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Campbell River - Quadra Island

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

Leave Campbell River

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

Quadra Island - Cortes Island

Crossing Time: 45 minutes

Leave Quadra Island	Leave Cortes Island
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† 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

* - Fridays and Saturdays only. † - Daily except Sundays.

** - Tuesday sailings are for Dangerous Cargo - No passengers.

QCU Upcoming Events

Funny Money?

The quantity of counterfeit Canadian bills being circulated is a growing problem, as are other forms of fraud at the retail level. Quadra Credit Union has teamed up with the Bank of Canada to host a seminar called

Fighting Fraud on the Front Lines: A Retailer's Guide

to be held at the

Quadra Community Center

May 29, 2008 at 7PM.

The session is free for merchant members of the Credit Union and their employees. Pre-registration is required, so please contact us today to reserve your seat for this informative session.

Annual General Meeting

The 66th Annual General Meeting of Quadra Credit Union will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Heriot Bay on May 14, 2008 commencing at 7PM.

Members and guests are welcome.

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Island Calendar

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The Regulars

- **Quadra Legion** - Now open Fridays and Saturdays at 4:00pm
- **Every Monday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
- Quadra Circle Social Dancing, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers -QCC, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Sept. to Apr.
- Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Children's Centre
- **Every Wednesday** - Moms and Babes 11 am - noon Q.C.C.
- Life Drawing Sessions with model at Firesign Studio 7-9:30 pm
Call Nanci 285-3390
- **Every Thursday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
- Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
- Jam Session Quadra Legion 8 pm
- **Every Friday** - Free Pool, Darts and Shuffleboard at the Legion 4 pm to 1am
- **Every Saturday** - Farmers' Market 10 am - 2 pm behind Quadra Credit Union
- Legion Meat Draw 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday** - Sunday Service QI United Church 11:00 am (Sept.-June)
- 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, May 19th 2008



The 'South Quadra Wolf pack enjoying some spring sunshine.
photo: Harald Sjöholm

Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
16°C	12°C	13°C	12°C
10°C	8°C	6°C	8°C
60%	60%	30%	

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May 19th

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On the cover



New gates at Quadra Cemetary
see page 7 for details
photo: Philip Stone

Day by day

Friday, May 9

- Introduction to Sufism and Whirling
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Upper Realm

Saturday, May 10

- Rummage Sale Fundraiser
10 am to 1 pm Q.I. United Church
Cape Mudge
- Learn the dance of the Dervish
12 noon to 5 pm Upper Realm

Sunday, May 11

-3rd Annual Broom Bash
10 am to noon, bring gloves, loppers and clippers Rebecca Spit
- Mother's Day dinner & Jazz Berry Jam
6:30 to 9:30 p.m. HBI

Wednesday, May 14

- Quadra Credit Union AGM
7 pm all members and guests welcome Quadra Legion

Saturday-Monday, May 17-19

- Slo-Pitch Ball Tournament,
Dance at Legion on Saturday night Blenkin Park
Cape Mudge

Saturday, May 17

- Cortes Craft Shop Spring Opening & Oysterfest
noon - 4 pm Squirrel Cove, Cortes Is.


Friday, May 23

- Cortes Sustainability Speaker Night
7-9 pm Mansons Hall
Cortes Island

Saturday, May 24


- Quadra Island May Day!!!
parade starts at 10 am see page 16 for full schedule Rebecca Spit
- Cortes Sustainability Home Show
10-4 pm Mansons Hall
Cortes Island
- Opal Blue with Blues Pianist Mark Eikeland
5 to 8 pm April Point


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Next Deadline

7 pm. Monday, May 19th



Islander Forum

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Sir;

Regretably I mangled the very first quotation in last issues submission, and offer my apologies to disappointed readers (since it made so little sense), and to Samuel Clemons, in spirit anyway.

The correct version is "A bank is a place that will lend you an umbrella when the sun is shining, and ask for its return when it begins to rain."

Steven Halliday

Dear Editor,

I think we have to resist government and large institutions way more than we do. They may not be drunk with power but they are clearly driving under the influence. It really has to stop. We should start with baked goods.

It may sound odd but I think we even have to resist things that seem to have some sense to them. Health and Safety rules are a good place to start. The reason: government lies and obfuscates. They dangle a bit of reason in front of you while they erode your life, freedoms and humanity in the details. You may be a bit safer but you'll go insane.

Recently we have been blessed with Boating Safety certificates and buffoons-in-uniform checking people whose experience on the water so greatly exceeds the authorities as to be laughable. If it doesn't make you cry first.

And now I read that farmer's markets can't sell homemade jams and the like. In an effort to protect industry, government 'jackboots' promote public health threats from neighbours with gardens.

This may be where my line is drawn in the sand. I have to resist.

It's also a citizen's duty. We must resist government every chance we get not because they are always wrong (tho the percentage of error is staggering) but because they take obedience for encouragement. Give 'em an inch and they'll take a kilometer and convert the system to metric in the process.

Will we all rebel? Of course not. We are, as a group, pretty easygoing. But we should rebel on behalf of the Farmer's Market at the very least. I swear to God, if I am there and I see a jar of preserves for sale, I'll buy it! In fact, I may even go mad and buy some buns. I'll run the RCMP roadblock with an unregistered pie! They'll have to pry that pastry from my cold dead fingers.

David Cox

BC Ferries FAC Meetings.

They are indeed interesting to attend and to observe, as was the recent meeting of May 5th.

B.C. Ferries officials insist they want to be in communication with their ferry traveling public. Consequently they appoint Ferry Advisory Committees to serve their interests, then advertise dates of meetings to be held in public places of terrible acoustics, and consistently structure their meetings so that all official attendees sit disdainfully with their backs to that the public in attendance who are hard pressed to discern the mumbled presentations. Such meetings, as always, are an interesting example of blatant Corporate psychopathology.

Also interesting was the termination of the myth that BC Ferries was a part of the provincial ambulance system. Attending the meeting were several local residents to address the rumour that on a number of occasions in the last month the ferry failed to sail in the middle of the night for an ambulance callouts. It wasn't just a rumour, as also attending was a representative from the local Ambulance service to address this issue. She related that for the first time in the last 15 years of her experience serving the island, there were ambulance callouts that were not ferried across so that the patients in immediate need of timely emergency medical services could be hospitalized.

BC Ferries confirmed that they no longer can assure the personnel to properly crew the ferry for emergency services. If BC Ferries is not an integral component of emergency services, the question arises as to how many easily avoidable fatalities will need to occur before there's meaningful effort by other authorities to develop a solution?

Oh yes, ferry fares increases yet to come. It was obvious that due to a drop in the numbers of vehicles and people paying passage on the local ferry in the last few years, fares will undoubtedly be increased accordingly to cover B.C. Ferries' revenue shortfalls. The last population census confirmed our population decline, so who will be the remaining islanders left who can afford future ferry fares?

Ted Conover

Articles, letters and artwork are all welcome for publication in 'Islander Forum'

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Next deadline 7pm May 19th

Crossing the Great Water At Night

by John Sprungman, Chair, Ferry Advisory Committee

In the middle of the night, at home on Cortes, my wife Sherry went into labour with our second child. It was May, and we'd figured with 17 hours of daylight, we'd know in time to ferry or fly off the island. But it was soon obvious that this baby wasn't waiting for dawn.

There was no doctor on Cortes then and no ambulance service, and the Cortes ferry tied up for the night at Heriot Bay. I called a friend who grew up here and knew everyone, and less than an hour later we were in a open boat leaving the Manson's Landing dock for Campbell River.

Fortunately, it was a calm, clear night, and we sped across the water into the face of an enormous full moon hanging over Vancouver Island. With the noise of the outboard, there was no conversation as Sherry and I held hands and I tried to pant with her through the contractions.

As we rounded the southern tip of Quadra, it seemed like a Vancouver hotel was floating by. Then our little boat hit the wake of an Alaskan cruise ship heading south, Sherry cried out, and our helmsman backed off the motor and said, "You have the baby on this boat, and I'm jumping overboard!"

She resumed her panting, and we bobbed over the wake and made it to the dock next to the ferry terminal. Ethan was born just minutes after we got to the hospital. He'll be 35 next Wednesday, and he hasn't had a birthday yet when Sherry and I haven't thought about that trip and felt grateful for Dennis Newsham's boating skills, his knowledge of the local waters, and his willingness to help a couple new to the island.

Dennis is a lifelong resident of Cortes. He's worked for BC Ferries for years now, helping to keep things running smoothly below the deck on the Cortes ferry. Thanks again, Dennis.

Times Have Changed

Now we have doctors and ambulances, police and firemen, the Coast Guard and helipads plus 911 service and street numbers. We have 12-hours-a-day ferry service from Cortes with the ferry docked at Whaletown overnight. We have 16-hour, daily service from Quadra (18 hours on Fridays & Saturdays). We have many more means of communicating. Cell phones and email didn't exist in 1973.

It would seem that we could hardly have a problem without being able to get skilled, knowledgeable help within a reasonable amount of time. But last week a baby was born in the ambulance in the Quathiaski Cove parking lot, and there were stories circulating on Quadra that BC Ferries refused to make a middle-of-the-night run

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to take the ambulance to Campbell River.

Dawn Ross, Quadra unit chief for B.C. Ambulance Service, said the Emergency Services coordinator was unable to contact the night watchman on the ferry, who would normally call the crew for an after-hours run. She said the medevac helicopter and the Coast Guard cutter were on other calls. Mother and child were later taken to Campbell River by the Coast Guard.

Capt. Lynn Hagen, the senior master on the Quadra ferry, said the night watchman's pager did not pick up the call. From now on, she said, the night watchman will also carry a cell phone. FAC members and Quadra residents at Monday's FAC meeting at Cape Mudge Community Hall expressed a great deal of concern about this communication breakdown, and BC Ferries management said they would work with the ambulance personnel to put better systems in place.

But, they noted, there is nothing in BCF's contract with the government that requires it to make after-hours sailings for emergency vehicles, and we were told that the union contract also does not require ferry personnel to be on-call or to turn out for emergencies. In addition, the ferry cannot be used if essential crew are unavailable, if weather conditions are too severe for safety, or if certain mechanical work is being done at night.

The official word, emailed to me Tuesday morning:

"BC Ferries staff is more than pleased to assist our customers living on smaller islands without medical facilities during non-operational hours when we can," said Deborah Marshall, BC Ferries Director of Media Relations.

"However, because our crew is not on-call 24-7, we cannot guarantee we will always be able to muster a crew in the middle of the night. Communities should discuss their concerns with B.C. Ambulance, which is the provider of emergency services."

So we cannot assume that the ferry is always going to be available whenever an ambulance crew needs to get a patient into Campbell River after scheduled hours of operation. And we are dependent on the good will of the people who work on the ferry who, hopefully, will continue to show up to help their neighbours in the same spirit Sherry and I were helped 35 years ago.

When the Ferry Is Running

There has never been any question about priority for the ambulance during BCF's regular hours of operation. They'll always wait for it, and if they are on the Campbell River side, they'll skip loading Quadra-bound vehicles to go get it.

FAC member Bob Brown, who represents Quadra Seniors, has raised other concerns about Quadra residents being able to catch the ferry to make medical appointments, and Campbell River physicians and health care workers being able to get to the island to keep appointments.

In advance of Monday's meeting, Bob received a letter from Corrine Storey, vice president of terminal operations, informed us that BCF is "unable to provide assured loading for physicians and other health care workers to travel to and from work."

In a statement of fleet-wide policy, she also said that anyone with a medical emergency should call 911 and that Emergency Health Services will contact BC Ferries to arrange transport of the ambulance.

Ms. Storey also writes that individuals "who have submitted official requests from a unit social worker, hospital, clinic or doctor can receive medical assured loading letters from BC Ferries with the following general criteria:

"Traveling to/from ongoing medical treatment (e.g. cancer treatment)

"Traveling to/from a critical medical appointment

"Life-threatening illness

"Undue or extreme discomfort and difficulty waiting at the terminal

"Other medical conditions as deemed appropriate by BCF and the referring agency."

Contact the Customer Relations Department at 1-877-222-1949 or by email at customer_relations@bcferries.com.

"They have been assisting customers with Medical Assured Loading Letters for some time on all our routes and are well versed in the process," writes Ms. Storey, who was recently head of customer relations.

There remains a gray area between the 911 call and the assured loading letter which involves an urgent but not emergency need for a patient to get to a specialist or the hospital in a private vehicle. Discussions are continuing about possible ways to meet this need.

FAC Membership Change

Alois Strannan from Cortes has resigned from the FAC. The terms of reference for FACs allow the chair to appoint a replacement so Monday we welcomed Myrna Kerr from Manson's Landing to the committee. In the fall, expressions of interest in serving on the FAC for the next three years will be sought.

Card Tricks & Ticket Tips

By John Sprungman, Chair
Ferry Advisory Committee

The Experience Card had only been available for a month when I heard from someone who lost an unregistered card and was frustrated because there was no way to recover the \$27.80 receipts said was still on the card.

So here's a way to protect yourself:

There are two numbers on the back of every card which you need to register it. One is the 9-digit card number. The other is the verification number which is hidden by stuff you have to scratch off.

As soon as you put money on the card, if you are not going to register the card right away, copy those numbers and file them where you can find them. Then if you lose the card, you can still go online or call in and register it to an account in your name--and then report that you lost the card and get another one to access your remaining funds.

Quadra foot passengers, including those with bicycles, have the option of continuing to buy paper ticket books and hand the attendant at the ramp a paper ticket to get on board.

Since you have to put \$40 on your card to get the \$4.25 prepaid passenger fare for Quadra, and a book of 10 passenger tickets costs \$42.50, there are no big savings for those who regularly walk on and would just as soon avoid the ticket booth.

There are plans to have a card reader at the waiting room, but until it is installed, this practice is intended to reduce congestion and delays at the ticket booth--and accommodate those who have mobility problems or who arrive at the last minute from work.

However, if you have older Quadra passenger tickets that are only worth \$4.05, you have to go back to the ticket booth, pay 20 cents, and get a boarding pass.



Area I Regional Director's Report

May 9, 2008

by Jenny Hiebert

The past weekend brought the first truly spring-like weather this year. It was truly delightful to retire coats and toques for sunglasses and sunhats and spend the entire day outdoors and be totally comfortable while doing it. My garden, which is about a month behind, heaved a sigh of appreciation. The garlic plants are healthy and strong. Peas are up. Onion and brassica transplants are in the ground. Now if only the slugs can be kept from devouring everything!

A number of community issues have been bursting forth of late which require community meetings of some sort or another. Below is a review an April meeting plus an overview of another to be convened in a couple of weeks. Arrangements are ongoing for yet another with date, time and place to be confirmed (hopefully) soon. Announcements will be carried in both local flyers.

High Speed Internet Meeting

On April 21, nearly fifty people gathered for a meeting in Manson's Hall to hear from Telus and NetworkBC representatives about the Connecting Communities Agreement (CCA) and how it prevents Telus from providing high speed Internet Service to Cortes Island. Wilf Bangert (Network BC) gave a detailed presentation of the CCA. This was followed by a lengthy question and answer session. Through the course of the evening, the rumor suggesting high-speed Internet service would be coming to the island was dashed. (For further information please read the letter from Telus Director for the North Island, Hichem Garnaoui, online at www.discoveryislander.ca)

Through those discussions it became obvious that Twincomm, our local service provider, needs more capacity to meet increasing demands, and Telus and NetworkBC will work to resolve

that problem. The method used to deliver broadband service to small communities is to first bring service to area having greatest population density. Once the centre is established the service can then expand to areas with sparser densities. Twincomm has followed this model and announced they will be able to deliver service to additional area in the Whaletown area starting this June.

Some people were appreciative to learn the parameters governing broadband Internet service. Others had issue with the process and policy developed between Telus and the provincial government. Currently the provincial policy is based upon a business model rather than a model, which invests in the development of rural infrastructure. These policies are the jurisdiction of The Minister of Labour and Citizen Services, Olga Ilich. Anyone wishing changes to these policies should write to: Minister Ilich, Box 9052, Stn. Prov. Gov't, Victoria BC, V8W 9E2 or olga.ilich.mla@leg.bc.ca. The federal government regulates telecommunications through the CRTC. It is the CRTC that directs Telus to provide telephones as an essential service. Anyone wishing to have high-speed Internet access made an essential service should write to: CRTC, Ottawa, Canada, K1A 0N2 or fax: 819-994-0218. Please remember to copy letters MLA Claire Trevena - claire.Trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca so constituent concerns can be documented and acted upon.

Park Matters

On Wednesday, May 21, another town hall meeting will be held at Manson's Hall from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This will give the community an opportunity to discuss matters pertaining to Parks. The meeting will start with an overview of the budget for parks. Discussions regarding these specific park matters will follow. 1. Blind Creek Park, currently consisting of a boat ramp and small parking area. Are any further improvements necessary? If so, what? 2. A new park for Whaletown? 3. Seascape Beach Access - The challenges and the requirements to develop this site.

Your input on these key park matters would be most appreciated. If you are unable to attend, please forward comments to: Beth Rees, Parks and Recreation Services, Comox Valley District, 600 Comox Road, Courtenay, BC V9N 3P6. brees@comoxvalleyrd.ca.

If you have any questions about these or any other issues feel free to contact me at 935-6488 Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4 pm. (No early morning, late night or weekend calls, please.) If you get the answering machine try my cell phone--202-6488. You can also email me at brijen@oberon.ark.com anytime.

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by Jenny Hiebert—Regional Director

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Cortes Craft Shop Spring Opening

New Gifts & Treasures Created by Island Artisans, May 17 (Saturday) noon-4 pm this coincides with Cortes Oyster Festival. Open Every Weekend until June 29. Craft Co-op Beside Squirrel Cove General Store.

New Cemetery Gates

The new "Quadra Island Cemetery" sign was designed, built and installed by the Metal Fabrication class from North Island college in Campbell River. The cost of this project was funded through an inherited gift from one of Quadra Island's pioneer families. The Quadra Island Cemetery trustees intend to hold a dedication ceremony later this year and will invite the public to attend.

The Quadra Island cemetery was established in 1915 and has been managed and maintained by volunteer trustees since then. Future projects at the Cemetery include fence painting and replacement of the sun damaged name plaques on the Veteran's Memorial Board dedicated to the Veteran's of the Cemetery. Anyone wishing to purchase a full or cremation size plot or to make donations to the Quadra Island Cemetery is encouraged to contact Mr. Bill Nutting at 285-3394.

Island Forum

Dear Editor,

Kudos to Sonia Bingham for her letter in the last Islander, Ivan Faryon was a one-of-a-kind who touched the hearts of everyone who knew him. I know how the rumour mill works on this island and have even been the victim of a few ridiculous stories myself.

I tend to not believe anything unless I hear it from the horse's mouth.

As for Ivan, I choose to remember him by how he lived, not how he died. He was my best friend and I miss him but I will never forget him.

Will Rendall

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Quadra Legion

Quadra Legion Lounge open Friday and Saturday at 4:00pm. Complimentary pool tables, darts and shuffleboard. Meat draws support Quadra Island based nonprofit organizations every Saturday 5:00pm to 6:30pm. New and established members with guests welcome. See you at the Legion!

Scholarship Quadra Legion Ladies Auxiliary

Is accepting applications for the **Kay Dubois Memorial Scholarship** from veterans' descendants entering post-secondary education.

An award will be based on academic & citizenship criteria. Mail to Box 242, Heriot Bay, BC V0P 1H0 Applications close May 31

Thursday Jam Sessions

At Quadra Legion

The Legion is pleased to announce weekly jam sessions in the Branch every Thursday 8pm to close. Come out and support our local musicians! Any questions, call Len Lamb. See you at the Legion!

Rummage Sale and Tea

Quadra Island United Church will be holding their annual fundraiser on Saturday, May 10. There will be a rummage sale featuring collectibles and useful household items, plants and a strawberry tea served by the young people. We are still looking for donations. Please call 285-2626 or 285-3163 for more information. The rummage sale will be from 10-1.



MOTHER'S DAY!!

Discovery Launch Water Taxi's Annual Mother's Day tour.

Enjoy a scenic cruise of our historic waters including a stop at a remote post office to mail a loved one a letter.

A gourmet lunch will be served at Morgan's Landing located at the mouth of Bute Inlet.

Trip departs May 11 - Sunday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm \$125 per person. Seats are limited

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BC Book Prizes 2008 Winners Announced

VANCOUVER, BC – The West Coast Book Prize Society is pleased to announce the winners of the 24th Annual BC Book Prizes. They are as follows:

ETHEL WILSON FICTION PRIZE Sponsored by Friesens, Webcom and Transcontinental Printing: Mary Novik, Conceit (Doubleday Canada)

DOROTHY LIVESAY POETRY PRIZE Sponsored by the BC Teachers' Federation: Rita Wong, Forage (Nightwood Editions)

HUBERT EVANS NON-FICTION PRIZE Sponsored by Abebooks: Robert Bringham, Everywhere Being Is Dancing (Gaspereau Press)

RODERICK HAIG-BROWN REGIONAL PRIZE Sponsored by BC150: J.B. MacKinnon and Alisa Smith, The 100-Mile Diet: A Year of Local Eating (Random House Canada)

SHEILA A. EGOFF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE PRIZE Sponsored by the BC Library Association: Polly Horvath, The Corps of the Bare-Boned Plane (Groundwood Books)

CHRISTIE HARRIS ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S LITERATURE PRIZE: Sponsored by Kate Walker and Company: Robert Heidbreder and Kady MacDonald Denton, A Sea-Wishing Day (Kids Can Press)

BC BOOKSELLERS' CHOICE AWARD IN HONOUR OF BILL DUTHIE: Sponsored by BC Booksellers' Association and

Duthie Books: Ian McAllister and Greystone Books, The Last Wild Wolves: Ghosts of the Great Bear Rainforest

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR LITERARY EXCELLENCE: Gary Geddes is the recipient of this award, established in 2003 by the Honourable Iona Campagnolo, to recognize British Columbia writers who have contributed to the development of literary excellence in the province.

Mother's Day Dinner & Jazz

No cooking, no dishes for Mom on Mother's Day. Treat your Mom to supper and homegrown Quadra Island Jazz with the Jazz Berry Jam Trio. The Heriot Bay Inn dining room is back in full swing with Sunday night jazz coming your way, starting with Mother's Day.

Jazz Berry Jam plays traditional & modern jazz favorites with a soft, gentle touch for your listening & dining pleasure. The trio features David Blinzinger Jr. on sax, Hal Douglas on Guitar and Steve Moore on drums.

The time for music is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The date is Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th. The place is the Heriot Bay dining room overlooking the ocean. There is no cover charge. Bring Mom and enjoy! (Reservations to insure seating are advised)

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Call For Quadra Island Food Producers

I-CAN (Island Climate Action Network) is developing a Quadra Island Food Directory. This directory will list Quadra Islanders who are growing and producing foods (fruits, veggies, meats, eggs, honey, preserves and more) available for sale.

If you haven't already talked with us, and are interested in being added to the list? Call Lisa at 285.2480

Free Wood

The Quadra Recreation Society Board has kindly set aside a small space outside for a wood shelter for community use. However, the Quadra Recreation Society has no money for this kind of capital expense. So unless funds are raised to build the wood shelter, it won't happen.

Estimated cost is around \$2,000. I'm willing to do 10% or \$200. Please call me (steve moore) at 285-3323 if you can make a donation of any size.

While it's true, the green house at Q.Cove gives us shelter starting November 1, the early summer is the best time to stock up on wood. So the future of the free wood program depends on a summer shelter. Offerings of wood are coming in but there's no safe, dry place to put it without a shelter. Call if you can help.

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The Museum's Discovery Islands cruise starts in Campbell River, to wend its way through a circular route that starts off in beautiful Desolation Sound Marine Park and continues to the Redondas, then north through Hole in the Wall and Okisollo channels.

The crew of the 'Columbia III' also have a wealth of experience to share about the natural history and contemporary life on the islands, where they've made their home for several decades.

The Discovery Islands three day cruise costs \$790.00 per person, which includes accommodation and gourmet meals. If you have a passion for history and adventure, this trip is not to be missed. For more information check the Mothership Adventures website www.mothershipadventures.com. Call the Museum at Campbell River at 250-287-3103 to register for this unique and fascinating voyage of discovery!

Quadra Slo-Pitch 2008

The first practice with the Islanders and Chuckers was supposed to be 'spring' - HA! we had a bit of white stuff coming down at Blenkin Park. On the seventeenth of April, our game at Blenkin Park was a very frigid affair - the wind was blowing. everyone in winter jackets, the children were running around with red faces and bright red noses.

The weather hopefully will be great for the remainder of the season. Six Quadra teams are playing: Diamond Junkies, Quadra Rowdies, The Islanders, Chris Rendalls Chuckers, Tru-Value and the police and fire gals and guys - Guns and Hoses. Games are played on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Blenkin Park and Cape Mudge fields at 6:30 pm.

Preparations for the May long weekend tournament (May 17-18-19) are going along full ahead. Again Thirty two teams are participating from Victoria and Sooke to North Island and West Coast teams, plus of course our very able Island teams.

ALERT!! The Island will be hopping with all the team players, family and friends. The current ferry (the Bowen Queen) has a smaller capacity for the many trailers, campers and motor homes expected, this may result in even more

congestion than usual!! Please keep this in mind when returning to Quadra on Friday the 17 and leaving on Sunday the 19.

To get ready for the tournament and the season ahead there will be a work bee at Blenkin Park on Saturday, May 10 starting at 11 am. Please bring your team along to help out.

The concession for the ball tournament will again be ably run by the moms and dads from the Quadra Childrens' Centre. Come and watch the great ball playing and enjoy the awesome food.

Slo-Pitch dance will be Saturday, May 17, 9 pm to 1 am at the Legion, dance to Duffy Live - no cover.

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Thursday, May 29, 2008
to be held at the Maritime Heritage Centre
621 Island Highway, Campbell River, B.C.
commencing at 10:30 a.m.

For the presentation of the following reports of the Comox Strathcona Regional District pursuant to the Financial Information Act and section 167 of the Community Charter:

- a) 2007 Audited Financial Statements
- b) 2007 Statement of Financial Information

A copy of these reports will be available for public inspection at the regional district office located at 600 Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C. or on our website at www.strathconard.ca

Any questions or inquiries regarding this meeting should be directed to:

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Cortes Sustainability Home Show

Friends of Cortes Island (FOCI) is pleased and excited to present the 6th annual **Sustainability Home Show**. This year's theme is: **Localize Your Life** with an emphasis on local wisdom, local experts, local actions towards reducing our community's carbon footprint, and building local resilience.

Here are some of the special events and exhibits.

May 23 (Friday) 7-9PM, Evening Presentation by Keynote Speakers: Norm Harry with a Klahoose opening ceremony & traditional First Nations wisdom.

Delores Broten, Watershed Sentinel Editor, speaking on Local Sustainable Actions. Eco-Youth Initiatives with audio & visual presentations by the next generation. World Café Round Table where you can add your ideas towards building a resilient island community.

May 24 (SATURDAY) 10AM to 4PM, Exhibit Day: Indoor & outdoor booths full of ideas for cutting down your home energy costs, generating your own power, growing your own food, conserving water, reducing waste, and many other local solutions.

On Saturday, during the Home Show, there will be an abundance of great local food with lunch and snacks catered by Lisa-Jo & Joy. Don't miss Brent's all you can eat oyster bar with a workshop to tune-up your oyster shucking skills. Lots of children's fun learning activities, ECO-youth art displays, raffle basket draw, and hands-on demonstrations. This event is happening at Manson's Community Hall, Friday & Saturday, May 23/24, come and join this special Cortes Island gathering.

To inquire about having a booth at the Home Show, or if you would like to volunteer with activities like childcare, show set-up, raffle ticket sales, etc; then please call Karen Perras 250-935-0175 ravenclan@riseup.net OR Sandra Wood 250-935-6676 sandrawood@telus.net to chat about your ideas.

Spring Tour Of Mitlenatch Island

At this time of year, Mitlenatch Island is alive with activity as the gulls establish nesting territories while sea lions bark and growl from the rocky shore. Located offshore in the Strait of Georgia, Mitlenatch offers protection and abundant food resources to the thousands of glaucous wing gulls and the hundreds of cormorants, pigeon guillemots and black oyster catchers which nest there.

On May 10th the public will have a rare opportunity to visit this intriguing and beautiful little island on a field trip co-ordinated by the Cortes Island Museum. Participants will depart from Cortes Island on the motor/ sailer Misty Isles. Along the way your naturalist guides Mike and Samantha Moore will explain some of the history, geography and wildlife of the area.

A zodiac trip around the island with Mike will provide a close up view of seals, pigeon guillemots, harlequin ducks and the large californian and stellar sea lions that haul out here for a short stay on their coastal migration.

Participants will travel on the 8:30a.m. ferry to Quadra Island to link with the 9:05 a.m. ferry to Cortes Island for a 10:30 a.m. departure from Cortes Bay. The fee for this day trip of \$105 helps fund the operation of the Cortes Museum. For information on this and other museum tours call (250) 935-6340 or email cimas@twincomm.net.

Other trips coming up include a kayak day trip from Manson's Lagoon on July 12th and a circumnavigation with Misty Isles around Maurelle Island on July 21st. Check out www.cortesmuseum.ca for all of the museum's events.

"Fighting Fraud on the Front Lines: A Retailer's Guide" Seminar

Ever had a fake \$20 in your till? As a retailer, you're on fraud's front line. Fake cash, bad cheques, credit and debit card fraud, and identity theft – take your pick. You never know when fraud will happen.

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The benefit of membership – the session is free for Quadra Credit Union members and merchants.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Kindly contact Lynne or Ruth at 285-3327 to reserve your seat. Non-members admission fee of \$10 per person.

Seminar will be held at the Quadra Community Centre on May 29th, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the main hall.

Presented by Quadra Credit Union and the Bank of Canada.

Kids for Kids with Cancer

Way to go Quadra Kids! You raised \$2035.00 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. This was the fourth year for the Kids for Kids with Cancer race and the most money raised yet. It was great to see the enthusiasm of all the participants and volunteers that came out to make this another fun day. There was a lot of cheering as teams ran three legged races, hoped on their bikes and then did a hoola-hoop trick or a funny thing that involved skipping after spinning around a hockey stick and then finishing off the race with a run. There were great sports, great spirit and great costumes. Did you see those ladybugs racing by? Pipi Long Stocking was showing her strength and I am sure there was some competitors right out of the 70's. This event is organized by Kids and inspired by Kids who are fighting for their lives. The Make-a-Wish Foundation gives kids with cancer and other life threatening illnesses something to hope for. Thanks to all the Youth and Adult volunteers that make it happen. Thanks to the many donors that make sure every kid who enters the race gets a prize as well as contributing towards our overall fund raising. Thank-you: Amped on Nutrition, BC Cancer Agency, Book Bonanza, Coho Books, Dairy Queen, Fat Cat, Forget-me-not Hair Studio, Fun Knits, Heriot Bay TRU Value, Hummingbird Office and Art Supply, Intersport, Motif Design, Peoples Drug Mart, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Sidelines, Splash Body Care, Superstore, Quadra Foods, Quadra Island Building Supply, Quadra Island Cycle, Quadra Island Recreation Society, Quadra School, Quadra Station, Zellers

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Quadra Farmers' Market

The Quadra Island Farmers' Market welcomes everyone to this year's community market. The market is located behind the Credit Union in Quathiaski Cove and takes place every Saturday (rain or shine) between 10 am and 2 pm from May 3rd to September 13th.

We would like to welcome back all our regular vendors as well as any new ones who would like to join in. We would especially like to see more locally grown produce for sure and maybe more locally made crafts as well. We will continue with a first come first serve basis and the gate will open at 8 am for your setup.

The vendor setup fee is \$5 each while children under 16 will be charged \$1 per setup. Local community and charitable organizations are not charged a setup fee for their participation.

Market parking is accessed from Green Road. PLEASE use it and encourage others to do the same as the main Credit Union parking lot needs to be kept available for the Credit Union's customers.

If you are a visitor to Quadra Island please feel welcome to come and visit our market between 10 am and 2 pm and perhaps you'll find a great souvenir of Quadra Island to take back home.

We strongly discourage dogs at the market so if you have no choice and must bring your dog it will have to be on a leash at all times (no exceptions please) and PLEASE pickup after them. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Alma at 285-3521 or Carmen at 286-9808 See you all at the market

Notes from Island Climate Action Network

Finally, the weather has warmed and we can get to work in the garden without the long johns. This is good news for participants in the Garden Sharing program, an initiative undertaken with Quadra Circle. Fifteen partners are now sharing soil and toil. Eventually they'll share harvest, too. This is a strong start for a new idea.

Food sustainability is a main focus for I CAN. A local food directory has been in progress for about six weeks and is nearing the end of research and data collection. The directory should be compiled and printed for distribution later this summer.

We are also beginning work on a Quadra Green Book. Similar to LIVING GREEN ON CORTEZ, our publication will have information on alternative energy technologies and low ecological impact building. It will also include suggestions for earth-healthy lifestyle choices.

Our first group project, back in January, was a valentine campaign at the Sierra Club Energy Fair. Valentines were made ahead and fairgoers added their comments. Prime Minister Harper received 103 valentines with pithy slogans such as:

Put your heart and soul into reducing ghg emissions.

Melt my heart, not the polar ice caps.

I have a burning desire for action on climate change.

Share my love of the planet.

We didn't get a valentine back. However, Nathan Cullen (MP Skeena - Bulkley Valley and NDP critic for Environment and Parks), and our MP Catherine Bell responded to our letters informing

them of the Valentine Campaign. Nathan Cullen sent a personal note supporting our efforts and offering to visit Quadra to speak on the subject of global warming. Catherine Bell informed us of the NDP platform on Climate Change.

Look for I CAN later this month at the Farmer's Market where we will have a table with information about current projects and plans.

For more info, call Lisa at 285-2480.

Growing Food on Quadra.

There has been an encouraging response to the Quadra Circle/ I-CAN Garden Sharing initiative and so far about 15 pairs are planning to share gardens.

The project has also sparked other suggestions to encourage the local production of food. Ideas include; learning and support opportunities for those new to growing vegetables such as mentoring by the experienced, workshops; eg building cold frames economically, raised beds, winter vegetable gardens, how to preserve the produce; canning, apple sauce / juice making bees.

Forming groups for gardening support in neighbourhoods.

Additionally there is interest in establishing a Community garden which could be a demonstration garden, grow food for the food bank, a Therapeutic garden or be individual plots.

If you want to be involved in any of these proposals or have other ideas to do with producing food on Quadra please contact Irene at Email dici@shaw.ca or 285 2111.

Awakening The Dance of the Dervish Within

In this workshop we will learn the dance of the dervish or the "turn" from the sufi traditions. Each person attending will explore in a personal way through sufi meditation, practices, sound, music and breathing how to access the sacred dance that lies within the body/heart/soul.

Judith met her sufi teacher, Shamcher (Bryn Beorse), in her early 20's. It was through his influence and teachings that she began to study world religions and sufi dancing and whirling with Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan, Shahabudin Less, Sherif Baba and others.

Judith Popiel studied many forms of dance and movement in New York, Switzerland, England, New Mexico and Toronto. She is an accomplished writer and visual artist. Presently she is writing a book about how she has integrated the teachings of Murshid Shamcher into her daily life.

It is Judith's intention that together we create a compassionate and loving atmosphere to allow for the discovery of the sacred whirling dance of the dervishes. The workshop will culminate in a whirling zikr dance, meant for each person to find their natural rhythm while whirling as the dervishes did long ago.



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'Closing in on Sustainable Salmon Farming'

'Closing in on Sustainable Salmon Farming', an exploration of closed containment technology, will be at the Quadra Island Community Centre at 7pm on Tuesday, May 20th. The event is hosted by Sierra Quadra and brought to you by the Coastal Alliance for Aquaculture Reform (CAAR).

Hear two CAAR member group representatives, Georgia Strait Alliance's Michelle Young, and Will Soltau of Living Oceans Society, speak about the viability of closed containment as an alternative to the harmful practice of open net pen salmon farming. We will explore why open net pen technology is so harmful to the environment and our wild salmon, how closed containment technology will eliminate or decrease many of the negative impacts of current salmon farming practices, and the economic viability of closed containment.

We hope you will join us and participate in the lively discussion that is expected to follow the presentation. Admission by donation. Refreshments will be served.

Contact Michelle Young at michelle@georgiastrait.org or (250) 753-3459 for more information.

3rd Annual Broombash at Rebecca Spit

Well, we've made great progress! The mature broom is gone, BUT - the seedlings keep coming from seeds dropped in past years and they grow quickly.

This year's goal is to prevent more seed formation which means cutting or pulling all the plants which are blooming.

So bring clippers, loppers and gloves and let's work to keep the spit free of this invasive species. Meet at the boat ramp, Rebecca Spit, 10 am to noon on Sunday May 11. For more info call Riki at 285-2640.

She's Back!!!



Opal Blue returns to the Island for a visit and a show!

After moving away a year ago Opal has since been working at Jeff Healey's Roadhouse in Toronto, Ontario, and getting the full musical experience. There she has had the honor of meeting and playing with many great musicians, including the infamous Jeff Healey Blues band! Back for a short time, Opal will be playing only one show on the Island, with Blues Pianist Mark Eikeland. Show is on May 24th at April Point Resort from 5 PM until 8 PM. Come on out for some Blues!

Province Funds New Seniors' Housing on Cortes

VICTORIA - A \$380,000 grant from the Province's Housing Endowment Fund is enabling the Cortes Island Seniors Society to begin the construction of six new cottages for seniors.

"These homes will provide Islanders with high quality and affordable seniors' housing," said Minister responsible for Housing, Rich Coleman. "The Province invested \$250 million in the Housing Endowment Fund so organizations such as the Cortes Island Seniors Society can try innovative new programs that are not traditionally available for funding."

The six cottages are being built on a site owned by the Cortes Island Seniors Society and will offer affordable housing for low to moderate income seniors. Construction is anticipated to be complete by April 2009. Support services will be provided by the community and the society anticipates local volunteer support in the construction of these units.

"Our partnership with the Province will allow us to effectively support the seniors in our community," said Susan Ellingsen, president of the society. "This project will give seniors the opportunity to live in the community they helped build. The Cortes community has banded together to make this project a reality."

The \$250-million Housing Endowment Fund was established in the 2007 provincial budget. The fund generates investment revenue of approximately \$10 million a year, which is used to fund and support innovative housing solutions. Budget 2008 increased the amount the Province invests in affordable housing and shelters to more than \$380 million a year, more than three times as much as in 2001.

Musical Theatre For Kids

Cinematic musicals have become popular once again. From the be-bop jive of Hairspray to the macabre melodies of Sweeney Todd, the music and lyrics of these new big screen extravaganzas have struck a chord with a new generation of movie goers. With the recent incredible popularity of Disney's High School Musical, more and more youngsters have discovered the joy of singing and dancing and Joey is taking that momentum and running with it offering a 4 hour musical theatre workshop at Quadra Community Centre.

Joey Clarkson has amassed hundreds of hours on stage as well as behind the curtain with Rainbow Youth Theatre, Courtenay Little Theatre, Vanier Drama, the Nova Voce and Cantiamo Choirs and been taught and mentored by Kymme Patrick of TheatreWorks. She has been musical director for many classes and productions with TheatreWorks Centre for Performing Arts, teaches classes for Courtenay Recreation and has a strong and loyal following in the Comox Valley where she bases her own musical theatre education company, instructing classes, workshops, camps, private lessons and productions. Joey has been very active raising money for disaster relief and performing at various venues in the Valley. She has recently signed a record contract with Highland Music Multimedia, is featured on the 2007 "Valley Idol" cd and the newly released "Jewels of the Island" where she joins the considerable talents of Susie MacGregor, Todd Butler and Kenny Shaw among other favorites.

Joey is currently recording her first full length album, to be released later in the summer, featuring songs she wrote on a recent trip to Thailand where she taught music at the Baan Dada orphanage.

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Day 1 - Water - Make your first bottled water purchase. It is recommended that families stock 4 litres of water per person per day. (2 litres for drinking, 2 litres for cooking and cleaning/hygiene per person per day, (remember your pets!) Most bottled water has a 2-year shelf life, rotate stock with new purchases.

Day 2 - Food - Set aside food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried fruits. Make sure it's food that everyone in your family will eat, make additional purchases if necessary. Replace once a year or prior to expiry so that it doesn't go to waste. (Include a manual can opener.)

Day 3 - Flashlight and Radio - You will need a separate flashlight and portable radio to stay with your emergency kit. If they are battery powered make sure to include extra batteries and to replace them once a year. Wind-up radios and flashlights are ideal.

Day 4 - First Aid Kit - Your emergency kit will require F.A. Kit that stays with it at all times. If you don't have the necessary supplies at home to make one, there are numerous safety supply stores that sell first aid kits.

Day 5 - Special Items - This will be different for every family, may include prescription medications, infant formula, pet food and equipment for people with disabilities.

Day 6 - Other Essential Items - Extra keys for your car and house. also include some cash in smaller bills as there may not be electricity for bank machines, supply of change for payphones, Candles, matches or lighters.

Day 7 - Assemble Your Supplies and Your Family's Emergency Plan - Prepare a family emergency plan including out of area contact information and a family reunification plan. Give each family member copy of plan and contacts, and store copy of plan along with your assembled supplies in a suitable container/bag in a safe and accessible area in or near your home. Water may need to be stored separately.

Day 8 - Sleep Well - Well done, you've created a great foundation for your family's emergency preparedness kit. If you are still motivated there are additional recommended

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supplies you could add such as: extra clothing and footwear, sleeping bags, whistle, garbage bags, toilet paper, safety gloves, basic tools such as hammer and screw driver etc., small camp stove and fuel.

The Quadra Island Emergency Program is committed to increasing emergency preparedness for Quadra residents. To learn more about emergency preparedness, educational courses, or how to volunteer with the Quadra Emergency Program you can contact Judy Hagen at 285 2150 or Betty Doak 285 3590

Tahsis Lions Club presents 31st Annual Great Walk on Vancouver Island

The Great Walk is an annual fund raising event sponsored by the Tahsis Lions Club and is set for Saturday, June 7th, 2008. People travel from all over the world to participate in this incredible challenge. The Great Walk takes place on the 63.5 kilometers of gravel logging road between Gold River and Tahsis. Walkers can choose to walk for pledges for a recognized charity or organization of their choice, or just walk for the personal challenge. Great Walkers have raised more than \$1,000,000 for many worthy charities.

In 1978, Tahsis Mayor Bill Lore issued a challenge to Gold River Mayor Vic Welsh, "I will walk to Gold River if you (Vic) will walk to Tahsis". The challenge was taken seriously, the walk happened and a tradition started. The first walk raised more than \$5,000 towards the Tahsis Community Centre. Since then, the "Great Walk" has gained the reputation of being North America's toughest pledge walkathon. Each year there are more participants, raising more money for more charities.

The Great Walk is sanctioned by the The Great Walk starts at 4 am near Gold River and is officially over sixteen hours later at 8 pm in Tahsis. All walkers receive a Great Walk T-shirt for making it halfway to Checkpoint #6 and the coveted Burning Boot Award for completing the route. There are a total of twelve checkpoints along the way, offering the walker refreshments, drinks, first aid supplies, and moral support! Special trophies are presented at the awards ceremony that start at 8:30 pm Saturday night.

The Tahsis Lions Club challenges you to register by May 31st. Participate and raise monies for your favourite charity in the 31st Annual Great Walk from Gold River to Tahsis, Vancouver Island, on Saturday, June 7th. For more information on registering or volunteering, contact Mike Nicolaye at greatwalk@greatwalk.com or 250.245.1045 and check out the website at www.greatwalk.com.

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Quadra Recreation Society

May Day

Saturday May 24, 2008

Schedule of Events and who does what when...

"The Enchanted Forest" is the theme of May Day 2008. Join your friends and neighbours in a big community picnic at Rebecca Spit, Saturday May 24, 2008.

Celebrate the coming of Spring and Summer with colour, costumes, floats, music--the more zany and bizarre the better! Let your imaginations soar, expressing who or what is in the enchanted forest. Get your friends, or the neighbourhood gang involved in a float. Let the creepy crawlies and things with wings, the characters of the deep dark woods, the talking trees and swinging things not yet seen before, arrive in splendid regalia.

- 8:30 a.m.** Gates open for parade entries.
- 9:00-10** Free shuttle from Heriot Bay Inn to the Spit.
- 10:00** Parade starts from beginning of Spit to the parking lot.
- 10:30** Face painting starts. Concession.
- 11:00** Official ceremonies.
- 12:00 ish** Box Lunch auction.
- 12:30 ish** Afternoon entertainment begins.
- 12:30-2:30** "Beach structure" building.
- 1:15 ish** Foot races begin.
- 1:00** Sailboat race begins.
- 1:30** Sailing dinghy race begins from Taku Resort.
- 2:00-3:00** Shuttle back to H.B.I.

*****Please leave your dogs at home!*****

There are lots of young children and seniors at May Day, let's be mindful of safety in all ways. Parents, we need your help on this.

May Day is a volunteer-powered, non-commercial, traditional community event, first held on Quadra in 1898. The Recreation Society Board of Directors thanks the many dozens of people who contribute to the event in big and little ways and wish everyone a happy, joy filled, sunny day!

POSTERS: See more details on posters by Leslie Matthews.

PARKING: On arriving at Rebecca Spit, please do not park beyond the park gate as the parade floats, etc. need room to set up. All floats will end up in the parking lot after the parade so please don't expect to follow the parade up to the parking lot. It will already be full. Thank you Paul Ryan and Larry Waddell for gate control.

PARADE: Get your neighbourhood, business, or group together and challenge other groups to out-do your float! There are the Credit Union Trophy for best float and Clandenning trophy for best kid's costume; prize money for costumes, bike, walkers. [Many say the best fun of May Day is in the parade line up...so come on and

get involved!] Thank you judges anonymous and parade marshal Jeanie Stoppard.

GREASE POLE: Doug and Gretchen Peters grease the pole and monitor the contestants. No pyramids please. Note at the top tells the winner to collect \$50 from the person at the information table. ("One person boosts are o.k. and wiping the grease off with a shirt is one way we can go home before next May Day", says Gretch.)

GRADE 6 PICNIC: May Day is a time to honour the Grade 6 class which will be leaving for Campbell River next year. Check out the last picnic table with the balloons. Thanks Karen Lakberg and Grade 6 parents for organizing this.



M.C.: Quadra Recreation Society board member, Terryl Bertagnolli will keep the ball rolling.

QUEEN AND COURT: Speech contestants in Grade 6 deliver a speech at the Community Centre 2 weeks before May Day. The winner is the May Queen and runners up are in the court. This is done in the spirit of honouring the Grade Sixes' transition to high school next year and having the whole age group being "special" at May Day. Thanks, Robin Beaton for guiding this process. Former May Queens are the speech contest judges.

STAGE: Thanks to Mel Doak for supplying and setting up the stage; and grade 6 parents for decorating it. Also, thanks Mel and Ross, for donating the porta-potties!

MAY DAY DEDICATION: Each year a citizen or group who has given positive service to the community over a lengthy period of time is honoured.

SOUND: Jim Thievin is supplying the sound system for the stage.

MAY POLE DANCERS: Barrie Calverley, Inger Crighton, and Linda McCluskey prepare the Grade 3 dancers, and some Grade 4's for the traditional May Pole dance. Bravo!

BOX LUNCH AUCTION: Please support all the local businesses who donate magnificent "box" lunches each May Day. This is a big fund-raiser for next year's May Day. Get your friends together to bid and have a marvelous banquet. Deb Manery is organizing this.

CONCESSION: Proceeds are going to the Recreation Society. Want to volunteer for a spell? Phone QCC at 285 3243. Thanks to Steve Swanson and support crew for supplying the concession structure and great assistance and support from Kent and gang at the Heriot Bay True Valu store. Star coordinators Susan Swanson and Nancy Essig are leading this project.

RACES: Thank you once again to the Quadra Elementary school teachers for organizing the races. What would we do without your professional touch!

ENTERTAINMENT: After the box lunch auction, stay tuned, there could be some action on the stage. Anyone want to entertain or organize this?

SAIL BOAT RACES: Brian Simmons is organizing this event. If you want to enter the

race, phone 285 3128 in the evening. If dinghy sailing is your sport, call John Barclay at 285 3897. Start time for the big boats is 1 p.m. and 1:30 for the dinghies.

FACE PAINTING: Barb Mindell organizes local artists, teens and adults, to paint faces. Some four hundred faces are decorated by the end of the day. It's free and starting at 10:30 a.m.

"BEACH STRUCTURES": Create a forest creature or a hut from driftwood and anything else found on the beach. Barb Mindell and Laird Fredericks organize this for 6 to 20 year olds from 12:30 to 2:30 on the Drew Harbour side of the Spit. Teams of 2 or more members meet the Environmental clown to sign up and get started. First, second and third prize money goes to the best creations. Audience can buy a flag for a dollar and vote by putting your flag at the creation you like.

VOLLEYBALL: Pat Field and family will start you off.

CREDIT UNION DISPLAY WINDOW: Candace Holmes will bring "the Enchanted Forest" to the credit union display window, in the weeks before May Day.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Got your digital cameras out? Please send us your best May Day pictures for 2008 when the event is over: quadrarec@gicable.com Check out our website for former May Day pictures at www.quadrarec.bc.ca

EQUIPMENT GUARDIANS: Thanks Clandenning family for care-taking over night.

MAY DAY DANCE: Thank you Mandy Hart for organizing the May Day Dance at the Community Centre in the evening. Dance to local band, Duffy Frank and Friends. The music will be all round, good dancing music. Advance tickets are \$10 and \$15 at the door.

CLEAN UP and recycling. Help keep the park clean. Please pick up litter when you see it. Check out Dan Bingham's recycling centre by the concession.

Have an "enchanting" May Day and thanks to all who made suggestions for themes and put them in the theme suggestion boxes.

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Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

Canada's Lack of Zenn

While exiting the Post Office in the Cove the other day I noted the arrival of a very big, shiny and obviously brand-new Dodge Ram 4-door, 4 wheel drive truck. The young owner acknowledged the age of the truck as one day, and was obviously tickled pink with his new wheels. I looked up the truck on Chrysler Canada's website, and nicely dressed this machine will set you back near \$50,000. Curious about the truck I spent some time locating the relevant technical data, and was astonished to learn that the behemoth could travel (unloaded) 900 clicks on a tank of diesel. Of course, that trip will cost \$185 at today's price of \$1.39 per litre. This time last year that cost would have been \$111. Next year? Who knows, but I'm pretty confident it will not be cheaper. If this driver doesn't tow big objects or carry maximum loads, and drives an average of 30,000 kilometres per year, that fuel price differential alone translates to \$2,442 extra fuel costs – annually.

On the other end of the scale, a friend of mine referred me to the website of ZENN Motor Company Inc, a Canadian company coincidentally featured in the current edition of *The Economist* magazine (May 3, 2008 - Not on Our Roads). Headquartered in Toronto, ZENN is a TSX listed company formerly known as Feel Good Cars Corporation that builds LSV's, or Low Speed Vehicles, designed for urban use and entirely electrically powered – just plug them into a standard wall socket and they fully charge in 8 hours. Their website (www.zenncars.com), which is understandably very high tech, tells the story. ZENN, short for Zero Emission, No Noise, is a start-up company that went from zero sales in 2006 to 160 units sold in 2007. They were all sold into the USA, where ZENN has established 35 dealer locations in 20 states. The small car (somewhat larger than a Smart car) is legal to operate on city streets in 44 states – no highway use though, as these babies max the speedo at 40 kph. But that city driving, using the same 30,000 km average, if driving a ZENN, based upon our Hydro rate of .06 per kilowatt hour, would cost only \$325, not the \$2,300 ZENN's website calculates as the current fuel cost for my small truck. Of course, you can't compare the ZENN to the big Dodge, nor is that my intent. But the running costs of big units are becoming burdensome for many, and their sales (and resale value) are sure to plummet as fuel prices increase. Millions upon millions of Canadian city dwellers have an option to switch to a ZENN, which also has tremendously positive environmental implications - Americans are certainly starting to do so. However, Canadians actually do not have that option.

It seems that Transport Canada has decided, in its infinite wisdom, to withhold approval for the use of ZENN on Canadian streets, based upon safety concerns related to potential collisions. The US government, on the other hand, recently approved the use of the vehicles by federal government agencies, opening up a vast new market for companies such as ZENN and its few peers. As stated before, 44 US States have authorized the use of the ZENN on their city streets and there are 45,000 LSV's of various manufacture are operating safely – not a fatality reported to date, according to *The Economist* article. But the Stephen Harper government, undoubtedly with the wholehearted support of their oil-patch benefactors, is adamant about its refusal, and has so far refused to release the crash test data they say prompted the decision. A competitor to ZENN, also Canadian, has given up, sold itself to a Pakistani firm which moved its operations to Pakistan and will export to the USA. One has to wonder how many present - and much more importantly, future manufacturing positions this Harper government decision has eliminated, as the concept catches on and demand for such vehicles grows in lockstep with fuel prices. Big oil, one must suspect, is not thrilled with the concept of vehicles that don't burn any oil or oil by-products, except in the generation (in some cases) of the electricity that power them. Exxon recently announced it's past quarterly profit at US\$11.7 billion, the highest profit ever reported. Exxon earned US\$40.6 billion in fiscal 2007, or as CNN calculates, \$1,300 per second. Other oil companies are expected to report similar bumper profits as we stubbornly continue to tolerate our addiction to their products.

James Howard Kunstler is a US author (I highly recommend *The Long Emergency*) who is convinced we are entering a new era of monumental change predicated by oil's disappearance as a cheap and plentiful natural resource. In a recent speech to the Commonwealth Club of California (transcript at Alertnet.com) – *We Must Imagine a Future Without Cars* he notes among other things “In 1970 we [the USA] produced 10 million barrels per day. Now we're down to less than five, and we consume 20 million barrels per day.” On a global basis, “Net world production is going down by just under 3 % per year, but total exports from the top ten exporters are going down at an even steeper rate...showing a net export decline rate of seven percent the past year. Why? Because on top of production decline rates, nations like Saudi Arabia, Iran and Venezuela are using more of their oil at home with rising populations and more automobiles.” And as we all know, non-oil producing nations such as China and India have demand growing

for automobiles at a rate never before seen – fossil fuel burning vehicles, of course.

PBS recently ran a documentary called “The Future of Cars” which, in spite of the two somewhat annoying hosts “Click and Clack”, brothers recruited from NPR's (National Public Radio) automotive program, did a reasonable job of exploring some of the alternatives in development. In it they focus on GM's response to the growing demand for cars like the ZENN. Their answer is the oh-so-originally named “Volt”, which purports to offer the same performance as the ZENN, but will be equipped with a fuel powered generator as well. As usual, GM stands out as a laggard in their development work, and are “hopeful they can begin production by the end of the decade”. Meanwhile Toyota is eating their lunch with the Prius hybrid. I travel to Vancouver fairly frequently, and I haven't ridden in a cab – belonging to at least 3 different cab companies – that wasn't a Prius, at least not in recent memory. I have no sympathy whatsoever for the executives and the shareholders of the major North American car producers, who collectively have had their head in the sands since at least 1976 when they started reversing the process of re-engineering launched by the 1974 oil “crisis”. That crisis will probably look like a tea party compared to what is coming at us in terms of less supply at ever increasing cost. The program also pointed out that the average weight of a US manufactured half-ton pickup only dropped in weight for a few years post-1974, and has steadily increased to where they are 40 % heavier when than before the oil crisis. Yes, they have more efficient engines, but the gain is absorbed in pushing around the added weight. And the biggest gas-guzzlers made by these companies are, of course, their most profitable market segment. However, all that is undoubtedly about to change.

Early in 2007 the Chief Economist of the CIBC forecast that oil prices would reach \$110 per barrel by April of this year, and was fairly lonely in that opinion, which was of course correct. Jeffery Rubin has just issued his latest thoughts - \$150 per barrel by 2010 and \$200 by 2012. Using today's price of \$1.34 per litre against oil at \$116 per barrel, my math produced a price estimate of \$2.30 per litre at \$200 per barrel. That would mean that big shiny Dodge Ram will likely cost northwards of \$300 to fill up in just a few years...and my little Ford Ranger will probably gulp up \$150 at a time. Let's hope ZENN is successful in appealing the government's scandalous obstruction, and in producing the 500 click range, 50 MPH top speed model they have in development. A pickup truck version would suit me just fine.

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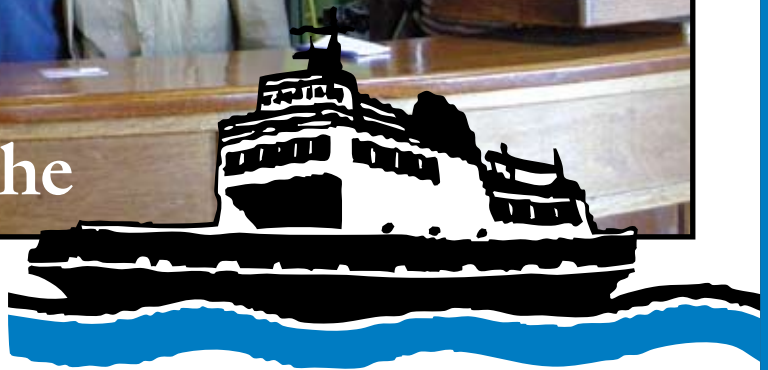
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