the minds of those bent on that country's "liberation", most of whom have Washington, DC or Tel Aviv street addresses, but as an issue it will undoubtedly not be resolved on Bush's watch. But why or how does Putin fit into the triumvirate of troubles Balz envisions?

Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, the sixth-dan judo black belt wielding President of the Russian Federation, has held that post since December 1999 and will soon leave upon completion of his second term in office as mandated by that country's constitution...more on that later. Putin is reputedly brilliant – he was a career KGB officer, later the head of that organization's successor the FSB; is tri-lingual, a lawyer and a Candidate of Science (Russian equivalent of a Master's degree) in Economics. The son of a submarine commander and grandson of the personal chef to Lenin and Stalin, Putin is clearly a man of some substance and has very deep Soviet roots.

Under Putin's increasingly firm control, Russia has emerged triumphantly from the economic and political upheavals which started in 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union - the mess which Putin inherited from Boris Yeltsin. According to an October 19/07 Christian Science Monitor article (Fred Weir - Putin's final dialogue with Russians?) "Putin's nearly eight years in power have seen an extraordinary economic rebound. Russia has moved from 22nd place among world economies in 1999 to 11th in 2006, while average monthly salaries have leaped from \$65 eight years ago to \$540 at present." Consequently Putin extremely well liked by most constituents - his popular approval rating is hovering around 80%, a fact that must be somewhat disturbing to Bush, whose current approval rating is 24% and sinking - another dubious distinction of his failed presidency that will end on the lowest such rating ever achieved by a departing 2nd term officeholder.

Conversely, Vlad could retire in dignity come March of 2008, secure in the knowledge he will be regarded as the architect of post-Soviet Russia's early successes in the 21st century. But he is only 55 years old, and as Gwynne Dyer notes (October 8/07 – www. gwynnedyer.com) "For years he's been saying that he'll serve his two terms and then leave office. Russia must become a nation of laws, and it's out of the question

to change the constitution just because two-thirds of the Russian population want him back for a third term (and they do). He'll still be around if the new president should need some advice, but no individual is indispensable...and then, surprise! Last week Putin suddenly announced that he would head the list of his party, United Russia (motto: Putin's plan is Russia's victory!) in the December parliamentary elections. United Russia is certain to win – and Putin has told the party's congress that he would be willing to take the job of prime minister once he retires as president in March."

But Putin, who some have described using Churchill's words regarding Stalin's Russia 68 years ago - "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma", is sly like a fox as well. Dyer continues, "Putin is by far the most powerful and popular politician in Russia. If he becomes prime minister, then the executive power will slide from the president's office to his. Then, following the election in 2012 (when he'll still be only 60), he can run for the presidency again quite legally, and move the centre of power back to the president's office. And at no point will the democratic constitution have been tampered with. Clever." That, conceivably, could see Putin in continuous control for 21 years or perhaps beyond, if he feels like reprising 2008's trick in 2020 as a presumably hale and fit man of 68, and so on. We can safely assume Vladimir Putin will be around for a while to come, firmly in charge of a very powerful military and what may well a new economic powerhouse. As an interesting aside, should Hilary Clinton win the presidency and serve 2 terms, only two families will have occupied the White House for 28 consecutive years.

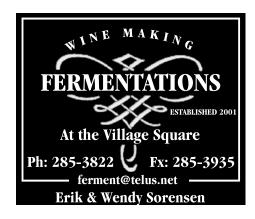
Another recent surprise from Putin came in the form of the resumption of patrol flights by Russian TU-95 Bear strategic bombers (one recently "rattled America's cage by buzzing its naval base on the island of Guam" - The Telegraph - August 20/07). This was ostensibly in response to US provocation of Russia by proposing a missile defense system in Eastern Europe, something he questions in a June 4/07 interview in Der Spiegel - "How is it being explained? That it is necessary to defend oneself against Iranian missiles. But there are no such missiles. Iran does not have missiles with [sufficient range]...we are told the anti-missile defense system is being installed for protection against something which doesn't exist." Russia has also embarked on a massive renewal of its power projection assets - six new nuclear powered aircraft carriers (up from one at present) and eight new ballistic missile submarines. As well, a completely re-equipped air force is in the works as part of a military hardware expenditure program said to be worth several hundred billion dollars. Ominously,

according to the Telegraph article, "As Mr. Putin said he when announced the resumption of strategic bomber patrols [which ceased in 1992], "Combat duty has begun." And he is, as many now know, not a man to be trifled with.

It may come as a surprise to some that Russia can afford this ambitious re-invigoration of their power projection capabilities, but the presence of massive quantities of oil and gas reserves coupled with a clean balance sheet (Putin has eliminated Russia's external debt since taking power) has allowed the country to quickly build up gold reserves of over US\$180 billion - the USA, by comparison, holds less than \$90 billion in spite of a GDP over 14 times larger, according to 2006 IMF data. By way of further comparison, Russia, which fields the 2nd most powerful military on the planet (according to www.globalfirepower.com), spends less than US\$30 billion annually to do so, while #1 ranked USA churns through 10 times that even in peacetime (US Defence Budget Fiscal Year 2000 - \$291 billion). And a most telling final comparison of relative power - Russia has an oil production surplus (net of domestic consumption) of over 6 million barrel per day, while the USA has a net deficit of 13.4 million barrels per day. In a time when oil is trading north of \$85 per barrel.

The United States has noticed this newfound sense of vigour being exhibited by what was once its primary adversary. ABC News interviewed US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on October 14/07, and she noted "I think the rapid growth in Russian military spending definitely bears watching, and frankly some of the efforts, for instance, Bear flights in areas that we haven't seen for a while, are really not helpful to security." She then lectures "We don't have an adversarial relationship with Russia any longer, and I would sincerely hope that Russian military activities, as well as Russian military expenditures, would reflect that." Oh, really? As a citizen of the world's 15th most militarily powerful nation (right behind Mexico, I was astonished to learn) I might ask "Et tu, Condi?".

None but Mr. Putin's closest friend and advisors know what he is thinking, but I am certain he has read the playbook of the Bush administration – "The Project for a New American Century" – and has seen its tenet of 21st century American military and economic dominance as a clear threat to his motherland. While Bush has decimated his nation's economy, Putin has strengthened Russia's. While the US military was being ill-used and over-stretched, Putin has expanded and reinvigorated Russia's forces. Putin is popular with most of the world's leaders and his own people, while Bush is...well, enough said. Putin and resurgent Russia are worth watching by Bush's successor, and by all of us.





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# The Energy Revolution

(a report on the Quadra Climate Change Action Challenge weekend by Annette Yourk)

humans are facing heavy stuff aright now. For starters, the tall skinny stalagmite of excess on the broad timeline of earth history. Photosynthesis took 300 million years to create coal and oil, and we're doing our level best to use in up in less than 200. Think of it - a hundred years ago we were still riding horses.

Our global resource consumption rises as economies abroad boom. If the Chinese live like North Americans (and their rate of economic growth suggests they will), they will annually consume: 1,352 million tons of grain (2/3 2004 world harvest), 99 million barrels of oil a day (15 million more than present world consumption), and drive 1.1 billion cars (1.5 times the current world total). And that's just China.\*

Other looming realities include more extreme weather worldwide, and increased loss of habitat as we blast, drill, strip mine, overharvest and over-cultivate our land base. The consequence of our frenetic over achievement is an unprecedented loss of species, with our own potentially added to the list.

Bad news indeed, which is why it was no small feat that a good portion of the large audience at Guy Dauncey's energy-charged Saturday presentation left with a sense of optimism that we humans have the ingenuity, strength and ability to "usher in a carbonpeaceful age." To back up his assertion that small communities count, Guy led a five-hour workshop the following day focusing on Quadra-specific initiatives for change. About 40 people attended.

Imagine your highest vision of a sustainable Quadra in 2030. That's where we began at the workshop. We shared pictures from our vision with the group. This array of images made a beautiful future of a healthy environment and vibrant community.

After pulling subject headings from this picture, we narrowed our focus to five key areas for change: energy, transportation, food production, housing planning, and local economy. Participants chose their area of interest, and small groups got to work brainstorming on ways to improve self-sufficiency. The discussions were lively and rich with ideas. Each group then chose one or two key initiatives from their discussion to present to the larger group, the criteria being a realistic goal with the potential to sustain dynamic community follow-through. The condensed results of the day's work offer back to the community various directions for involvement and action in each of the key areas.

# **Energy:**

- A permanent place where people can see the various technologies and learn what it would take to install, use, and pay for them;
  - An alternative energy fair.

# **Transportation:**

- A small vehicle bus service on Quadra with the capacity to carry bikes;
- An information hub, like a ride board, for car pooling. This exists on the Gumboot website, but needs a higher profile to generate more widespread involvement.

# **Housing planning:**

- A Housing Society to advance the work of planning a mixed-age, mixed-income, carbon neutral, cluster housing development in Quathiaski Cove;
- An electric trolley service to bring island residents to the Community Centre.

# **Food production:**

• A demonstration garden as a focal point for education, networking and resource sharing, and as a means to increase food production.

# **Local Economy:**

•An annual, inter-island symposium to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experience in creating small island solutions to small island problems.

Nearly every working group also expressed a basic need for more community-based education, an information centre of some description, and a data bank of our collective resources, skills and needs. The creation of a community garden inspired much discussion. And the need for practical information on alternative energy technologies - an oft-heard refrain at the workshop – is already being addressed: at the end of January, Sierra Quadra will be hosting an Alternative Energy Fair at the Community Centre.

Some islanders are meeting on Tuesday night (Oct 23) at 7:30 to form a working group, address the common goal and determine first steps for moving forward. We can look forward to hearing more soon. In the meantime, go ahead and start your own personal energy revolution. You may want to get hold of a copy of Guy Dauncey's book: Stormy Weather, 101 Solutions to Global Climate Change to help get you on track.

\* "Reversal of Fortune," Mother Jones April 2007.



# Island Report

by Tanya Storr

# Climate Change: Ideas for Quadra

Dauncey began his Oct. 13 presentation on climate change by asking two questions: "Is Quadra Island too small to make a difference?" and "Are Quadra Islanders too big not to make a difference?"

More than 100 people attended Dauncey's talk and slideshow at QCC sponsored by Sierra Quadra. He also led a participatory workshop the next day to develop a local climate change action plan.

Dauncey is an author, speaker, and consultant based in Victoria. He is committed to developing a positive vision of a sustainable future, and translating that vision into action. Dauncey described climate change as "a global crisis such as we have never before faced."

If we look at the history of humankind, he said, it is clear we do some things brilliantly but we also make mistakes. Our discovery of coal led to the Industrial Revolution, which allowed many to escape poverty and inspired Europeans to explore and emigrate.

Now, however, our reliance on fossil fuels is known to be a direct contributor to global warming. Gases are trapped in the atmosphere, leading to an increase in the 'greenhouse effect.'

Global warming is a good thing within limits, Dauncey clarified, as we need heat to support life on Earth. However, the Earth is warmer now than at any time in the last 1,000 years. Effects of global warming include rising sea levels, more extreme weather events, changes in precipitation and agricultural yields, glacier retreat, and species extinction.

"Due to climate change, 25% of Earth's landbased animals and plants will be committed to extinction by 2050," Dauncey said, adding that "committed to" means if they are not already extinct, they will be headed that way.

A rise in sea levels will be devastating for many communities across the globe. Several places will be under water by the end of this century if temperatures continue to increase.



Guy Dauncey discusses climate change with the audience at QCC on October 13.

Photo by Tanya Storr.

Peak oil is another grave concern. Humans have been discovering less oil each year since 1961, while using more. Sometime between now and 2030 we will hit "peak oil."

It takes 200 million years of photosynthesis to create oil and gas, and humans are burning through the Earth's supply in 200 years.

"Every day we burn 10 million tonnes of oil, 12.5 million tonnes of coal, and 7.5 billion cubic metres of natural gas," Dauncy noted.

Dauncey showed a cartoon depicting a man trying to fill up his car's gas tank. A sign on the pump read "Please wait: we're drilling."

Continuing to seek new sources isn't the solution, Dauncey maintained. The total oil supply off the West Coast of Canada would meet the world's needs for a mere 30 days. Dauncey posed the question: "The age of fossil fuels is very short. What comes next?" He added that we are the generation that decides whether future generations get to exist on Earth. He outlined

three options facing humans at this time: (A) despair, (B) denial, or (C) determination.

"Determination is the only valid, possible choice we have," he affirmed. "We all have to work together on the planet. We need a 60% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020."

Dauncey drew his attention to how Quadra residents can usher in a carbon peaceful world. He said the next great energy revolution will see humans utilising the energy of nature.

"The climate crisis is so urgent we've got to generate as much green energy as possible," he said.

In order to achieve this goal, we can look to other countries and to technologies that have already been developed. Sweden, for example, has a plan to end its dependency on oil by 2020.

Dauncey commented that most houses lose a great deal of energy due to inefficient insulation and windows. "When we waste energy, BC Hydro has to import more energy fuelled by coal and gas."

Home efficiency retrofits can reduce a house's demand on energy from 185 kwh/square metre to 57 kwh/square metre. In Germany 6,000 houses have been built that use 5% of the energy of a regular house.

Dauncey said wood heat is carbon neutral if the firewood comes from a renewable forest and your woodstove is super efficient. Other good sources of heat are heat pumps and geothermal energy.

Solar power is an excellent way to heat water. Kelowna's Best Western Inn cut their hot water bill in half after they installed a solar system. In Zurich, Switzerland, heat generated by sewer pipes warms homes.

A community in Okotoks, Alberta, uses a solar thermal heating system that stores summer heat and provides warmth 12 months of the year. Dauncey observed that such systems are expensive, but once they are installed they last forever.

Travel is another area worth examining. Dauncey suggests eliminating some trips altogether. Using digital technology such as web cameras, it is possible to have a meeting of people in different locations without anyone having to travel.

Other suggestions include reducing air travel (and buying carbon offsets when you do fly), getting back on the bicycle, riding electric bikes, carpooling, and using public transit.

Dauncey advocated building a stronger Quadra economy, producing more of what we need on the island. "Buy local, it matters," he stressed.

Eating less meat has a positive impact, as 18% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions result from raising livestock. The average family car and a family of four eating meat produce the

same amount of CO2 per year.

When it comes to the development of housing, Dauncey asserted that clustered "eco-village" settlements are the best option. "Scattered, large lots encourage people to drive everywhere. We also need to consider the needs of the elderly."

The car of the future will be electric, Dauncey said. Hydrogen engines are high cost, and biofuel isn't practical on a large scale because huge areas are needed to grow the crops. Biofuel can be derived from waste restaurant fats, however there are limited amounts available. Dauncey suggested forming an electric vehicle buying club and an efficient appliances buying club.

Solar energy has enormous global potential. Earth's total known fossil energy reserves are equivalent to 47 days of solar energy reaching the planet's deserts. The cost of installing solar panels can be repaid by selling energy back to the grid.

Geothermal energy also has great promise. Wind energy is being harnessed in many places, and tidal and wave power projects are under development.

In closing, Dauncey showed some artwork by children in Thailand. One drawing showed a grey, industrial world of roads and buildings in the rear view mirror of a car. Looking ahead through the windshield, the scene was vibrant and full of healthy animal and human life.

He ended his talk with another question: "Do we sit back and wait for the sea levels to rise, or do we get to work and build the kind of world we want?"

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Oct	ober 20	) - INUV.	9
26 Friday	05:55 10:34 16:50	4.0 2.9 4.4	13.1 9.5 14.4
27 Saturday	00:02 06:58 11:16 17:22	0.7 4.2 3.2 4.4	2.3 13.8 10.5 14.4
28 Sunday	00:50 07:59 12:08 17:57	0.5 4.2 3.5 4.3	1.6 13.8 11.5 14.1
29 Monday	01:39 08:59 13:48 18:36	0.4 4.3 3.6 4.2	1.3 14.1 11.8 13.8
30 Tuesday	02:30 09:59 16:12 19:21	0.6 4.3 3.6 3.9	2.0 14.1 11.8 12.8
31 Wednesda	03:25 ay 11:01 18:05 20:19	0.8 4.2 3.5 3.6	2.6 13.8 11.5 11.8
01 Thursday	04:26 12:02 19:42 21:51	1.1 4.2 3.2 3.3	3.6 13.8 10.5 10.8
02 Friday	05:30 12:54 20:41 23:44	1.4 4.2 2.9 3.1	4.6 13.8 9.5 10.2
03 Saturday	06:32 13:36 21:27	1.7 4.2 2.5	5.6 13.8 8.2
04 Sunday	01:27 07:28 14:11 22:06	3.1 2.1 4.2 2.2	10.2 6.9 13.8 7.2
05 Monday	02:48 08:17 14:41 22:42	3.3 2.4 4.1 1.9	10.8 7.9 13.5 6.2
06 Tuesday 15:09 23:13	03:53 08:58 4.1 1.7	3.4 2.7 13.5 5.6	11.2 8.9
07 Wednesda	04:47 ay 09:31 15:36 23:39	3.6 3.0 4.0 1.4	11.8 9.8 13.1 4.6
08 Thursday	05:35 10:05 15:59 23:59	3.8 3.2 4.0 1.3	12.5 10.5 13.1 4.3
09 Friday	05:18 09:44 15:19 23:03	4.0 3.4 4.0 1.1	13.1 11.2 13.1 3.6



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Friday, November 23rd at 7 pm





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# Community Centre

Saturday, November 24th at 7 pm



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