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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS ON QUADRA, CORTES & THE OUTER DISCOVERY ISLANDS

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THE EDITOR NOTES

For the third time in the past eighteen months the government, BC Ferries and affiliates are inviting coastal communities to provide feedback in a process of 'engagement' to discuss coastal ferry service.

Our very own Regional Director has been one of the most vocal champions of our unique and cherished lifestyles, along with his counterparts from communities across the coast and the whole province via UBCM. The message to the Government has been very clear: "put the ferry system back under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation, and fund it as

any other transportation infrastructure like roads and bridges. It is an essential service and should be managed as such".

You'd think this would be a simple solution, but the government has all but publicly admitted it intends to ignore it and proceed with its own agenda.

Personally I agree ferries should be under MOT. But if rolling BC Ferries back into the Ministry of Transportation is Plan A, and that doesn't pan out, what exactly is Plan B?

I'm concerned as a community we are spending too much time voicing our

opposition and not putting enough time and energy into preparing for the alternative - a future with less ferry service, and less other things too. Fact is, it's not even an 'alternative', it is the government's plan.

It's been mentioned before during the 'Transition Island' discussions and many other circles; whether it be oil prices, jobs or government ideology, it would be wise to be ready for changes in our lifestyle.

By all means head to the Community Centre on Monday, say your piece, and when they've left let's get more serious about finding the opportunity in this crisis.

BC Coastal Ferries Community Engagement November 18 to December 20, 2013

The BC Coastal Ferry Service has been wrestling with cost pressures for more than 20 years which, if not addressed, could threaten the sustainability of the entire system.

Accordingly, the Province has engaged coastal communities and ferry users from across the province on strategies to ensure the long-term sustainability of the coastal ferry network. The Province will undertake a further round of community engagement in 2013 following a province-wide consultation in 2012.

How Input Will Be Used

Input received through the community engagement process will be compiled and presented to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Ferries as they plan for the long-term sustainability of the coastal ferry network.

Public Open House Schedule

The first 90 minutes will be a public open house. The second 90 minutes will be a question and answer session with the project team. No RSVP is required for public open houses.

Community	Date	Time	Location
Quadra Island	December 9	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Quadra Island Community Centre

Schedule subject to change. Please check web site for the complete schedule as of November 18.

To provide feedback, please contact us at:
www.coastalferriesengagement.ca

Write a submission to: coastalferriesengagement@gov.bc.ca or
P.O. Box 3532 Vancouver Main, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3Y6
Call toll-free: 1 855 974-1204





ISLAND CALENDAR

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THE REGULARS

MONDAY

- Parent & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm
- Sing For Pure Joy! QCC, Room 3, 3:00 - 4:30. All Welcome.
- Weight Watchers, QCC, 6 pm - 7 pm
- Drop-in Badminton, Cape Mudge Gym \$2/player Q? kbaily@telus.net

TUESDAY

- Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:00 pm
- Folkdancing, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, QCC, Sept 17 to end Apr, 285-3298.

WEDNESDAY

- Parent and Babes 11 am QCC
- Free Firewood, Behind Q.C.C., 1 p.m.
- Reiki Share for all levels, Studio 6 Upper Realm, 1-2:30pm
- Mid-week After-School Meditation, Studio 6 Upper Realm, 3-4 pm
- Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15 pm
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2 pm

THURSDAY

- Parents & Tots, QCC, 10:00 am - 12 pm
- Quadra Singers, QCC 6:45 p.m
- Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7 pm
- Drop-in Badminton, Cape Mudge Gym \$2/player Q? kbaily@telus.net

FRIDAY

- White Light Essences & Guided Meditation, Studio 6 Upper Realm, 1-2:30 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 pm Quadra United Church
- Live bands in the HBI Pub 9:00 pm

SATURDAY

- First Saturday of month - Local Food Market at Quadra Legion from 10-2 pm
- Winter Market & Bazaar 10 am to 2 pm Quadra Community Centre
- Quadra Legion Meat Draw 5 pm
- Open mic with Mo. 9:00 pm HBI pub

SUNDAY

- Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30 am
- United Church, 10:45 am unless advertized, Sept 15 to end Jun, 285-3163.
- Quadra Sunday Painters, 11 am - 2 pm, 285-3390
- Buddhist meditation, Upper Realm, 10 am.

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Friday, December 6

- Friday Flicks: 20 Feet From Stardom, QCC doors open 7:30 pm show 7:45pm
- Brodie Dawson & Friends at the HBI Pub music starts 9 pm no cover

Saturday, December 7

- Local Food Market, Quadra Legion 10 am to 2 pm
- Smooth Edge Dinner Show at Herons 6 pm To reserve call 250-285-3322

Monday, December 9

- Coastal Ferries Community Engagement meeting with MOT 6 - 9pm QCC

Friday, December 13

- Brisket Case Barbeque at Quadra Legion 6pm Reserve 285-3121

Saturday, December 14

- Quadra Singers presents Winter's Heart, QCC doors open 6:30pm show 7pm

Sunday, December 15

- Fifth Annual Story Telling Brunch NISHS fundraiser Herons 10:30am

Friday, December 20

- Iron Pyrites at the HBI Pub music starts 9 pm no cover

Saturday, December 21

- Elec-Trick Lemonade rockin' the Quadra Legion 9pm - 1am \$10

Tuesday, December 24

- Worship the King at Quadra Bible Church 1281 West Rd 6:30pm

Thursday, December 26

- Annual Boxing Day Casino Night fundraiser Quadra Legion 7pm

Friday, December 27

- Cameron Gunn at the HBI Pub music starts 9 pm no cover

Tuesday, December 31

- New Year's Eve dance with DJ Absolute Zero, Quadra Legion 9pm

Thursday, January 2, 2014

- Public Hearings Bylaws 185, 186, 187 QCC 7pm

Friday, January 10,

- Quadra Youth Theatre Monsters in the Closet opens QCC

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Friday, December 20

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After reading the long rant by Brian Hayden against Noba Anderson, and having dealt with Mr. Hayden and his NIMBY - CAVE attitude for many years now, there are a few points that need clarification.

In the pre-Hayden era, Cortes Islanders held over 300 year round shellfish farming jobs. Now that domestic dogs far out number children on the islands, the lack of commercial activity on the water has changed the culture of our once working coastlines.

While the world looks to Canada to help feed its 7 billion inhabitants with a protein that requires nothing but plankton to grow, we have declined to take advantage of this fabulous nitrogen uptake called shellfish, because people such as Mr. Hayden are seemingly more important than food and logic.

In British Columbia, First Nations are a government body that supersedes a Regional District. Secondly, shellfish farming falls under the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and is deemed a fishery. Regional Districts and Island Trusts are not legally able to dictate what type of fishing gear is approved for use on these federal fishing licenses.

Beating up on Ms. Anderson in a public forum is uncalled for. It is time to recognize First Nations rights to economic opportunities, and encourage a return to jobs and prosperity on our islands.

"Raping the Sea" as Mr. Hayden calls aquaculture now accounts for over 50 percent of all seafood consumed worldwide.

Roberta Stevenson

Hello Editor,

Have been reading in the DI about ferry meetings, media interviews, candid meetings with politicians for years, and years now, and if I were a young person reading this I'd reach for drink.

It's embarrassing to see people work, work, work and nothing to show for this strategy.

We're detached here, living with a synchronicity. Are they telling us this doggerel in the public arena is democracy? Where's the think, think, think we are known for? The strategy of having more people socially on your side means you win.

The headlines read 'Victoria wins' again over the locals after issuing a province wide survey asking "do you think those islanders deserve a break"? It means 3 million, against 1 million. We didn't relate to other people living in the province and just focused on ourselves.

So the Flim Flam Ferry dream with an access to a unzipped public purse lives on, an idealism of Private being superior in brains to Joe Public. An imported idea without much thought being given to the concept by those in Victoria.

I'd like to see an broad ranging audit done on how the BC Ferries was structured initially by Wacky Bennett which seemed very practical. Since the politicians of all stripes began meddling with it, the costs have skyrocketed. \$400 million worth of new Ferries sold for \$20 million. More new ferries built in Germany, sailing across the Atlantic to where Joe lives. The MV Coho in Washington State plying her way between Port Angeles, and Victoria has never lost a day

of sailing due to a breakdown. It was built in the era of our ferries about 50 years ago. It's just gone through a refit, and is good to go for another. Now this is real economy, unlike our Fluffed Tourist Ferries who no one can afford to use.

The Washington State Ferries CEO pay is about \$160,000 a year while our CEO's is about \$500,000. The Board's decisions never seem to be practical either. Expensive as well.

Really those 3 new ferries cost us about \$500 million. Hahn's pension after 8 years of work, is \$300,000 per year for life. Is this corruption?????

I think we start at ground Zero, and fire The Board of Director's for failure to perform due diligence for the financial health of a Corporation, with a janitors pension as a parting gift. Each area served by the Ferry system elects a board member, the details worked out for fairness to reflect revenue streams. They'd be in the same boat finally, and closer to humanity where Joe is having to live.

Fact's are a divine way of realizing the truth, and I hope someone out there realizes the truth is a strategy. Simply to say we must revisit the Coastal Ferry Act without socially addressing the real issues confronting us in the media makes one feel marooned.

My life jacket will be a hot rum toddy as I watch the news unfold, and more taxes are sequestered. Joe is welcome to drop in anytime to commiserate our fate.

Yours
Hugh McNab
Happily on Read Island

Ferries Mismanagement Threatens Community

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Premier:

As a member of the Quadra Island business community, I would like to express my concern over the recent announcements made by the B.C. Ferries Corporation and its seeming lack of understanding of life on the coastal islands and a lack of respect for island residents.

In 2007, my wife and I sold our successful Burnaby based manufacturing business and moved to Quadra Island where we reinvested our money in a small shopping centre, providing much needed professional and retail space to Quadra Island. At that time the island showed signs of growth and had the type of community spirit that we longed for living in the city.

These positive factors are being badly eroded by the actions of the ferry corporation and its only shareholder, the Government of British Columbia. Small businesses are reluctant to set up shop on an island where there is so much transportation uncertainty. This is being created by a wrongheaded policy that focuses only on the operational costs, while totally discounting the economic benefit of having sustainable communities.

With a lack of entrepreneurs comes a lack of jobs. With a scarcity of jobs there is little incentive for young families to either stay on or relocate to the Islands. This will in turn have a fatal consequence on our demographics. An example is the Quadra Island Elementary School which has already

seen significant reductions in enrolment. Without this generational change and growth, this island's way of life is doomed.

A sound and affordable transportation system is so important to the very existence of these small but spirited communities. No other factor weighs as heavily on island life as do the ferries.

Coastal Islanders deserve the same respect and consideration as do all British Columbians. This province is large and diverse with all types of people with much to offer living in very spread out communities. It would be very convenient if we all lived in one large mega city where all government expenditures would gain enormous bang for their buck - thankfully, we don't!

The coast of is one of the most sought after tourist destinations B.C. has to offer. It takes people living in these areas to make them accessible to all. For people to live here requires infrastructure. Infrastructure not unlike bridges to North and West Vancouver or highways to Whistler and the Interior of this amazing province; all of which are necessary for commerce to take place and people to get to and from home and work.

We fully understand that it all comes at a significant cost; however, these costs should be mutually shared by all British Columbians, just as residents of the coastal communities share in the costs of roads, bridges, and transit throughout B.C.

When governments announce infrastructure projects they seldom base their economic case on the project being a profit centre but rather

consider the overall economic benefit to the region. A vibrant economy pays back the province through increased tax receipts generated from increased business activity and population growth - all helped along by the infrastructure investment. It seems to me that this sound method of thinking has been suspended in the case of coastal transportation.

Simply put; if you kill the infrastructure you kill the local businesses. If you kill the local businesses you kill jobs. If you kill jobs you kill the community. I ask that you take charge of this important matter personally and stop "killing us softly!"

Yours sincerely,
Ed Fisher

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Best regards

Anetta Grundvig

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Fighting Ferry Cuts

It is important to attend the B.C. Ferry Consultation meeting on Monday, December 9.

This is not the time to give up. Our protest must continue. Fares are going up and service is declining.

It is proposed that the last two ferries between Q. Cove and Campbell River be cancelled which means no access to concerts or movies or work related travel in Campbell River after April 1, 2014.

The problem is no political party supports reduced ferry fares. The NDP proposes only a 2 year freeze on fares.

And I'm not sure about the Greens, who didn't run on Quadra [North Island] in the last elections. So there appears to be no political solution through established channels.

Therefore, only one tactic remains: Collective non-violent civil disobedience. Of course, individual civil disobedience is happening right now. Less and less people are taking cars on the ferries. But this message is not effective enough.

The advantage of collective civil disobedience is you can stop the ferries from travelling either by pre-planned days where many people drive into line and refuse to pay or block access to the ferry with our cars or our bodies.

Of course, any such actions would have to be organized by other ferry communities as well. I suggested such actions over a year ago in the D.I. and got only two phone calls. I know arrests and fines are not something one looks forward too. But the alternative is too shut up and pay more for less service or move off

Quadra Island. A local committee of seven dedicated folks is needed for starters.

Any takers? Phone Steve Moore at 285-3323 if you are interested. See you at the Quadra Community Centre for the ferry meeting on Monday.

Steve Moore

Stop Cutting Old-Growth

Dear Sirs,

I was very disappointed by reports that TimberWest is still cutting the very few remaining stands of old growth Douglas fir on Quadra Island.

Could you please finally stop this practice on the Quadra Island and anywhere else?

When planning the routes of new logging roads, please do it in such a way that the roads do not pass close to any remaining old growth stands.

Thank you,
Miroslav Kolar
Quadra Island,

Smart Meter Bullies

I applaud M. Sjolholm for her article on Smart meters in the Discovery Islander [DI 563].

I too feel bullied by B.C. Hydro. They threaten to raise our Hydro costs if we don't want a smart meter. I also can't afford to pay more money towards Hydro.

The worst thing about this, to me, is the fact that it was not broken as M. Sjolholm stated, so why fix it?

Maybe if B.C. Hydro's bottom line isn't large enough they could look in the C.E.O.'s pockets?

Not in the dark yet
Barbara Mindell

<Editor's Note:

The BC Greens' policy is easily found and pretty clear:

"BC Greens would re-establish BC Ferries as a Crown corporation with a mandate to serve the BC public as a waterway extension of the public highway system."

www.greenparty.bc.ca/transportation

A Ferry Merry Christmas

Dear Premier Clark,

hope your Christmas is merry.

We just can't afford
to ride on your ferry.

The tariffs keep rising,
the schedules are shrinking,

Your CEO's just don't have an inkling.

There's no profit in sailing empty boats

And you can't keep your job without our votes.

The young island folk will move to the city.

While the seniors stay home... now that's a pity.

So beware of the ferries they could be your folly.

Casinos and slots are all very jolly.

But when we're all broke, barely staying afloat

Who's going to pay for the big fancy boats.

Will you ship the whole fleet back to the bankers

Or convert them all into LNG tankers.

Remember the Fast Cats! we gave them away.

While the fat cats got fatter, we all had to pay.

Hope Father Harper leaves some treats in your fridge

Alberta wants pipelines and you need a bridge.

Don't toy with the islands they're the keys of the coast

The sea is their highway, without them you're toast.

So listen to the ghosts of Christmas past,

Glen gambled with the ferries and he didn't last.

So premier Clark, may your future be bright.

Merry Christmas to all, may you all see the light.

Sincerely

Ann McLean, Senior Citizen



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Thank You

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone that helped out by bringing meals, providing much appreciated support, and words of encouragement during my recent bout with cancer. Thank you to my family, and friends that were there for me every day. A special thanks to Dr. Graham for his professional and compassionate care. Thank you to the Ambulance Crews on Cortes and Quadra Island, and to the First Responders on Quadra for getting me up the 52 stairs from our house to the Ambulance, and the Campbell River Coast Guard Crews for getting me to the Hospital.

It is in difficult times that the true nature of our community comes through. Quadra Island is not only a beautiful place to live; it is a wonderful, caring, community. It is a real privilege to live here.

Thank you again everyone,
Netta Huffman

Upcoming Legion Events

On Friday, December 13th at 6:00pm Brisket Case Barbeque is serving Chicken & Ribs for \$15.75. Call the Legion at 285-3121 for reservations.

The next General Meeting is Wed., December 18th at 8 pm.

On Saturday, December 21st bring an appetizer to the meat draw social & follow with a Tips Eve Party! Elec-Trick Lemonade will be rockin' the Legion from 9-1 am \$10 at door.

The Annual Boxing Day Casino Night on Thursday, December 26th starts at 7pm. Poker & Black Jack will be dealt up with proceeds going to a local non-profit group.

On New Year's Eve it's DJ Absolute Zero with an exciting playlist; sure to ring in 2014 on a high note. Complimentary snacks and champagne at midnight. \$5 at the door!

Happy Holidays from the Quadra Legion. We look forward to celebrating with you over the holiday season.

Java Bay Cafe Holiday News

Java Bay will have Christmas Cookie Tins available as of Thursday December 12th.

A delectable assortment of cookies, gourmet marshmallows and melt in your mouth caramels, all nestled in beautiful tins, labelled and ready to give.

Gluten free also available.

Treat someone to one of Java Bay's new Holiday Gift Cards for \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00.

A perfect gift for someone to stop in and enjoy one of our decadent drinks!

Our December hours are 8:00 to 5:00 daily.

December 24th and 31st closing at 3:30.

December 26th will be following the Tru Value Foods hours of 2-5.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
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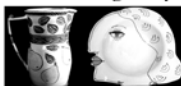
Worship the King

You don't need to travel far to worship the King. Quadra Island Bible Church has planned a short Christmas Eve Service for all ages. Come to 1281 West Road at 6:30pm on December 24.

Free DVD/VHS Videos

Come borrow from our VHS/ DVD library in the Upper Realm at Q. Cove. Please consider donating DVD's. We now have plenty of VHS videos. Our regional library in Q. Cove has a nice selection as well, entirely DVD stock.

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Welcome to the New Cortes Island Library Branch!

On behalf of the Vancouver Island Regional Library, we wanted to announce that the new Cortes Island library branch is now open to the community!

The exciting, newly renovated library branch, located at Linnaea Farm at 1255 Seaford Road, maintains the same hours of **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 pm-5 pm.** The branch features a view of farmland and lake and offers a refreshed collection of popular titles! The larger space will allow the branch to have expanded programming and events for patrons. The branch also offers two computer stations that the public can use to access the internet and desktop publishing. In the coming weeks, a self-checkout computer will also be installed.



Buddhist Meditation

There is a Buddhist Meditation group which meets every Sunday Morning at the Upper Realm in Q. Cove at 10 a.m. We meditate for 40 minutes, take a break for tea and then discuss a reading together. It's free or by donation. Beginners are welcome. Call Steve or Danielle for more information at 285-3323

Quadra Island Seniors

BR. 91- B.C. Pensioners & Seniors Org.

Council of Senior Citizens Organization two day workshops, were very educational, with many people attending. We are all becoming worked-up regarding the cut backs that are planned by B.C. Ferries.

Please attend the **Monday Dec. 9th meeting with B.C. Ferries from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm** at the Quadra Recreation Centre and have your opinion!

We are looking forward to our Annual Christmas Luncheon on Wed. Dec. 4th @ 11:30 am. We will have Music by the Thieven family.

We will have our **next General meeting on Wed. January 8th 2014.**

Memberships are now being received by Christine Dyson call @ 285-2207 for 2014.

For transportation call Ruth Amiabel @ 3801 or 1-250-895-9188

At the HBI

Smooth Edge Dinner Show in Herons; enjoy the flavour of the eclectic music from our Island talent, Diana McKerracher, Kent O'Neill, Lois Taylor, Duffy Frank and Richard Christi while enjoying a delicious two course meal. December 7. \$39.00. 6:00pm. **Reservations 285-3322.**

Fifth annual Story Telling Brunch in Herons Sunday, December 15. Enjoy the world of stories as told with flare by our local narrators. A fundraiser for the North Island Survivors' Healing Society with silent auction. Brunch buffet begins 10:30; stories at 11 am. 29.00. Reserve 285-3322.

HBI Pub: your hockey living room. **FREE APPIES** at Canuck games (viewer available). Big screen, 3 tv's, drink & food specials. Win prizes and tickets to a Canuck game. Come on down and cheer them on with your hockey hostess Queen "B".

Tuesdays! Korioko Karaoke is energized; Cori will assist and insist you sing your heart out or listen with enthusiasm! Enjoy a special "Karaoke Kourage" to warm up your vocal chords. Audience only participants are always appreciated too. HBI Pub. Starts 9:00pm.

UofQ Thursdays! Dec 12... Transform awkward holiday moments **Disengage From Conflict** with Tucker Dinnes, L.I.F.E Coach. Dec 19... **History of Hemp In Canada** with Blake Dixie. 7:00pm. HBI Pub education.

HBI Pub. Where live music lives! Friday night band: **December 6; Brodie Dawson & Friends**, soulful 'folky' blues...**December 13; HBI closed for a private function...December 20; Quadra's own Iron Pyrites!** 9:00pm. Dine before you dance, HBI kitchen is open until 8:00pm.

Sidelines Gifts in the HBI is waiting for you! A wonderful useful gift for friends and family: recycled plastic beautifully woven carpets. Come on in and see these and all the other fun, whimsy and practical gifts Deb has for your shopping pleasure!

Friday, December 13 The Heriot Bay Inn will be **closed for a private function.** Herons Dining Room will close at noon, the Firesdie lounge at 2:00pm and the pub will close at 4:00pm. Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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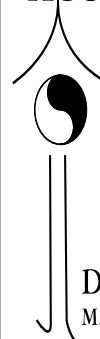
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It is now officially time to 'deck the halls' and the walls!!! Come in to WORKS OF H'ART for inspiration and ideas! We have beautiful unique Nativity calendars along with 2014 wall calendars and day planners. Don't miss out on Maureen Maryka's beautiful Art calendar and we only have one Tibetan Art Calendar left!

We have unique tree ornaments and a nice selection of Miekellily's glass stars! Who wouldn't love to own a Virginia Stewart beaded feather...beaded necklace or keychain!

Only two of our snazzy "carry-on (with wheels) over-night bag" are left...don't snooze...or you lose! Speaking of snoozing there are a very limited number of queen and king Brunswick sheets available.... if you have never slept in these you don't know what you are missing! Great for gift-giving too!

For the kids lists we have an amazing line of wooden trucks that have been brought into this century.... taken up a notch so to speak! Soft cuddly dolls, first sewing and knitting kits and many many other wee people treasures! Bathtub pirate ships....I remember my kids tub time as being super important! Of course for young and old alike we always have a great selection of puppets!

We can help you put together a beautiful Christmas table.....placemats, tablecloths, napkins...candles...décor! Please come in and exchange your ideas too!

Works of H'Art will be open every Monday for the month of December. We will close Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day...and perhaps close a wee bit early on New Year's Eve! We are open every day 9:30-5:30 and will come early or stay late if you need us to...just call..250-285-2834.

Upper Realm Yoga

Everyone is welcome to come to the Yoga class taught by Trinity on Mondays at 5 pm to 6:30 pm in Spirit Books at the Upper Realm in Q. Cove.

There is a \$5 drop in fee. Come and enjoy.

A Storied Brunch at the Inn

Date: Dec 15th.

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: H.B.I Herons.

Reservations: Call 285.3322.

Cost: \$29.99p.p.

Fundraiser for NISHS.

We invite you, your family & friends to our fifth annual Storied Brunch. Come & listen to the beautiful stories from our islands storytellers: Annette Yourk, John Nursall, Darcy Mitchell, Judy O'Dell, Sammy Elliott, John Walton, David Parkinson, Margaret Verschuur and also the musical duet of Julie Douglas & Darcy Mitchell. The M.C for this event is our delightful Julie Douglas. The delicious brunch begins at 10:30a.m followed by islander's stories & music. This is such a wonderful way to feel the spirit of Christmas the gift of giving & sharing with our special friends on the island & beyond.

At this event NISHS is holding a Silent Auction along with a fun Raffle for all.

This is a fundraiser for NISHS, Trauma & Abuse Counselling Centre.

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There's No Such Thing as "Free" Kittens...

If you're thinking of adopting a "free" kitten, please consider the costs of responsible pet ownership.

Campbell River vets charge about \$250 to spay a female cat. With basic health check-up and shots required by most vets, the total is closer to \$400 – plus another \$100 for the recommended booster vaccinations. That's \$500, for the basics.

The cost of not spaying and neutering? More kittens, which often grow up to be more homeless and reproducing cats!

Even now, at what should be the end of kitten season, there are more kittens fending for themselves than we can get into foster care through Quadra Cat Rescue.

If you're thinking of adopting a cat or kitten, please consider Quadra Cat Rescue. View our already-fixed and vaccinated cats and kittens for adoption at www.quadracats.com. The adoption fee is far less than the \$500 it will cost to get the same services for a "free" kitten.

Thinking of letting your cat have kittens? Sign up for a reduced-rate spay or neuter instead!

Call Quadra Cat Rescue to get in on group-rate spays and neuters. It will save you money, and help reduce the homeless cat population on Quadra.

Reach us at 250-285-CATS (2287), or email quadracatrescue@yahoo.com.

Quadra Cat Rescue has fixed more than 300 cats and kittens, and managed adoptions for most of the homeless ones – all funded by generous donations.

PS. You can also help by providing a temporary foster home.

Acoustic Jam

Pat and Tim host an Acoustic Jam with guitars, singing, hand drums and other instruments.

Sometimes there is also an electric bass. All are welcome. It happens at 8 pm. on Friday nights in Spirit Books at the Upper Realm in Q. Cove. There is a \$5 drop in fee to help with the rent.

Hand Drum Jam

Everyone is welcome to attend a Hand Drum Jam every Wednesday night from 7:45 pm to 9:30 pm in Spirit Books at the Upper Realm in Q. Cove.

There is a \$5 drop in fee. We can supply a drum if you don't have one. Beginners are welcome. Call Steve at 285-3323 for more info.

Carte DIEM

- Mapping for today and the future

The Discovery Islands Ecosystem Mapping Project maps are now online and freely available for all islanders to use and explore!

Check out the results of this two-year community effort at DataBasin.org, where you'll be able to see the location of sensitive ecosystems (e.g. wetland, old forest, herbaceous, etc.) in the Discovery Islands watershed. You can also layer these sensitive ecosystems maps with "enduring" biophysical features and a whole variety of data sets to show interesting perspectives on our local ecology and various human impacts.

Learning how to use the map tools is time well spent; your effort opens doors to a world of information that can help all of us understand what's here, what's rare, and how we can plan to protect what's important. DIEM project is adding data sets to the gallery, so you can also look forward to new views and features in the near future. Stay tuned for upcoming presentations and tutorials!

Find the DIEM maps at: www.databasin.org/galleries - "search" for Discovery Islands. Or: <http://databasin.org/galleries/3be38d72e6da4570869d9217183c709f>

If you're making holiday donations this year, consider giving to a local community project! DIEM is fundraising for Year 3 activities, including skills and field workshops, a guide to island ecosystems, community mapping, and watershed data analysis. Any donations will be gratefully accepted. Cheques may be sent to "Surge Narrows Community Association – DIEM" at Box 52, Surge Narrows, V0P 1W0.

DIEM Project welcomes your questions, comments, requests: Phone Lannie 285-2823 or Eve 202-0077 or email us at info@diemproject.org.

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Quadra Circle Friday Lunch

Join us at 1281 West Road (in the Lower Level of Quadra Bible Church). Arrive for 11 am armchair exercises with Ann Lawrence or at noon for lunch and a speaker. December 13 features an International Christmas Potluck and is our last meeting until January 3, 2014.

For more information contact Karen at 285-3064 or Mary at 285-3084.

Quadra Island Outdoor Club Winter Activities

The Quadra Island Outdoor Club is now organizing activities for the winter, and trips begin next week. There will be a mix of hiking and snow-based activities throughout the season. If you have not yet joined, please contact Darcy Mitchell at darcmm@telus.net. The schedule is under construction, so visit the webpage for the current status at qioutdoorclub.org. The trip details are available there and the contact information for the coordinator of each trip. It is essential to let the trip coordinator know that you want to participate a reasonable time before the trip.

We do not expect that Mt. Washington will be opening on December 6th, so the carpool trip on December 12th has been postponed.

The Christmas bird count will be held on January 4th. This is not an Outdoor Club trip, but there will be a lot of cross-over interest. The contact for the bird count is Katherine Manry at kamanry@gmail.com. It may not be essential to be an expert, if you want to participate.

Here are the upcoming events:

Monday, 9 December - Hike to Maud Island

Wednesday, 1 January 2014 - New Year's Day hike

Saturday, 4 January - Christmas bird count

Wednesday, 8 January - Mt. Washington carpool

Saturday, 18 January - Elk Falls hike

Polio Ashram India

Since August 2012 \$16,345 has been raised to help children at the Arya Sugandh Sansthan Ashram for disabled and poor children in Uttar Pradesh, India. This is thanks mainly to generous people on Quadra, Cortes and Read Island.

This money enabled 3 Solar Inverters (1Kv each) to be built so the children now have lights in the winter and fans in the summer; a boundary wall for the second floor classrooms (so children don't fall off!); a water pump; a kindergarten classroom (money needed for finishing); 50 table and chair sets for the school; weekly fruit and extra milk for the children in 2014. Some of you also donated money specifically for a special meal, candies and gifts for the children (included in the total money). Thank you all again.

I have just returned from India with more cards, bookmarks, bags etc. made by the children and will be selling them by donation at the Quadra winter markets (Sat. Dec 7th and 21st), at Cortes, Manson's Hall (Fri. Dec 13th or 20th) or if you would like to get something direct please phone me (2434).

Now, I would like to raise money for painting the whole ashram -especially the dorms. and the kitchen, and repairing the mosquito screening; sports equipment is needed and science room equipment-and another (cow dung) methane gas plant (the present one is working well for cooking-and also has produces good compost for the vegetable gardens).

The photo is of some of the solar panels on the roof and an opportune cucumber vine.

Thank you all again.

Eileen Sowerby



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Winning at Parenting...without beating your kids. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to attend this DVD presentation by Barbara Coloroso. Guest facilitators will be on hand to lead discussion following the viewing. A January date for this presentation will soon be announced. Barbara Coloroso is an internationally recognized speaker and author in the areas of parenting, teaching, school discipline, non-violent conflict resolution and reconciliatory justice.

Quadra Literacy supports community bookshelves with seasonal books at both medical clinics and the dental clinic. Next week there will be new books and a bookshelf at the chiropractic clinic too. These children's books and poetry are for your enjoyment while visiting the clinics. There is a bookshelf in Room One at the community centre for a free exchange of books of interest to young adults and adults. You can drop off any good reads and choose one for yourself.

Do you have children's books or magazines like National Geographic Kids, Chirp, Chickadee or Owl in good condition but no longer in use in your home? During December and January, you can drop them off at the Library in the Cove or outside the Literacy Centre (the classroom across from the Kindergarten), so other young book lovers can enjoy them.

If you want to learn more about using the computer, Internet or Email there is free individual tutoring available. If you need support filling out forms, applications or learning about online job searches, Quadra Literacy can help. Contact Robin @ 250 285 3185, email robin.quadraliteracy@gmail.com or leave a message in the Quadra Literacy folder at the Library desk.

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Quadra Island Winter Market and Bazaar

Welcomes everyone to our community market!

Saturday December 7th 10 am-2 pm

We have a fantastic line up for your pleasure! All your favourite things and then some.

Accessories, art, & art cards, baking, beads, candles, crochet, jewellery, knitting, poetry, photo art, preserves, sewing, soap, weaving, wood and woollens. WOW! You never know what you'll find.

Michael has traded in flour dust for sawdust. Expect to see a new line of woodwork from this couple!

Red Cedar Herbs has new products to delight you. New lip balm flavours, teas and mmm body butters. Other new flavours for December too. Go ahead treat someone you love! Check out www.redcedarherbs.com for more great products.

Also for the month of December CHOCOLATES! 3 Ladies Chocolates brings you yummy truffles, p.b. cups, cherries, coconut & nut clusters, dark chocolate coconut bars, lollipops. Buy individually or by the tin. Easy gift giving at great prices. Gotta love that***

From the Kitchen: Savoury & Sweets

Soups: Turkey Vegetable Noodle or Lemongrass Sweet Potato & Coconut served with homemade bread of your choice.

Entrees: Shrimp Pad Thai or Deep Dish Vegetable Pizza & Salad

PLUS: an assortment of fabulous baking & fresh baked breads. All at great prices.

Coffee and Tea always on.

Don't forget the community centre has easy access at the South End garage doors. Back right up and unload. Easy, peasy. Promote your business. Great exposure.

Eileen Sowerby will be back playing your favourites on piano. Joyce Baker will have Island Voices Chamber Choir CDs. Come and enjoy.

Set up for the market starts at 8 am. on a first come basis. Market hours are 10 am - 2 pm. Tables are \$10.00 each. Why not share with a friend or neighbour? (twice the fun!)

As always we love to see you, so mark Saturday Dec. 7th on your calendar.

Need more info? quadramarket@gmail.com or Michele 250-285-3747 or Stella 250-285-3184

More Great Things from the WINTER MARKET!

Saturday, December 7th. 10 am - 2 pm
Quadra Community Centre

Grade 8 French Immersion students are fundraising for a trip to Quebec City in the Spring of 2014.

These industrious young people will have Christmas Wreaths and Gingerbread People (cookies) for sale at the market. Come out and show your support for these great Quadra students!

Donna will also be offering a gift wrapping service for all you paper and tape challenged wrappers.

She says she can wrap anything! So bring your last minute projects and have Donna dress them up!

Virginia will be back with her beautiful beaded jewellery. She has been very busy creating.

Don't forget we will be playing selections from the Island Voices CD which will be for sale at our market. Sounds fabulous!

There is a great selection of Christmas inspired baking & fresh baked bread. All very yummy and at great prices.

Check out our other article in this Discovery Islander for more of what you may find at this Saturday's market.

Lunch is, as always scrumptious or just sit for a bit with a hot coffee or tea.

Don't forget the Community Centre has easy access at the South End garage doors. Back right up and unload. So easy!

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The Winter Market welcomes everyone to our community market. As always we love to see you!

Saturday, December 7th at the Community Centre.

Need more info? quadramarket@gmail.com or Stella 250-285-3184 or Michele 250-285-3747

QISES NOVEMBER 2013 REPORT

Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society (QISES) would like to thank Tucker Dinnes for facilitating a much-needed and very successful visioning workshop at the Eco Center. Focus and direction were gained by individuals and the group as a whole. It was a great Saturday exercise.

QISES also thanks Tru-Value Foods for their fabulous points system and thanks those patrons who direct points towards salmon enhancement. We had a devastating cut from the federal government this summer such that the Eco Center was not operated as an educational site. Funds gained from the points system added greatly to our operating budget. The public should know that, even when the Center is closed, there are ongoing expenses such as electricity, insurance, tool purchase and maintenance, and stream keeping supplies. Points went toward conducting two Streamkeepers weekends where 6 (of 14) modules were taught.

People who did purchase memberships and/ or individual donors added to our funding and are greatly appreciated.

News in the media, CHEK, CTV Victoria and the Campbell River newspapers have had items of good work and great hope from all over the west coast and Vancouver Island. Recently items were about previously barren streams in Burnaby, Saanich, and along the east coast of Vancouver Island which have been rehabilitated and are now sporting salmon runs. One of our goals is to initiate contact with and possibly visit the streams of some of these enhancement groups. The C.A. (Community Advisor) system of DFO has been a source of information, funding and communication with some of these groups. We need to thank Stacey Larsen of Campbell River, moving on to another endeavour, for her support these past few months. Good luck going forward, Stacey.

Janis Mclean, our president, will be submitting a 2013 salmon count from the streams of Quadra Island. It was a good year for the chum and coho which spawn in our productive streams. Watch for it.

Al Beattie

Vice President, QISES

FRIDAY FLICKS

TONIGHT

20 Feet From Stardom

USA, 2013

Doors - 7:30 Showtime - 7:45

\$5/person - students/seniors \$4

Don't miss the last flick of 2013. We'll be going out singing with this award-winning documentary about some of the most exceptional voices of our era.

Award winning filmmaker Morgan Neville delves into rock and roll history from a new perspective. The spotlight is on the back-up singers behind some of the greatest musical legends of the late 20th century. Few, if any, of these singers became household names, yet their work has defined countless songs and records that are hallowed in rock's collective memory.

Neville juxtaposes interviews with industry legends (Bruce Springsteen, Mick Jagger, Sting, and Bette Midler) with the relative unknowns who support them. Each backup singer demonstrates unquestionable talent and a profound intuition and skill needed to support lead vocals. They also reveal their struggles to find careers as solo artists, and their disappointment in a music industry that has only propelled them so far. Twenty Feet From Stardom is a tribute to the unsung voices that changed the



sound of popular music from outside the spotlight.

Their voices are powerful enough to tear you apart and put you back together again, and their stories will do the same. (Los Angeles Times)

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Is Your Home Still Perfect for You?

Many of us don't spend a great deal of time thinking about or planning far in advance for changes in where we live as we age, partly because we may not know all the available options. Quadra Circle's Housing Committee has discovered some helpful resources, such as this guidebook: *Modern Ideas, Modern Living: Taking the Next Step in Home Design and Planning for the Lifestyle You Want*. The Hartford Insurance Corporation produced a free downloadable booklet of valuable tools and information to help you think about where and how you live now and during your next phase of life. It's intended to be a starting point, a conversation opener and thought provoker.

To help you begin, the Guide suggests the S.T.E.P. approach. Forms for completing each step are found in the *Modern Ideas, Modern Living Guidebook* at: <http://hartfordauto.thehartford.com/UI/Downloads/modernliving.pdf>.

1.Survey: Assess the fit between your present home and your lifestyle

2.Think: Decide how and where you want to live.

3.Explore: Consider universal design options: Is your home adaptable, easy and open? For example: Can it accommodate someone's reduced mobility?.

4.Plan: Create an action plan to achieve your goals. Use the forms in the Guide to help you focus, then talk with significant others and loved ones about your preferences. For Canadian information, including HASI andRRAP funding to adapt your home, visit CMHC's website: www.schl.ca/en/co/acho/masein/index.cfm

Our Housing Committee members are working on similar Steps as we envision housing choices we'd like to have on Quadra, particularly in the Q Cove village area.. For details call Mary at 285-3084.

Quadra Home Meals Weekly meal orders are available for a nominal cost of \$5 per meal to Island seniors or care-givers unable to cook regularly and to anyone dealing with illness or recovering from surgery. Food preferences and special diets are accommodated. Pick up your order at the Community Centre on Wednesdays between 11:30am and 12 noon, or arrange for delivery by our volunteers. To order by

Sunday noon call Marie:285-3950, Lynda:285-3205 or Karen: 285-3064. Last date for ordering in 2013 will be Sunday noon, Dec.15 for pick-up on Wed., Dec.18. Order again January 5, 2014 for January 8 pick-up.

Quadra Singers to present Winter's Heart

The peace, joy and celebration of winter and the Christmas season will be on the program when Quadra Singers presents *Winter's Heart* on December 14 at the Quadra Community Centre.

Quadra Island's community choir will showcase the talent of Quadra singers, dancers and musicians in a heart-warming concert that will feature a wide range of contemporary reflections on the season and traditional Christmas favourites. The concert will include performances by the McIvor and Chadwick Highland Dancers, who range in age from 10 to 23 years old. A Quadra men's ensemble and more of our island friends will perform. And, there'll be an opportunity to carol with the choir!



Photo by Don Mottershead of Quadra Singers

"We look forward to welcoming the community to this concert and celebrating our island spirit with music that brings hearts and voices together," says choir director Linda Cannon.

Mark your calendar for *Winter's Heart*, 7 PM, Saturday, December 14 at the Quadra Community Centre. Doors open at 6:30.

Advance tickets are available on Quadra at Hummingbird and Works of H'Art, and in Campbell River at the Music Plant. Prices are: adults \$10, children \$5 (\$2 more at the door). Free for children under five.

Learn more about Quadra Singers on the choir's Facebook page. Or contact the choir by email (quadrasingers@gmail.com) or telephone (250-285-2393).

Chamber News

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce continues to be active with business and community issues. More than 100 local businesses and service organizations are currently members of the DICC.

We are affiliated with the BC Chamber of Commerce and our members are entitled to the benefits and discounts that they offer. These include health and dental plans and group insurance.

Our monthly meetings are open to all members and are normally held on the 3rd Thursday of every month except that we do not meet in July and August. We alternate between lunch and dinner meetings and the locations are rotated between all of the restaurants and cafés on Quadra.

We have recently updated our chamber web site. Check it out at discoveryislandschamber.ca.

Members are invited to enhance their listing on our membership page by submitting a short 30 word description and photo, logo or video to info@discoveryislandschamber.ca

Our Quadra Tourism and Cortes Island Business & Tourism sub-committees have both been very busy with their respective Community Tourism Opportunities programs (CTO) through Destination BC.

A new logo and branding look for Quadra Island has been unveiled and a new website quadrainlandtourism.ca has been launched. A Spring 2014 marketing campaign, which will be testing markets in Alberta and Northern Vancouver Island is underway.

On Cortes, CIBATA has been very active also developing a new web site www.ourcortes.com and embarking on the preliminary stages of their own Community Opportunities program.

The investments the CTOs are able to make are beneficial to us all. All island businesses benefit directly or indirectly from the traffic and economic impact that flows from a healthy tourism industry.

For information about the Chamber, or an application for membership, contact us by e-mail: info@discoveryislandschamber.ca or call me directly at 285-2422. **The next meeting is on December 12th at Gowlland Harbour Resort at 6pm.**

Michael Lynch, President
Support Island businesses, buy local.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT



By Jim Abram

Let's see, what can I write about this issue? How about FERRIES?

DECEMBER 9TH FERRY MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, 6 - 9PM - PLEASE BE THERE!

Some child care available if needed

Yes, folks, this will be your opportunity to come to the Community Centre and tell the "panel" what they are doing to our island. They need to hear it from you and I hope every person on the islands can be there and will get up to the mike and make your views known.

The "engagement", as they are calling it, is supposed to focus on the service cuts, and senior's discount reduction.

Let's step back and look at the underlying problem. You need to talk to them about the fact that the insanely high ferry fares have driven the ridership down and will continue to do so. That is the root of the problem. And it is planned to get even worse in April of both 2014 and 2015.

And if you step back a little further, you will say to them that **they must recognize the coastal ferry services as essential extensions of our provincial public highway system and ensure that the fares are reduced and the service levels are maintained at current levels.**

Those are the two most important points that need to be hammered home over and over again. Then we can talk about the impacts of losing our two late night sailings and the reduction in the senior's discount.

This is the time for all of us to pull together. One voice made up of 500 parts will be very effective in my opinion. We will also have our Chamber of Commerce there to talk about economic impacts and we have asked the Campbell River Chamber to do the same.

I put a motion through the Board last Thursday to invite the Chamber and to invite the Mayor and Council to come and support us like we support them. They are the ones that are going suffer many of the economic impacts of this decision. So

will our businesses and our population in general.

The posting that I put on Facebook reads as follows: (There will be some repetition with the above, but read it anyway, ok?)

Important Announcement: For All Islanders

BC Coastal Ferries Community Engagement: Public Open House and Question and Answer Session

Monday, December 9th from 6-9pm at the Quadra Community Centre

If you only attend one event this holiday season, this year, this decade... make it this meeting!

This is YOUR chance to keep Quadra Island livable!

The Province is "engaging coastal communities and ferry users from across the province on strategies to ensure the long-term sustainability of the coastal ferry network." In other words, this meeting is our chance to tell these people how we are affected by what the government is doing to us! They need to hear it and the media needs to hear it. I have worked hard to

ensure that all of the big city media will be at our meeting- CTV, CHEK and GLOBAL TV; the Times-Colonist, the Province, MAJOR radio and the local CR and Quadra reporters. Let's make their trip worthwhile!

At the meeting, the representatives will be discussing the planned cuts to our ferry service. They will be armed with statistics and questions such as "Why would you need an 11:30pm ferry?" Well, how about work, culture, sport, entertainment and returning home from the late flight from Vancouver, to name just a few? That is just one example. All runs are important to someone. We need all of our present runs and should settle for nothing less. **THIS IS OUR HIGHWAY!**

Above all, we must realize that what the government is doing right now is trying to **DISTRACT** us from the **REAL PROBLEM: THE FARES ARE TOO HIGH!** That is what has driven the service into the ground. Fares have caused a marked decline in ridership since 2005, thus generating less revenue. They need to be rolled back, not increased like the govt. plans in April 2014 and again the next year. They are too high **NOW**.



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The SOLUTION is to put the ferries back into the provincial highway system where they came from. They are the marine component to the terrestrial highways and need to be funded as such! THIS is what we need to tell them on the 9th.

SO! Come one, come all, to the meeting on Dec. 9th. Be there just prior to 6 pm.

The hall holds more than 500 people plus overflow, so let's make sure it's packed. We will have qualified staff offering free child care, in the building, for at least 10 kids (ages 3 to 12 yrs old)... but don't be afraid to bring your child, screaming or not- that's life! The panel needs to hear from the next generation of Quadra-ites!

I am counting on my community to help save itself. I can only do so much...now it is your turn. Come out and speak up!

Shade trees at the Campbell River terminal (some good ferry news!)

Well, after many years of trying and being turned down, I brought this topic up at our last Ferry Advisory Committee meeting and received support from the committee and genuine interest from the Terminal Manager. She was tasked by her staff to meet with me on this matter. We met last thursday afternoon. (I did bring this up last report and this is the continuation)

I am sure that most of you have been in the parking lot in the warmer times of year and been cooked in your vehicles. You have tried to keep your kids and pets cool after a long hot day in town and tried not to expire yourself. Well, the solution

seemed simple to me many years ago. Plant some tall, skinny shade trees that would provide shade right across the parking lot in the afternoon. Upon inspection with the Terminal Manager, she was very receptive to the idea and had already hired an arborist to come and advise her. So, they are looking at planting a row of Lombardi Poplars all along the western fence line where they will not interfere with anything!. We will see where they go with this. It might only provide shade for the first couple of rows the first year, but we have to start somewhere. The trees are fast growing, columnar in shape and grow in really poor conditions. They can easily be trimmed at the lower levels to keep from interfering with the walk-on traffic.

Meeting with local Ministry of Transportation staff

I met with our Area Manager again last week and went over all of the projects that we have had on the "list" of things to do for Quadra. They are progressing! Signs are being erected where necessary, some ditching is being done, the work has begun on Kanish View Estates to bring it up to standard and just in time for the snow! (sorry to mention that word). Lots of other projects are still being examined and I will be kept informed of their progress.

Telus Meeting

Last but not least, I will be meeting with Telus in Victoria on December 4th to be updated on their plans for Quadra Island. I have no information other than the fact that I have a meeting. I am hoping for lots of good news to share with you next report.

I have tortured you enough. Time to quit! Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at jimabram@xplornet.ca or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices.

Please do not use my residential phone number for SRD calls. **All business calls should be on 285-3355.** Many thanks!

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram Director,

Discovery Islands

- Mainland Inlets (Area C), SRD

School Trustees Meet With Education Minister

CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. – The School District 72 Board of Education was pleased to welcome Education Minister, Peter Fassbender to the district last week. On invitation from the Board of Education, Minister Fassbender met with trustees and senior management on Thursday, November 28 at the School Board Office and visited Carihi Secondary's Forestry Program on the morning of Friday, November 29.

Trustees used the meeting with the Minister to once again stress the challenge of meeting student needs in the face of unforeseen cost pressures, such as non-funded wage increases, while still striving to provide a quality education with diversified programming, more personalized learning, and adequate supports for students with special needs.

It was also highlighted that recent provincial government decisions to cut BC Ferries services and further raise BC Hydro rates will negatively impact the district, students and the communities within School District 72. Trustees are especially concerned that service cuts to BC Ferries will negatively impact Quadra Island and Cortes Island students as students rely on ferry transportation to attend middle and secondary schools in Campbell River and participate in school sports and other extracurricular activities.

Other topics of discussion included aging infrastructure of many district schools; changes to bargaining and the role of school trustees within the BC Public School Employers' Association; parent advisory council concerns around continuous fundraising; and ConnectEdBC, the new student information system that the Ministry of Education is rolling out.

"We are extremely happy that Minister Fassbender accepted our invitation to visit our district," said Michele Babchuk, School District 72 Board of Education chairperson. "We have not had an Education Minister in the district for a long time and it was very good to sit one-on-one to express our concerns and showcase some of our district's many successes."

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Quadra Children's Centre Says Thank You!

The Quadra Children's Centre Fall Into Winter Dinner was a huge success. We want to say a sincere thank you to everyone who showed support for this event. Jim and Dennis Thievin, and their talented friends Andrea Blasekie, John Tolle, Richard Christie, Diana McKerrecher, Lois Taylor who shared the stage with them, are owed a special thank you for providing the wonderful entertainment. Your music was the perfect accompaniment to the delicious dinner prepared and served by the wonderful Herons staff. The donors to the Silent Auction, Christine Lund, James Pottery, Walcan, Mellisa Abrams, Curtis Wilson, John Schevers, Judy Odelle, Yellow

Dog, Heriot Bay Inn, Hummingbird, Polluted Pixie, Book Bonanza, People's Drug Mart, Evoc Beauty, Stranded Hair, Quadra Golf, Southend Farms, Discothistle Farm, Dirtco, Paul Puddy, Gowland Harbour Resort, Works of H'art, Sharon Hatelt, and Healthyway, also deserve a special thank you. We are fortunate to have such a talented and generous community. Finally, thank you to everyone who came out, bid on items, and made the evening so much fun - we could not have done it without. Your support helps Quadra Children's Centre to continue to do the important work of caring for island children and their families, and for that we thank you!

Attending Holiday Festivities?

- Plan Before You Head Out

Whether you're attending a holiday get-together or meeting up with friends to watch the game, if your festivities involve alcohol, make sure to plan ahead for a safe ride home.

The Quadra Island RCMP want you to enjoy a safe holiday season with your family and friends. Here are a few tips to stay safe on the road:

- 1) Take your turn to be a designated driver: Being a designated driver is a shared responsibility; take your turn to help get your friends home safely.
- 2) Plan your safe ride home before you start drinking: If you're going to drink, choose a designated driver before heading out.
- 3) Use other options to get home safely: Call a taxi or call a sober friend.

During the month of December, an average of five people are killed in B.C. each year in crashes involving impaired driving.

Police across the province including the Quadra Island RCMP will be out in full force at CounterAttack roadchecks this holiday season looking for drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Little Known Fact:

If you drive while impaired, you could void your insurance and may be responsible to pay for all damages and injuries you cause to yourself and others.



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Monsters in the Closet

The critically acclaimed musical comedy by the Quadra Youth Theatre group opens Friday, January 10th for a grand three day run at the historic Quadra Community Centre. A dozen of Quadra's finest young actors will take to the stage backed up by Discovery Island's up and comingest band, The Unexpected. Here's what the famed German drama critic Bertolt Brecht said about the play: "Ich weiss es nicht - ich habe es noch niemals gesehen." Famed French playwright Victor Hugo commented, "Ne me demandez pas, je suis mort depuis plus de cent vingt-cinq ans." Dostoyevsky said something very flattering and witty but he said it in Russian.

In another fifteen years some of these actors might be so famous they won't even be able to pick Quadra out on a map. On February 30, 2015 The Unexpected will play it's breakout concert at the Suicide Club in Barrie Ont. Almost to a person the comments will be the same, "The band is to die for."

But don't come out because they will be the stars of tomorrow. Come out because they are the stars of today.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BYLAW NO. 185 – QUADRA ISLAND ZONING BYLAW, 1990, Amendment No. 104

BYLAW NO. 186 – QUADRA ISLAND ZONING BYLAW, 1990, Amendment No. 105

AND

BYLAW NO. 187 - QUADRA ISLAND ZONING BYLAW, 1990, Amendment No. 106

Date of Public Hearings: January 2, 2014

Location of Public Hearings: Quadra Island Community Centre, 970 West Road, Quathiaski Cove, BC

Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 185 will commence at: 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 186 will commence: Immediately following the close of Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 185

Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 187 will commence: Immediately following the close of Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 186

BYLAW NO. 185

Area affected by proposed Bylaw No. 185: The subject area is described as Unsurveyed Crown foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of Discovery Passage, Sayward District, +/- 0.06 hectares in area as shown on Map 1 (right) (Crown Land File No. 1412592).

Purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 185: This bylaw, if adopted, would rezone the subject area from Access Two (AC-2) to Access One (AC-1) to permit the siting of an existing private dock.

BYLAW NO. 186

Area affected by proposed Bylaw No. 186: The subject area is described as Unsurveyed Crown foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of Discovery Passage, Sayward District, +/- 0.15 hectares in area as shown on Map 2 (right).

Purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 186: This bylaw, if adopted, would rezone the subject area from Access Two (AC-2) to Access One (AC-1) to permit the construction of a dock for private moorage purposes.

BYLAW NO. 187

Area affected by proposed Bylaw No. 187: The subject area is described as Unsurveyed Crown foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of Open Bay, Sayward District, +/- 0.10 hectares in area as shown on Map 3 (below right) (Crown Land File No. 1412092).

Purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 187: This bylaw, if adopted, would rezone the subject area from Heritage One (HE-1) to Access One (AC-1) to permit the siting of an existing private dock.

Copies of the proposed bylaws and related information are available for inspection at the Strathcona Regional District Customer Service Centre, located at #102 – 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, from December 6, 2013 until December 23, 2013 and from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon on Tuesday, December 24, 2013 and Thursday, January 2, 2014. The bylaws and associated staff reports may also be viewed on the Strathcona Regional District website at www.strathconard.ca.

The public hearings will be held by a delegation of Electoral Area Directors representing the Strathcona Regional District Board. Anyone who believes their interests are affected by the proposed bylaws will be given an opportunity to be heard or to file a written submission at the public hearings.

Written submissions from persons who are unable to attend the public hearings may be delivered by hand or electronically to the Regional District office no later than 12:00 noon on January 2, 2014 to be considered as part of the public hearing record. The Strathcona Regional District cannot consider any representations made after the close of the public hearings.

R. Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer

Inquiries should be directed to:

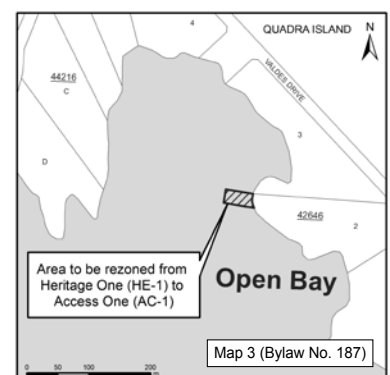
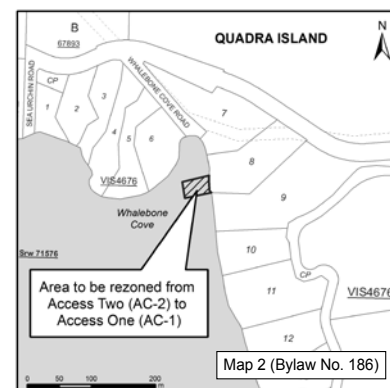
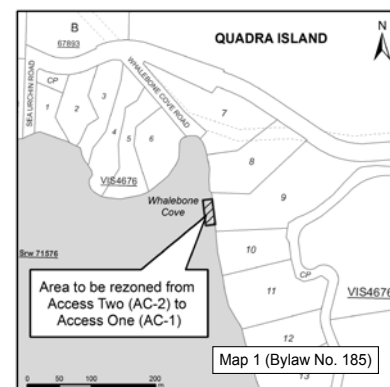
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Community Centre Update:

The Christmas Craft Fair was a busy, happy affair and we would like to thank the following businesses and community members for their contributions as well as the many craftspeople who rented tables and presented their creations at the Fair. Special thanks to Judy McMillan for organizing the table rentals, Adrienne Mann for taking on the concession, Mark Nighswander for the Christmas Tree and Rebecca Young for decorating. Thanks John Clark for being the mythical man in the red suit and the fire department for delivering him to enthralled children. Appreciations to:

Lovin' Oven for bread, Heriot Bay Inn for soup, Café Aroma for coffee, Courtney Hammond, Karin Mann, Linda Munn, Keely Chadwick, Amy Goeson, Kris Wellstein, Jane Townley, Alex Munn, Carol Woolsey, Doni Laird, Heather & Paige McInnes, Seleeah Schevers, Pamela Goijberg, Alicia Bradshaw, Kathy Sales, Kathy Young, Deanna Mitchell, Joanne Cameron, Nancy Essig, Mark Nicholson, Jamie Swanson, Sue Mitchell, Karen Holmes, Donna Hogarth, Cheryl Fredriksen, Stella Duffey, Michele Sjöholm, Gary and Doris Colter, John Jordan, Greg Ross, Jeannie's exercise class, Terry Peebles and Robyn Mawhinney.



The Community Kitchen Lunch is going strong on Wednesdays at noon. We would like to thank all those who give generously to the donation box as that means "All May be Fed". We always need bakers for cookies and cakes and, if this is something you would like to do, please call Dauphne Dery at 285 3998. The Christmas Dinner will be December 18 at noon and we do need dessert makers for that.

We are working on the 2014 schedule and the Recreation Guide will be out soon. This will be the year we do a shortened paper version with a full version on our newly created website, which will go up soon. In the meantime, check out what's happening on our Facebook page by "friending": Benkin Park. Or, just be old fashioned and call 285 3243 and get info from a real human being, ready to talk to you.

We've had the delight of meeting lots of new residents this fall, many of whom are young with families. This bodes well for the future of recreation at the community centre and the whole island.

Happy Holidays,
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Call Steve at 285-3323 for more info.

Free Firewood

Free Firewood is available after every Wednesday after Community lunch at 1 pm.

The wood shed is located behind the Community Centre on the South side. Bring your vehicle or a friend's pick-up truck and we'll help you load up.

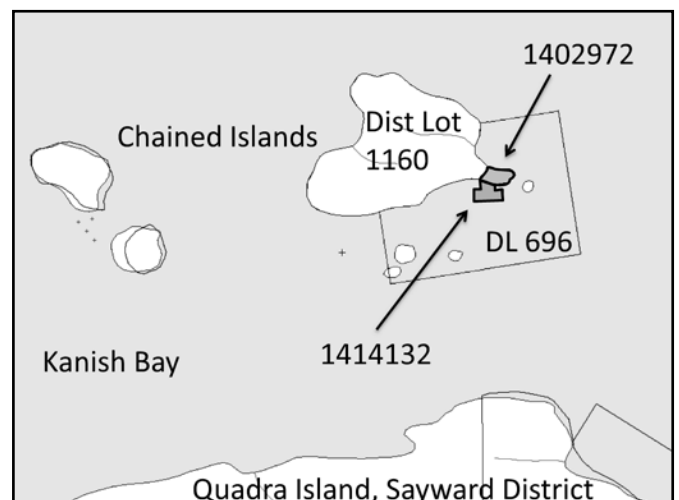
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The Lands File Numbers that have been established for these applications are **1402972** and **1414132**. Written comments concerning these applications should be directed to the Section Head, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations at 142 - 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9, or emailed to: AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca. Comments will be received by MFLNRO until **January 14, 2014**. MFLNRO may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website: <http://arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp> for more information.

Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operation's office in Nanaimo.



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