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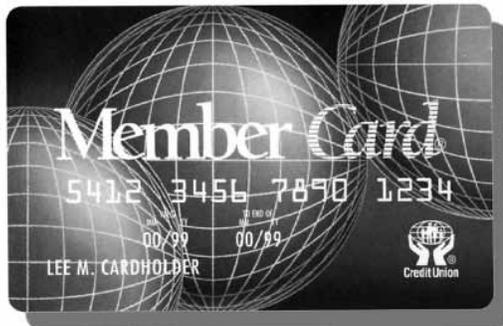
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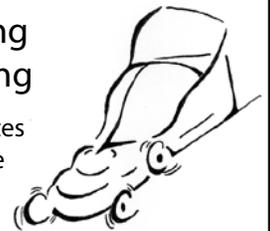
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- Watercolour Workshop  
Island  
- Island Rhythm  
8:30 pm doors  
- 'Rites of Passage' Off the Rock  
8:00 p.m.

Corets  
Community Centre  
Gorge Hall

## Aug. 21, Fri.

-Midsummer Movie

## Aug. 23, Sun.

Open House, Silent Ground  
3-8pm

Read Island Retreat

## Aug. 25, Tues.

-Slides on Tibet & Alexandra-David Neel  
8:00 p.m.

Community Centre

## Sept. 5&6 Sat./Sun.

-Island Skate Series

Blenkin Park

## Sept. 11 Fri.

-Preschool OpenHouse

Preschool

## Sept. 18, Fri.

-'Rites of Passage'  
8:00 p.m.

Off the Rock  
Community

## Sept. 19, Sat.

- Kids Fest  
Valley  
10 am - 3 pm

Comox

## Sept. 20, Sun.

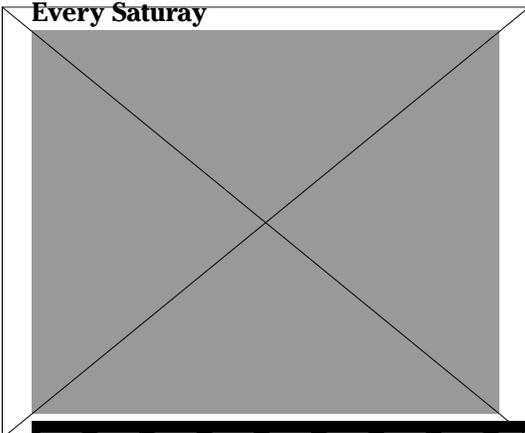
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- Friday Flicks Double Bill  
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## Summer Watercolour Workshop

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Dianne, an honours graduate of the Alberta College of Art and an accomplished watercolourist, is very enthusiastic about this workshop.

"We'll be based at the newly renovated, newly opened Old Schoolhouse Fine Arts Gallery in Whaletown. It's a terrific setting for painters. We'll be surrounded by the work of other local artists, and we'll have great lighting, and have access to our beautiful island scenery."

The fee for the workshop is \$80 for the weekend if payment is received by July 20, and \$90 after July 20.

Those interested in participating can register by calling 250-935-6719, or 250-935-6552 ( please leave your name and phone number). Registration forms, with a list of the materials that will be needed, are also available at **Impressions** in Campbell River. Tune up those watercolour brushes and join us on Cortes in August !

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# News & Events

## Farmers Market

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Gordy & Zoe Ryan in concert with Island Rhythm. Photo: Bill Weaver

## World Music

*Island Rhythm*, led by Gordy Ryan, veteran of Grammy nominated Babatunde Olatunji's *Drums of Passion*, comes to Quadra on **Saturday, August 15**. This multi-generation rhythm and dance ensemble brings hot West African, Afro-Cuban, and funky New Orleans grooves to the **Quadra Community Centre** for a night of world music boogie.

Songs and dances from traditional Yoruba ceremony serve as a "vehicle for spirit" that invites performers and audience alike to come together in celebration. The band also breaks loose with party music that recently had a crowd of 800 in Portland, Oregon going wild on the dance floor.

Bring the whole family to this high-energy event that proves there's no generation gap at the heart of music. Tickets (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under) available at the door. Doors open at 8:30 p.m.

## Calling All Vendors!

The Comox Valley Community Arts Council's Kids Fest Committee is holding its 8th annual Kids Fest in Courtenay on **Saturday, September 19 from 10 am to 3 pm**. This annual children's festival, held in the Sid Williams Civic Theatre, Florence Filberg Centre and surrounding grounds, has an average attendance of about 2,000. Over the years, admission to the festival has been kept at \$2.00 per person, making this a fun and affordable family event. Mainstage shows in the theatre are combined with interactive displays and enjoyable activities, in and out of doors. This year's headliners are Juno award winner, Al Simmons and John Kaplan's Magic Show!

The Committee is looking for interested and certified food vendors for the 1998 Kids Fest. For more information on Kids Fest or any other activities of the Arts Council, please contact the Comox Valley Community Arts Council, (250) 334-2983 or respond by fax to (250) 334-2934 or P.O. Box 3053, Courtenay, B.C. V9R 5N3

## Fools Gallery



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## Ferry Issue Update

In a meeting on June 24, 1998 with Minister Dan Miller, he stated that the deadline for stakeholders process to make an impact on Ferry Fees is the end of the 1998. BCFC held their inaugural stakeholders meeting on the 25th of June in Victoria, 7 months after the start of our 12 month window given by Miller. **BCFC plans to make changes to our Ferry Fees and in some areas changes to service in January.** There is no guarantee that the Quadra run is exempt from any service changes in the near future. In areas like Comox, BCFC will initiate parking fees to gain revenue. It would not be unreasonable for BCFC to actually pay an annual fee for Quadra's parking area and institute a parking fee..

Cabinet has yet to realise that our ferry service should be the extension of our highways as clear stated by Miller. However, near the end of the year the stakeholders group, known as "Coastal Council", will publish a document of their findings which will be sent to BCFC, the Minister, and the public. This time Cabinet will be addressing an issue that is public **not** secret.

What is now needed that our community become aware and aroused at the current events and be prepared to react shortly.

## 1998 B.C. Summer Games Achievements

This year the Ridge Meadows B.C. Summer Games were held in the Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge area on July 23-26. The official corporate sponsors were "airBC", "BCTV", and "BCTEL". Nearly 4000 youth and some seniors competed in 27 various categories.

Duke Walters 18, from Quadra Island, is a member of Campbell River Gun Club and Zone 6 Jr. Shooting Team. His sport is Air Pistol. Ralph Miller is the Handgun Director of the same club and likewise a member of the Zone 6 Sr. Shooting Team and also from Quadra Island. This year he represented Zone 3, Fraser Valley due to their team shortage. Through his efforts he received a Bronze medal in the Air Pistol event. His other sports were Standard pistol, Centre Fire Pistol, and Free Pistol. Ralph also acted as a coach for the Jr. Shooting Team. The Zone 6 Air Pistol Shooting Team, made up of Sr./ and Jr. team members received the Silver Medal.

## Slides on Tibet

"Slides on Tibet and the travels of Alexandra David-Neel" by author Barbara Foster. **Tuesday, August 25, 8 p.m. Quadra Community Centre.**

Quadra Island residents and visitors have an opportunity this summer to get a rare look at Tibet 75 years ago as well as a glimpse into the life of an eccentric Frenchwoman who explored Asia in the 1920s. Foster, an assistant professor at Hunter College, City University, NY, recently published a compelling biography of Alexandra David-Neel.

The British Columbia slide show tour is being presented by the Seva Service Society, and all proceeds from the presentations will be used to fund blindness prevention and sight restoration programs in Tibet. Seva is requesting a \$5 minimum donation at the door.

David-Neel, prolific author, inveterate explorer and traveller, and authority on Buddhism, was called by Lawrence Durrell, "the most astonishing woman of our time." She was the first European woman to enter Tibet's forbidden capital. She made her famous journey from Yunnan to Lhasa over the Trans Himalayas in midwinter, disguised as a beggar, beset by hunger, cold, bandits, and the threats of British imperial officials. Few have led a life of adventure equal to hers, or made so much of it.

For information on the Quadra event please call Heather Kellerhals at 285-3570. The Seva Service Society is based in Vancouver and can be reached at (604) 713-6622

## Beastly Nocturne Set to Captivate Islanders!!

Be prepared for a monstrously fantastic evening on September 21st at 8pm when Friday Flicks brings you a double feature for exponential fun. Witness the Stars under the stars at Blenkin Park where The Creature, King Kong and Godzilla (we don't mess with small fry) all descend on our peaceful island via the big screen .

Your summer evening of entertainment begins with the unrestrained sounds of Sack of Hammers; a group of musicians somewhat more civilized than the movie giants slated for later in the evening. Plenty of food and drink will be available at this time. At 9pm the movies begin, starting with the 3D THE REVENGE OF THE CREATURE. We brought you a night of fabulous family fun with The Creature From The Black Lagoon, now for all of you left wondering about the fate of this misunderstood being, we bring you the anticipated sequel.

"The gilled creature is held in a Miami aquarium taunted and tested by his captors. But finally the inky id-man bursts out to seek the female ichthyologist of his desires, smashing into a waterfront nightclub at the height of a blaring rock number."

Would Friday Flicks offer you a mere copy of the original; the genuine article? No! We offer you the first, the ascendant KING KONG VS. GODZILLA. Director Inoshira Honda and the special effects department of Japan's Toho Studios launched a new Sci Fi format for the 60's with the creation of "rampaging gargantuans. Japan's Godzilla is pitted against America's King Kong for the battle of the century."

Enormous fun for the modest price of \$5.00 for adults/ \$3.50 for children. There are bleachers and grass, but feel free to bring your favorite lawn chair, as well as some warm things for the later hours. Remember, this is a rain or shine event. We will move into the Community Centre if the rain returns. Call us cheesy. Call us corny. But don't call us late for dinner.

## Quadra Island Minor Soccer

If you are interested in playing league soccer in the Campbell River league, we can enter a Quadra Island team, boys and girls mixed. Dave Leadbitter will coach, provided we can get 11 or 12 boys and girls in one age group. If you were born in 1987 and wish to commit to Fall soccer (one practice per week on Quadra, one game on Saturdays in Campbell River) please call Pauline Falck 3682 as soon as possible.

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## 1998 Garden Tour Inspiring and Successful

The CCAP Committee would like to thank all those who participated in organizing and producing the 1998 Quadra Island Garden Tour. Special appreciation to all the gardeners who gave so generously of their time - Tera Nova Farms, Ed and Ethel Drahanchuk, Diane Vieau - Sprigs in Bloom, Giselle Liseth - Mapleview Farm, Jeanette Taylor and Gerry Cote, Susan Enns, Roger Michel, Karyn and Gilles Ruel, Robin and Keith Liseth, Wilby Farm, Bob and Pat Evans and the Hewisons.

Thank you also to all the volunteers who combined their efforts to make this event a success - Marna Disbrow, Ann Doolittle, Joan Blackmer, Paulette Marisi, Linda and Dirk Van der Minne, Shirley Wallace, Candice Holmes,

Heather Van der Est, and Darrell and Marjorie Rye. A special thanks to the 'garden sitters' - also very much appreciated.

Our Appreciation also goes to all the outlets who sold tickets for the Tour - Joanne's Country Charm, Explore, Heriot Bay Store, Page 11 Books, Campbell River Garden Centre, Serendipity In The Garden, Mystic Woods Garden Centre, Laughing Oyster Books and The Garden Gate. Thanks to The Quadra Seniors for selling tickets at the Visitors' Booth, with a special thanks to Muriel Krook and her sister.

The members of the CCAP Committee, Nancy Allwarden, Val Barr, Hilary Stewart, Hilda Van Orden and Carol Woods have worked hard over the past few months to put the Tour together.

Last but not least we would like to thank all the garden lovers who came to view the inspiring displays. Thanks to you this event has been a great success as just over \$5,800. was raised for the the Community Centre addition.

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## Island Skate Series Comes to Quadra

**September 5th and 6th** the Vancouver Island Skate Park Series comes to Quadra Island at Blenkin Park. Local sponsors include Explore Gallery, Red Radish Cafe and the QI Petro Can. Other sponsors include Reef, Counter Culture and Shore lb Materials. Be sure not to miss it!

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# Fish Farms: Opposition Mounts

Although a decision is supposedly "imminent", at press time the BC government had still not announced its policy decision arising out of the yearlong Salmon Aquaculture Review, completed last August. In the meantime, several recent developments have made the issue all the more serious:

- The outbreak of infectious salmon anaemia (ISA) in New Brunswick fish farms has now spread to Maine and a similar outbreak is hitting Scottish farms, causing millions of dollars in compensation costs, slaughter of more than 4000 tonnes of farmed fish, and quarantines of over 100 netcage operations. Should a disease like ISA hit west coast waters we could see a devastating impact on wild stocks including highly vulnerable Coho populations.

- The salmon farming industry continues to mislead the public. Data released through freedom of information shows that BC fish farms have used substantial amounts of Ivermectin to kill sea lice-despite telling the BC government they were not using the potent drug (which has never been approved for use in aquaculture in BC).

- Ministry of Environment staff recently found live Atlantic smolts in Carnation Creek and Keogh River. This is the first time live smolts have been found in Vancouver Island rivers, and may be evidence that escaped farm fish are reproducing successfully-putting native stocks at risk from competition.

- First Nations' opposition has intensified. The BC Aboriginal Fisheries Commission, First Nations Summit, BC Union of Indian Chiefs, and 188 out of 196 BC bands have all adopted a "zero tolerance" position. They are calling on the province to keep the moratorium until farms have been removed from sites that infringe upon aboriginal rights, all existing farms have been converted to closed loop containment systems, and the consent of affected First Nations has been obtained.

In recent weeks GSA (Georgia Strait Alliance) has provided support to First Nations who have organized demonstrations and other initiatives to get their message to decision makers. These have included flotillas and "evictions" of farms by the T'souke Nation in Sooke Basin and Ahousaht in Clayoquot Sound, and an alternative



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presence at an industry-backed "native aquaculture conference" in Vancouver in June.

GSA campaigner Howard Breen has also carried the message clearly to the Central Coast Land and Coastal Resource Management Plan. Despite being the only environmental group representative at the planning table, he was able to win enough support to block industry's attempt to entrench netcage aquaculture in the Plan "Vision". The fishfarm industry refused to adopt a "closed containment only" policy and thereby lost the potential compromise that was offered.

We (the Georgia Strait Alliance) believe it is "in the public interest" to respect the magnitude of the opposition to netcage expansion. Adoption of a closed containment-only policy is critical to achieving a consensus among stakeholders. Alternative systems may

be the sole tool to bridge the widening gap between industry and the public.

*On June 23, the last commercial salmon fishery in the North Atlantic Ocean (West Greenland) was closed for the rest of 1998 to prevent further decline in dangerously low salmon stocks (less than 114,000 fish estimated). This unfortunate development raises the question, will escaped Atlantic farm salmon soon exceed wild Atlantic stocks worldwide?*

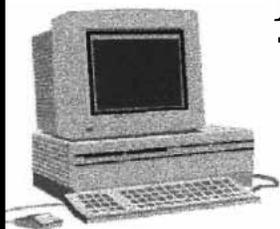
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# Island Tides

For Q-Cove July 28- , 1998

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# Island Forum

## Dear Editor,

I told someone when I first came to this island that as soon as lines were painted in the parking lot that would be the great omen telling me to leave.

You can't find a decent sausage roll and after spending hundreds of dollars on lunches, coffees etc. my money is not as good as the tourist dollar. Don't worry break loose, blame it on the poor people with funny hair, hippie types ya know. The same carrion hippies that I've been slumped with purged me of the little I had in this world. You know things, books memories that I had since I was a little boy. I understand that too, after all they were just my memories and everything is for sale these days. But when push comes to shove there is nothing to blame, everything is for sale these days. But, when push comes to shove there is nothing to blame, everything is for sale, even paradise. Myself, I've never had a home, a community, a place to lay my head knowing that I could stay and rest a while. I guess change is truly inevitable. But to heck with the social commentary, people are the same everywhere.

There's good people and bad people, the only difference between Tokyo city and Quadra Island is the number of trees, but they'll be gone soon enough. But when all the trees and fish and jobs are gone, don't blame the hippies who were saying to manage them in the first place.

So, thank you for the good and the bad, I have finally accepted there is nowhere left on earth that is untouched by the beast. But, if I am leaving, it can only be said most appropriately.

So long, and thanks for all the fish!  
*Milton Grace*

Letters for *Island Forum* must be signed, and include your phone number (for verification only).

**Letters may be edited for content.**

Next deadline: **5pm August 19<sup>th</sup>**

## Orphaned Kitten

On Sunday, July 12, I took in an orphaned kitten of probably less than two weeks of age. It was found by a young woman on a walk on the beach. The mother cat was not observed and did not appear on the scene within a period of time. The lady was unable to care for him and besides had rescued 2 little 4 week old kittens about 3 weeks previously. These two kittens were left by a dumpster. Abandoned.

The kitten did seem to respond to love, warmth, and the food (nursing kit provided by a veterinarian) and the usual efforts to meet his needs, but he died on Thursday, July 17 at 3:00 a.m. In his short life he had a best 4 or 5 people who cared about him. The mother cat who obviously is a stray or could be someone's "outside cat" will carry on and become pregnant again. I implore please, please spay or neuter your cat. The veterinarians now offer a spay or neuter plan which should help those of a modest budget. If more people would spay or neuter their pets - be it a real family pet or the outside "pet", as well as the barn cat - have it done! Cats who survive the unwanted home continue to populate - there is still abuse, inbreeding, disease etc.

Unless you have a market of available adoptive homes for the cute, cuddly, adorable kitten they will probably land at the S.P.C.A. who are always stuffed to the doors with the "cut, cuddly, adorable" kittens. Often there is a lack of adoptive homes and these innocents must be euthanized. then there are the no-minds that abandon kittens and adult cats - it's a bother, a nuisance, a move and leave it there, taken to the dump, left in and out of garbage dumpsters, in the woods and on. Their irresponsibility becomes another's responsibility.

I am sad about the kitten's demise, and the owner of the mother cat probably does not care and the fact that he did involve people who did care. The mother cat and others like her will carry on with the breeding program. So, please be responsible for your cat and have it spayed or neutered.

*C.E.Martin*

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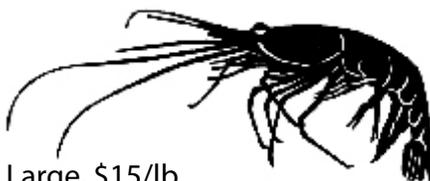
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# Sierra Quadra

## Coastal Spirits

Ray Grigg

Coastal Spirits is a new Quadra ecotourism business that has only been operating since May. In its short history it has already attracted visitors from Alberta, Arizona, California, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Indonesia and Taiwan.

"Of course, its marketing," concedes Bernard, "but its also the beauty of this place. We have it all right here. We are in the center of all this natural resource. People come to us because we offer these beautiful environmental tours. Ecotourism is in. We sell ecotourism."

Bernard and Marion Eberlein originally came to Canada from Germany via South America. They arrived with their new daughter, Lisa, and their dog, Lucy. After travelling and working internationally, they finally discovered the Gulf Islands of British Columbia. "This is the most beautiful place in the world," said Bernard, a man who seems qualified to know.

Their first efforts at establishing a B&B and ecotourism business on Gabriola Island were thwarted when a prospective Protected Area on an adjoining property was not made into a park but was logged instead. "We couldn't have such a business beside a clearcut," said Bernard, "so we began to look for another location." After a great deal of searching they found Quadra. "It was beautiful and natural. And it was centrally located between Strathcona Park and all the kayaking and boating areas of the Discovery Islands. The ecotourism potential is enormous."

Bernard's essential strategy is to offer comprehensive tour packages of hiking, kayaking and boating with an emphasis on naturalist information. His guides are familiar with local sealife, wildlife, trees and edible plants. First Nation's history is supplemented with visits to petroglyph sites, the Kwagiulth Museum, and Tsa-Kwa-Luten—with which he has worked out special cooperative arrangements.

Bernard takes pride in working cooperatively with a wide range of other Quadra businesses. All the building materials for his new B&B facilities were bought locally. Local plumbing, electrical and landscape contractors were hired. His qualified guides are local. Essential operating supplies are bought locally, including eggs, vegetables and edible flowers—that Marion uses to garnish salads—from Quadra's farms and gardens. Mechanical work, boat repairs and building maintenance are provided by Quadra Islanders. When overbooking occurs, Coastal Spirits and Spirit of the West share kayaking customers and equipment.

Coastal Spirits' tour packages provide choices of accommodation at such places as Tsa-Kwa-Luten, April Point, Quadra's B&Bs, even the campground at We-Wai-Kai. Guests are encouraged to eat at the lodges, the Lovin' Oven, the Red Radish, the newly opened Bay Cafe, and any of the other local places. A nearby neighbor, Bettina Sluzki Lewis,

has been invited to place brochures of her paintings in the B&B so interested guests can arrange visits to her studio. Other local artists and potters will be contacted by next year with a similar invitation. What is evident here is Coastal Spirits' comprehensive efforts to employ Quadra's valuable human and natural resources for the economic benefit of the community.

Like the human resources, the natural resources are also considerable. In addition to packages to Strathcona Park, Coastal Spirits has kayak tours from Heriot Bay to the Bretons and on to Shellaligin Pass and Village Bay. Other tours go from Bold Point to Whiterock Pass and to Read, Maurelle and Rendezvous Islands. There are also hikes to Nugedzi and Morte Lake, with others to Newton Lake and then down to Small Inlet and Waiatt Bay.

Boat trips carry guests and kayaks to Toba, Bute and Von Donop Inlets. At places like Teakerne Arm and Ramsay Arm, kayaks are launched so guests can paddle these remote areas. A buffet dinner is served before an evening return to Quadra. "Unfortunately," says Bernard, "in an area that's so incredibly beautiful, there are some clearcuts at Brem Bay and we have a lot of trouble explaining them to our visitors. All these coastal areas need to be natural. The more they are cut, the more we have to avoid these areas."

Bernard reported that his Swiss guests were delighted with Quadra and its scenery, but while swimming at Village Bay Lake they expressed concern about the sound of nearby chainsaws—apparently coming from Raven's property there. They also didn't like Raven's clearcut on West Road. "People will only come back," said Bernard, "because of the places that are beautiful. Nobody will come here if we lose the beauty of the trees and ocean. If we damage this—what is the expression—we shoot ourselves in the foot."

"All this business we are building is founded upon the scenic and natural resources that are here. The natural environment is all we've got. Without it there would be no reason to come to Quadra Island. If we lose the natural beauty that's here, all the local businesses will lose."

For emphasis, Bernard cites the case of a couple who spent \$4,000.00 during a two week visit to Quadra. In Campbell River they bought outdoor wear and carved masks. On the island they bought art and ate daily in local restaurants. And that spending didn't include their accommodations and tours with Coastal Spirits.

"I want to see everyone employed," said Bernard. "I want to see logging here in the future. But I don't want to see clearcuts. We can have ecotourism and logging if the logging is compatible with the environment. We are pro-logging, pro-forestry, pro-ecotourism. Clearcuts destroy all the businesses on the island."

*Sierra Quadra meets in the lower floor of the Quadra*

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A covenant is a voluntary written agreement between a landowner and a conservation organization, in which the landowner willingly promises to protect all or a portion of the land in specific ways. The Land Title Act was recently amended to allow conservation covenants to be granted to qualified conservation organizations to protect private land in B.C.

The covenant is filed in the BC Land Title Office and passes on to future owners of the land with the Land Title. When the land is sold the original landowner is no longer liable for a breach of the covenant. Covenants are meant to remain in place in perpetuity.

The covenant may include such things as provisions for use of the land, how the land is built on or not built on, that the land not be subdivided, that the land be protected, preserved or enhanced. Covenants may include positive obligations, not merely restrictions. To decide which restrictions/obligations will be included, first list the ecological values of the land and the specific conservation goals/objectives you wish to see for your property. Then decide how those can be achieved through the covenant. Think in terms of hundreds of years.

A survey of the property may or may not be needed, depending on whether it is judged that a survey is necessary to ensure the covenant is enforceable. If the entire property is to be left in a natural state, then no survey is necessary. However, if there are clearly defined areas of use and no use, then the boundary between them should be surveyed. If the covenant is registered against only a portion of the parcel, the Land Title Office will likely require a reference plan (includes a legal survey) or an explanatory plan and should be consulted.

Baseline studies, including narrative descriptions and inventories of representative land features, ecosystems and species, are required at the inception of the covenant to give a current state of the land. Tools used to record the baseline include written

descriptions, photographs, maps and videotape.

The organization holding the covenant must monitor compliance which means visiting the site annually. The state of the land at the time of the visit will be compared with the original baseline to ensure the covenant is being adhered to. If the landowner or future landowner fails to comply with the covenant, the conservation organization may initially discuss the problem with the landowner and negotiate an acceptable solution; secondly, use remedies set out in the covenant to find a solution, or finally, apply to the courts for legal assistance in enforcing the covenant if all other remedies fail.

A common question asked about covenants is whether the monetary value of the property will be affected. The answer is unclear at this time but may be clarified as the placing of covenants on land becomes more common and precedents are set. The 1994 amendments to the Land Title Act included amendments to the Assessment Act. A property assessor must now consider the covenant registration against the title to the land being assessed but is not obligated to change the assessment. Where uses of the land are restricted, the covenant may result in a reduction in the property assessment; however, it is more likely that the assessment will remain unchanged. The owner may appeal the assessment using the usual procedures.

The main objective in placing a covenant on your property should be your interest in how the land is to be conserved in perpetuity. Monetary value should be a secondary consideration only.

For more information, contact:

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# Money Matters

## Who'll Stop The Debt?

Steven Halliday

This month's issue of Harper's magazine contained a very interesting article entitled "Who'll stop the drain? - Reflections on the art of going broke". The author recounts the saga of how he and his wife, both professionals earning about \$100,000US jointly per year, are staggering under a mountain of credit card debt, barely able to afford the 5% minimum monthly payments, and are actually going backwards as the interest on the unpaid balances mount. He quotes some stunning numbers, such as the fact that Americans collectively owe \$1.7 Trillion in consumer debt, or 5 times the annual defence budget of the USA and representing a 58% increase over the last 5 years alone. Or how despite the fact that the US economy is booming according to the economists, with near zero inflation and very low unemployment, 1.3 million people applied for bankruptcy which represents a 20% increase from the prior year. Americans received 3 billion solicitations for new credit cards last year, or 11 each for every man, woman and child in the USA. I think we can all safely surmise these numbers are directly translatable to Canadians as well.

Why is this happening? The parents of the baby boomer generation were born and raised suffering the effects of the "Great Depression", and it instilled in them a sense of frugality and caution with money that we seem to have completely failed to learn, or have chosen to ignore. We are constantly bombarded with advertisements in every form of media extolling us to buy, buy, buy. And to assist us with this, everything can be paid for with credit cards, or interest free for 1 year, or in some other way added to the never-never repayment plan becoming so popular in low end consumer finance. We want it all and we want it today. Savings used to be a subject drilled into us by our parents and in some cases the schools, yet personal savings as a percentage of our economy is at near record lows. Even government subtly encourages us to incur debt, because they wish to see domestic consumption (commonly known as spending

money) rise, as it is an indicator of a sound economy and greater prosperity.

What can be done to reign in our runaway level of personal debt?? Frankly I don't know, because it is a question of ingrained mind set that keeps one acquiring evermore debt. And I'm scared that the younger generation will be even more debt crazy than my own. Vince Passaro, the author, ends his article "If the debt of the country heaps up like so much slag during economic good times, if the savings rate hits an all time low during this boom, then what can we expect later when the stock market finally, frightfully "corrects", when interest rates begin to rise, when people start to lose their jobs and wonder what to do with a near ghetto apartment they paid half a million dollars for?

Perhaps we can call in the IMF, (International Monetary Fund) like Indonesia. Or simply charge up one last pile of goodies - tents and Coleman stoves, lanterns and hunting knives, an almanac, a Bible, a dictionary, and a copy of the Gettysburg Address - before we really do head for the hills." Unfortunately, Mr. Passaro's rather apocalyptic closing is probably closer to the truth than anyone would like think. Maybe only another Great Depression can rid us of our - and there's no other way to put it - greed.

The best advice is to keep your debt to a manageable level, keep your expectations reasonable, change your shopping habits from buying things you want to buying only things you need, and at least occasionally spare a thought (or a donation) for the poor people around the world who can't even afford a meal, since I know of nothing that can turn one's thoughts away from one's self than seeing people such as those in the Sudan currently starving to death.

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# Business Profile

## There are worlds to discover at Explore

Tricia Morgan

Those wishing to broaden their horizons and seek out new visions will enjoy discovering the fine art, books and music available at Explore in Quathiaski Cove.

Mo Davenport explained that he simply “raised his hand” and became the co-owner of Explore with Christine Masters.

“We were on a night hike... and she mentioned she wanted to open a gallery,” said Davenport. “She had planned to open it with her friend, who’s an art therapist in Connecticut, but he wasn’t ready to move here on a permanent basis.” They were wondering what to do when Davenport raised his hand and offered to be her partner. The business opened on May 1, 1992.

The store is more than a gallery with an eclectic, interesting selection of artwork, music and books by national and local artists, writers and performers.

You’ll find paintings, photographs, carvings and artwork in several other media. There is a selection of wearable art including jewellery, handmade felt hats and shirts, and a variety of great gift items including greeting cards, post cards, candles and incense.

Locally made driftwood furniture by Wayne Nowazek, who is known for the wooden reindeer frequently seen on the island, is also for sale.

The books at Explore cover a variety of topics including art and nature, local history, Canadiana, health, outdoor recreation such as sailing and fishing. “Spirit in the Stone,”



*Mo Davenport welcomes visitors and residents alike to Explore, which he co-owns with Christine Masters. Photo: Tricia Morgan*

by Joy Inglis and “On Island Time,” by Hilary Stewart, two local authors, are also available.

Their music offerings feature top 40 hits, music by 60s and 70s bands and other specially selected CDs and cassettes found to be of interest to customers.

Explore is popular not only with Quadra Islanders, but is a favourite tourist stop.

“We love tourists!” said Davenport. “I’m one of the alternate tourist information centres.”

Davenport is also well-known locally as a musician, performing blues, rock and jazz with Howlin’ Wolf and as a solo artist. He began playing guitar at the age of eight and began teaching music in 1977, which he continues today.

Originally from the San Fernando Valley area of Southern California, he moved to Balboa Island when he was 15 and found he loved living near the water. He has lived, on and off, on Quadra Island for 25 years.

His current favourite artist is Delbert McClinton, who has “written hits for scores of other artists,” and also enjoys Fast Fall and No Doubt. “I hear someone and they’re my favourite until I hear someone else,” he said, explaining the variety of music styles and performers he enjoys.

Explore keeps him quite busy. Asked what he does in his spare time, he laughed, “Housework.” But he still manages to perform nearly every weekend.

“We play Courtenay, other places on Vancouver Island, the outer islands and around here,” he said. “We also do private parties, weddings and barn dances.” He played on August 5 at The Lovin’ Oven with Sarah Morrison-McLeod and Judy O’Dell and on August 7 at The Landing Pub.

Davenport’s life as a music teacher, musician and as co-owner of Explore obviously agrees with him and his easy-going, humorous nature delights customers who enjoy chatting with him while shopping.

Explore also offers fax and photocopying services, matting and framing for artwork and is a Loomis Courier agency. Hours are generally - but not necessarily - from about 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Don’t miss the hours sign by the front door!) You’ll find Explore at 658 Harper, next to The Lovin’ Oven II Restaurant. Their phone number is 285-3293 and fax number is 285-3292.

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# Island Report

## 'Rites of Passage' Coming Soon to Island Stages

Tanya Storr

What's the point of learning differential calculus if we don't know what makes teenage guys try to kill themselves?" asks one of the young characters in *Rites of Passage*, a play by Wendy Richardson that is about to hit island stages and the Victoria Fringe Festival.

Tackling some controversial subject matter, *Rites of Passage* is a drama that explores the lives of six teenagers about to graduate from high school. One of the teens is pregnant, another is struggling to come to terms with the fact that he is gay, and a third has an alcoholic mother. In the weeks leading up to graduation, their problems intensify with the strain of graduation expectations and nervousness.

*Rites of Passage* is the first play Wendy Richardson has written, and the first production by Off the Rock Theatre, a new touring company set up on Quadra to produce live theatre focusing on youth issues.

The characters in *Rites of Passage* are played by Jessica Brooks, Luke McGillis, Jake Butler, Elisabeth Dent, Chris Carmen, and Kerry Phillips. Jessica, Chris, and Kerry are from Quadra, Elisabeth attends UVic and is living on Quadra for the summer, Jake is from Campbell River, and Luke is originally from Cortes and now lives in Campbell River.

With Wendy as playwright/director, Brett Johnson as stage manager, and Casey Guldmond as set builder and assistant stage manager, *Rites of Passage* has a team of seasoned professionals at the helm. Wendy has acted in and directed many performances both on Quadra and in Campbell River, and Brett and Casey have done technical and set-building work for many Quadra Players productions. Brett worked as a technician at the Edmonton Fringe Festival for three years before moving to Quadra.

Wendy wrote the play last summer, and the script has been adapted as needed during rehearsals. *Rites of Passage* follows the success of last year's Quadra Players' production, *Little Sister*, another play that took a hard-hitting, realistic look at youth issues. Also directed by Wendy, *Little Sister* wowed Quadra audiences and ended up going all the way to the B.C. Festival of the Arts in Kelowna as a workshop play.



Jake Butler, Chris Carmen, Elisabeth Dent in a moment from *'Rites of Passage'*  
Photo: Dane Simoes

The idea for Off the Rock Theatre germinated when Wendy and Brett were both in Vancouver taking Theatre B.C.'s backstage workshops last November. Wendy had brought the *Rites of Passage* script with her and Brett suggested they form a touring company, rehearse and produce the play, and take it to the Fringe Festival. By the time they looked into booking, the Vancouver Fringe Festival was full, so they signed up for the Victoria Fringe Festival.

Off the Rock Theatre will be taking *Rites of Passage* to Cortes Island's Gorge Hall on Saturday, August 15, at 8 p.m. Then they're off to the Victoria Fringe Festival from August 26 to September 7, followed by performances on Gabriola and Salt Spring. On September 18 at 8 p.m. *Rites of Passage* will be performed at the Quadra Community Centre for one night only (buy your tickets early as this performance will likely sell out).

Lastly, Off the Rock Theatre will take the play to Qualicum Beach on September 19.

I dropped by a rehearsal on August 4, in time to see the cast members acting out an eyebrow piercing with a safety pin on stage, a feat they need to pull off in one of the scenes. It was tricky but they were successful in their efforts.

Despite their hectic summer work schedules, the cast members have lots of energy and obviously love performing. They are also getting involved in designing the props. Jessica sewed the graduation banners that will be strung across the stage, and the other cast members will help paint them.

*Rites of Passage* has a simple set that can be taken anywhere. Wendy has put her own money up front for festival fees, etc. and she hopes to make it back through ticket sales. Off the Rock Theatre members said they'd like to thank Quadra Players for the loan of props, Nigel and Bay Phillips for the use of their squash court for rehearsals, Dane Simoes for doing the promotional photography, and Hummingbird Office and Art Supply for photocopying and supplies.

"We're quite excited about touring with the play. It's going to be lots of fun," said Brett.

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# Camp Homewood: Fifty Years of Camping

**Tanya Storr**

This year marks 50 years of camping at Quadra Island's Camp Homewood, and the camp remains a very popular place for children, families, and young people to spend their summer holidays.

Located on 200 acres in Gowlland Harbour, Camp Homewood was founded by Alf and Margaret Bayne, who still live on the property and are now in their 80s. The Baynes developed so many contacts doing missionary work in the early 1940s on their boat, the *Goforth*, that they decided to acquire a land base so they would have a place for children to come and stay. Homewood's first camp was held in 1948.

Half a century later, Alf Bayne continues to help with Homewood's sailing program. His book, *A Candle on the Coast* (published in 1994), focuses on the history of the Pacific Coast Children's Mission, the *Goforth*, and Camp Homewood.

I visited Camp Homewood on August 4, while a family camp was in progress. Homewood offers family, girls, boys, and co-ed camps throughout the summer, some held at the Gowlland Harbour property and others, called Woodsman Camps, held at Homewood's property on Mine Lake. Quadra day camps are also held on the harbour property. All the camps are typically fully booked with a waiting list.

On the hot and sunny Tuesday afternoon, much of the activity centred on the waterfront. Campers were busy waterskiing, kayaking, canoeing, rowing, windsurfing, swimming, and hanging out on the cargo net suspended over the water. A group of teenage campers and their three adult chaperones had just returned from an overnight sailing trip on the camp's three Thunderbird yachts and were unloading their belongings.

Camp Homewood general director Dan Krestinski, who took me on a tour of the facility, explained that waterfront director Dave Fowler and two lifeguards are on duty at all times on the docks. Camp counsellors are also down at the waterfront, instructing each activity.

Sarah Jahnke is currently spending her second season lifeguarding at Camp Homewood. As she stood watching all the activity on and around the docks, she told me she really enjoys the position.

"It's a lot of fun in the sun—a tough one but someone's got to do it. I'm working on a tan and keeping people safe. It's great!"



*Busy waterfront scene at Camp Homewood.*

*Photo: Tanya*

Eleven-year-old camper Carisa Brown took some time out from splashing around in the water to tell me she was at camp with her family from Abbotsford.

"I've been here quite a few times with my family," she said. "It's fun—I

like all the crafts and I've been swimming and canoeing."

Crafts are another favourite activity at Homewood. Joyce Fodor has been running the crafts program at the camp for 28 years, and has been on staff—along with her husband Les—for 37 years. Les is the property manager and runs the Homewood sawmill (many of the camp's buildings, including the main lodge, Rivendell, are built from lumber milled on site) and printing press, and Joyce also works as camp nurse.

The craft centre was filled with family campers of all ages working on projects when I visited. Some people were making leather knife sheaths or bookmarks, and others were painting plaster mottoes and wood ornaments or staining glass. Joyce was moving throughout the various rooms, offering encouragement and advice to the crafters.

Dave and Michael Milner, a father and son from Edmonton attending family camp, were busy working on a sheath for Michael's Swiss army knife. In the next room Fumiko Takemoto, an exchange student from Japan at camp with her host family, was staining a glass window hanging.

Heather Penman, a family camper from Ontario also working on stained glass, told me she was very impressed with the beautiful surroundings at Homewood.

Alicia Wilson, Joyce's assistant, helps campers paint plaster mottoes and make hemp and fimo bead necklaces.

"Teaching crafts is quite relaxing and I enjoy getting to know the people," she said.

Alicia's husband, Daryl Wilson, is the assistant to camp cook Steve Stemmler. In the summer months, the cooks and their volunteer helpers prepare three meals for approximately 225 people daily.

"It's a little crazy. During family camps I put in 11 hours a day on average, which is less than Steve. Even though the hours are long they don't seem so demanding because this is a relaxing place to be," said Daryl, who has been at Homewood for three summers.

As well as waterfront activities and crafts, campers can participate in riflery, archery, and horse riding. Last year a covered arena was built on the property, making riding accessible in all weathers. Across Gowlland Harbour Road from the main camp area of 40 acres, Homewood owns 160 acres of land interspersed with horse trails.

The camp has 20 horses looked after by wrangler Joel Congo, one of the camp's full-time staff. Ranch Camps, held on the property, offer horsemanship and an overnight camping trip, as well as other activities. On the afternoon I visited, a group of campers were enjoying a ride through a wooded circle trail close to camp, led by wrangler Jen Cowan, who is at Homewood for her third summer.

The horses are rotated amongst the pastures and their manure is used to feed the garden, a large plot used to grow food for the camp kitchen. A healthy crop of corn is currently on the way. As Dan Krestinski pointed out, you need to grow a good deal when 20 dozen cobs are required for one meal!

Homewood is a Christian camp, and Dan explained that Bible study and chapel time are a key part of its program and philosophy. Chapel is held for an hour each morning in Rivendell, and Ranch Camps have their own chapel in a converted former barn. During family camps, the first 15 minutes of chapel is geared to everybody and then the

campers are split up into age groups. Chapel time often includes singing, skits, and stories.

Dan said despite the fact that Homewood is a Christian camp, most of the campers are not regular churchgoers.

"That's one of the key reasons why Homewood is non-denominational. This way everyone feels welcome to come here—we deliberately don't promote any denomination. We are a Christian camp but not any particular brand. We don't feel that's important—what's important is to have a good, safe camp."

Each season, the full-time Homewood staff are joined by 45 college students who work as counsellors from late April until Labour Day. Their positions are volunteer, but they can apply for an ongoing scholarship if they are returning to school in the fall. Counsellors come from all over Canada, and Dan, who first came to Homewood as a counsellor himself in 1965, spends time each January travelling as far east as Regina to recruit them. Many of the counsellors are found through word of mouth.

"One of my biggest jobs is to recruit and hire the kind of staff who

will make our summer run smoothly. The key to a good summer is our staff," he said.

In July and August, 30 high school students are resident at the camp as counsellors-in-training, or C.I.T.s, also known as leaders-in-training. They begin their season with an eight-day camp at Woodsman on Mine Lake, and then spend the rest of the summer at camp developing leadership skills. They are required to choose two camp activities and crafts and become proficient in them, with the goal of being able to pass on their new skills to others in future. C.I.T.s also help keep the camp running, doing tasks like serving food, chopping wood, washing dishes, and cleaning washrooms.

Anyone who went to camp as a child will no doubt have fond memories of sitting around the campfire. Homewood has 'firesides' every night, when all the campers gather round to watch and perform in skits, sing songs, and hear stories and sometimes a talk. Afterwards, a snack is served in Rivendell.

Accommodations at Homewood range from large canvas tents to cabins

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# First Nations Summer Science Camps

**Tanya Storr**



*Waterslide fun, Camp Homewood. Photo: Tanya Storr*



*Laverne Puglas, Zella O'ccomor, Lesley Assu, Brandi Price, Alice Harry and Chelsea Hunt learning to weave cedar at Open Bay. Photo: Scot Hutton*

to rooms in the lodges. Families can also bring their own R.V.s to camp. Other buildings on site include the full-time staff residences, the bus barn which doubles as a gymnasium, the woodworking and mechanics shop (where the sawmill is kept), and the sewage treatment plant.

Most of the buildings are heated with firewood, with some backup oil heating. Approximately 45 cords of wood are needed per year to keep the buildings heated, and Dan said a good deal of the supply comes from windfalls.

Although Homewood's busy season is in the summer, the camp also offers a variety of programs in the off-season. School groups come to Homewood for outdoor education programs, organizations such as Boy Scouts come and run programs, and groups rent the facility for dinners and retreats. Gene Fox is the program coordinator at Homewood.

The full-time staff members also complete major maintenance projects in the winter months. Irwin Harder is the camp maintenance man and Marvin Vermeer also helps with maintenance projects. Both Irwin and Marvin drive the camp buses and boats.

There are four families and three single staff members living on site year round, and secretary/bookkeeper/registrar Ann Ellen commutes from Campbell River.

Dan said he and his wife Irene, who takes care of food service and accommodations, find their life at Homewood very fulfilling. "Irene and I feel lucky because we have the chance to meet many, many people. We see families and kids come here and have a good time year after year."

**T**wo First Nations summer science camps took place on the weekends of July 25-27 and August 1-3 on the reserve in Open Bay. Scot Hutton, an education consultant for the Kwagiulth District Council (KDC) and the coordinator of the camps, said they were very successful.

"The kids really liked it and they learned a lot. The camps were very hands-on and experiential, and the context allowed for the kids to learn more than what we assumed they would be learning," he said.

This is the third summer First Nations summer science camps have been held within Kwagiulth territory. Camps took place on Deer Island off Fort Rupert and in Quatsino Sound during the past two summers.

"We try to hold the camps in traditional territories that are fairly untouched," Hutton explained. "This was the first year we held the camps in an area where there were tourists."

The camps explore sciences through the context of First Nations culture. Some of the subjects the kids learn about are marine biology, traditional herbs and medicines, ethnobotany, and some of the uses of cedar, including weaving. The campers reach the site by canoe.

First Nations facilitators at this year's camps included Zella O'Connor, who specializes in ethnobotany and weaving; James Quatell, who gave information on the canoe culture and how people used to survive on next to nothing; and Laverne Puglas, who demonstrated traditional cooking techniques and made some amazing camp meals using salal, berries, and seafood.



Group with First Nations Forester, Guy Wright exploring ethnobotany. Photo: Scot Hutton

Between 20-25 kids attended each camp. The first weekend was for 11-13 year olds and the second for 14-16 year olds. The kids were from KDC member bands, including Cape Mudge and Campbell River, and there were also some kids and elders from the Squamish Nation, who came up to do some cultural sharing. At night the campers played the First Nations game Lahal and learned new songs.

Lindsay Wells is a 13-year-old from Campbell River who has attended First Nations summer science camps for the past three years. She said she had a good time at Open Bay and learned about lots of neat subjects.

"My favourite parts were the canoeing and water stuff, and meeting people from all the different bands. It was fun."

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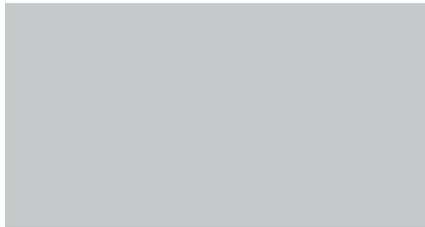
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