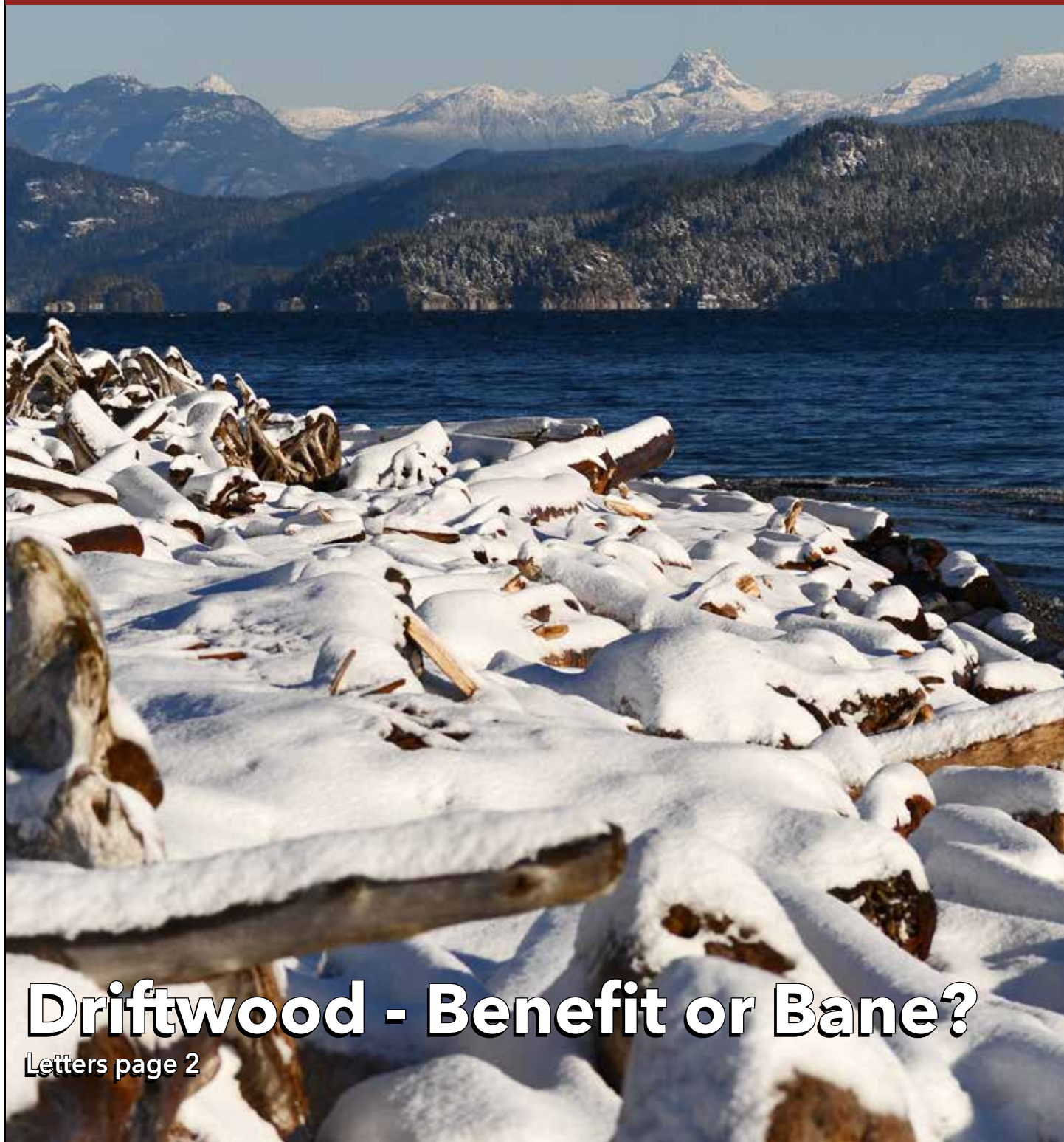


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## Driftwood - Benefit or Bane?

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# Beached Logs Come and Go

If you have been to Rebecca Spit, or similar beaches along the B.C. Coast, in the past few stormy days, you likely will have spent more than a few minutes mesmerized, watching as well as listening to logs crashing onto the shore. Has this activity always happened on the B.C. Coast?

Prior to the early 1900's there would have been no logs blanketing the coastal waterfront. From the 1920's to the 1950's there were short haul railway lines, moving logs from the upland forests. The logs were dumped into Drew Harbour, Royston, Comox Inlet and most other shoreline communities. Industrially, in the coves and bays, sufficient lengths of loose logs were chained end to end to form flexible barriers. The remaining logs were corralled into log booms. In the 1980's some of the logs began to be loaded onto barges. They were hauled by tug, down the coast to waiting mills for processing into chips for pulp and paper. Other logs were sawn into dimension lumber, for sale throughout North America and Japan.

With the arrival of the annual winter storms, and waves, getting the logs to the mills was a moment to moment gamble. Decade by decade the logs have washed ashore becoming the normalized beach front decorations.

The logs crashing storm by storm have had huge impacts to the natural inter tidal life and shore line vegetation. At the inter-tidal, the rolling, pounding, grinding logs have powered into the beach gravels and larger cobble stones... grinding stones have crushed snails, limpets, sea stars. These small creatures are the historic year round feed for the resident and migrating sea birds. Without seasonal foods, whether springtime chicks or as fall migrating adults, generations of birds have been starving to death. Bird inventory numbers are down 50+ %.

The near shore, upland vegetation: Salal, Beach Pea, various grasses, all have horizontal, webbed, roots interlaced with other vegetation including Douglas Fir and Sitka Spruce trees. The extreme high tides in the past 20 years have thrown the logs well into the brush line. The tearing by the logs has ripped apart the web of roots. As a result, the shorelines have been eroding into the ocean.

**What can be done about the beach logs crashing along the 1,000's of kilometers of BC coastline?**

Environmentalists, wanting the natural shoreline and inter-tidal species to recover could take up the cry on behalf of the Feathers, Furs, Forests and Fins! They could begin action campaigns working towards an Environmental, Social, Government, and Corporate alliance to fund habitat restoration projects, specifically the removal of the logs. Staff could be the unemployed Forestry Workers,. As in generations past, the removed logs would be processed locally, making for respectful, profitable employment, helping all communities.

The Forest Companies, wrote off the storm lost logs decades ago as an unavoidable cost of doing business. Over the past 20 plus years, they have been BURNING, NOT PROCESSING, about 50% of the trees cut. They won't likely be motivated to invest a dollar to research innovative uses of the logs e.g. bio-thermal energy. Existing BC Government Salvage regulations do not (as yet) encourage an entrepreneur with a boat to haul logs from the beaches, without immense

volumes of paper work and specific drop zones.

Maybe there should be a new, targeted levy / stumpage for logging existing crown / public forests. The dollars collected would go to direct funding of the Coastal Beach employment retraining and business development initiatives, suggested above.

The Peoples Republic of China has been funding resource start-ups, known as State Sponsored as well as State Owned Enterprises, around the world, for over 25 years. The NDP - B.C. Government with the Ministry of Forests, just returned from its 2nd business development junket with China, this past November, 2019.

Were they discussing the economic potential of China entrepreneurs starting up a Coastal log salvage business, with appropriate zero-tax as an incentive? Foreign Worker Visa Programs are easy to get, if a Canadian doesn't apply for the job!

Rod Burns  
Quadra Island

## Are your investments on track?

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# THE ISLAND CALENDAR

## Day to Day

### Friday, January 24

- QI Salmon Enhancement presents Dr. Kristi Miller 6:30pm

### Saturday, January 25

- Sierra Quadra present - Beyond Climate 7pm

### Monday, January 27

- Family Literacy Day, Q.C.C. 10am - noon

### Friday, January 31

- Friday Flicks presents - Maiden Q.C.C. 7:30pm
- Deadline for applications for Young Musicians Fund

### Saturday, February 1

- Live Music w/ Howlin' Dogs HBI Pub 8:30pm N/C

### Thursday, February 13

- Community Led Death Care, Q.C.C. Rm 3 7pm

### Friday, February 14

- Deadline for registering - Living Life to Full, pg. 6
- Dinner-Show with Barney Bentall, Tom Taylor & Shari Ulrich Herons to reserve call 285-3322
- Valentines Swing Dancing HBI Pub 8pm
- Friday Flicks II Pleuvait des Oiseaux 7:30pm Q.C.C.

### Saturday, February 22

- QI Harbour Authority AGM HBI Bayview Room 1pm

### Sunday, February 23

- Emergency Reception Centre exercise Q.C.C. pg. 8

## The Regulars

### Mondays

AA, Big Book Study, 7pm Quadra United Church  
Sing for Pure Joy, 1-2:30 QCC Rm 3  
Badminton, 7:30pm Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in \$2

### Tuesdays

Chess Club, Quadra Island Library, 2-4:30  
Folk Dancing, QCC, 7:15pm, 285.3849

### Wednesdays

1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1-2pm  
Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7pm  
Poker Night, Quadra Legion, Heriot Bay 7:30pm

### Thursdays

SMART Recovery group 12:30-2pm, QCC boardroom  
E-Help, Quadra Island Library, 1:30-4  
Badminton, 7:30pm Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in \$2

### Fridays

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm Quadra United Church

### Saturdays

Meat Draw, Quadra Legion, Heriot Bay 5pm  
Open Mic with Mo, 9pm at the HBI pub

### Sundays

Buddhist Meditation, 10 am, Children's Centre  
Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30am  
Family Service, United Church, 11am, 285.3163  
Quadra Sunday Painters, 11am-2pm, 285.3390

## What's Happening at the Community Centre

### THIS WEEK Jan 24 - 31

**FRIDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10:00 Spinners & Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 2:45 Kids Ballet; 5:00 Jazz Dance with Heidi; 7:00 Salmon Enhancement Society presents: A Talk with DR. Kristi Miller

**SATURDAY:** 10:00 Non Violent Communication Workshop; 7:00 Sierra Quadra Presents the Film: Beyond Climate

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 Somatic Yoga with Rob; 11:00 10:00 Non Violent Communication Workshop; 5:00 Circus Jm

**MONDAY:** 10:00 -12:00 Family Literacy Day; 1:30 Q. Circle Caregivers Support Group; 2:45 Island Theatre Kids; 4:00 Chess Class; 5:15 Yoga with Dood; 7:00 Photo Club

**TUESDAY:** 9:00 Quilters; 11:30 Sound Meditation with Sarah; 1:00 Quadra Circle Mosaics; 5:00 Yoga with Trinity; 7:15 Folk Dancing

**WEDNESDAY:** 10:00 Yoga with Trinity; 12:00 Community Kitchen Lunch; 4:20 Active Flow Yoga with Kate R; 5:45 Jazz Dance with Heidi (Room 3); 7:15 Slow Flow Yoga with Kate R

**THURSDAY:** 10:00 Parents & Tots & Parents & Tots Dance; 12:30 SMART Recovery; 3:00 Hand Knitting for Kids; 5:00 Yoga with Trinity; 6:45 Quadra Singers

**FRIDAY:** 9:00 Kundalini Yoga with Sarah; 10:00 Spinners & Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 2:45 Kids Ballet; 5:00 Jazz Dance with Heidi (Room 3)

### NEXT WEEK Feb 1 - 7

**SATURDAY:** 10:00 Journey the Chakras

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 Somatic Yoga with Rob; 5:00 Circus Jam

**MONDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10:00 Parents & Tots; 10:00 Q Circle Core Strength Class; 1:00 Sing For Pure Joy; 2:45 Island Theatre Kids; 4:00 Chess Class; 5:15 Yoga With Dood

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group.

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If drinking is a problem for you and you want to stop drinking Alcoholics Anonymous can help. To find AA near you or if you wish to learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous visit [www.cr-aa.ca](http://www.cr-aa.ca). or call 250-287-4313 for Campbell River and area AA. Meetings are held on Quadra Island Friday night at 8:00 pm and Monday night at 7:00 pm at the Cape Mudge United Church.

## Family Literacy Day

Quadra Literacy presents Family Literacy Day 2020: Mighty Kids! Join Quadra Literacy for a morning of literacy activities at the Quadra Community Centre on Monday, January 27th at 10am, until noon. Light snacks will be provided. This event is free and will be fun for kids under 6 and their grown up friends. Dress like your favourite superhero!

## Genealogy Society

The Campbell River Genealogy Society invites you to attend our monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 6th, 7-9 pm in the Thulin Room of the Maritime Heritage Centre, 621 Island Highway, Campbell River. After the annual meeting, there will be an informative session about programs now available in our society's library. We have recently added Find My Past, and Legacy Family Tree Webinars. The library is open from 6 pm before the meeting. For info call 250-203-0585.

## Quadra Island Outdoor Club

### Upcoming Events

We've managed to have a trip each week during the recent wild weather, with a few changes to destinations. The conditions at Mt. Washington are still early season, but improving. Here are the confirmed upcoming trips:

29 Jan, Wednesday - hiking on Surge Narrows logging roads

3-6 Feb, Monday to Thursday - multi-day hiking at Tofino

12 Feb, Wednesday- hiking Open Bay and Crikey Creeks

19 Feb, Wednesday - snow sports at Mt. Washington

26 Feb, Wednesday - hiking Drew Creek and Harbour trails

11 Mar, Wednesday - hiking a Reed Lake loop

18 Mar, Wednesday - snow sports at Mt. Washington

The detailed trip descriptions can be found here:

<https://qioutdoorclub.org/trips/trip-schedule/schedule-fall-winter-2019-20/>

For information about the Club visit the webpage and enquiries can be made to [qioutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:qioutdoorclub@gmail.com)

## Sierra Quadra - Coping with Climate Change

The Climate Crisis and Community Resilience' is a three-part series offered by Sierra Quadra in 2020. We are devoting our winter/spring schedule to an exploration of how we can cope with the realities of climate change – arguably the defining crisis of our time – both as individuals and as a community.

Admission to Sierra Quadra events at the Quadra Community Centre is by donation. Doors open at 7pm & presentations begin at 7:30pm.

We hope you will join us for the first 2020 meeting of Sierra Quadra on Saturday, January 25 at the Quadra Community Centre. This meeting features a film titled "Beyond Climate" The screening will be followed by an audience discussion, moderated by Ray Grigg.

This film has won a variety of awards such as Best Feature at the Four Seasons Film Festival 2019 and was an Official Selection at the Planet in Focus International Environmental Film Festival in Toronto in 2018.

Beyond Climate takes viewers beyond the headlines and into the heart of the issues: from heat waves, droughts and melting glaciers to pest outbreaks, back-to-back record setting forest fires, and changes to the oceans. BC is used to illustrate how the broader climate crisis affects local environments and communities. The film addresses many of the pressing issues facing BC - from pipelines and liquified natural gas to the survival of wild salmon, to the rights of our Indigenous peoples.

### Coming Events...

**Pop-Up Band - Howlin' Dogs**  
Saturday, February 1  
8:30pm HBI Pub N/C

**Valentine's Events**  
**Dinner-Show at Heron's**  
Barney Bentall, Tom Taylor & Shari Ulrich

**Swing Dancing**  
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Deadline: January 31, 2020

The Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund (YMF) is pleased to announce that we are once again offering Gift Certificates for music lessons to all young residents of Quadra Island, age 18 and younger. These Gift Certificates can be used to pay for music lessons with local teachers (including on Vancouver Island). Our Gift Certificate Program is made possible through the hard work of our volunteers and the generous support of our community at our Annual Concert and Fundraiser (the next one is coming up on May 2, 2020), our Annual BBQ at TruValue, and other much appreciated donations.

To apply please pick up a paper application at Inspirations or find one online in the Files section of our Facebook page "Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund." Fill it out and either return it to Inspirations, mail it to Box 221, Heriot Bay, BC V0P-1H0, or scan (with a real signature) and email it to quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com. DEADLINE: January 31st, 2020.



If you would like to support us, either by volunteering, partnering, donating, or providing goods and services in kind, please get in touch! Please email us at quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com or call us at (604) 373-6440. We are currently running a fundraiser on our Facebook Page, with a goal of raising \$2000 for future programs. Find us on Facebook at "Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund." You can also donate directly at the Coastal Community Credit Union or donate your Spirit Board points to #310.

- Dave Blinzinger and Jen Banks-Doll,  
Founders

## Living Life To The Full

Do you want to feel happier, gain confidence, feel less stressed and develop skills to deal with life's challenges? Check out this 7 week program, sponsored by Quadra Circle.

Tuesdays, March 3 – April 14 from 1:00 – 2:30 in Room 2 at Quadra Community Centre. Registration is \$30, payable to Quadra Circle. Fee can be waived if needed.

Facilitators: Pat Peterson & Diana McKerracher.

Registration closes Feb. 14, so sign up now: qcircle@outlook.com (250) 285 2255 office hours Wed. – Fri. 11am – 3pm

## Lot 302, Read Island

**Read Islanders launch silent auction in support of the purchase of Lot 302.**

Over the last few months, Read Islanders have done an amazing job in raising money for the purchase and protection of Lot 302 on Read Island. Through some incredibly generous donations not just from locals but from environmentalists worldwide, they have raised \$97,558. This is incredibly close to the original target of \$100,000, the money required to complete the purchase. All that is needed now is the balance to reach the \$100,000 target plus some money to cover the legal costs for the purchase of and placing covenants on the land, some money for signage and trail building materials.

To that end, the fundraising committee has just launched an online silent action which can be accessed through this link: <https://www.32auctions.com/SNCA-Lot302>. It will be live for a month and close at midnight of February 14th.

Please take a look at it and start bidding! While some items will clearly be of interest to locals, others may well be of interest to those who are not residents. So feel free to share this link. The key to the success of this auction will to spread the word far and wide.

We can still add things to the auction, so if you are inspired just contact Rosie Steeves at [rosie@executiveworks.org](mailto:rosie@executiveworks.org) and she will make sure your item is added.

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# Friday Flicks

## January 31 - Maiden

UK, 2018, English with English subtitles

**Maiden** is the story of how Tracy Edwards, a 24-year-old cook in charter boats, became the skipper of the first ever all-female crew to enter the Whitbread Round the World in 1989.



Tracy's inspirational dream was opposed on all sides: her male competitors thought an all-women crew would never make it, the chauvinistic yachting press took bets on her failure, and potential sponsors rejected her, fearing they would die at sea and generate bad publicity. But Tracy refused to give up: she remortgaged her home and bought a secondhand boat, putting everything on the line to ensure the team made it to the start line. Although blessed with tremendous self-belief Tracy was also beset by crippling doubts and was only able to make it through with the support of her remarkable crew. With their help she went on to shock the sport world and prove that women are very much the equal of men.

## February 14 - Il Pleuvait des Oiseaux

(And the Birds Rained Down)  
Canada, French/English subtitles

Here's a perfect film to see with your valentine.

Three elderly hermits live in the woods. While wildfires threaten the region, their quiet life is about to be shaken by the arrival of two women - A story of intertwined destinies, where love can happen at any age.

## March 6 - Wild Rose

Due to the snowy road conditions on Jan. 17, Friday Flicks was forced to re-schedule this much anticipated film and will now screen it on March 6.

**THE FREE MONEY PROGRAM CONTINUES**  
on the first Wednesday of the month from 11:30 to noon in the seminar room at QCC. Single individuals receive \$10 and families receive \$20 inside a book of their choice. Available the first Wednesday from October to May. Please consider donating to the Free Money account at Coastal Community Credit Union. For more info call 285.2462.

### New to Quadra?

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce and local businesses welcome you with a gift bag.

Contact Judy at 285.2150

## Quadra Community Led Death Care

Want to learn more about the different options available around dying on the island? We're a budding group looking for volunteers to join our group to offer support for families and dying people on the island. Curious? Interested? Come and join us for a short film and discussion around the next steps February 13th, 7-8:30pm, QCC Room 3. All welcome!

## Annual Quadra Salmon Event

Friday, January 24th., 7pm., at the Community Centre: Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society is fortunate to have Dr. Kristi Miller as our annual speaker. Her title will be 'The Question Everyone is Afraid to Ask: Is There A Role Of Infectious Disease In Wild Salmon Declines?'

Dr. Miller is Head of the Molecular Genetics Section and Research Scientist at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, and Adjunct Professor in the Dept. of Forest and Conservation Science at UBC. She was an expert witness at the Cohen Commission and her research is internationally recognised.

Her recent work is on biomarkers consistently activated in viral disease development in salmon. Her most recent publications include Non-lethal salmon screening for infectious agents and Endangered wild salmon infected by newly discovered viruses.

Doors open 6.30pm. Everyone welcome. Admission by donation. Refreshments. Fall salmon counts will be reported. For more information please contact Eileen Sowerby 285 2434.

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## Garden Club - All About Roses!

with Jason Croutch

February 10th, 2020 - 7-9 pm at the Quadra Island Community Centre

The presentation is free for all current Garden Club members and \$3 dollars for non-members.

Learn how to add passion, fragrance and beauty in your garden while enhancing the natural environment! See first hand how to propagate roses! Purchase some wonderful roses for your garden!

In Jason's words:

Roses have developed a bit of baggage over the last two thousand years. People associate the rose with passion, fragrance and beauty, and that's all good. On the other hand, roses are too much associated with formal gardening and have picked up a reputation for being difficult to grow. Current gardening trends of sustainability, food security and small-space gardening have left roses a bit "out of fashion." I think that's a shame, because roses have so much to offer as functional, even informal, garden plants for most any garden size or site.

In this presentation, I'll focus on some of the useful varieties of roses that have been abandoned by the nursery trade. I'll offer up varieties that make wonderful companions in mixed plantings, those that thrive in difficult locations, and others that provide outstanding forage for bees. or winter food and shelter for wildlife. With some of these uncommon varieties of roses now quite endangered themselves, I will give a demonstration of how to propagate by semi-hardwood cuttings, a technique that can be used for roses, or adapted to many varieties of shrubs and perennials.

My roses have heard about this road trip to Quadra Island, and



I'm afraid I won't be able to get off the farm without a few tagging along for the ride. So I'll be offering roses for sale at the presentation. I'm selling them for \$15 each, well-rooted in a 1 gallon nursery pot. I'll provide a list of varieties to the Quadra Island Garden Club (see [www.QuadraIslandGardenClub.com/roses](http://www.QuadraIslandGardenClub.com/roses)), and if you let me know in advance (the easiest way is through Facebook: Fraser Valley Rose Farm), I'll bring your requested varieties with me.

About Jason Croutch:

Jason Croutch is the owner of Fraser Valley Rose Farm, a nursery specializing in those unique, hard-to-find, and historical varieties of roses that are no longer readily available on the market. Jason attended the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Greenhouse Production Program, and then joined Valleybrook Gardens as a grower of perennials, herbs, veggies. and a wide variety of other crops. Jason is also quite active on YouTube, producing videos aimed at inspiring and sharing knowledge with backyard growers, budding rosarians, and garden enthusiasts of all kinds.

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## Quadra Island Emergency Support Services Reception Centre Exercise

Sunday February 23rd, 2020

Campbell River, BC – Please be advised that The Quadra Island Emergency Support Services Team (QIESS) will be conducting an Emergency Reception Centre exercise on the afternoon of Sunday February 23rd at the Quadra Island Community Centre.

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A Reception Centre is a safe place where people can go to receive:

- Information about the emergency;
- Assistance meeting their basic needs (food, clothing, shelter); and
- Help planning their recovery from the disaster.

A Reception Centre is usually activated when the number of evacuees generally exceed 12

and the event typically involves multiple dwellings. (e.g., neighbourhood or apartment block).

"In 2019 the Quadra Island Emergency Program volunteers put in over 3,500 volunteer hours which is an outstanding commitment from a wonderful group of volunteers" says Jim Abram, SRD Electoral Area C Director. "Members from the QIESS team have also recently deployed to assist Emergency Support Services responses in Port Hardy and Dease Lake".

"This exercise is important for QIESS members to have a solid understanding of the steps involved in activating a Reception Centre, and to practice those steps. The exercise is also an opportunity for our team to prepare for an emergency scenario, including the processes and procedures set out in our ESS Activation Plan" says Judy Hagen, Quadra Island's volunteer ESS Director.

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## Happy January everyone! I will try and touch on a few key issues and list the rest in point form to bring you up to date on what is going on in Area C!

### Weather, Weather, Weather!

Hey! So how about that weather we have been having?.... I have spent the majority of my time since the first flake fell a week ago trying to get the roads maintained properly by the people whose job it is to do so! It's not my jurisdiction, but I represent you and I will go to bat for you when you are not being served by the people that are in charge! The Province and the contractor are totally responsible for the roads, the ditches, the shoulders, the brushing, etc., etc! The management at the Campbell River and Cumberland offices are not serving us well in anyone's opinion. They do not seem to have a clue about the needs of Quadra Island. We are under resourced. Not enough staff and not enough equipment.

And who was it that heard about the problems, day and night by phone, email and FaceBook??? Yours Truly!... Well, I don't know about you, but I am getting tired of trying to get other jurisdictions to do their jobs. The storms were well forecast and were pretty much as predicted. So where was the plan of attack? Didn't exist, in my opinion. Our crews could only do so much with what they had.

I have received notification from professional drivers who need the roads and from residents from all points of the island. They are disgusted. No offence to the Foreman or any of the people on the ground at Mainroad, Quadra Island, but this cannot happen again. Equipment sitting in the yard while the Mainroad FaceBook page is telling people that all equipment and crew are working 24/7 to keep up! They need to know that each person can only use one piece of equipment at a time. So, obviously they don't have enough staff for our area!

People called me about that grader and plow in the Highways yard! The management at Mainroad was not telling us the facts. Roads that are normally plowed the first day were plowed on the fourth day. This is not acceptable! I know our guys work hard at their jobs, but they need proper resources. Please save the following contact information!

I have posted the numbers to call many times and here they are again. Your MLA (the Minister of Transportation), Claire Trevena, Claire.Trevena.MLA@leg.bc.ca, 250-287-5100, in Victoria, 250-387-3655; Ashley Cousins, Supervisor for Quadra at the Ministry in Courtenay, Ashley.Cousens@gov.bc.ca, 250-334-6955; and my favourite, Mainroad Contracting Reporting Line at 1-877- 215-7122 This number is recorded and they can actually get through to the workers.

We will have this as a topic at our next Safety Council Meeting. Ok, enough about road maintenance!

### Emergency Services

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### UBCM Age-Friendly Communities Grant Program

I am extremely pleased to announce that I was able to help move this through the SRD Board meeting last week. It is a grant from the UBCM. The really nice part about it is that though the amounts were to be divided equally between the two islands I made a case for why Quadra was more in need of this specific funding and the final split was \$12,500.00 to Quadra and \$2,500.00 for Cortes. It was amicable!

#### The original motion read as follows:

"THAT submission of a grant application to the UBCM Age-friendly Communities program in support of a \$7,500 grant for each of the Electoral Area B Cortes Seniors Association and Electoral Area C Quadra

Island Health Society project, be approved, and

THAT the Regional District provide overall grant management for the UBCM Age-friendly Communities project(s) contained within the application"

### North Quadra Fire issues

I am pleased to say that I managed to get the Board to agree to fund a survey of all north Quadra Island residents concerning what it is that they might wish to see in the north island for some sort of fire restrictions or regulation and a cost estimate of each option. After that survey is complete, it will be compiled and the SRD will try to take appropriate action according to the wishes of the majority. This issue has been on the books for a very long time and most possibilities have been found to not be feasible. We will see, after the survey.

### Assessments

I asked our Chief Financial to please help me out in explaining the Assessment process to all of you. Please, first of all, realize that Assessments are done by the Provincial Government and the SRD has nothing to do with them. The following is what he sent to me and I am forwarding it to you as info (I know, clear as mud!):

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- If the overall requisition is constant, and your home assessment increased at a faster rate than average....then your taxes will go up.
- If the overall requisition is constant, and your home assessment increased at a lower rate than average....then your taxes will decrease.

So you can have a situation where there are increases to both the overall requisition as well as your homes assessment; but if that's at a much slower pace than your neighbours, you could actually see your taxes decline.

Perhaps the best tool for explaining this to the public would be BC Assessment's Youtube channel; they have a quick video that exactly addresses this topic: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEhzXBNfkOc>

### BC Ferries info

So, the first of the 47' ferries are in BC. Ours will be coming in the next year or two. At this time, BCFS is planning to hold a public drop in, information session on Feb. 4th from 3pm to 8pm at the Community Centre to inform you of all they know, including the berthing of the new second vessel.

On the 5th, our FAC will be having an Operational Meeting with the BCFS staff regarding all issues concerning our ferries.

### Lounge endorsement

I am pleased to inform you that Southend Wineries were successful in getting approval from the SRD for the selling of wine and beer by the glass under the Liquor Control Board rules. They will still need that final approval, but I supported our local small business and I wish them well.

### Miscellaneous

I have been lobbying for our bylaws and OCP to be revised so that they actually work together like they are supposed to. I have also been pushing hard for the OCP and bylaws to be developed for the outer islands. The following is what I presented to our Chief Administrative Officer as my requests for the budget process and he feels it can be done within the existing budget.

"The the Area C budget be amended to reflect a complete review and, where necessary, correction to the wording to bring it into compliance with the OCP and to make it legally enforceable in all sections.

AND FURTHER THAT, The Desolation Sound Rural Land Use Bylaw #1460, be reviewed in 2020 to create a proper OCP and regulatory bylaw in the same fashion as above (staff, consultant, law firm)"

NOTE: This can be done by staff or consultant, but I would prefer that it be handled by a Municipal Law firm to make it binding.

#### MOTION #2

"That the work plan for Area C be adjusted to Include the above noted items in Motion #1"

Since this can possibly be done by outside sources, I see little effect on our staff plans.

That is what I presented to him and I am hoping we can get moving on it soon.

I have been continuing to contact the premier's office and numerous Ministers concerning the Bute / Toba Inlet IPP proposal. They are still saying it won't go through but I am still saying "Put it in writing!"....

I have spoken with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs about our pending Infrastructure Grant for the work that needs to be done at Surge

Narrows to help develop their community wishes. The Province has done their review and sent it off to the Feds and are being told they will have an answer by the end of this month. Fingers crossed!

We passed a motion to apply for a multi-million dollar grant to replace the existing Quathiaski Cove sewer plant. It really needs it and putting more money into it is just throwing good money after bad. So, keep those fingers crossed on this one also.

### Conclusion

Lots more going on locally, in Campbell River and Courtenay and Vancouver, but I am extremely late getting this report in, so it will need to wait until next time! So, onward to other tasks on your behalf! Feel free to contact me between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends or holidays, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at [jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca) or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... You can read occasional updates on issues that I will post on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/JimAbram>, but please do not use this medium as a way to communicate regarding SRD business. If it is important, my cell is 250-830-8005... Lots of choices.

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

Emails and phone messages received over the weekend or on holidays will (hopefully!) be returned promptly on the next regular work day.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram, Director, Discovery Islands- Mainland inlets, Area C, SRD

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## GRATITUDE

### From the Children's Centre

Our 2019 was a year full of many changes for us. Throughout all of these changes we were consistently reminded that we are part of a beautiful and supportive community. The mission statement here at the Quadra Children's Centre states, "Caring for children for community's sake". The ongoing and unwavering support of our community is what keeps us going strong for our children. We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following individuals and groups:

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations who have supported us in a number of ways throughout the year: Tru Value Foods, Discovery Islander, Quadra Literacy, our Strathcona Regional District Director Jim Abrams, The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #154, The Quadra Community Centre, The Food Bank, Fermentation Wine Making, Louis Mason Plumbing, Sorensen-MacDonald Enterprises Ltd., Rene Stone of RE/MAX Check Realty, The Philippines Connection, Blaine Smith Painting and Contracting, The Heriot Bay Inn, Black Bear Guest House, Spirit of the West, Taku Resort, and Gowlland Harbour Resort.

Thank you to Leona and Erik Skovgaard for your ongoing support, donations and kindness throughout the year as well as The Whiskey Point Resort who provided us a very generous donation from their garage sale in 2019. Thank you also to John Marlow and Stuart Smith who are keeping us warm with their donation of firewood and Adam Pullman of IslandScape Contracting who ensured our long driveway was clear of snow all winter. Thank you as well to Murray Abercrombie for helping to keep our buildings safe.

To those who donated to us on our online fundraising platform "Canada Helps": James O'Rourke and Richard Pielou. As well as those who made personal donations: Helen Lee and Michael Redican who made our staff's Christmases a little brighter, Rosanna and Colin Perkins, Karen Lakberg, Lynda and Dirk Van Der Minne, and Marcia Wolter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the Meditation group and others who rent our space. As well as those who donate clothing, toys, art supplies, and gifts of bounty such as fruits and vegetables. Every little bit makes a big difference here!

Last but not least thank you to our hardworking, dedicated and passionate Board of Directors: Kristi Montgomery, Heather Kent, Kirstie Stewart, Rachel Segal, Jesse Millard, Nicole Pullman, Evan Ross and Mandy Hart. The time and energy you put into the various projects and meetings throughout the year is greatly appreciated!

The saying "it takes a village to raise a child" is one that holds a great deal of truth here. Without our village we would not be the incredible centre we are today, so thank you all dearly for making not only the Children's Centre a wonderful place but the beautiful, community-minded island we have the privilege of being located on!

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<b>24</b>	06:40	5.1	16.7
Friday	12:10	3.7	12.1
	16:24	4.4	14.4
	23:39	0.9	3.0
<b>25</b>	07:16	5.1	16.7
Saturday	12:55	3.6	11.8
	17:13	4.3	14.1
<b>26</b>	00:17	1	3.3
Sunday	07:50	5.1	16.7
	13:37	3.5	11.5
	18:01	4.3	14.1
<b>27</b>	00:54	1.2	3.9
Monday	08:21	5	16.4
	14:19	3.3	10.8
	18:48	4.1	13.5
<b>28</b>	01:29	1.4	4.6
Tuesday	08:50	4.9	16.1
	15:01	3.1	10.2
	19:36	4	13.1
<b>29</b>	02:04	1.7	5.6
Wed.	09:18	4.8	15.7
	15:42	3	9.8
	20:28	3.8	12.5
<b>30</b>	02:38	2.1	6.9
Thursday	09:45	4.7	15.4
	16:25	2.7	8.9
	21:30	3.7	12.1
<b>31</b>	03:14	2.4	7.9
Friday	10:13	4.6	15.1
	17:09	2.5	8.2
	22:46	3.6	11.8
<b>01</b>	03:54	2.8	9.2
Saturday	10:42	4.5	14.8
	17:57	2.3	7.5
<b>02</b>	00:16	3.6	11.8
Sunday	04:44	3.2	10.5
	11:14	4.4	14.4
	18:48	2	6.6
<b>03</b>	01:52	3.8	12.5
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<b>06</b>	04:57	4.6	15.1
Thursday	09:57	3.8	12.5
	14:13	4.4	14.4
	21:56	1	3.3
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