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The Regulars

- **Quadra Legion** - Now open Saturdays only at 4:00pm
- **Every Monday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
- Kidz Klub QI Bible Church grades 1-6, 3 - 4:40 pm
- **Every Tuesday** -Yoga Classes 9-11 am and 5-7 pm with Brenda Dempsey at the Upper Realm, QCove. 285-3054 or 203-1575 Drop ins welcome \$12
- Live Jazz at April Point 7 pm
- 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
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- **Every Thursday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
-Yoga Classes 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM with Brenda Dempsey at the Upper Realm, QCove. 285-3054 or 203-1575 Drop ins welcome \$12.
- Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
- Quadra Singers 6:45 pm Thursdays starting Sept.11 QCC
- **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
- Live Jazz at HBI 6:30 pm
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre
- **3rd Sunday of Month** - Raw Food Pot Luck 5 - 7pm 285-3827
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Day by day

Saturday, September 27

- Sierra Quadra films & Q Bag launch Q.C.C.
Doors open at 7:00 first film at 7:30 pm

- Quadra Island Cemetery Trustees ceremony Quadra Cemetary
cocktails at the Legion at 4 pm, Chuck Wagon dinner follows. call 285-3354

Sunday, September 28

- Star Weiss reads from Havens in a Hectic World QI United Church
11 am

- Haig-Brown Festival Haig-Brown Heritage Site
Campbell River

Monday, September 29

- Xmas Craft Fair table booking day. Phone 285 3669 between 10-4 to reserve.

Thursday, October 2

- Open Mike Night Cafe Aroma
Doors open at 7 pm music starts at 7:30 pm

October 6-10,

- Learn to "Paint Water in Watercolour" Firesign Studio
with Grant Fuller. Info call 285-3390 9AM-4PM,

Monday, October 6

-Halloween Planning Q.C.C.
7pm room 2

Wednesday, October 8

- All Candidates Meeting Q.C.C.
7:00-8:50 pm

Friday, October 10

- Friday Flicks: Starting Out in the Evening Q.C.C.
doors open 7:30 pm film starts at 7:45 pm

Tuesday, October 14

- Polling Day for Federal Election Q.C.C.
7am-7pm

Monday, October 20

- Harry Burton on apple varieties at the Garden Club. Q.C.C.
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7 pm. Monday, October 6th



Island Forum

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

Dear Editor,

I just read the wonderfully written article by Alan Luoma in your current issue. How beautiful and eloquent he puts his story and how sad there are so many so called 'humans' out there who take pleasure in killing.

I have spent most of my life with animals in one capacity or another and, know from first hand experience, they possess way more feelings and have an intellectual capacity far beyond what we 'superior' beings give them credit for on an on going basis. And, in so many cases, more than the knuckle draggers who are allowed to carry loaded firearms.

I have often pondered why we think we have the right to kill for pleasure and expect to be praised for it. It isn't much of a stretch to assume people who kill living, warm-blooded creatures for pleasure/sport, would be capable of taking the next step to killing their own kind.

I use the term sport reluctantly because we all know sport means game or competition between two or more people or groups in a defined location. Equally 'armed'. Not one side going into the other side's locker room and killing them without provocation.

Even more annoying is the fact that the people who killed the wolves were 'brought in' by a disinterested corporation and had absolutely no need to kill ANYTHING. What do they think gives them the right to go into a community, be it suburban, rural or wooded and kill the local inhabitants for pleasure/sport? They were 'tree experts' for god sake, not wildlife management rangers. Save us from these gun slinging idiots, P L E A S E. (That would also include the likes of Cody Wellard!)

Mr. Luoma, may you live a long life and continue to enjoy your wonderful observation of your four legged neighbours.

E. McNamara

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed the letter "Wolves at my door," very much. It was good to get a view of Wolves from someone who has first hand experience of them. Wolves continue to get bad press with absolutely no proof of their ever hurting a human.

We have Wolves on Cortes and I feel privileged to be in an environment where they still live.

Thank you Alan for your story.

Carol Trueman

Hello Islanders.

The photos speak for themselves. This monster arrived in front of our house 2 weeks ago, got caught between the logs and started to break up with the waves. It was a lot lighter than we thought so we could roll it off the foreshore onto terra firma where it sits now awaiting some smart idea about what to do with it now. The "popcorn" you see is the ingredient this thing is made off and deadly for fish and anyone else. We vacuumed most of it up but it is certainly not a perfect job. This all thanks to those who make these things and then turn them loose to let them disintegrate in the environment of our co-inhabitants of this planet. Shame on them.

Dirk and Lynda.



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Area J Regional Director's Report

September 26, 2008

by Jim Abram

Success at last (tongue firmly planted in cheek!) I am sure that you have all become familiar with the little park that is next to the school at the intersection of Harper Rd. and Heriot Bay Rd. After about a year of negotiations between the School District and the Regional District we got that park donated for a dollar!. This was a wonderful community success story.

The only thing was, it had a small pond component to it and ponds tend to attract ducks. Those ducks have been a real hit with the kids from the school and the staff and patrons at the gas station. The ducks soon found that there was a readily available supply of popcorn at the gas station and frequently made the perilous journey across the road. To make a long story short, I was approached by Mia Frishholz (one of the key people in the park's creation) to try to get a road sign from the Ministry of Highways that said "Duck Crossing". I approached our Highways supervisor of the day and followed up with his successor and lo and behold, a few weeks ago a sign was erected. Chalk one up to community involvement and interdepartmental cooperation! But remember folks, ducks will be ducks. So please watch out for our fine feathered friends!

Legion tax exemption

I was able once again this year to convince the Board that a permissive tax exemption should be granted to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #154, on Quadra Island. This is to help lessen the burden on one of our great community organizations. Every year the Legion gives out quite a bit of money to worthy causes in this community and I am happy to help defray the cost of running their organization.

Local Government Elections

- yes, I am willing to let my name stand as your Director! ... please read on...

As you may have seen in the ad elsewhere in this issue, Local Government elections are once again upon us, close on the heels of the Federal election. I would just like to let you know that it has been wonderful to serve as your representative over the years and that I would love to continue for the next term. Hence I will be letting my name stand as Director for our area in the new Strathcona Regional District. There is an awful lot of work to be done in the next three years and I am qualified to do that work for you and with you. There are numerous projects that have been started in

this last term that I am anxious to see through to completion. We have completed a lot together and I hope to have the opportunity to continue that practice.

BC Ferries town hall meeting

I was just notified that BC Ferries will be having a town hall meeting on Thursday, November 13th from 7 to 9 pm at the Community Centre. Anything you might want to tell them, hint, hint? The regular BC Ferries Advisory Committee meeting will take place the next morning, Nov. 14th. Time and place to be announced. Tell your friends and see you there!

Sewer Expansion & Proposal

Our work on these two projects continues. We now have our consultant working on the project in earnest and the Committee has just passed the motions needed to get us the necessary Provincial and Federal grants so that we can get on with the studies and the actual work if the community decides that is what they want to happen. I am very pleased to finally get to this stage. Until we have good information, we cannot make good decisions and we are now on our way to obtaining that information. I hope to have public meetings early in the fall and will keep you updated.

Bute Inlet mine exploration

We went to a public hearing on this issue back in May at Stuart Island. The outcome was that we gather more information and hold another public hearing to make the decision. We have now been notified that the Province has issued the permit. This does not preclude in any way, our process. We were trying to set up a second public hearing but the timing is really bad. The people most effected by the operation are the residents of Stuart Island and the users of Bute Inlet. As it turns out most of them will not be in the area after Thanksgiving, and that is the only time that we can hold the hearing. Staff are working on trying to find a solution. If and when the hearing is held will be advertised in all of the local media.

Hoskyn Channel landing rezoning

The Regional District has upgraded the dock at Hoskyn Channel Landing in conjunction with the community and Marine Harvest. Part of the process of the upgrade was to extend the anchor

lines further out into Hoskyn Channel. This needed the approval of Provincial and Federal agencies. We got those approvals to extend the lease boundaries and now we must extend the zoning to match the lease boundaries. We have given this proposed bylaw first and second reading and recommended waiver of the public hearing, since it is a housekeeping item for community purposes. There will be advertising, so if any of you have objections, you will have an opportunity to present them so that they can be considered by the Board.

Quadra Estates subdivision covenant

The final approval for the Quadra Estates subdivision came forward to have a Section 219 covenant registered on title to prevent further subdivision. (This is the old Wilby farm, at the south end). The agent was present for the meeting and directors had lots of questions based on the information provided. It was decided by the Committee that there were many questions that could not be answered at that meeting, so to be safe, it was referred back to the planners to gather the information prior to the subdivision being finally approved. That will come back to our October Committee meeting.

Granite Bay wharf upgrades

A site visit at the storage yard in Campbell River will take place this week with all parties involved. This will determine everything that will be needed for the project and who will supply what materials. I look forward to the outcome of the meeting and will report to you next issue.

I think that is about it for this issue. I will be at the Union of BC Municipalities annual convention in Penticton from Sunday, September 21st until Saturday, September 27th. I will have access to email during that time. Otherwise, feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at abramfam@oberon.ark.com, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices!

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Abram

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



Area I Regional Director's Report

September 26, 2008

by Jenny Hiebert

At the beginning of this year Brian insisted I book some time off to take a long, overdue holiday. One of our favorite times to camp is between Labour Day and Thanksgiving so months ago I booked September off. However, other aspects of personal life proved more pressing and the camper never moved from its location. It will remain unused until next spring. Some of you might ask, "What could be more important than a relaxing camping trip?" Why, a joyous celebration, of course. My daughter, Autumn married Brent, in an outdoor wedding at Cluxewe Resort just north of Pt. McNeill. Both families and friends worked together to organize the event. The weather was good, the food amazing, and the people great. Everyone had a most delightful time. The gathering was blessed by the presence of Quadra Island's, Donna Songster, whose graceful presence during the ceremony was appreciated by all. Many other friends and family traveled to attend the joyous ceremony and reception.

The wedding arrangements required Brian and I to spend a week in Pt. McNeill and only after the couple departed on their honeymoon did we get a day to rest and relax. We had been entrusted with Sid (adolescent Jack Russell Terrier) who we brought back to the island to dog sit for two weeks while the "kids" were on their camping trip through the southern interior. Once we were back on island, Brian's primary focus returned to the construction of our house on Olmstead Road. I took a few days to help on that project but slowly settled back into the regional district work mode and am once again primarily focused on regional district business.

Whaletown Commons Update

As some of you may recall on May 21, 2008, a meeting was held at Manson's Hall to discuss various matters pertaining to parks. A significant part of that evening was dedicated to the possible acquisition of 72 acres of land owned by Island Timberlands (IT), for parkland. (This is the land known locally as the "Whaletown Commons.") At that meeting, Interim CAO, George Paul was tasked with approaching IT to determine if they would consider the sale of the property and if so the costs associated with it. After the May meeting George Paul contacted IT to determine an appropriate time and place

to meet. It took longer than anticipated but a preliminary meeting took place on Cortes, September 19. This meeting created an opportunity for SRD staff (George Paul and parks staff Beth Rees and Peter Wood) and IT staff (Christopher Dawes, Director, Real Estate and Makenzie Leine, Manager of Sustainability and Community Affairs) to view the property. I was also present and given my familiarity of the land and trails was the designated tour guide.

Having viewed the property Island Timberlands now has some concrete information to consider in their deliberations about its potential sale for park purposes and the value they might place on it. George Paul will maintain contact with IT to determine how and if this project might be moved forward in the future.

SRD Office

The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) has secured office space in Campbell River and is open. The office is located at 301- 990 Cedar Street. The new phone number is 250-830-6700 and the fax is 250-286-1594.

The office is currently occupied by George Paul, SRD Interim CAO, (gpaul@StrathconRD.ca), Nancy Tsangaris, Temporary Administrative Support (ntsangaris@StrathconRD.ca) and Russ Hotsenpillar, Manager of Emergency Services (rhosenpillar@comoxvalleyrd.ca). The SRD will have full support from all the staff of the Comox Valley Regional District through the end of the year with the possibility of continued support into next year.

Local Election – November 15

Earlier this summer, I announced to Cortes Island residents that I would not be seeking re-election as the island representative on the Strathcona Regional District Board. Since that time many community members have expressed disappointment with that decision and asked me to reconsider. The support and confidence are sincerely appreciated. It has been an honor and privilege to serve my community in this capacity. The three years have been very diverse, interesting and challenging and have offered a unique opportunity to explore the political workings

of the island, the region, and the province. I will continue to fulfill that my commitment to the best of my ability until my term has ended. My final official duty will take place on November 27. The new regional director will be sworn into office early December. Once my term is completed, I will be devoting all my time, energy, and focus to a number of fast-approaching personal and family matters.

Recently I have been approached by two individuals considering standing for election as the representative for Cortes. Each individual has his or her strengths and weaknesses. Should more than one candidate file nomination papers I encourage each individual casting a ballot to research which candidate would best lead the community with all its diverse values through an OCP review process. The amount of time available to dedicate to the position and experience are two attributes to consider. Ideally more than one candidate will file the necessary nomination papers thus triggering an election. If only one candidate files no election takes place—the one candidate is acclaimed to office. In the unlikely situation that no candidate files during the nomination period the provincial government will appoint someone to fill the position.

A number of important dates associated with this fall's Local Government Election have been scheduled. The Nomination period for candidates is from 9AM Tuesday, September 30 until 4PM Friday, October 10. All qualifying candidates will be announced on October 10. An Advance poll is scheduled to take place on Wednesday November 5 and the general election will be held on November 15.

Please remember: Each election gives us an opportunity to seriously weigh the options and ramifications of our democratic process. Please exercise your democratic right, privilege and responsibility and cast a vote for the candidate of your choice.

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.

Respectfully Submitted by Jenny Hiebert—Regional Director

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first four dates down on your
calendar: Oct 2, Nov 6 and
Dec 4 and we'll see you there.

Celebrate 'Pigtails' Life

PIGTAILS: aka Joseph
'Dennis' Gignac passed away
in Victoria after a lengthy
battle with Cancer.

A memorial gathering will
take place Saturday September
27th 4:00 pm at 1225 Heriot
Bay Road to celebrate his life.

All friends welcome.

Monthly General Meeting

The Legion Executive would
like to remind all members that
we need your support and that
the monthly General Meeting
is held on the third Wednesday
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sharp. See you at the Legion!

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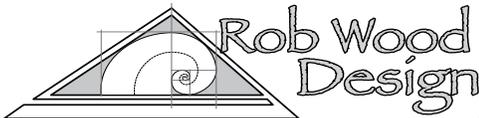
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Thank You!

'SACRED PLACES' collages & installation by CATHLEEN THOM featured artist for the month of October at DRAW Gallery. These works explore the idea of sacred places, from the historical to the metaphorical, ranging from ancient temples and medieval cathedrals to tiny altars and the human heart. What makes one place sacred and another merely ordinary? How does our own attention enchant some places while others develop on their own? These questions are explored in a series of paintings and collages which are themselves composed of ideas and materials from many different places. During the course of the show, the gallery itself will become a sacred space for contemplation, anchored by a small shrine. You are welcome to bring your own messages, prayers, and offerings for the shrine, or add some from the array provided. People visit sacred places for many different reasons, and draw many different experiences from them. May you find what you need from this show, and from your own sacred spaces.

Openings at DRAW Gallery are always First Friday of the month. This Exhibit Opens on October 3rd from 6 - 8pm. You are invited to attend and meet the Artist. The Gallery is open Thursday through Saturday from 12-6pm. DRAW Gallery is located at Village Square, in the rear - just follow the signs. Drop by and see the show next time you are at the Square. Everyone welcome. Call 250.285.2008 for more information.

Hal Douglas Blues Band

Hal Douglas Blues features Don Doolittle and Julie Frank on Friday, Sept. 26 at The Landing Bar & Grill.

Music starts at 8:00 p.m. and goes until midnight. Come on down for great food, drink, music and dancing.

No cover.

Quadra Island Cemetery News

On Saturday September 27 the Quadra Island Cemetery Trustees are hosting a ceremony to dedicate the new entrance sign at the cemetery in memory of Thomas C. (Bud) Yeatman. His generosity to the Cemetery will be long remembered. The ceremony is at 3:00pm, cocktails at the Quadra Legion at 4:00pm followed by an all you can eat \$15 Chuck Wagon dinner. Advance only dinner tickets by calling Len Lamb at 285-3354 or Bill Nutting at 285-3394.

Community Playground Vision

The community and the Quadra Community Centre board have been raising funds for a playground at Blenkin Park. On Friday, September 26th at 11:30 am the first "vision" meeting will be held to bring together all interested community members to put together a vision for this playground and develop an action plan for achieving our vision. If it's sunny, we will meet at the south entrance to the Community Centre (cobblestone patio). Please bring a brown bag lunch. All children are welcome participants. For more information, please contact Deb Hawkins at 250.285.2398 or Lisa Marie Gruger at qccplayground@gmail.com.

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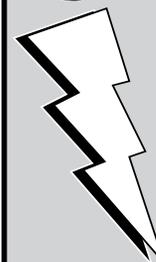


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This goes out to all the people who helped to make the release party for 'Three Hundred Feet' a success. First of all I would like to thank all the musicians.

Sunday Dennis on guitar, flute and vocals; your voice and music gave a beautiful element to the show. To Steve Moore on drums; you added great rhythm to the music of the night. I would like to thank the wonderful Shane Philip for his voice and unique dj playing, it really made the music interesting and funky. Thank you Grant McClellan for your fantastic guitar and humour, you made things light and fun. My thanks to Matt Hodgson for his wonderful horn playing.

On a more personal note I want to thank my mom. If it wasn't for your support and help this would not have happened. Thank you so much, you are the best! Thank you Eric for all your help in set up and take down, and for being supportive. Thank you to the lovely couple Sam and Jeff for doing a great job at the door. Thanks Terryl for being a great MC and Jim Theivan for your solid sound.

Thank you for every one who came out to support me, Aroma Café for their good food and drinks, and for letting me sell my CD. I'd also like to thank the Quadra Community Centre for the great space. This experience and your encouraging support has given me courage to go forward with my music and make the best of it.

Thank you all so much. - Sydney Williams



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The objective of the B.C. Old Age Pensioners Org. (formed 75 yrs. ago) is for the assistance and welfare of all Seniors.

Following our last O.A.P. Convention in Naramata, letters, on issues regarding Seniors living standards, Health care, Home care, Pharmacare, ferrys etc. were sent to Federal & Provincial Govts. Repls are expected.

At the National Pensioner Convention on Sept. 17th to 20th, three O.A.P. members attended, and Thirteen O.A.P. members from B.C. branches attended the Council of Senior Citizen's Organization, Convention in Richmond, B.C., Sept. 14th & 15th. If the Resolutions presented to Govts. by the Senior Orgs. do not help the Seniors of to-day, maybe they will help the Seniors of to-morrow. Our Busy Branch 91, continue to help Seniors, with driving, visiting, and to brighten up their day with recreation and excursions, and friendship. Plans for Oct. 1st, our Fall fair, Are Judging Competition with, Hobbies and Crafts, Flower Arrangements, Preserves and Vegetables and Fruits, and the Most Unique veggies, also Pies, Cakes, and Breads. There will be a Trophy presentation, to the best Hobbie or Craft Winner. There will be Ribbons for the Flowers, Preserves, Veggies and Baking. Come and join our happy group, we are 43 years on Quadra Island. Join our Walkers, on Sundays at 11:00 a:m at the Rebecca Spit Launch Ramp, look for Peter And Lloyd. Membership call Marshall @ 3226, Ruth 3801 or see Cliff @ our Fall Fair meeting on Oct. 1st-10:15 a.m. Bring your entries at 10:00 a:m. Meeting starts at 10:30 a:m, At the Royal Canadian Legion, Lunch will follow meeting, and Results, Presentations, Games, or Music, as well.

Campbell River O.A.P. Regional Meeting, at the Eagles Hall 1999-14th Ave. C.R. meeting starts @ 11:00 a:m- lunch \$5.00 Wed. Oct.15/08 -- call Ruth 3801.

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Notes from QCC

1. Crafts people: Monday, Sept 29 from 10am-4:00 phone 285 3669 and book your table for the Christmas Craft Fair at the Quadra Community Centre, which will take place, Friday November 21 from 4:00 to 9:00 and Saturday November 22, from 10:00 to 3:00. \$30 a table.

2. Halloween Fun Night planning meeting will be Monday, October 6 at 7:00. Come and help put on a good show for children on Halloween at the QCC. Your creative ideas and energy are welcome.

3. The All Candidates' Meeting for Quadra, sponsored by Quadra Rec, will be Wednesday, October 8 starting from 7:00 to 9:00.

4. Voting for the Federal Election will be held at the QCC on Tuesday, October 14 from 7 am to 7 pm.

Writer in Residence

The Haig-Brown Writer in Residence for 2007-2008 is returning to Campbell River! The Museum at Campbell River will host author Brian Brett for a workshop for writers on Saturday, September 27, from 9am-1pm. Entitled "Write For Your Life" the workshop will focus on writing memoirs of all genres, including non-fiction, poetry and journal writing. Turn your memories to words!

The cost for the workshop is \$35.00 and will run for 4 hours with a coffee break in the middle. Call the Museum at 287-3103 to reserve a place. Space is limited. Brian Brett has also been commissioned by the Haig-Brown Centenary Committee to create a poem for this year's Haig-Brown Festival.

This year is the Centenary Year for both Roderick Haig-Brown and Ann Elmore Haig-Brown, celebrating the 100th anniversary of their births. Brett will present the poem as part of the Festival on Sunday, September 28, at the Haig-Brown House. Brian Brett is the author of 10 books of fiction, memoir, and poetry, and retired chair of The Writers' Union of Canada.

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Song Facilitator, Mary Dennison, is a recent participant in the Community Choir Leadership Training Program with Denis Donnelly and Shivon Robinsong, Co-Directors of the Gettin' Higher Choir in Victoria. Raise your voice in song Monday afternoons from 3:00 - 4:30 in room 3 at the Community Center starting October 6th. The cost is \$63 / 9 weeks. Sliding scale available by request. Register by leaving a message at (250) 285-3764 or e-mail mmadennison@telus.net.

Friday Flicks Tonight Honeydripper

Doors 7:30 - Showtime 7:45
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Come revel in Friday Flicks' new sound system while enjoying the big screen recreation of the birth of Rock and Roll in the movie HONEYDRIPPER. Sonny Blake is an itinerant, freight-train-hopping young guitar whiz with no particular place to go, who stops off at the sleepy little town of Harmony, Alabama. His instrument, cut from a solid woodblock and lacking a sound hole, emits rock 'n' roll lightning at the Honeydripper, a dilapidated roadhouse on the verge of going out of business. Saturday night in America will never be the same.

"HONEYDRIPPER is John Sayles's shambling fusion of pop mythology and social mosaic. It imagines the world-changing moment, around 1950, in the rural South when a blues guitarist first plugged in his ax and rocked the joint."

Next at Friday Flicks Starting Out In The Evening

October 10th Q.C.C.

Same time, same place.

Every reader knows that the delicate emotional textures of a good book are the hardest things to re-create on film. STARTING OUT IN THE EVENING has accomplished this task. It is a movie adaptation which astutely translates the odd little qualities that make a particular novel special. It has preserved the complex and fragile threads of feeling between characters that are often much easier to grasp on the page.

Leonard Schiller is a novelist in his 70s who has achieved moderate acclaim during the course of his career but whose books have drifted out of print. He's been working on his fifth novel for 10 years. Leonard's life is changed when an ambitious graduate student named Heather approaches him. She wants his work to be the subject of her thesis. Heather wants his approval and his participation (and possibly more), and she's

difficult to resist. Leonard's past mistakes, achievements and missed opportunities weigh heavily on his tweedy shoulders. This is a lovely, fine-grained performance by Frank Langella (remember Dracula?) who inhabits the role with a great deal of surefootedness and sensitivity.

All the actors are beautifully in tune with the material and with one another. Lauren Ambrose gives a fine and terrifying performance as Heather and Lili Taylor, as the daughter of Leonard, is a breathless, open hearted and vulnerable Ariel. This is a story with no villains, although the threat of emotional treachery is always vibrating in the margins.

STARTING OUT IN THE EVENING was shot on location in New York City, in high-definition video, in 18 days. Filmmaker Andrew Wagner used his brains to make up for extravagant use of monetary resources. The picture is an intimate and immediate journey of understanding into the ways of the human heart.

(review sources: Rolling Stone, James Berardinelli, Chicago Sun)

convincing research will spark a rediscovery of his work. Leonard demurs, but he finds the attentions of this vivacious and intelligent young woman



Information Notice

November 15, 2008 School Trustee Election Campaign Organizers

The Local Government Act has been amended to impose new legal requirements for certain people who wish to encourage or promote the campaign of candidates and elector organizations. Such persons are now considered to be Campaign Organizers.

Who is a Campaign Organizer?

An **organization** or **individual** that undertakes or intends to undertake an election campaign:

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the election campaign of one or more candidates or one or more elector organizations, or both (other than the individual's own election campaign).

An **individual** who accepts campaign contributions in relation to a campaign from anyone else (other than contributions for the individual's own election campaign).

New Statutory Requirements

A **Campaign Organizer** is now subject to financial management, reporting and disclosure rules like candidates and elector organizations. Anyone who intends to become a Campaign Organizer should contact:

W. T. Halstead, Chief Election Officer, Phone (250) 286-5705, Fax (250) 286-5760, e-mail: bill.halstead@campbellriver.ca or Peter F. Wipper, Deputy Chief Election Officer, Phone (250) 286-5707, Fax (250) 286-5760, e-mail: peter.wipper@campbellriver.ca for further information about the new provincial rules.

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You can also find many uses for them around the house, like caps for showering and cover-and-wait hair conditioning. They can be used to separate foods in freezers. Rolled up lengthwise, they make great draft stoppers in windowsills and under doors. Ball them up and you have bubble wrap for packing or for keeping stored purses or shoes in shape. They keep dust off hanging clothes.

Rather than clean paintbrushes and rollers after every use, you can seal them in plastic bags and keep them indefinitely in the fridge. They also work well as sponge paint applicators.

Do you have kids? You can double bag diapers to eliminate the smell. Bags can also be used as toy parachutes, cabinet locks and covers for a high chair tray or crafts table. Use them as shoe or boot liners in bad weather.

Do you garden? They can be used to protect tools or to keep your knees dry when you kneel.

In the car, they are just the right size (and pre-handled) for a trash bag. You can use them to keep wet beach towels isolated in the trunk. They can also be put over windshield wipers in the winter to keep them from freezing to the glass.

And finally, you can help them achieve a higher purpose by making them into a reusable shopping bag. Go to eHow.com and search for "How to Make a Fused Plastic Bag Holder".

These are just a few of the limitless possibilities. Since plastic bags can take up to 1000 years to decompose, they might as well spend that time being put to good and constant use.

The Story of Stuff & The Bag Battle

Join Sierra Quadra and I-Can (Island Climate Action Network) on Saturday, September 27th at 7:30 pm at the Community Centre for the Story of Stuff, a 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. This short film exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls us together to create a more sustainable and just world. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may change the way you look at all that stuff in your life.

The evening's feature film will be The Battle of the Bag. This documentary gets a handle on the bag battle. From the big oil employees who brought the bag to America, to the Nobel laureate fighting for a bag ban, to the retired German school teacher who holds the world's record for the most plastic bags, the film takes stock of this icon of convenience culture.

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Senior Housing News

Next fundraiser is a fun day at Nutting's farm on Cape Mudge Road - a SPUDGUN SHOOT Saturday Oct. 4 from 10-3, complete with lunch, raffles & cowshit & chickenshit bingos. Come one, come all & win your Thanksgiving turkey!

Membership in the 1000 Club is now 24, and we are waiting for 2 pledges to come in. Total on the thermometer is \$65k - only \$35k to go.

Total Society membership is approaching 200, which puts us in good shape for our grant application to BC Housing. The more the merrier, so if you know someone who should be a member, send them around to one of the directors.

An evening with David Suzuki has been postponed to After Nov. 21 - watch for posters going up soon as we have the date confirmed.

Submitted by Bob Lasby, Publicity

Church Hosts Author

Sunday services resume at Quadra Island United Church at Cape Mudge at 11 am and we invite every one in the community to share times of prayer, song and reading.

On Sunday, September the 28th at 11 am we are honored to have Star Weiss join us within our service for a reading of her new book *Havens in a Hectic World: Finding Sacred Places*. She will talk about the meaningfulness, or sacredness of the church and its community and what that has meant to her and to her family, and about the sacred places that are meaningful to so many people here on the West Coast. There will be music and singing by Diana McKerracher during the service. Afterwards tea and goodies will be served and there will be time to meet friends and chat with the author.

Star's book is available at Book Bonanza in Q. Cove

Successful 14th Sale!

For the 14th consecutive year the Quadra/Philippines fund-raising Giant Garage Sale was graced with sun and success! \$5,100 was the grand total after expenses, helping to support the Bugnay and Nambaran daycares in the Philippines for one more year.

Appreciation is extended to all garage sale donors, volunteers and purchasers who contributed to making this another outstanding and rewarding event. Included are individuals who offered their homes for drop-off, bakers, food-servers, cashiers, as well as sorters and drivers both at the beginning and end of the sale.

Thank-you again to Hummingbird for photocopying, Cape Mudge Hall for extra tables, Waste Disposal Viken for an extra dumpster and to Aroma Coffee Roaster and Heriot Bay Tru Value for delicious coffee and pizzas that helped to sustain both volunteers and shoppers. Let us take pride in our Quadra/ Philippines connection and one more year of caring and sharing on Quadra!

Haig-Brown Festival On Sept 28

The Haig-Brown Festival takes place Sunday, September 28 at the Haig-Brown Heritage Site on the banks of the Campbell River. This annual family outdoor event offers a wealth of enjoyment for all ages: displays, demonstrations, readings, crafts, games, site tours, book sale, live music, tasty food and more!

For the week leading up to the Festival, Dennis Reid will stay at Haig-Brown House and be available to give fly fishing advice by appointment. With years of experience in sport fishing, David Reid writes for the Victoria Times Colonist and fishing magazines, and is the author of four fishing books and five literary works. To book an appointment, please phone 250 287-3103

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Green Party Declares Candidate

Philip Stone of Quadra Island was announced as the Green Party candidate for the Vancouver Island North riding at a nomination meeting on 11th September. Other nominations from the floor were declined in a show of support for Stone.

Stone, well known as a mountaineer and wilderness guide, now is a successful small business person, publishing Discovery Island News, and other magazines and books. He ran in the 2005 Provincial Election as the Green Party of BC candidate for the North Island and is excited about running again. He insists that he is campaigning to win.

“The Green Party is not only the party of tomorrow but the party of today” is a favorite line. As some of the other parties adopt the policies and the language of the Green Party, he believes that the ‘green shift’ should be entrusted to those who truly understand the issues. “We are committed to long-term solutions and are not just talking green to get votes.”

“It is also important that voters know that the Green Party is about more than the environment. Although, in our opinion, we have nothing if we do not have a liveable planet” said Stone. He feels that the inclusion of Elizabeth May in the Leaders debate will give Canadians the opportunity to hear about many of the progressive policies of the Green Party for themselves.

“The Green Party won’t just be looking as far as the next election, as the other parties seem to and we never will. We need a government with policies that not only serve all Canadians now but also embrace the best interests of generations to come” added Stone.

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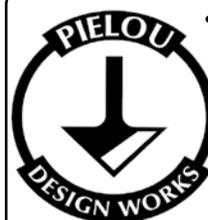
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Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

Long Time Coming

Invariably, everyone I chat with lately has been asking what I think about the current economic upheavals in financial markets, especially now that the US government has decided to start bailing out the banks. I always resist the temptation to ask if they had read any of my columns in the past 5 years or so, and instead point out that this crisis is no surprise at all given the irrational behaviour and outright regulatory negligence that preceded it...and it is indeed a true financial crisis. When I started hearing about “100% plus” home financing, “sub-prime” mortgages and “resetting” interest rates, new financial miracles that were driving the US economy to new heights, I concluded this new boom would end with a serious thud. And I thanked the powers-that-be that Canadian federal and provincial regulators were never deluded about what was happening in other jurisdictions and maintained conservative standards; consequently Canada’s foreclosure rates remain at record lows, while American statistics are setting record highs. The problem is bigger than just defaulting mortgages, unfortunately. Much, much larger... as I written before, on several occasions. And now, as the old saying goes, the chickens are coming home to roost.

Will this bailout cost the US taxpayers the \$700 billion presently being bandied about? Absolutely. In fact, it is probably a safe bet (based upon prior performance in the Savings & Loan debacle of a few decades ago) it will cost two to three times that number. Successive US administrations have demonstrated incredible talents for understatement when it comes to describing “cost to the taxpayers” – the Iraq war being a very recent example, the Resolution Trust Company a more distant one. And one feature that no one with any credibility in the matter has ever explained – where is the capital coming from to fund this government largesse? If the US government were a corporation or an individual they could qualify for bankruptcy tomorrow morning. Yet those nations that have capital – mostly centered in the Middle East and Asia – seem to have no hesitation in whipping out their chequebooks to buy up US securities. Do they know something you and I don’t know? Or is the monumental underwriting by these sovereign investors being prompted by the need to maintain some semblance of financial health of the world’s biggest consumer? China needs the USA to buy their stuff, and the world’s oil producers are bound to backstop their biggest customer...but for how much longer?

Interestingly, as I write this the TV is on in the background and CNN informs me of breaking news that the FBI has opened an investigation of possible financial wrongdoing by the very firms that are now begging for respite – AIG, Fannie Mae (and Mac), Lehman and all the others. Gee, I wonder what twiggled the Feds that there might have been some shenanigans happening? Perhaps they glanced at the financial news recently? Note to the FBI – besides corporate officers more than a few corporate directors have some questions to answer as well.

In the meantime, we have treasury officials haranguing the Senate to approve the emergency bill they have prepared – quickly – and to ignore the fact that the 2-1/2 page bill is quite literally a blank cheque on the US Government, with virtually no oversight provisions. David Sirota, in an article for In These Times September 22/08 writes - “Just as they do today at the National Archives’ Declaration of Independence exhibit, tourists in the future – perhaps in Beijing, perhaps somewhere else – will line up to see a framed draft of this week’s White House legislation demanding Congress surrender its power of the purse, and give an unelected appointee-in this case, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson – the power to hand over \$700 billion of taxpayer money to “any financial institution,” “without limitation...on such terms and conditions as determined by [him].” In a nation priding itself on separating powers between the branches of government, the bill explicitly states that decisions by Paulson may not even “be reviewed by any court of law or any administrative agency.” Ummm...I think not, which thankfully is the present stance of the Senate committee making the decision, though they have little choice but to acquiesce with some face-saving revisions that will give some semblance of control to elected officials. I’m confident most Americans would agree they’ve seen quite enough of unchecked executive power, thank you very much.

The root cause of the problem (as it manifested itself in the USA) is the change in American’s savings habits, prompted by unrestrained (if not implicitly encouraged) consumption at unsustainable levels, financed without regard to an individual’s ability to repay, and most importantly, without regard to their financial wellbeing. As a career banker I (and most of my professional colleagues) have always felt a responsibility, when granting credit, to ensure that it is a sound investment from both the lenders and the borrowers perspective; is

the loan going to be sensible use of credit, or is it helping the borrower dig himself or herself deeper? If the latter were clearly affirmative I would decline the loan, something not necessarily in the interests of my employer, but definitely in the best interests of the borrower. A distinction that, by the way, the borrower often fails to appreciate...after all, nobody appreciates being told no. For the past decade or so, too many people failed to say no to American borrowers, and nobody complained. Then the smart money men figured out a way to package and resell this doubtful collection of paper, took their money and ran, and now the US taxpayer is being asked to pay for their malfeasance... again. Bailing out greedy millionaires...again.

As a country overly dependant on the USA, we have good reason to be concerned about what is presently happening in their markets. Exactly what direct impact we can expect is hard to project this early in the game, but clearly we will see a reduction in US tourist traffic and smaller numbers of expatriate Yanks purchasing/building second homes in our Northern Gulf Islands. On a more positive note, we are just entering the first stages of the biggest wealth transfer in history, as boomer’s parents pass on the estates they have amassed during the “golden years” past; very significant amounts squirreled away by depression-baby parents are soon to be re-invested by grateful beneficiaries who are or at nearing retirement age today. Many of them will seek the unique tranquillity offered by our little piece of paradise using this new capital.

One should expect protracted volatility in the equity markets, as the impact of the banking crisis will touch all levels of the US economy and is certain to spill into our markets. Real estate is unlikely to return to an upward trajectory for several years as the mounting glut of properties for sale depress values. Commodities offer little solace – the last two weeks have seen record instability in precious metal and oil prices. With no discernable direction being evident, and no economic news offering any indication of what one can reasonably expect to happen, today’s situation clearly calls for individual analysis and introspection as to what one sees happening tomorrow, and how best to position one’s investments to weather – or preferably profit from – the situation. There are no experts out there, since this is a whole new ball game to us all, so it is imperative to have rock solid conviction when making investment decisions today – nerves of steel would help as well.

Low salmon returns hurting British Columbia's nature based tourism!

(Campbell River, British Columbia, September 18, 2008) The Dept of Fisheries & Oceans numbers are in: Pink salmon returns to the Broughton Archipelago and Knight Inlet (east of Port Hardy and Port McNeill) are at record lows - worse than the collapse of pink stocks in 2002, when the fish farms were forced to fallow (temporarily close). Craig Murray, owner of Nimmo Bay Resort, has fished and flown over the rivers of the Broughton for the past 25 years and said this is the poorest year he has seen for salmon returns.

"In BC both levels of government refuse to accept that salmon farms, as they currently operate, are causing irreparable damage to our wild salmon stocks. Effectively fallowing farms and closed containment of the Atlantic salmon are solutions that should be in place now. Our wild salmon resource is far too precious to gamble with in a game of government roulette" stated Murray.

The collapse was predicted for this year and was based on the "outrun" data of juvenile pinks in the spring of 2007 when many young pinks were found dying from sea lice. It is well documented that juvenile pink salmon are highly susceptible to the artificially huge numbers of sea lice that are generated at fish farms located on the pinks' migratory routes.

The salmon situation is starting to wreak havoc on nature based tourism located in the area. The decrease in pink salmon will have repercussions up and down the food chain whether on land or at sea.

Howard Pattinson, owner of Tide Rip Tours, a grizzly bear viewing business based out of Telegraph Cove, has observed grizzly bears unable to find salmon an important source of protein and trying to prepare for hibernation feeding only on berries and grass. "Many females will not find enough to eat and will abort their fertilized embryos. Adult males have also been known to eat young cubs when starving; and cubs that can't find food this fall won't make it through the winter" said Pattinson.

Donna and Bill Mackay, owners of Mackay Whale Watching out of Port McNeill, have been on the forefront of salmon and orca habitat protection for many years. They have observed that orcas are not socializing as much between pods due to their preoccupation with searching for food. Mr. Mackay noted, "This year only 41% of the total northern resident population of orcas have made an appearance in the Queen Charlotte and Johnstone Straits down from almost 100% which is from our 30 year data set."

Dean Wyatt, owner of Knight Inlet Lodge located in Glendale Cove, is concerned that whole coastal valleys are losing wildlife due to the lack of salmon. "If the wildlife go, then so does the \$1.4 billion nature based tourism industry" said Wyatt.

The Wilderness Tourism Association (WTA) is calling upon the fish farm industry and government to take action now in order to save the 2009 outrun. They are seeking immediate commitments to move farms off key salmon migratory routes and the investment in attainable closed containment technologies.

Quadra Quilters' Miracle-Making Marathon

Last year when I was new to Vancouver Island, I attended the wonderful Quadra Quilt and Garden Tour, and learned that funds raised there supported a quilting marathon to be held in the fall. Being a keen quilter and newly-retired, I managed to get myself invited. My trusty sewing machine and I attended only one day of the two day event. I was blown away by the experience and will definitely be back this year for the full two days.

For several years the Quadra Quilters have supported the Childrens Cancer Centre in Vancouver by making and donating comfort quilts for children undergoing treatment. As a career nurse and quilter I am well aware of how the gift of a simple quilt can be a lifeline to patients and families in hospital, and are treasured well beyond the recovery period. Cathy Miller, a quilter, singer and songwriter describes this unique gift as "a quilter's embrace."

The Quadra Quilters have embraced a lot of tykes in trouble - last year they sent over 75 completed quilts - from a guild of only about 50 members! The Marathon is a two day quiltfest from early morning to late at night. Team leaders have prepared "kits" from donated fabrics, so the quilters can quickly and easily sew together and complete children's quilts.

To me, the most remarkable part of the Marathon was the support of the community to ensure the success of the quilters - people volunteered to organize the kitchen, fueling the quilters with hot tea, coffee, snacks and meals, setting tables and cleaning up, offering massages, doing ironing, pinning quilts, even picking out seams that needed to be redone. As a result, the quilters could concentrate on their quilting and an amazing number of finished quilts soon lined the rail of the Community Centre.

This year's Marathon takes place October 18 and 19, 2008 at the Quadra Community Centre. Please drop in to encourage the quilters in their efforts and see all the bright quilts. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Quadra Quilters at 285-3747 (Michele) or email: quadraquilters@gmail.com.



Quadra's Sam Whittingham Reaches 82!!!!

Breaking a long attempted barrier and world speed record.

Battle Mountain, Nevada—On Thursday, September 18, Sam Whittingham of Quadra Island B.C. smashed his previous human powered vehicle world record by riding his homebuilt speed bicycle to 82.33 miles per hour, or 132 kilometers per hour, on flat ground.

After over fifteen years of toil and training Sam has captured the coveted \$25,000 Decimach Prize—a longstanding award for the first person to break 0.10 mach, or one-tenth the speed of sound under their own power.

Sam set the record at the 2008 World Human Powered Vehicle Challenge. The high-elevation racecourse is actually a flat stretch of aging Nevada highway, the SR 305. The record-setting day was as eccentric as the bike's designer, Gabriola Island artist and bike builder George Georgiev.

Record speeds require a synergy of still air, high temperatures, and reliable machines, to say nothing of rider fitness and technique. The race schedule had switched from evening to morning attempts in order to avoid dangerous gusts, which sometimes whip into crimson dust devils.

On three hours of sleep Sam clocked a morning run of over 80 MPH in Diablo III. Satisfied with their speed given the circumstances Sam and his team headed back to the hotel, keen to go faster the next day. However, the desert had other plans.

Restless from failed nap attempts, Sam went for a light ride to refresh his legs and clear his head. He soon noticed that the weather had changed, and so had the race organizers. By late afternoon the whole carnival of volunteers, high-tech measuring equipment and riders was back on the closed-down section of highway, this time in near perfect conditions.



Sam Whittingham in his younger days, before reaching 82 (miles/hr that is!)

Riders get five miles to build up speed before hitting the traps, where riders are timed over 200 meters. The resulting time is then converted into an accurate speed measurement. It's an exhausting process for all involved.

"I felt like crap for the first few miles," recalls Sam. "I wasn't sure if the morning run had sapped everything or not at that point."

A few miles in things started to change mentally, then physically. "I started thinking, 'I may never get this chance again,' because the weather was so perfect, so I decided to really go for it." Luckily, his muscles got the message.

"As soon as I really started pushing, my legs woke up and I knew it was going to be a

good run."

Past the traps riders gradually slow to jogging pace and enter the catch area, where trained volunteers dog-pile the bikes, and then, depending on the machine's design, unscrew, cut, or peel the rider out their fiberglass shells. When Sam rolled in everyone was jumping like lottery winners, screaming out the time: "You went 82! You went 82!"

For the human powered vehicle crowd 82 has been the magic number for decades, an impenetrable barrier. But after years of effort the right rider on the right bike used a magical evening to pedal past the impossible. Thankyou to everyone who made this seemingly impossible feat possible.

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Be a part of the solution

Dear Islanders,

It is just over three weeks before voting day on October 14 and I am very excited to be running to represent our incredible region. Support for Green ideals and values has never been higher and the positive forward thinking message of Elizabeth May and the Green Party of Canada is resonating with voters nationwide.

Locally we have a tremendous amount to gain from sending a Green Member of Parliament to Ottawa. The North Island is rich in natural resources, renewable energy sources and an industrious but under-utilized workforce. New investments in clean energy, sustainable forestry and developing aquaculture systems that work in harmony with wild fisheries are just a few examples of the new direction the Green Party of Canada can help lead us toward.

To reach the goals of a truly sustainable economy, an equitable society, a healthy environment and to return public representation to Ottawa I need your help.

This election is being called one of the most important in Canada's history and one might go further and say that with the impending climate crisis, skyrocketing oil prices and US economic collapse it may have global significance. Canada has been a world leader in the past and we can return to that role by taking our growing green values and committing to that vision by electing Green MPs.

I am counting on you on polling day to have faith and hope and vote for positive change to free Canada from the trap and cynicism the old parties are keeping us in.

A new vision is needed and the Green Party of Canada can deliver.

Philip Stone
Quadra Island



Philip Stone

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