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Ferry Schedules

Campbell River - Quadra Island

Crossing Time: 10 minutes

Leave Quadra Island

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

Leave Campbell River

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

Quadra Island - Cortes Island

Crossing Time: 45 minutes

Leave Quadra Island

† 9:05 am
**11:05 am
1:05 pm
3:05 pm
5:05 pm
6:45 pm

Leave Cortes Island

† 7:50 am
9:50 am
11:50 am
**1:50 pm
3:50 pm
5:50 pm

* - Fridays and Saturdays only. † - Daily except Sundays.
** - Tuesday sailings are for Dangerous Cargo - No passengers.

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for Woodlot Licences W2031 and W2032

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Location	Tenure #	Estimated Volume (cubic metres)	Area (hectares)	Tender Closing Date	Tender Closing Time
Vicinity of Surge Narrows	W2031	2,890	713	Nov. 2/09	11 a.m.
Vicinity of Darkwater Lake	W2032	3,700	690	Nov. 19/09	11 a.m.

Closing Date/Time: Applications received after date and time given in the table above will not be accepted. A separate application must be submitted for each licence.

Contact: Jim Simpson, 250-286-9360, jim.simpson@gov.bc.ca.

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Island Calendar

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The Regulars

- **Quadra Legion** - Now open Thurs & Fri at 7 pm and Saturdays at 4:00pm
- **Every Monday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
- Sing for Pure Joy! 3 - 4:30 pm Room 3 Q.C.C. All Voices Welcome.
- **Every Tuesday** - Quadra Children's Song Circle - 3 - 4:00 p.m. Room 3 Q.C.C.
- Al-anon meeting, 7:30 pm at the Children's Centre
- Folkdancing QCC-7:30 pm Sept-April
- **Every Wednesday** - Moms and Babes 11 am - noon Q.C.C.
- Community Lunch noon Q.I.C.C.
• **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
- Life Drawing Sessions with model at Firesign Studio 7-9:30 pm
- **Every Saturday** - Farmers' Market behind the Credit Union 10 am - 2 pm
- Legion Meat Draw 5:00 pm, Steak Dinner at 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday** - Centre for Spiritual Living Celebration 10:30 am Willow Point Hall
- Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
- Quadra Sunday Painters, 11 AM- 2 PM, call Nanci 250-285-3390
- Buddhist meditation 10 am Q.I.C.C., everyone welcome
- Live Jazz at HBI 6:30 pm
- **1st Monday** - Quadra writers group - 7:00 to 9:00 pm 285-3656
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre

Next Deadline: Monday, October 5th, 2009

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

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Day by day

Saturday, September 26

- "The Golden Violin," Q.I.C.C.
a musical and theatrical journey with Calvin Dyck, violinist. 8:00 pm
- Golf Course AGM & Open House Golf Course, Heriot Bay Rd. 10 am

Friday, October 2

- Friday Flicks presents Fifty Dead Men Walking Q.I.C.C.
Doors open 7:30 pm show starts at 7:45 pm

Saturday, October 3

- Sierra Quadra presents Q.I.C.C.
Botanical Interventions: A Permaculture Approach to Fixing the Planet, 7 pm

Tuesday, October 6

- Tutor training for literacy volunteers Quadra Elementary 1:00 - 1:30 pm

Friday, October 9

- Tutor training for literacy volunteers Quadra Elementary 1:00 - 1:30 pm

Wednesday, October 14

- East Africa Slide Presentation/Fundraiser Q.I.C.C. 7 pm

Friday, October 16

- Friday Flicks presents The Necessities Of Life Q.I.C.C.
Doors open 7:30 pm show starts at 7:45 pm

Saturday, Sunday, October 17-18

- Quadra Quilters Marathon Q.I.C.C.
All day, everyone welcome

Monday, Oct. 19

- Garden Club presents Sandra Milligan Q.I.C.C.
"Family Food and Fun in the Garden" 7 pm

Monday-Friday October 5-9

- "Activate Your Vision" Michael Newberry all media workshop at Firesign 250-285-3390

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October 5th

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On the cover



Action at the ballpark this past weekend. Photo by Philip Stone

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Next Deadline

Monday, October 5th



Minister Opens Barn Door to Horses in BC's Oldest Provincial Park

Dear Sir,

In the last while a new Visitors' Center and connector trail have been completed in the Paradise Meadows area of Strathcona Provincial Park. Almost none of the funding for these projects came from BC Parks, instead it came from private and corporate donations, matching grants and lottery money with countless hours of meetings and volunteer work over years by Parks' staff and stakeholders. I believe the success of this creative funding proposal has indirectly led to the subsequent approval of a Master Plan Amendment. Let me explain.

About 5 years ago Clayoquot Wilderness Resort proposed they be allowed to bring horses into the Bedwell Valley in return for upgrading the trail there and building a campsite. A strong case was made for this not being allowed by the Parks' Master Plan except in three specific areas where it has always been allowed, so an unclear, muddled public process was conducted which resulted in about 90% of the public emphatically stating they did not want more horses in Strathcona Park.

BC Parks could not be seen to allow an exclusive use of the Bedwell Valley by one resort owner. This area is very isolated, and impractical for any member of the public to take a horse to, so what was done was to open any area of the Park to horse use where there used to be an old road subject to some criteria yet to be explained. This opens new areas of the Park for horse use contrary to public opinion, which will benefit private commercial interests which have the funds to do a favour for Parks in return for being allowed to operate in the Park. This is a further example of the privatization of our public assets to benefit friends of the government.

Yours truly

John Milne, director Friends of
Strathcona Park.

Premier Gordon Campbell
Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, BC.

An open letter, for publication:

Sir,

I am deeply opposed to the recent decision by Minister of the Environment, Barry Penner, to open Strathcona Park to private, for profit, horse use. I believe the minister's decision to be oppressive in that it arbitrarily ignores overwhelming public opposition to the whole idea. The Level 2 assessment, commissioned even before the faulty Master Plan amendment process was complete, notes the "high level of public concern regarding the appropriateness of horses in protected areas, and the potential environmental impacts, with particular concern about the impact of allowing a private, commercial operator to have a horse use permit within the park". The author of the assessment proposes these concerns can be mitigated by "public education". I propose the Ministry of Environment be renamed the Ministry of Truth, in the best spirit of George Orwell, if a penny wise, dollar foolish government believes it can brainwash us as easily as it tries to sell out our parks.

Sincerely, MJ Vaughan

Black Creek,

Exotic Scallops species to be farmed on Quadra Island

Not to forget that the current scallop farm wants to expand by more than 50 times to 85 ha. And that its industrial use permit will allow for industrial uses next to Rebecca spit Park. And that the farm is planning to expand beyond the area in front of their upland ownership down the East coast of Quadra, as far as they can make money doing it.

In addition to all this, the farm is using an exotic species of scallops which come from Japan. This is similar to the fish farm industry using Atlantic salmon, or introducing rabbits to Australia where they overran the continent. We have to stand up for our local ecosystem and say no to foreign intrusions. No one knows the full consequences of bringing exotic species into our waters.

Isn't it arrogant of us, or is it them, to think that we can manage nature better than nature itself. And of course it is so short-sighted to use the dollar as a measure of success.

It is fundamentally wrong. If you feel this way, please say so.

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Re: We Wai Kai Nation Scallop Farm – Sutil Channel

Dear Editor:

I am writing to set the record straight following the misinformation campaign waged by Michael Stahnke (and others) against the We Wai Kai Nation's application for Provincial Government aquaculture tenure and Regional District zoning of waters in Sutil Channel.

I can assure everyone that activities involved in the submerged line growing and harvesting of scallops in Sutil Channel will have many positive effects on the Quadra Island community, and will result in very low negative impact to the nearby residents, environment, or wildlife. Most of all, as a Quadra Island resident, and for the benefit of those who don't know much about the Cape Mudge people, I want to express how fortunate we all are to have such hospitable, prosperous, and knowledgeable First Nation neighbours. I feel Mr. Stahnke's conduct and tactics to block this application and confine the We Wai Kai to the Reserve is ignorant of historical and modern day legal realities, and perpetuates prejudicial attitudes against First Nation citizens.

I do not wish to refute each of the falsehoods from Mr. Stahnke in this forum; we will do this at an open community information session to be held within the next 2 – 3 weeks (announcements will be forthcoming on the date and time).

The suggestion that the We Wai Kai Nation has, or will, create an industrial zone in Sutil Channel is fear-mongering rhetoric by Mr. Stahnke. The best evidence of the care and attention to mitigate the effect on the community and nearby residents is the fact that in one year of operation, there was not a single complaint about the farm sent to the Regional District or the Province. Not until Mr. Stahnke incited people with inflammatory suggestions of multinational corporate control, and that future expansion would disrupt the peace.

This is a 100% owned venture of the We Wai Kai Nation. Our neighbours and community member. Employment and economic benefit generated by this venture will be (and already have been) enjoyed by many Quadra Island suppliers, fabricators and vendors. The activity involved is environmentally sound and sustainable. The farm uses the skill sets of many Quadra Island residents that have lost income and employment due to changes in the commercial fishery. I have been blessed over the past 30 years to have worked very closely beside many of the Cape Mudge people in their fishing and marine endeavours, and am witness to their abundant abilities, as well as their community-mindedness. I hope that people will consider the facts before joining Mr. Stahnke on his latest crusade.

Sincerely,
We Wai Kai Seafood Corporation
Shawn O'Connor, CEO

Editor, Discovery Islander Re: Price Gouging?

Dear Sir:

We heard, last week, that the inflation rate in Canada had risen; 1.7% year-on-year, in August. We also heard that one of the main contributors to that was the rising cost of food, at 4% year on year. After I picked myself up off the floor and got back to reality, (some of your readers will recall the old saw about "lies, damn lies and statistics"?) I found, in a pile of old chuckits your August 1, 2008 edition, which contained, in the centrefold, a two-page advert from one of our two "local" food outlets. They discontinued those sometime within the last year; cost-cutting'd be my guess. After I picked myself up off the floor again, I decided it was time for some research. The price differentials at that food outlet, year on year, seemed to be about 20-35% up. But I don't accept that my recollections, speculations, or the like have much validity any more, so I hied me off to Nadine and Gail's throwaway bin, and got some current fliers from large CR "grocery" stores, and listed some items; then I visited our two local outlets to check on what their same/similar offerings priced out at now, in relation to that advert last year.

The results? I'll try to keep this somewhat under the length of War and Peace. And I can well appreciate that the length even then will try your patience. I've adjusted for metric/English where the pricing was differential. The prices/unit are taken from their packages, or adverts. I've averaged the prices at the two QI stores, and 3 CR stores. The CR stores did not include Thriftys, by far and away the priciest big store over there.

Item:QI,	Aug. 2008 CR	Sept. 2009	QI Sept. 2009
Prawn Tails	\$16.98/1lb	\$24.99/340gm	\$24.99/1lb
Prime Rib Steak	\$6.98/1lb	\$6.99/1lb	\$9.25/1lb
Fresh chicken breast	\$3.28/1lb	\$2.82/1lb	\$10.11/1lb
Sockeye/Coho	none	\$1.99/100g	\$6.60/100g
Tomatoes (Vine)	\$1.68/1lb	\$0.99/1lb	\$1.54/1lb
Corn on the Cob	5/\$2.00	n/a	\$5/\$4.45
Lettuce - local	\$0.88/head	\$0.97/head	\$1.18/head
Carrots	\$0.88/bunch	n/a	\$1.14/bunch
Sweet peppers	\$1.88/2lb bag	\$2.49/1lb	\$2.63/1lb
Olympic Yoghurt	\$3.48/350ml	\$3.99/650ml	\$4.69/650ml
Coffee beans	\$9.88/1lb	\$8.88/1lb	\$13.78/1lb
Brie cheese (BC)	\$4.48/175g	\$11.99/1lb	\$10.53/1lb
Butter (BC 1lb)	n/a	\$3.99	\$5.39
Bread - in-house	\$2.48/loaf	\$2.29/loaf	\$2.74/loaf
Sta. Cruz juices	\$0.98/350ml	\$1.29/350ml	\$1.39/350ml
Apples - BC	\$0.79/1lb	\$0.83/1lb	\$1.08/1lb
Flour	n/a	\$8.88/10kg	\$16.34/10kg
Asparagus - "fresh"	n/a	\$2.98/1lb	\$5.98/1lb

Now: I am not pretending that this is all scientific, and accurate to within 3.5% four times out of 5 and etc. Nor am I avoiding that the stuff has to be ferried to Quadra. As it always has. Last August, diesel was about \$1.29/litre. Now it's thirty cents or more lower. Ferry fares have gone up some since then, year on year. But, it appears to me that some truths are inescapable here; first, our local stores started to jack up prices last fall. We all expected at that point that once our seasonal "visitors" departed, they'd come down. But they haven't. They've continued to rise, and both stores are in the game. Second; we - those who listen to the radio, watch TV, and read newspapers that is, have probably heard/read the farmers banging on for months about how their crops are great in both quality and quantity, but they can't find buyers - wholesalers that is - to buy their product at anything near cost of production - fruit folks from the Okanagan, berry farmers from the Fraser Valley etc etc. Third, whether they like it or not; whether we like it or not, more importantly, our local stores are at the end of the food delivery chain; half of the perishable stuff they market is beyond its "best by" date by the time it hits the shelves. And fourth: If you're feeding a family of, say four, and have an "Experience" card, you'd be well advised to take your ride, and go to town and do a big shop one, or maybe even twice a week to avoid the "convenience" of shopping on-Island.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Maybe.
John Grant

Sherman's Christmas Wish List Before 2012

Every politician that states fish farms will be contained, and land-based in two years (?) will be required to post an honesty bond of no less than \$10,000 with the Georgia Strait Alliance per statement. Rhetoric will be encouraged.

For every McMansion constructed on the waterfront and mountain top? A cabin of minimum 650 sq. ft. will be required built upon said property. Cabin shall be rented on a yearly basis at an affordable price.

A local family of no more than ten people shall be invited to rent said cabin. Window washing fluid and lawn mowers (ride-on) shall be provided by owners.

Gordon Campbell will bring home a gold medal for long distance running. Medal presentation shall co-incide with unedited copy of the Olympic bill being presented to the people of BC. Location of said presentation shall occur outside of Canada. (Preferably Hawaii).

Sherman Barker



September 25, 2009

Area B Regional Director's Report

by Noba Anderson

Cortes Recycling Centre: Major Renovations Coming Soon!

The Cortes Recycling Centre, a product of so much local dedication & volunteerism, will soon undergo a major upgrade.

Dova, her crew and you have identified key changes that would improve our ability to use the centre. Our use of the recycling bays, so lovingly built many years ago, has outgrown the existing building and more space is needed to accommodate increasing use. The traffic congestion on site, which is at times both hair-raising and a safety concern, needs addressing.

This winter the recycling bays will be replaced with a larger building on the same site and extending back into the bush. This space will house new recycling bays, bails of recycled goods and the bobcat.

Site clearing for the new building behind the existing recycling bays will get under way this fall, with

tree falling and rock blasting. Rock cleared from the new site will be used to make a ring road around the existing garbage dumpsters so that you can drive up, unload, and then continue driving on in the same direction. This will alleviate some of the current traffic congestion, which gets particularly nuts in the summer months.

The building of the new facility will go out to tender this fall and I hope that local builders will make application. For those interested in more information, contact Drew Hadfield, at 250-334-6025 or dhadfield@comoxvalleyrd.ca

\$150,000 was budgeted for this project in 2008, just as the Comox Strathcona Regional District split into the Strathcona RD and the Comox-Valley RD, however, due to internal turmoil this project is just now getting underway. That amount is still fully available. When the district split, solid waste (garbage and

recycling) remained a joint service shared by the former CSRD areas and is now administered by the CVRD. Funds for this Cortes project are generated not through general taxation but rather through tipping fees at all regional waste management facilities including Courtenay and Campbell River. Although Cortes contributes to this fund through our garbage pick-up fees, high populated areas do 'supplement' lower populated areas. In this way, the project turns out to be a financial good deal for Cortes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself, Dova or Drew.

In Gratitude,

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If you're going 'old-school' that's fine, we've had items scrawled on the back of brown paper bags, scraps of note paper, you name it. If pen and paper is your thing please print clearly. **Drop off** your piece at our office at 701 Cape Mudge Rd (mailbox at the door) or at Hummingbird in the Cove. Fax works too at 250-285-2236. Snail mail comes to Box 280 in Q-Cove, V0P 1N0.

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Golf Course AGM and Open House

Please be advised that the annual shareholders AGM will be held at the golf course on Saturday, Sept. 26th at 10 am. This will be followed at 11 am with an open house for the general public. We will have food, golf related activities, information booth and walking tours for those interested in seeing some of the progress made to date. Come on out, have some fun and learn more about this exciting project. Questions? Phone Rod Clark at 250-285-3849.

New to Quadra?

Have you just moved to Quadra Island? Please call Judy at 285-2150 to receive your welcome package. This visit is sponsored by the Discovery Island Chamber of Commerce and Island businesses.

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presents the Second Annual Quadra Island Bonsai Exhibition @ On Root Greenhouse, September 25-27. Featuring specimens from local enthusiasts, plus displays of paraphernalia and propaganda. Come for inspiration or acquire plants of your own! Moss @ 250-285-2982

Spiritual Living Celebration

The Centre for Spiritual Living welcomes everyone to our Celebration each Sunday at 10:30 at the Willow Point Hall and/or meditation at 10:00 am.

Free Store Anyone?

Is there anyone interested in getting a Free Store going on Quadra? Please call: Mary at 250-285-3133 or email: quadraican@gmail.com

Wanted-Trail Pictures

This winter the Quadra Island Trails Committee will be updating the Hiking Trails map for Quadra. We are looking for donations of digital photographs that have been taken from our trails. Full credits for photographs used will appear on the trails map. If you can help please contact Richard at 250-285-2663. The Trails map edition #3 will be available for the 2010 tourist season.





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Mushroom Talk

It's been said that "Love is like a poisonous mushroom -- you don't know if it is the real thing until it is too late". Well, perhaps there are ways to tell the 'real thing' (at least with mushrooms...). The Museum at Campbell River is offering two Mushroom Walks this Fall, on Saturday, October 3, from 10 am to 1pm, and then again on Sunday, October 4, from 10 am to 1 pm.

These fascinating walks will be led by local mushroom expert Sequoia Lesosky. Sequoia will highlight which mushrooms grow locally, taking care to identify the features of both poisonous and edible mushrooms. Care and preparation of the mushrooms will also be discussed, along with a few tasty serving ideas. What can be better than some local wild mushrooms added to your favourite dish? And who knows -- Lesosky just might have a few tips on love! Group size is limited so please register as soon as possible. Phone the Museum at 287-3103 to register. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about our forests' edible treasures!



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September Events at the Campbell River Art Gallery.

The Art Gallery welcomes all to attend the opening reception for the Making a Mark exhibit Saturday, September 26th from 1pm-3pm. All four members of the Victoria-based, women's artist collective will be present to discuss the varied but unified collection of twenty large-format, multi-media abstract works in the Main Gallery.

- Jeff Molloy will also be present to speak about his multidimensional, multi-sensory exhibit, *In Search of Ritual*. His work imbues the Discovery Gallery with an intimate, interior mood and communicates a longing for deep connection to earth and community.

Saturday's opening events promise thought-provoking and inspiring discussion. There is no charge to attend. Donations are welcome.

- Sandra Lamb, award winning artist and instructor, will help you master the fundamentals of drawing in her Intro to Drawing class (Sept 26 & 27th, 10am-4pm). Lamb, a Comox Valley artist, is skilled in portraiture, illustration and cartoon drawing. She has illustrated children's books, produced graphics for magazines and created 5 years of "Squinkers," a popular comic strip.

Sandra is also a dedicated art teacher. "I always find that leading classes teaches me as much as I teach others. I make it my business to give my students everything I possibly can," says Sandi.

Participants in Intro to Drawing will learn the basics under Sandi's gentle and attentive guidance. She'll lead students through a series of fun, insightful projects that will start your creative journey. The class fee is \$80 for Gallery members; \$100 for non-members.

- The Thursday Art Cafe is a drop-in, non-instructional session at the Gallery studio. It runs from October 1st to November 26th from 10am till 2pm. Share your interest in creative ideas and projects with like-minded people. There are two mini-workshops that require pre-registration (Oct 8-chalk pastel with Sandi Lamb and Oct 22-watercolour with Angela Hanuse). Bring your work-in-progress and we'll put on the coffee. Admission by donation.

- Youth aged nine and up will enjoy participating in Jean Thomas Aston's Needle Felting class. Jean is a skilled textiles artist whose creations are often inspired by the wonders of the natural world, including mystical wonders like faeries and elves. No two of her felted creations are alike. Using a long, barbed needle and coloured wool fleece, students will learn the basics of needle-felting to make simple projects for jewelry, animals, flowers or fantasy creatures. The class runs through two Saturdays, Oct 3 and 17 from 10 - 11:30am. Class fee: \$30 for Gallery members; \$40 for non-members.

Connecting our Communities



Picking up people at Campbell River, Quadra, and Surge Narrows, on Sept 12th Steep Island Lodge delivered a full boatload of folks to Big Bay, at the mouth of Bute Inlet. The meeting, called by the Stuart Island Community Association (with assistance from Friends of Bute Inlet and the Wilderness Committee) was to inform residents, guides, lodge owners and guests about impending developments -- and to create new alliances.

About 50 people gathered to learn more about Plutonic & GE's plans for the area that is backyard to this small but influential community. We heard presentations about environmental and political issues related to BC's river diversion goldrush, and up-to-date news about the many organizations and community groups working to de-rail the mega-projects proposed for 17 rivers in Bute -- and 780 other rivers in BC.

The Stuart Island community is creating a new and potent web of connections simply by actively sharing information.

There's no silver bullet, the stakes are high and the corporate proponents are intent. But Bute Inlet is not a done-deal! We are growing local concern and there's well-organized opposition underway. Individual actions from real people are also important now: stay informed, tell 2 friends, and make your noise! Call-ins to radio shows, letters to newspapers, and internet postings all have really positive effects.



Sierra Quadra and Friends of Bute Inlet will present an evening of information for Quadra Islanders on Nov 14th. If you have queries or ideas in the interim, please contact Friends of Bute Inlet at buteinlet@gmail.com or leave a message at 250-285-2846.

When we connect our energies, we can turn the tide!

Alexandra Morton charges Marine Harvest

If government is not going to apply the laws of Canada to fish farms, it is up to the people to do so

(PORT HARDY) Biologist Alexandra Morton laid charges under the federal Fisheries Act against fish farm giant Marine Harvest for illegal possession of wild juvenile salmon from an endangered stock.

On June 16, 2009, hundreds of small salmon were seen spilling onto a dock in Port McNeill during a transfer of live Atlantic salmon brood stock from the fish farm vessel M.V. Orca Warrior into tanks on a truck. The vessel's registered owner is Marine Harvest.

"When I received photos of the incident minutes later," says Morton, "I was really surprised the fish lying on the road were young pink salmon, I could not understand what were they doing in Marine Harvest's boat."

"Marine Harvest emailed stating that the young wild salmon had come from the Potts Bay fish farm, just west of Glendale River in Knights Inlet," says Morton. "They were apparently in the pens and were scooped up with the Atlantic salmon. We have no idea how many pink salmon ended up going down the highway in the tanks on the truck."

When Morton took her boat to the Potts Bay fish farm she saw large schools of pink salmon leaping inside the pens. "While millions of tax payers dollars and environmental donations have been spent to protect the Glendale River pink salmon from fish farms, 2008 was the lowest return yet. These are the offspring from that generation and far from safe, they are right in the fish farm and in their packer," said Morton. Morton has published 15 scientific papers on juvenile pink salmon.

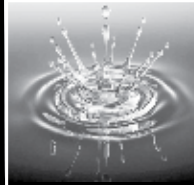
Morton's lawyer, Jeffery Jones corresponded with DFO for 6 weeks about this incident but the Department still has not taken any significant action.

"I have received many reports over the years of herring, black cod and wild salmon in farm pens. The escaped Atlantic salmon that fishermen bring me often have wild fish in their stomachs. Are Norwegian farm salmon fattening up on wild BC fish? What happens to the wild fish when the nets are pulled? What happened to the pink salmon that may have been in the truck? DFO often charges commercial and sport fishermen with illegal possession to protect wild fish, why won't they charge these Norwegian companies?" asks Morton.

Morton asks that anyone with information on wild fish in fish farms to contact her at www.adopt-a-fry.org. 18,000 people and counting have signed a letter on this website saying the laws of Canada must be applied to fish farms.

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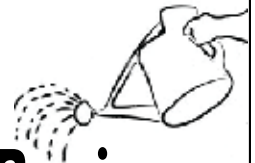


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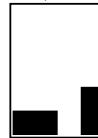

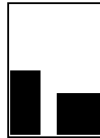






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Haig-Brown Festival

World Rivers Day is being celebrated in Campbell River on Sunday, September 27, at the 8th annual Haig-Brown Festival, from noon to 4pm. Take this opportunity to visit the Haig-Brown Heritage Site located on the banks of the Campbell River and learn more about the legacy of conservation left to our community by Roderick Haig-Brown and his family. Admission is free, and there are a variety of activities taking place for all ages to enjoy.



This year, the theme of the festival is 'Living Green'. The program will start with the presentation of the Annual Stewardship Awards by the City of Campbell River to those who have made a significant contribution to environmental stewardship and watershed conservation. The City will provide information on pesticide free gardening and the fall yard waste program. Elaine Jansen, C.V.R.D. Compost Diva, will be there with a "Nature Works" pesticide awareness display and Luisa Richardson's is presenting watershed protection. Greenways Land Trust will highlight their conservation initiatives & volunteer efforts.

New this year is river rafting, and don't miss the informative guided riverside and site tours and bird walk. Music, good food and great conservation round out the day.

The Haig-Brown Heritage Site is located at 2250 Campbell River Road (on the Gold River Highway). For further information call the Museum at 250 287-3103.

Diffusion Fiddle Returns!!

Quadra's favorite fiddler, Jaron Freeman-Fox, visits home for an evening of musical adventure with gifted marimba / percussionist Robin Layne, on Friday, October 9th at the Quadra Island United Church, in Cape Mudge, at 8pm.

Since leaving Quadra, and finishing music school in jazz violin, Jaron has studied, composed, and performed a wide variety of styles within jazz, fiddle, classical, and world traditions. Flowing seamlessly between genres, but always keeping his distinct voice, Jaron's unique music now also incorporates elements from his recent studies of classical music in Southern India, as well as offers an honoring of the freestyle fiddle technique developed by his mentor, the late Oliver Schroer.

On Friday, October 9, he brings to his home community a selection of his newest compositions, written under a Canadian Council grant, created as a synthesis of his journey over the past two years.

This high-energy young man is joined by long-time musical collaborator, Vancouver percussionist and jazz marimba player, Robin Layne. Robin splits his time between leading the afro-fusion dance band, Jarimba, and performing with a wide range of ensembles from salsa and jazz, to traditional West and South African music.

Don't miss this one-night only event at the United Church. Doors open at 7:30. Tickets: \$10/person; \$30/ family.

Calling All Crafters & Artists

The Campbell River Art Gallery invites existing and new artisans to submit work for the 10th annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Market, which runs from Nov 13 - Christmas Eve. Be a part of the 100 plus area artisans who sell their work in a beautiful boutique that fills the main exhibition hall. Entry is juried. for application forms and more information contact the Gallery at 250-287-2261. Deadline for submissions is October 10th.

Qigong Workshop

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Saturday 17th October at the Quadra Community Centre in room 3. 10 am - 3pm (lunch 12-1) Cost \$40. Please use south entrance. All levels of fitness welcome.

Denise now lives on Cortes Island so to register please call the QCC 285 3243.

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Oceanic Influences @ DRAW Gallery



'Oceanic Influences' with Louise Lavallée. Oct 2nd - Oct 31st 2009 DRAW Gallery invites you to join us in welcoming Louise Lavallée at her Reception on First Friday October 2nd from 6 - 8 pm.

These playful and sometimes serious narrative illustrations allow us to share in the artist's keen observations as influenced by the atmosphere and natural beauty of Island life.

Louise captures the atmosphere of Island living through paintings on mixed media, paper, and canvas. With a purity of colour and attention to detail, you'll find surrealistic paintings that mark how oceanic territory relates to human society and our impact on the ocean surrounding us. Among sailboats in harbour and in full tack, and a kelpy self-portrait turned into fish, you will also find orcas and dolphins in the surf. Come and meet the creator of Quadra's famous Island Poster and see her new work.

DRAW Gallery invites the public to enjoy and savor the creative spirit of the artists who live amongst us. The Gallery stands by its commitment to bring contemporary Westcoast art in an intimate setting. Hours are Thurs thru Sat 12 - 6 pm and we are located on Quadra Island at Village Square, in the rear - just follow the signs. Drop by and see the show next time you are at the Square. Openings First Fridays.

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Living Life Large Gives Thanks

The first annual Living Life Large festival was a great success. As with all such events, a shout out of thanks is in order. So "thanks!" to the awesome audience, the over-the-top performers, the North Island Survivors Healing Society volunteers, the sound & stage assistants, set up and take down division, HBI staff, Robyn, Dan, Heriot Bay Store, HB Consignment, Moonlight Shadows, Hummingbird Office & Art Supply, and Cafe Aroma. Big thanks, and a hug too, to Noelle Maffin for bringing the whole event together. We will definitely see you next year, and until then... Live your life large!

Botanical Interventions: A Permaculture Approach to Fixing the Planet

Currently based on Cortes Island, Oliver Kellhammer has worked as a land artist and permaculture designer for over 25 years. Much of his focus has been on repairing degraded urban landscapes, where he uses permaculture principles to enhance the relationships between people and nature. In his wide ranging talk, he will show examples of his projects and introduce the concept of permaculture as a design methodology, which is based on the intense observation of nature so that we might more productively collaborate with it.

Join Sierra Quadra on Saturday, October 3rd at 7:30 pm at the Q.I. Community Centre. Refreshments will be available starting at 7:00 pm.

Please note that Oliver's talk will replace the previously scheduled presentation by Alexandra Morton.

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Quadra Paint Out a Great Success!



The 4th Annual Quadra Island Paint Out on Sept 12-13 attracted professional and aspiring artists from Montreal, Alberta, Surrey, Vancouver, Courtenay, Parksville, Ladysmith, Cumberland, Campbell River and Quadra Island, and many people came to see the paintings progress. Painting on Saturday at Rebecca Spit was a slice of paradise. Special thanks go to Lois, Vic, Cathy, Noelle and the Heriot Bay Inn staff that made a fun celebration on a showery Sunday. Firesign Studio hosts painting workshops and drop-in sessions and offers private instruction. For more information see the website at: www.firesignartanddesign.com or call Nanci 285-3390

Quadra Tennis Tournament.

Saturday the 5th of September was set for the annual Tennis tournament. At 8 a.m., it was still pouring rain, so we postponed the first matches till 11 a.m.

We dried the courts with a large squeegee, lots of towels, and then the wind helped also.

(Such dedication !!!)

For 8 hours our enthusiastic players competed for 3 trophies.... and the Winners were.....

In the A division : Doris Nymann and Murray Garland.

The B trophy goes to Louella Baker, and Scotty Lowe (who won a very close tie-breaker over Shawn O'Connor)

and the C trophy is for: Marlies Koi and Gary Colter.

Congratulations to you all !!!!

The official presentation will be at the annual tennis party in 2 weeks.

A Great FUN event!!!! (and the youngest player in this tournament Nicholas Geoghegan, had to play with partners who were a LOT older than he is. !! Such a good sport !!

See you all soon on the courts.

Louella Ken and Rita



Recycling Glass

Glass which is acceptable at the Quadra depot includes clear and colored liquor bottles, food jars and clear, single layer sheet glass. It does not include automobile safety glass, light bulbs of any kind (these contain metals), pyrex cookware, teapots and cups (or any other ceramic item), old TVs or any other item which has glass and metal or plastic together. Metal tops on jars and bottles and corks in wine bottles should be removed before recycling.

Please remember the recycling depot is not a swap shop. If you have old dishes or glassware which need a new home, please take them to your favourite second hand store. If they are left on the ground or on top of the bins at the recycling centre they are considered to be garbage and will be disposed of accordingly.

Cardboard Recycling

Now that the tourist season is over it seems like a good time to remind the winter population what is appropriated for cardboard recycling on Quadra.

Cardboard of most types is recyclable on Quadra if it is clean, but plastic windows and styrofoam inserts must be removed and disposed of in the garbage at home. Remove liners from cereal boxes. Please open and flatten boxes as even with our small population, we often run out of space. Remove tape if possible.

Remember that items such as used pizza boxes, paper coffee and other drink cups, cardboard dairy containers (or any other container which is waxed or plasticized), boxes which have contained meat and any other cardboard products which are stained or dirty are NOT acceptable.

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Bute Inlet Photo Contest

Sierra Quadra and Friends of Bute Inlet (FOBI) are pleased to launch a photo contest to honour Bute Inlet. Photographers are invited to submit pictures that best depict the splendour and beauty, the life and significance of this Inlet.

DEADLINE AND SUBMISSIONS

The photo contest runs until midnight on October 31, 2009.

All entries should include photographer's name, email address, mailing address, phone number, title of photo, date and location.

Digital images can be colour or black-and-white, and must be in jpeg format, 300dpi, and between 1 and 2MB in size. Online entries should be sent to sierraquadra@gicable.com

Mailed entries must be unframed, unmatted prints in colour or black-and-white, and may be submitted in any size. Photos should be packaged with cardboard stiffeners. If the photographer wants the photo returned, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included with the entry. Mailed entries should be sent to Sierra Quadra, Box 487, Heriot Bay BC V0P 1H0.

CONTEST RULES

Only the photographer has the right to submit a photograph.

There is a limit of two pictures per person.

By submitting a picture the photographer grants Sierra Quadra and/or Friends of Bute Inlet the right to reproduce the entry for display, website usage, and/or publication. The use of a photo in a publication may include, but is not limited to, publications that may be published for sale (i.e., postcards to promote Bute Inlet). Every effort will be made to credit the photographers whose work is reproduced or published.

JUDGING

Eligible entries will be judged by: Martha James, B.A. majoring in ceramics, photography and drawing; Lawrie Bowles, photographer and owner of Cedar Creek Photography and Michael Laver, B.A. Hons. (Wales),

A.T.D. (Wales), former photography instructor in the Visual Arts Department at the University of the Fraser Valley. The winners will be announced on November 14th at the Community Centre at the "Celebrating Bute Inlet" evening. The winning photographs and as many of the entries as possible will be displayed at this event. The top four entries will be made into postcards.

Quadra Quilters Annual Marathon

It's getting to be that time of year again: the rain returns, the gardens retire and the Quilters return to our sewing machines.

Our Annual Comfort Quilt Marathon takes place October 17th and 18th where we take over the Community Centre in order to produce quilts for patients at Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House. The recipients keep these quilts as a reminder that someone out there cares about their well-being, that we want their medical stay and treatments to include compassion and comfort.

Public viewing at the Marathon is welcome. There will be a donation box available as contributions help us cover the expenses of purchasing sewing supplies (cheques can be mailed to PO Box 575 Q-Cove). So please stop in to visit us and see these beautiful hugs of art.



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Sustainable Development Proposal Goes Public

By Dan Bowen

The owners of the 158-acre waterfront property in south Gowlland Harbour held an information meeting for interested Quadra Island residents on Sept 12th as previously announced in the Discovery Islander. We were pleased with the turnout (about 40 people) on a particularly, lovely sunny afternoon when people undoubtedly preferred to be soaking up the last of the summer weather.

Owner Rick Schellinck and I would like to thank those who attended the meeting. We tried to anticipate the community's interests and concerns and attempted to speak to those issues in our presentation. There was a lot of information to assimilate, probably too much for a single meeting.

Still, we managed to address or answer many of the questions and comments raised in the public forum.

The vision we hold for this property is a truly sustainable development that will be an example of good planning, contribute additional facilities for parks and recreation on the island and align itself with the values expressed by Quadra's OCP.

I was sincere when I told the group that the owner and I are strongly committed to deliver the plan presented. We have every intention of walking the talk. We plan to hold further information meetings and provide updates on the progress made. In the past week we met several groups with special environmental concerns and conducted on-site walkabouts. We are happy to continue these walkabouts on request and get to know the community better, letting people see first-hand how our vision could be realized.

As the meeting began some people assured us that the Quadra community would never support this kind of development. I'm happy to report, however, that by the end of our presentation on the proposed sustainable development, there appeared to be a change in their perception, a sense that "maybe this can work!" Many were very impressed and

supportive of what we hoped to do.

In a nutshell, for those not in attendance, our proposal is to work with the OCP designation of "Country Residential." In that designation the zoning would allow a 2.5-acre density which would permit large tracts of land dedicated for parks. This would allow 49 lots in the "Country Residential" zone to be developed over the next 5-10 years. Based on Quadra's demographics and the historical absorption rate over the past 20 years, these numbers are conservative.

Our plan is to dedicate 2-15 acre waterfront parks that have a total of 2,350 ft of forested waterfront. Within the property we plan a trail system that will link the Blenkin Community Park down the existing Orion Road to the Gowlland Harbour shore to our first park then through our property to the second proposed Park in Goose Bay and out to April Point Road. We plan to put a trail along April Point road to improve the safety for hikers and bikers. Over 4000 ft of new trails would be added.

We have a master vegetative plan to protect the existing view-scapes along April Point road as well as our 10,000 feet of waterfront property with either parks, geotechnical covenants and vegetative management restrictive covenants. The tree line view from the ocean to the property will be changed very little.

Before we started the process of planning the sustainable development of this property we set a goal for at least 50 % greenspace. I believe we can achieve this figure and perhaps exceed it.

We plan a sustainable development regarding infrastructure as well. Our sewer systems will be state of the art sewage treatment plants that will be meet VIHA standards with onsite systems. Our proposed water system will be provided by deep well that will generously supply our lots. We plan for a dedicated well to be drilled to be used for fire protection in the April Point area. A standard fire hydrant will be connected to a holding tank capacity and will be available to the local fire department.

Within our 158 acres we are considering 1-5 acre waterfront lot for Commercial 2 zone. We plan a small RV park with about 10-12 units. This is in Goose Bay and will be accessed off April Point Road.

We are working on a webpage and hope to have it up and running within a few weeks. Our next public meeting will take place on Saturday Oct 24. at Quadra Community Hall.

A Whale of a Sale!

For the 15th consecutive year Quadra Islanders pooled their efforts to make the Quadra/Philippines Connection's annual fund-raiser a rewarding success. And for the 15th consecutive year, nature gifted our giant garage sale with sunny weather! For anyone planning a future wedding, this third week-end in September is highly recommended.

After expenses, a grand total of \$5,300 was raised towards supporting the 2 new daycare villages of Basao-Dilag and Lubo-Hilltop in the northern Philippines for the year to come. Thank-you, thank-you to all of the many donors as well as volunteers who contributed to making this another "whale of a sale"! The experience of past volunteers combined with the dedicated focus of all those involved, enabled both set-up and take-down to unfold almost like a cosmic dance. Appreciation is extended to all drivers, sorters, cashiers, bakers and food servers for their selfless service over the week-end. Working together in this way truly provides for a bonding experience! Many thanks are extended to Viken Waste Management for donating an extra large dumpster this year for the unwanted remains and to Heriot Bay Tru Value for donating, baking and delivering a variety of mouth-watering pizzas used to sustain volunteers during their work. Thank-you also to

Elene of Aroma Coffee and to Aroma Cafe for delectable coffee and to Bill for bringing extra tables from the Quadra Legion. Special appreciation is extended to the families who provided drop-off depots for donations which is always an invaluable service. Thanks to the volunteer drivers, left-over salvageable items were distributed to various thrift stores and charitable organizations in C. River. This year many bags of remaining cotton clothing will make its way to the Philippines for sponsored children and students along with medicines and books via shipping containers through IAT.

Over the past one and a half decades Quadra's annual garage sale has supported a total of 6 preschool programs and over 1100 children and their families in the remote northern area of Luzon in the Philippines. We are about to embark on another 5 year journey of commitment as we begin a relationship with 2 new village daycares. Join us in celebrating 15 years of Quadra's caring and sharing and find out more about these communities through a community potluck followed by a power point presentation on October 24th at Q.C. Centre. Our guests will be IAT's founders, David and Petra Durrance and Merliza Dona-al, a graduate law student from IAT's sponsorship program. This will provide a great opportunity to learn more about IAT's programs in the Philippines as well as a new Global Youth Development and Training center in Costa Rica. Mark this date on your calendar and look for posters!

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Oct 14th 7pm at Quadra Community Centre

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Annett family's experience volunteering in Uganda with ACTs and traveling across East Africa. This event is also a fundraiser and all proceeds will be used to support Education for Ugandan orphans in the Lake Bunyonyi region.

Admission is by donation, every little bit helps!... so come and join us for a slide show and refreshments. Some fundraising items including fair trade items from Uganda will also be available for purchase or auction.

Learn something new, socialize and have fun!

Community Garden Open House

The first Community Garden Open House was an enjoyable occasion with a steady stream of visitors expressing their delight in the transformation of Mr Wong's field over the last 5 months. Many commented on what a great community Quadra is that this development could happen with all volunteer work. They are right. Quadra has been wonderful in its support of this project and the gardeners are very appreciative.

People chuckled at the giant pumpkin and could not resist patting it! Many remarked on the variety of different gardening styles and on how much we must be learning from each other. Everyone seemed to agree that growing more of our food locally and organically was so important.

Another 8 islanders signed up for plots making a total of more than 40 plots now taken. The other half of the field will definitely have to be ploughed up to accommodate everyone. Anyone else who wants a plot should book it now (285 3084 or 3632) as there might be none left by Spring.

Thank yous are due to the Heriot Bay Inn for baking and donating the delicious apple pastries and to the Heriot Bay Stores Spirit Board program which financed more cake and the juice.

Friday Flicks - Fifty Dead Men Walking

FIFTY DEAD MEN WALKING is a streamlined, adrenalized thriller that treads a retrospective political tightrope. Based on Martin McGartland's 1997 memoir of his years as a spy infiltrating the Irish Republican Army, it deals with explosive passions and perilous lifestyles.

Martin McGartland (Jim Sturgess) was a petty hustler and incipient criminal, selling stolen clothes and shoes door-to-door when the British came to town. He makes an ideal informant for Fergus (Ben Kingsley), the intelligence agent tracking Republican activities in Belfast. Fergus knows how to wheedle a formless but devil-may-care guy like Martin... money, a car and white-knuckle thrills.

Martin juggles two father-son bonds: one with an I.R.A. chieftain and the other with Fergus. His double life is further complicated by his relationship with Lara, the mother of his children, and Sean, an I.R.A. colleague and a close childhood friend. To say Martin is conflicted is an gross understatement.

For director Kari Skogland, an Ottawa native, the film is a significant step in her burgeoning international career. In it she blends the thriller and action genres she's familiar with and the more dramatic concerns of her previous movie, the big-screen version of Margaret Laurence's *The Stone Angel*. This film met some challenges along the road. Before filming, Skogland and her team had to gain the trust of the Belfast community, still raw after three decades of conflict. Then there was controversy prior to the '08 premiere at Toronto International Film Festival, when McGartland denounced the movie and threatened to sue. He backed down after some scene tweaking and a closing-credits disclaimer.

The final product is a compelling character study that packs a "high-caliber performance by Jim Sturgess and enough thrills to start a theme park." Production values are strong, notably the "gritty, ash-blackened look of Jonathan Freeman's cinematography." (review sources: Variety, New York Times)

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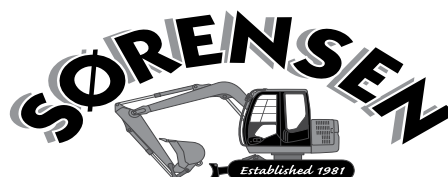


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Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

Obama's Mission Impossible

“Canadian health-care costs are artificially lowered, and life expectancy artificially prolonged, by the lack of gunshot wounds, a direct consequence of the nation's centrist-liberalist-socialist-Marxist-Stalinist-type suppression of the constitutionally guaranteed right to kill and maim.” So writes Bruce McCall in the September 19th issue of the *Globe and Mail*.

McCall, a freelance author and humorist resident in New York City, does a wonderful job of illustrating the collective lunacy that has taken hold of our southern cousins in their present debate about health care provision. Reading his brief column provides some hilarious relief in what is otherwise becoming an astonishingly uncivil debate, one best illustrated by the media attention paid to deep thinkers such as Sarah Palin. She publicly postulated that the Obama health care proposal would see the establishment of “death squads”, government appointed bodies who would determine whether granny or grandpa were worthy of medical attention or euthanasia. Pure bollocks, of course, but it certainly gained traction amongst American right wing nutbars who see government controlled healthcare as a step on the road to communism.

Canada's health care costs run at about 10.6 % of our GDP, while in the US health care spending amounts to 15.2 %. Obviously, 100 % of Canadians are able to access

medical care for a nominal monthly fee, while in the USA, and in spite of spending almost 50 % more, at least 16 % of the population has no health care coverage. And in terms of quality, something Obama detractors continue to insist is substandard in Canada, the USA is ranked dead last amongst the G8 nations in infant mortality and life expectancy while expending more than double the average to pay for it. Many of you have probably seen Michael Moore's film “Sicko”, which while one of his poorer efforts, does effectively portray the plight of uninsured Americans, in addition to debunking right wing myths regarding Canada and Britain's government funded systems. There has been no end of debate, much of it

very uncivilized, all across America, which has provided no end of material for late night pundits. I particularly enjoyed Rep. Barney Frank's riposte to a town hall right wing shill who was spouting pure garbage regarding the Obama health care plan. In final dismissal, he declined further pointless debate with her by saying “to have a conversation with you would be like arguing with a dining room table.” In my view, this is an apt description of many of the spokespeople who are against government run healthcare, particularly the ones carrying signs depicting Obama with a “Hitler” moustache.

For the life of me I simply cannot understand what these people are afraid of. Have they been so brainwashed by the big US healthcare insurers and providers that they refuse to acknowledge simple facts? These companies are pulling out the stops and employing significant creative artistry in their efforts to derail the Democratic proposals, and it must be working. The bill being proposed by the Obama administration has already been heavily watered down after consultation with industry, eliminating a key provision that would have seen price caps on pharmaceuticals, providing Americans access to reasonably priced drugs without having to import them from Canada. Given the fact that Obama controls the White

that is the true power in America. I don't know its name or who else are members, but one thing is certain...this club is in control. Eisenhower referred to it as the “military-industrial complex”, but it morphed into the military-industrial-commerce complex with bankers and investment gurus joining the group. Any thought on my part that Obama could effectively function independent of the club has been dashed, and I no longer have the same optimism I had last November. On all the issues, Obama has waffled, equivocated and vacillated – Iraq, Afghanistan, Guantanamo, health care, and so on. He has become a Beltway politician instead of a maverick with a mandate, and a disappointment to his American and foreign supporters.

It's not only the club that has hamstrung Obama, as he also has to contend with a significant number of constituents who are... shall we say, a few bricks short of a load. Proof of this can be easily achieved by spending some time viewing anything the FOX Network broadcasts, as this network is specifically targeting its output to the aforementioned brick deprived proportion of the population – and FOX is the number two network after CBS. These are the folks who show up at presidential speeches carrying assault weapons (you

know, their constitutional right) or call the President a liar during a speech to the Senate and House. These are the folks who voted (most likely twice) for George Bush, Junior. And

these are the folks who have been bamboozled into believing that government run healthcare is akin to Nazism, that the USA is winning in Iraq and Afghanistan, and that only FOX News tells the truth. Unfortunately over 3 million Americans religiously watch FOX News, and form their opinions based upon the rantings of buffoons such as Bill O'Reilly and Glenn Beck. Sure, that's only 1 % of the US population but they are a very vocal 1 % and FOX gladly provides coverage of their antics at political events as encouragement to their couch-bound cohort. These are the people to whom Obama needs to speak...and they ain't listening. It's like arguing with a dining room table.

“On all the issues, Obama has waffled, equivocated and vacillated”

House, the Senate and the Congress, why the holdup in getting this legislation passed? It seems the various industry lobby groups are running the Obama administration as effectively as it did Bush's and that of many of his predecessors. There is simply too much money at stake, and whatever reform ends up passing will be a bare shadow of the original. This brings me to my main point.

When Barack Obama took office 9 months ago, I shared the hopes of millions around the planet that he would capitalize on his enormous popularity and his party's majority by making rapid and decisive changes. In this he has failed miserably, and I have come to the sad conclusion that he has joined the “club”

Quadra Literacy NOW

Wondering what to do this fall and winter to stay connected and expand your mind?

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The Quadra Literacy Centre offers adult-to-adult support for developing reading, oral and written communication or basic math skills. You can learn how to explore the Internet, use email or Skype on the computer.

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Perhaps you are interested in becoming a literacy support volunteer? A series of four training sessions, from 1:00 – 3:30, twice a week in early October will be offered.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities to learn, please call Robin Beaton @ 285-3185. The Quadra Literacy Centre will be located in a classroom at Quadra Elementary. Its free, the only thing you have to spend is your time! 2010 Legacies Now and the Province of BC are Community Partners of Quadra Literacy Now.

Cancer Study Ongoing

Amped on Nutrition is still involved in a cancer study for Quadra Island. Please, if you or any member of your family has now or previously had cancer while living on Quadra you can qualify for the study.

This is a long term project which will probably take 5 years to complete. Amped is taking information and will map the occurrence of cancer on Quadra. We are working together with the Cape Mudge Band which is now in the process of testing for cancer causing agents in the air. In trying to identify the source they are working with an environmental consultant Michael Gordon from Vancouver. Dr. David Martin of Health Canada is in the process of matching postal codes with cancer on the south end of Quadra.

We need to know your postal code. Please contact Amped at 250-285-3142

And The Winner Is...!

Dominique Barabé of Vancouver has won the School PAC kayak and accessories raffle with ticket #871. The draw date was Friday, September 18th at 2:30 pm BC Gaming Event License #15742. She says she bought her ticket at the Farmers' Market.

This amazingly successful raffle has brought over \$4,000 to our elementary school and it could not have happened without the overwhelming support of the following: Spirit of the West Adventures, Nimbus Paddles, Island Cycle, Hummingbird Office and Art Supply, Tru-Value Foods, Quadra Village Market, Barb and John Baumfield and the Canada Day Committee and all those people that bought tickets from our team of volunteers.

Thank you also to the Quadra Farmers' Market for the plot of lawn all those Saturdays, to Philip Stone at the Discovery Islander and Carol Gray of the Hungry Eye for keeping us in plain view.

Last but certainly not least, applause to the BC Provincial Government for the \$20,000 playground grant and to the Strathcona regional District for a \$3,000 Grant-in-Aid to help provide installation funds.

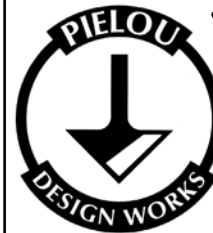
Did I miss anyone? THANK YOU from the PAC and from all the children.

Laurie Ann Williamson for PAC

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Honouring Hilda Van Orden's Contribution to Quadra Culture



The following tributes were written to honour Hilda Van Orden for the cultural contribution she has made to Quadra Island for some 35 years. Although she has retired from the cultural committee, she remains involved as a consultant and advisor.

12 September, 2009

For dear Hilda, on one of her celebration days:

Autumn fills the air with scent of ripe plums and sweet tomatoes,

So has the Island gathered in the yearly prospects of music, exotic performance and fun.

We honour Hilda for long years of cultivation, of building strength around her to bring in from Pacific

Contact, a rich array of mellow cello, spirited violin and grand piano. We are a small island, cast away on the Northwest Coast of the rain-forested continent, yet we have experienced the esthetic pleasure of the best in the performing arts of our time.

To all those who have been, for years, supporting Hilda in this enrichment of our lives, we are grateful. But for dear Hilda, who undertook the complicated work involved and carried through on each engagement for years, we say: Hurrah! Thank you deeply for your inspiring contribution to the life of our island. Your initiative will be carried on into the future.

Joy Inglis

12 September 2009

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because some day in life, you will have been all of these."

To Hilda, who has gone far in life and is still needed by her family, friends and community, to go farther. With love and deep thanks for your huge contribution to the cultural life of Quadra Island.

Quadra Cultural Committee

12 September, 2009

In the summer of 1946, a slight, young woman named Hilda Neuerberg arrived from Holland at

a Paris train station to a reception of photographers, reporters and floral tributes. This greeting baffled the girlishly innocent young athlete, who unbeknownst to her, had become a dark horse in the annual European rowing championship, and was attracting the interest of the European sculling community. To her own amazement, Hilda rowed to victory in that one kilometre race, placing first not through strategy and treachery, but rather through good manners—she moved aside to allow others under the bridge before she rowed through herself,—sheer athletic prowess and gritty determination. Hilda's abiding strength, the strength which that memorable day delivered her to the pinnacle of the European Rowing Championship, the strength which has seen her through the numerous challenges and obstacles of her productive and generous life, is, simply put, to stay the course.

Staying the course has been the single most important factor in Hilda's success as Quadra Island's own cultural impresario, success which has blessed us with a cultural richness which truly rests on this one champion's shoulders. Between the years of 1962 and 1986, Hilda co-organized the Quadra Film Club and various other theatrical and musical events. In 1986 at the modest age of 63, she finally got serious about her cultural commitments and became the sole co-ordinator of the fledgling Quadra Cultural Committee. This role included

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booking performers, negotiating contracts, shouldering financial responsibility, applying for grants, soliciting and supervising volunteers, writing newspaper articles, organizing presenters, attending Pacific Contact, and reporting to Quadra Recreation Society annually. The atmosphere of hospitality and good will toward performers which Maynard and Hilda worked together to provide, and which Hilda continued to sustain after Maynard's death, has brought artists of the highest caliber to this island. Sailing trips, hikes to China Mountain, freshly dug clams, oyster stew, hooch, and a comfortable, European home atmosphere have repeatedly lured back the likes of Louise Rose, Almeta Speaks, the Gryphon Trio and the Purcell String Quartet, to name only a few, to provide performances of astonishing virtuosity to Quadra audiences.

Hilda's tenacity, thoroughness, integrity and what we fondly call her "fretfulness quotient," have gained her important provincial recognition in 1999 when she won the "Presenter of the Year" award from the BC Provincial Touring Council, a prestigious accolade which recognizes the efforts of a presenter over a period of many years. This is a very special honour in the arts community, invisible to the average British Columbian, but very much on the radar of both performers and presenters in the performing arts world. This award capped many years of endless problem-solving, decision-making, and sheer plodding hard work.

Hilda, please don't think that our acknowledgment and gratitude lets you off the hook. Your knowledge of Quadra's cultural history, along with your invaluable contacts with the arts community, your passionate commitment to good programming and your willing leadership, will continue to be essential to the cultural health of island life. But even above all these, we will continue to look upon you as that shining example of one who, when all was said and done, triumphed, simply because she stayed the course. Thank you Hilda, for all you have done for us.

Quadra Cultural Committee

Quadra Island Seniors Branch 91 B.C.O.A.P.O.

Prize Winners at our indoor Picnic were "Kims Game", -Tracey Hand & Eleanor Kane—"Clothes Pegs in one hand"-Win Smirfitt—Thanks! to everyone who worked so hard to try to have a good time on a rainy day. The Pot-Luck Lunch was delicious as usual. And a belated Birthday to Russ Swanson, our young Senior.

On Sept. 29th /09, our members are going to have a tour of Campbell River Museum where there is a Basket Display and, later lunch at Canton Restaurant .

On Wed. Oct.7th we are having our North Island Regional meeting at Fanny Bay Community Hall. Meeting starts at 11:00 a:m Lunch is \$5.00, phone Ruth 3801 or Bob 2907, if you are coming and if you need a ride.

Our next meeting will be on Wed. Oct.14th, which will be our Fall Fair at the Legion, come at 10:00 a:m , to Book Browse and visit , meeting starts at 10:30 a:m. Who will be awarded the Trophy for the best Hobby? Win Smirfitt won last year for her Knitwear. On other Wednesdays we have Lively Exercises to Music with Ann Lawrence at 10:00 a:m and at 11:00 a:m Carpet Bowling with Chris Dyson bring a snack and have a Coffee or Tea. Walk on Sundays on Rebecca Spit with Peter and Lloyd meet at the launch ramp at 11:00 a:m, or catch up at the big parking lot. For Membership in our lively group call Muriel @ 3216,Bob @ 2907 or Ruth @ 3801.

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