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Next Deadline: 7pm Monday, June 18th

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Next Deadline (Monday - June 18th)

Stop in and drop off submissions at our new office in the Upper Realm, Q-Cove Plaza Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 11 am to 4 pm

South Quadra Fire Protection District

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday June 18, 2001, 7:30 p.m. #1 Fire Hall, Quathiaski Cove

Sole purpose of the meeting is to elect one trustee for the position currently vacant. All District landowners are encouraged to attend. If you wish to vote, please bring a copy of your current property tax notice or tax assessment as proof of property ownership.

Any questions, please call Jim Evans, 285-2521



•1st Friday of every month

-Yak Shak Coffee House, 7:30-10pm

• Every Saturday

-Farmer's Market Behind Credit Union 10 a.m. - 2p.m.

June 8, Friday

-A Royal Tea Q I Bible Church 7:30 p.m.

June 9, Saturday

-Trails Maintenance Heriot Bay Store

9:00 a.m.

-Lip-Shticks: Female Impersonators Quadra Legion

9:00 p.m.

June 14, Wednesday

-D-Islands Chamber Commerce AGM TsaKwaLuten Lodge

7:30pm

June 16, Saturday

-Dr. Daved Wang, Naturopathic Seminar TsaKwaLuten Lodge

June 17, Sunday

-Father's Day Brunch TsaKwaLuten Lodge

-Cortes Island Garden Tour Cortes Island

Taize service – prayers for the planet Quadra Island 7:30 p.m. Quadra Island United Church

June 21-24, Thurs to Sunday

Venus Rising astrological celebration Cortes Island

Full registration \$50 (includes food)

June 23, 24 (Sat & Sun)

-Quadra Island Garden Tour Quadra Island 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. cost: \$12 ticket/map good for both days

June 23, Saturday

-NITRS Country Dance CR Community Centre

7:30 pm

-North Island Woodlot Assoc. Free Workshop w/ Jerry Benner 9:30a.m.-2:30p.m. Woodlot 1897-Village Bay Road 285-2804

Looking for wild and dangerous trees

-Trails Maintenance Heriot Bay Store

9:00 a.m.

-Astro-Jam 2001 musical celebration Gorge Hall, Cortes Is.

\$8/person

August 25, Saturday

-CCAP Opening Celebration QI Community Centre

1:00 p.m

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The Quadra Branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library will be hiring a new "Page". A page is a person responsible primarily for shelving books, plus other jobs such as: easy meanding, light cleaning, processing paperbacks and magazines, etc.

Those applying must be 15 years of age or older and attending high school or home schooling. The hours of work are Saturday 10-12 noon, and 1-4 p.m. the rate of pay is \$7.60 per hour. Those people interested in applying may pick up an application form at the library.

The deadline for applicants is Wednesday June 13, 2001.

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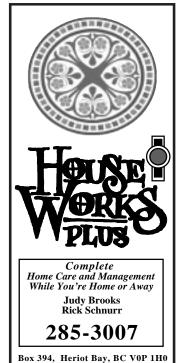
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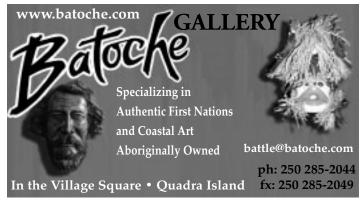
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Break, Enter and Theft

Between the dates of May 16 and May 30, 2001 suspects broke into a local boathouse, stealing a red CLIPPER canoe, canoe paddles, kayak paddles and a nine horsepower outboard motor. It is believed the suspects came and left by the beach front access. If you have any information regarding this crime or witness suspicious activity on the water, please contact Quadra Island R.C.M.P. at 285-3631, or Coastal Watch at 1-888-855-6655 or if you wish to remain anonymous please call Crimestoppers at 287-8477.





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AGM

All Members Are Requested to Attend our coming AGM at

TsaKwaLuten Lodge Thursday, June 14th 7:30pm

www.discoveryislands.ca/chamber

D.I.C.C. c/o Box 190, Quathiaski Cove. BC VOP 1N0 Call 285-2724 or eMail chamber@discovervislands.ca

Quadra Preschool Open House

Building boats, celebrating Chinese New Year with a hand made dragon, growing beans, looking at the roots under a magnifying glass, learning about salmon and helping Don McEachern release fry, singing and having snack outside while the sun shines, turning the sidewalk into a ferry line-up complete with ticket sales and dangerous cargo or snuggling on pillows listening to a great story.

These are just some of the activities we do at Quadra Preschool. We are a parent cooperative in Heriot Bay. The preschool is a beautiful space for children to thrive and learn. We follow the Regio Emilia approach to early learning and aim to provide an environment that opens children's awareness of the world around them. Children aged 21/2 to 5 are welcome to attend. We are open Monday to Thursday, 9:15 to 12:00. Please come and meet our enthusiastic teacher Baerbel Jaeckel , June 11th to 13th to find out more. Phone 285-3711.

Help Needed For Recycling On Quadra

We are in the process of planning a recycling centre—a society in which all residents would benefit. Less garbage collection, less money paid out, no more trips to Campbell River in order to recycle.

W need your support. If you are interested in donating or contributing this call is for you. We need to raise \$200 for government paperwork. It is tax deductible. Any little bit will help. Please drop off donations at Explore Gallery.

Thank you for your support. Gabriella

Open Stage

Come and share your talents in an evening of variety entertainment for the family, songs, poetry, juggling, dance. Admission \$3.50. Students & performers \$2. 1st Friday each month, 7:30 - 10:00pm, Yak Shack Coffee House, corner of Taku Rd.. and Heriot Bay Rd.. Downtown Heriot Bay. For more info. call John at 285-2958

Quilts in the Garden.

This year, for the first time ever, there will be quilts hung in six of the gardens on display during the Quadra Island Garden Tour. The gardens involved will be * on the ticket. Each of these gardens will hold a variety of quilts which will show many different quilting methods. There will be applique, paper piecing, Stack'n'Whack, curved seams, as well as the more traditional methods of quilting.

Examples of both machine and hand quilting will also be on display. There will be member of the Quadra Island Quilters Guild at each garden to answer any questions you might have about the quilts. Some will be for sale. The three raffle quilts will also be on display and if you have not already bought your tickets, you can do so during the tour but, be warned, they are selling fast.

First prize is a machine pieced, hand quilted, double bed size quilt in a Country Casual style. The second prize is a sampler quilt for a single bed using autumn colours. It is machine pieced and quilted. Third prize is a wall hanging using a technique similar to Japanese paper folding. Everyone want to receive that phone call that says they have won a raffle quilt. Please come and enjoy this display of the quilters' art set amongst the beautiful gardens of Quadra Island. We expect great weather as in May Day but are prepared for the worst. See you there on June 23rd and 24th.

Quadra Singers--Taking a Break?

The rumours are true: John Montgomery, musical director for Quadra Singers, is taking a one-year sabbatical, beginning September 2001. That leaves the Board of Directors with a dilemma: to sing or not to sing? We will conduct a telephone survey within the next two weeks of all current Quadra Singers members on where to go from here. Shall we try to find an interim director, or take a break? If you have been thinking about joining Quadra Singers, we want to hear from you too. Call Nancy at 285-2772, Sandy at -2508, or Nanci at -3105 to voice your opinions and ideas.

Quadra Singers Annual General Meeting and Family Potluck Picnic 6:00 pm on Tuesday evening, June 26, at Rebecca Spit–for past, current and future members of Quadra Singers. Board nominations and elections: is it your turn? Does Quadra Singers need to change to meet the needs of the community? Let stalk about it. Bring the family for a potluck picnic and then a short meeting.

Experience our spectacular scenery

... through the vision of local photographer David Leadbitter.

During the month of June, the Campbell River Arts Council and Tidemark Theatre present "Ouadra Island, From and Of", a collection of images photographed on or from Quadra Island. This body of work features strong, simple graphic elements such as bold shapes, directional light, and conspicuous contrast. David Leadbitter is a commercial photographer with a career spanning over 20 years. He has worked on assignment in Europe, USA, and Canada, for clients such as: IBM Canada Ltd., Training magazine, Housewares Canada magazine, Celestica Inc., Southam publishing, Mt. Washington Resort, District of Campbell River, and many other local and "stock" photography clients. He now shoots landscapes and nature as a major part of his portfolio. A reception with the photographer will be held Friday, June 8th, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

Do You Have an Announcement or Advertisement for Publication?

The Next Deadline For Advertising & Editorial 7pm Monday June 18th, 2001

Only Items Received <u>Before</u> The Deadline Can be guaranteed space in the upcoming issue.

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Lip-Shticks

Female Impersonators. Victorias' Premier Entertainers, Saturday June 9, 9:00a.m. \$6 at the door.

At the Quadra Island Legion. Info 285-3121. Welcome members/guests.

Farmer's Market & Bazaar

Our Market is held rain or shine from the beginning of May to the end of September every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. behind the Credit Union. Vendors must be from Quadra or the outer islands. Set up charge is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for kids. Bring your own table. Dancers, drummers, jugglers, musicians are very welcome. This is our village green! Please have dogs on leashes. Note that the Credit Union parking lot is for Credit Union customers only! Market parking space is on Green Rd. Come and join us to make the Market the best it can be.

Information: Pauline 285-2076 or Dalyce 285-3180

Better Artistic Map Maybe Possible

"Islands in the Salish Sea Atlas and Artistic Exhibition at the Millennium" project may have further moneys (total project cost approximately \$1000 to \$1500) for a more elaborate artistic map of Quadra Island.

This new artistic map would integrate ecological, cultural, historical, economical etc., features of our Island. If you would like to be notified of further details when these become available, please contact a representative of QIMP e.g. Terry Philips 285-3040.

A Royal Tea

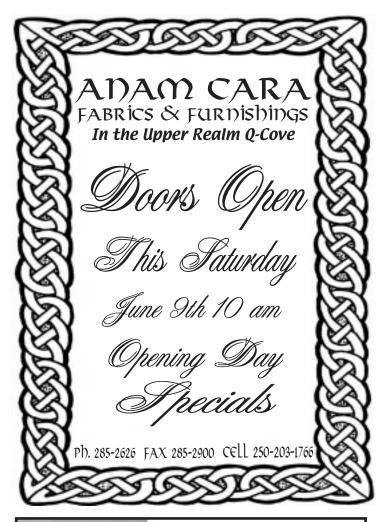
Inviting all ladies, both single and married To dress in their finest and call for their carriage! Yes, this is your opportunity to wear that special spring hat, don your gloves and pearls and attend a Royal Tea as we dine in a style befitting queens and earls. There will be no charge but donations will be gratefully received. Also we ask that any children attending be 11 years or older. When: Friday evening, June 8th at 7:30 p.m. Where: Ouadra Island Bible Church Need more information: Phone Lynn Gamache at 285-2614 or Susan Johnson at 285-2417

Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce AGM

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 7:30 pm Thursday June 14 at TsaKwaLuten Lodge on Quadra Island. All members in good standing are invited and encouraged to attend to participate in the proceedings and in the activities of the Chamber for the coming year.

Recent initiatives of the DICC include a new brochure rack installed on the M.V. Powell River Queen, on the Campbell River-Quadra Island run. A spot on this rack is available for the use of members only as part of their membership privileges. Space is still available for new and current members but is limited so if your business is interested call today to book your spot.

Membership application forms can be downloaded directly from the Chamber's web site at www.discoveryislands.ca/chamber or call 285-2724 to arrange a pickup or fax to be sent to you or just to find out more about the DICC.





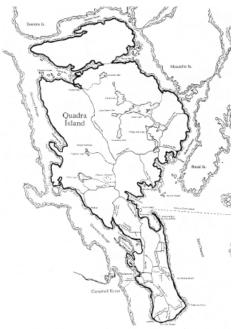
Island Wide Nest Search Needs Quadra Residents Help

I am asking for help to catalogue heron nesting sites (heronries) and important trees for eagles and rare birds on Quadra Island and the surrounding coastline. The inventory would be used to identify important regions or areas, so that if changes or developments are planned at least we know that these environs are important and that they should be considered in the plans.

I have an old map produced by BC Environment & prepared I believe by Ian Moul with the Mitlenach Society's help that needs updating. The sites marked on this old map are those that were seen from the water and it primarily covers the coastal zone of Quadra and the surrounding waters.

What I am asking from you is to let us know all heronries, eagle nests and important trees for raptors or any other birds that you think should be noted. Please mark the location on the map, (kindly published by the Discovery Islander alongside with this appeal), and also give a telephone number that we can call to get your advise on how to find it easily if we are trying to find the site.

I believe that most of the nests will be





on Crown Land but some will be on private land too, where privacy of the landowner may be an issue.

We plan to discuss with the owner if the details of the precise location should be available only to the Quadra Island Mapping Project, the Mitlenach Society or any other restriction that need to be imposed.

The ongoing 'Eagle Nest Tree Project' is sponsored by Ministry of Environmanet Federation of BC Naturalists and BC Hydro. For more info phone Heather at 285-3570.

Please send the map and your contact telephone number to the Quadra Island Mapping Project: QIMP, Box 685 Q. Cove, BC, V0P INO, OR E-Mail it to qimp_eagles@hotmail.com. or call me at 285-3582

George Barabas

Salmon Farm Open House

Marine Harvest Canada wants to be a company that people enjoy working with and working for. Our operational watchwords are; respect, approachability and professionalism. Marine Harvest Canada strives to be both a good neighbor and a responsible corporate citizen to the Quadra Island and surrounding regions.

At a recent stakeholder discussion, an excellent question was raised. What does a salmon farm look like in the year 2001? What are the improvements and technological advances?

To help answer this question we are hosting a salmon farm open house **June 23, 2001**. This invitation is open to anyone who wishes to tour our salmon farm operation at Dunsterville Bay on Read Island. Samples of farmed Chinook salmon will be available on the BBQ. Water taxi will be run from Heriot Bay and Surge Store dock every hour on the hour, starting at 11:00 am until 3:00 p.m.

For more information contact Brad Hallam, Linda Sams or Valerie Krug at the Marine Harvest office @ 286-1144



Riding Society Benefit Dance

North Island Therapeutic Riding Society annual Charity Fundraiser Country Dance is at the Campbell River Community Centre on June 23, featuring Top Guns. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., the band plays from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets \$20.00 at Ridgrider, Page 11, Music Plant and Hummingbirds. For more info call 285-2240.

Bikeathon 2001

Get ready, get set, go! the Sixth Annual Quadra island Family Bikeathon, sponsored by the Ouadra Island Recreation Society, will be held on Sunday, June 17, 2001! We start and finish at the Ouadra Island Community Centre on West Rd on Ouadra island. we have a grand start at 2pm and bikers have up to 1 1/2 hours to complete a choice of courses. we have 5 courses to choose from: a 5 km, a 10 km, a 15 km an 18 km and a mountain bike course through the Community Centre trails. each route will be monitored for safety with safety watchers, a safety vehicle will be touring the courses watching for anyone who needs help along the way.

The Quadra island Family Bikeathon is an annual nonprofit event designed to encourage family outdoor fun and to raise money for a worthy cause. We provide cycling routes and refreshments for participants. we give away lots of fun prizes at each event. To date the Bikeathon has raised money for: Quadra Daycare, Quadra Island Food Bank, Quadra Island Minor Softball, Quadra Island Tennis Association and Quadra Island Skateboard Park.

This years Bikeathon is in support of the Quadra island Trails Committee. This committee builds and maintains designated trails on Quadra Island.

registration is \$5 per person, and \$15 per family and will be held at the Community Hall between 1 pm and 2 pm. On the day of the Bikeathon. A complimentary bicycle check will be available at the site. Any questions? Please call Pauline Falck at 285-3682.

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Regional Director's Report

Quathiaski Cove Harbour - A Timeline

I felt Director, that it was Director, that it was important that the public get the full story on the Q. Cove parking lot and the issue of pay parking. The pay parking is not a CSRD initiative nor is it within their jurisdiction. We did however spend four years and a lot of my time and that of CSRD staff to try and insure that it never happened. We lost! However we are still trying to do whatever is possible to stop it from happening, keeping in mind that as it stands right now, this is totally within the jurisdiction of the Harbour Authority and not the CSRD.

Please read the following in its entirety. The bolded comments are for your special attention.

Jim Abram, Director, Area J

For the record...

Nov, 1996

Board motion passed re: meeting with all parties to try for retention of the parking area at Q Cove in public realm

Nov, 1996

Area J APC – included presentation by DFO Small Craft Harbour Branch and discussion about transfer of management to a local Harbour Authority.

quote from minutes:

"The Harbour Authority Program: There are now approximately 30 authorities. If any user group wants to take control of the management, DFO will lease to that nonprofit group. The group must be responsible and pay the services, taxes. etc and remain open to the public. It must be a local community group. DFO remain the owner of the property. Their program finds a way for harbours to pay their own way (using harbour fees etc) the repairs etc will remain local rather than from the mainland. Normally repairs would not be taken care of immediately due to lack of staff and because the revenue from each wharf goes into a large pot. With this program the funding is retained locally and can be used to offset any expenses. He (Brian Dane, DFO) understands the parking lot area which is used for ferry parking is a local concern. The new group will share with the community. There may have to be a more formal identification ie: which is for harbour use and which is for ferry use. No decision has been made yet how this will be done or financed."

"Can you split off the ferry parking area from the wharf parking and give it to the ferry corporation or Regional District?" "No, it will effect the future value of the property if we later decide to sell it.

Jan, 1997

RDCS hosted meeting with staff, elected officials, agencies (BCALC, DFO Small Craft, Q Cove Harbour Authority) to discuss tenure of the parking area at Q Cove

Feb, 1997

RDCS requested that Harbour Authority include RDCS elected official as a representative on authority

Response from Harbour Authority (quote from notes):

- "1. they disagree that a Regional Director needs to be on the Board of the Harbour Authority; they feel someone from a group such as a ratepayers or the APC could be considered instead.
- 2. they do not support amending the terms of the harbour authority agreement to require an additional community member on the Board.
- 3. they feel that we should give it time to see how they do in managing the facility and that it is not necessary to change anything at this time; they have no intention of using parking fees to subsidize the moorage.
- 4. they would prefer the Regional District and BC Ferries to provide funds

rather than sub-lease to the Regional District. Tax relief from the RD as opposed to a cash subsidy was seen as an option.

5. they are willing to meet and work out an agreement."

May, 1997

RDCS researched grants in lieu of taxes paid by feds

Jan, 1998

RDCS request BC Ferries consult with the community prior to installation of any works on the property (expansion to harbour parking)

March, 1998

RDCS proposed to sub-lease portion of area as a 'park' in order to help finance maintenance (and reduce need for paid parking) ... over next few months worked with Harbour Authority to create a design for expanded parking, paving, landscaping etc

June/July 1998

RDCS and Harbour Authority reviewed lease options and possible wording

October 3,1998

Proposal by Harbour Authority for one time grant from BC Ferries of \$15,000 and annual grant of \$12,000; one time grant from RDCS of \$10,000, installation and on-going maintenance of landscaping (through parks budget).

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RDCS response: In order to finance through parks then require a lease agreement, and funds must be used for a specific purpose (rather than for a 'slush fund'). Therefore the one-time grant would probably have to be a grant in aid rather than from parks.

BC Ferries response: Not able to provide \$12,000 annually. Further, "In order for BC Ferries to consider a partnership with Quathiaski Cove Harbour Authority a method for generating revenue must be in place ie. pay parking."

October 20, 1998

Harbour Authority response:

"To summarize, the QCHA now has the following options: a) to accept the funds offered, expand the parking lot and continue to operate the lot with funds received through moorage. That is, to subsidize BC Ferries operation from moorage income and continued free harbour property use; b) to expand the parking area, install a pay parking system and use the revenue to further develop the harbour and community use areas; c) to partition off a parking area of sufficient size for harbour use and to leave the balance of the parking area undeveloped and available to the public until required for other harbour use."

Nov 16, 1998

RDCS re-confirmed willing and able to fund through parks, contingent on a lease. \$10,000 put in provisional budget for transfer to QCHA.

Nov 23, 1998

QCHA sent final sketch layout to RDCS.

February, 1999

BCFC indicates that $15,\!000$ is no longer available for transfer. CSRD withdraws its funds since the deal was no longer viable without BCFC funding

March, 1999

BC Ferries apply for a road closure for expanded use (between Rudder Rd and Quathiaski Road). RDCS respond with concerns about bus drop off and pedestrian safety.

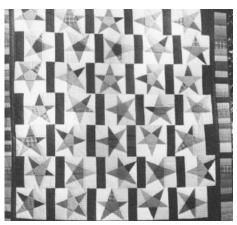


Colourful Quadra on Display

Glorious gardens and colourful quilts make a stunning combination in this year's QUADRA ISLAND GARDEN TOUR - so keep **June 23 and 24** for a double treat of creativity in colour, design and setting. This year there will be eleven gardens on display. All proceeds from the Garden Tour will go to the Quadra Island Community Centre Addition Project.

New to this year's Tour is a dramatic garden overlooking a sweeping vista of Vancouver Island; notice the impressive terrace, twisting wisteria and fish pond. Also new to the Tour is a garden in a woodland setting where the natural features of a sloping, forested property have been greatly enhanced by the professional landscape artist/owner. Other delights include a beautiful hillside garden displaying many unusual plant species, a young garden whose delightful gazebo offers a breathtaking view of Rebecca Spit, and several well established gardens, many with spectacular waterfront views.

A colourful addition to the Tour this year will be a display of quilts with many of the gardens showing a variety of over thirty quilts and hangings, all by members of the Quadra Island Quilters Guild. Established over eight years ago, the Guild has grown from ten to over forty members. Quilts will include traditional patterns, curved stitching , paper piecing, appliqué and embroidery in a variety of colours and fabrics.



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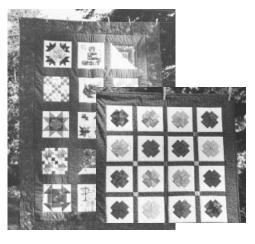


Gardens will be open for viewing from 10 AM to 4 PM both days, rain or shine. The price is \$12 per ticket/map, which includes a list of descriptions of the gardens. The Tour can be done in one day or two.

Tickets will be sold at the following outlets: In Courtenay, at The Garden Gate and Laughing Oyster Books; in Campbell River, at Page 11 Books, the Campbell River Garden Centre, Willow Point Greengrocer and Garden Centre, Hudson's Farm Garden Nursery and Serendipity in the Garden; on Quadra Island, at Explore Gallery, Heriot Bay Store, Village Gift Centre, Lodge, Heriot Bay Inn and April Point Lodge. On the days of the Tour, tickets may be purchased from the Information Booth, next to the Credit Union in Quathiaski Cove, as you come off the ferry from Campbell River.

Summer dining on Quadra is always fun, from waterfront resort dining rooms to coffee shops to a picnic on Rebecca Spit. Your Garden Tour ticket/map contains a list of these. There are two luncheon specials: at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge, show your Garden Tour ticket for a 15% discount; at April Point Lodge, there will be a Garden Tour lunch special, plus 15% off regular menu items when you show your ticket.

For further Garden Tour information, please call 250-285-3665





Venus Rising

By Dwayne Edward Rourke

In 1519 A D, Hernando Cortes and a legion of descendants began a violent assault on the indigenous people of the Americas. That assault continues in various forms right up to the present day. Indigenous prophecies from many tribes, however, state that a time would come when power would shift back into the hands of those who seek to live in harmony with all land and life. Perhaps that time is upon us.

On June 21st, the Summer Solstice, day of "solar maximum" for the year, a New Moon eclipse of the Sun will occur. This convergence of eclipse and solstice is an astronomical event not witnessed for hundreds of years. Astrologers interpret such events mythologically. From this perspective, we say that an eclipse of the Sun such as this, and the eclipse of the Moon following in two weeks, reveals both Sun and Moon as eternally entwined in a magical dance of balanced complementarity. The Moon, as Divine Feminine, reveals herself as equal consort to the Sun, as Divine Masculine.

The fact that this rare solstice eclipse occurs simultaneous to the positioning of Venus, as Morning Star (planet of love, harmony and peaceful relationships) at the center point of Taurus (Earth force and synchronicity) signals this to be a clear and auspicious time for the grass-roots re-emergence of both the Divine Feminine AND the indigenous spirit of Humanity, dwelling as it does, in all people living close to the Earth.

The Cortes Island event VENUS RISING has been created to help facilitate this prophecied re-emergence and a wide varity of options for your paid and/or volunteer participation exist. Why not consider seriously helping to make this a truly memorable and broad-based community celebration! Call Dwayne at 935-0091, Denise at 935-6407, or Lorna at 935-0098 for more information. Full details of the event, including those for ASTRO-JAM 2001, are on our website at http://www.annmortifee.com/dwayne/VENUSRISE.HTM



Richard Pielou ph/fax 285-2065



Tour Cortes Island Gardens

Imagine the spectacular beauty of a century old wisteria in full bloom as it clamours up and over the heritage Wolf River apple tree. Just one of the delightful treats in store for visitors to the Cortes Island Garden Tour.

Don't miss this one day event, **Sunday**, **June 17**, 2001. The tour includes six inspiring gardens plus an historic homestead settled in 1893 on Mansons Lagoon.

The fourth annual tour is sponsored by the Cortes Island Museum and Archives Society with proceeds contributing to the ongoing development of the museum and its own heritage garden.

Spectacular ocean settings with views to match are a theme of four featured gardens plus an organic botanical farm that grows 75 varieties of medicinal herbs. With advanced reservations (call 250-935-6576), you can enjoy a gourmet vegetarian lunch at Hollyhock Farm from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The eighteen year old Hollyhock garden is a stunning mix of flowers, vegetables and herbs and has been featured in numerous magazines.

Tickets are \$10 each, available at Gorge Harbour Store, Squirrel Cove Store or the Cortes Market in downtown Mansons Landing. Garden viewing from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 250-935-6601.

Do You Want High Speed Web Access?

Representatives from Community Futures Development held an open meeting for interested Cortes residents at the Cortes Cafe on Thursday May 24 to get local feedback about bringing high speed internet service to a core of community end users: the Library, the two Schools, the Klahoose Nation, and North Island College.

The high speed service would be at LEAST 10 times faster than the 56k modem trickle that we live with now both for downloading and uploading. As more and more urban residents get hooked up to broadband connections, much of the content on the web will become inaccessible to the rest of us. This includes streaming video and audio broadcasts and educational resources. Anyone who lives here and needs to send and receive large attachments to and from clients elsewhere already feels the inconvenience.

It was obvious from the people at the meeting that what is needed here just as urgently is residential access for home-based business people and the general public. When we asked Richard Parker, the spokesperson, if a list of interested parties would assist Community Futures in its endeavours, he empathetically answered YES.

The hope is to get the bandwidth here, route that through additional Telus phone lines to a radio/box/modem to your computer. It is hoped that the cost to the subscriber would be competitive. The ISP (Internet Service Provider) has not been determined yet. One possibility is Irenyx (Oberon) from Campbell River, another is for us to form a cooperative Cortes ISP. If you have ideas or would like more information, We would be happy to talk with you by phone or in person -Ted Bannister 935-8512. Bruce Jacobson 935-6902, Richard Trueman 935-0120. Irene Blueth 935-6712. Walter Nugent 935-6438, or Ron Bazar 935-6510. Email: highspeed@cortesisland.com



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- -Fisheries-sensitive land-use practices

We wish to support projects that are part of a well-developed long-term plan.

Project activities must take place between June 22, 2001 and March 31, 2002

Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday June 22 at either the Courtenay or Campbell River offices of Community Futures.

New proposal packages are available at the Fisheries Renewal Partner Group Office located in Community Futures at #205, 2270 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay, and at suite 2, 920 Alder Street, Campbell River; by fax at 250-338-4452 or by e-mail at deb.roberts@strathfutures.bc.ca

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Port McNeill Firefighter Round Up

This year the Port McNeill Volunteer Fire Department celebrates 50 years serving the community. Plans are under way to celebrate this great achievement and we would like to meet those who gave their time and energy to protect the town in the past years. If you are among those brave, dedicated firefighters who served during the past 50 years, we would like to know. Please contact us so we can send you a formal invitation to our celebration. The September 29, 2001 celebration will be more complete if we locate as many former firefighters as possible. Please contact the Town of Port McNeill, VFD Anniversary, Box 728, Port McNeill, B.C., V0N 2R0 or fax (250)956-4300 or email townpm@island.net before July 15, 2001

Mitlenatch Tour

On Father's Day, June 17th, The Museum at Campbell River and T'ai Li celebrate their fifth season together, by giving the public a wonderful tour to Mitlenatch Island. The schooner *Misty Isles* leaves Heriot Bay on Quadra Island at 9:00 a.m. for this exciting full day of history and nature studies with your very knowledgeable guides, Michael Moore and Jeanette Taylor.

Please pre-register to guarantee your trip. The Museum is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday; Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m. Call 287-3103 for more information. Cost is \$110.00 per adult.



The Cats Meow of Garden Tours

Now you can actually visit the Garden of Cougar Annie and see what everyone is raving about. On Saturday, June $23^{\rm rd}$, the Museum at Campbell River group plans to spend a wonderful day on this very exciting West Coast Trip.

The garden tour to end all garden tours, this one will depart from Tofino at 11 a.m. and includes a salmon buffet in the gardens. Travelling on Ocean Outfitters new state-of-the-art covered tour boat, the trip takes you along inside waters to Stewardson Inlet, with a short drive to Cougar Annie property at Hesquiat Harbour. As one travels through this magnificent scenery, they usually encounter wildlife, and the guide tries to incorporate whale and bear-watching into the experience.

At the Garden, Peter Buckland, of the Boat Basin Foundation leads you through this meandering magical property where Ada Annie Rae Arthur established her reputation as an indomitable settler to whom even cougars paid due respect. Setting foot on her magical turf with its dramatic rhododendrons, fields of bulbs and clumps of dahlias, transports one back to the days when she carved her legend from this formidable jungle, bore 11 children, and outlived four husbands, all the while defeating insurmountable odds against the wilderness. The garden, like the lady, is resilient and dramatic, with an abundance of rare and gorgeous specimens from her once-thriving mail-order Nursery at Boat Basin.

This very popular tour will also leave time to beachcomb, hike a cedar forest with culturally-modified trees and enjoy your lovely lunch, before the scenic trip back to Tofino.

The Boat Basin Foundation is responsible for the garden's revival; your membership fee goes toward supporting this cause. Please preregister at the Museum at Campbell River: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday; Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m. The trip costs \$170.00 which includes the salmon buffet lunch, plus your \$50.00 lifetime membership in the Boat Basin Foundation, and gives free admission on subsequent visits to the garden. Persons who are already members of that Society are exempt from the \$50.00 fee. For more info, call 287-3103. Registration Deadline: Friday, June 15th/01.

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Island Forum

Dear Editor,

In a recent Vancouver newspaper, there was an article about the B.C. government wanting to kill wolves. Apparently it was announced that Provincial government biologists are proposing a wolf-kill program in the Williams Lake area to save a mountain caribou herd that is threatened with extinction.

Over the last several months, Carl Larson and I have had several discussions regarding the lack of balance in our island's biological system and the need for a wolf population to bring back some degree of balance that once existed. He remembers with nostalgia to hearing on a clear winter's night the howl of the wolves at night that carried across Heriot Bay from the northern regions of Quadra Island. Carl, along with many others, believes that we should let nature control the other animal populations whose growth in numbers have become a healthy survival issue for both those animal populations and a safety concern for the travelling public.

Carl, being an experienced outdoors man, has indicated his willingness to lead a safari through the coastal mountains on a wolf pack catch and release programme for the benefit of Quadra Island. If any readers wish to join and or to contribute in any way to this adventure to help balance our Island's biology, please talk to Carl about how you can contribute. You can catch him most days working on the Quadra/Campbell River ferry.

Ted Conover

\$10,000 raised for Cancer

On behlf of the Canadian Cancer Society-Campbell River Resource Center, I would like to thank the residents of Quadra Island for their continuing support of the Canadian Cancedr Society and the Patient Service Programs, Reseach and Education.

The fundraising team on Quadra are: Mary Dennison, Joy Bird, Ursula Carmen, Suzanne Clemens, Kirsten Eastland, Pauline Falck, Carol toort, Mia Frishotz, Netta Huffman, Geraldine Kenny, rosie Lukinuk, Shirley Muress, Ellen Russell, Lori Porter, Jeanne Stoppard, Collen Swanson, Betty Thompson, Ruth Williamson, The O'Rourke Family and Gwen Millar. Together they raised \$10,551.25 for the fight against cancer.l

My sincere thanks to the dedicated volunteers and all of Quadra Island.

Sincerely

Rosalie M. Meier

Thank You Nancy!

Nancy Wilson, student minister at the Quadra Island United Church, has served the people on the island well. She has married people, attended many events, organized sermons, ministered to people, visited the sick, organized our music, sung in music groups and generally, built up great spirit in the church community. She has even babysat, taken care of animals, fed the hungry and played with the youth on many occasions. Unfortunately the time has come for her to return to her native Ontario and complete her studies at Queen's University. Those who have met and worked with Nancy will sorely miss her. She has enriched our lives and filled the church and church community with light. The Board members of Quadra Island United Church would like to express our gratitude for all that Nancy has done for the community since last August. We are having a music and dessert party to honour Nancy and invite all those who have met Nancy Wilson to join us at this evening event. The time will be June 10 at 7:00pm at the Big House in Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge. Please RSVP by calling Mignon at 285-3163.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone involoved in the making of 25, 20 foot, banners to decorate the whole length of the Strathcona Gardens Arena for our Grad's Prom, in an underwater theme. Sally Bradshaw spearheaded the project. I got on board and drew out varius seaweeds, salmon, crab, seal, octopus, sea anenome, etc. and everyone took it from there, tracing down the shapes and painting them. Then I did the outlines and details. The results were astounding. Thanks to: Sally, Stella Duffey, Marie Pirie, Lola Assu from Campbell River, Mary-Lee Burnett, Karen Sumner, Anne Toelle, Cathy McLaggen, Robin Taylor, Marg Heald, Leslie Doherty, Darlene richards, Carla Duffey, Caitlin Demill, Sarah Bradshaw, Emily Alsager, Nora Bingham, Missy Vig, Miless Toelle, Benji Dafoe and Micheal Sumner. And an especially huge thank ykou to the Cape Mudge Hall, where it all took shape.

May Day Thanks

The May Day Concession was a fabulous success! The big tent went up on Friday night thanks to Steven Swanson, Graham Swanson, Cameron McArthur and Keenan Sjoholm.

Thankyou to our Island businesses Heriot Bay Store, Quadra Foods, Walcan, Quadra Credit Union. To Quadra Recreation, thanks for the opportunity.. To all the barbeque lenders, cookers, servers, cashiers, and all those behind the scenes GOOD WORK EVERYONE! Following are the names of those wonderful volunteers that gave us their time. We couldn't have done it without you! Mike Van Giesen, Sherry Mctavish, Paul Van Giesen, Marie Ewen, Desiree Ross, Lindsay Anderson, Jackie Ross, Jamie Clandening, Rachel Nowazek, Kayla Loewen, Nancy Mcdonald, Kala Fitton, Reid Alsager, Nancy Allwarden, Melanie Jordan, Mia Frisholz, Laurie North, Susan Jordan, Shelley Higgs, Ally Stevens, Andy Stevens, Wendy Luscombe, Julie Frank, Mava Stromquist, Karen Sumner, Kent O'Neill, Andre Turpin, Crystal Turpin, Val Barr, Grant Hayden, Sandy Spearing, Karin Mann, Susan Swanson, Steven Swanson, Graham Swanson, Tanya Storr, Lenora McArthur, Kasandra McArthur, Cameron McArthur, Keenan Sjoholm, Stephanie Binnersley, Glen Macklin, Janice Meier, Quadra Rec Summer Co-ordinator Eileen Kohnke, Greg Ross, John O'Brien, A.J. Samarodin, Bobby Cochrane, Sharon Archibald, Arne Liseth, Randy Mellanby, Julie Mellanby, Bill Nutting, Robert Clandening, Ken Binnersley, Sharon Clandening, Dan Bingham, Pauline Falck, Kathy Fyfe, Suzanne Clemens, Angela Sundquist, Barb Frank, Linda Bell, Susan Dinnes, Alyse Hollingsworth, Steven Peters, Silvanna Anderson. One always runs the risk of missing someone. This is not intentional and my apologies if this has happened.

Thankyou all!

Michele Sjoholm

for Quadra Island Minor Softball

Lesley Matthews

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Next deadline 7pm Monday, June 18th 2001

Thank you Quadra:

Okur house burnt to the ground on April 1.

We wish to thank Quadra Island for all of the support we have received, especially Reese Wilson who has been exceptionally generous to us. A great entertainer and a fine human being. Thank you Reese and Christine and Scott Fox and Katimavik for giving what they could (the chopsticks are great). And to Ed Jordan for being the first to the fire to make sure wer were all out. And for not letting me go back in for stuff. Thank you to Sherry, Betty from Q-Cove Store, Tom and Diane, The Upper Realm and to everyone who sent us clother, money, household goods, prayers and good wishes.

We are better dressed now than ever before.

Thank you to the Stevensons for understanding our wooden heads. To the Burns' for technical support. To the Quadra Bank, Quadra School and Quadra Good Bank.

Thanks to Herald, Paul and Nick for putting it back together again. It is difficult to feel so indebted so you will all have to come over to Read Island when the new house is up and dance on the lawn and have a cup of tea. Please have a fire drill and clean out your stove pipe.

There is no place like home.

Thank you sincerely,

The Wooden Heads, Mike, Lise, Rowen and Hank

Real Survivor Party Enjoyed by all

Survivors (Barry, Jeff and 9 year-old Jake) finally met Sutil Rd. neighbours. Linda Williams, Linda and Tim Walters, Ruth and Martin Amiabel, Chris Rose and Virginia and Eugene Monahan at the Pot Luck Beach Party in Dogfish Bay. Barry Poslowsky's and Jeff and Jake Woods families and friends came, also friends from Cape Mudge Village attended. We had a great feast, among laughter and tears. Many ocean stories were shared, from east coast to west coast. We would like to Thank all the caring and generous Quadra Islanders, especially Bill and Brenda Assu, who made it possible, for nine year old Jake Wood, real brave survivor, to receive a survivor suit, which he can use for safety when he ventures out in the boat to fish again. Thanks to all who came.

Quadra Rec Thanks

The Quadra Recreation Society would like to thank all of those who participated in the year's May Day Box lunch auction. A big thank you goes out to the generous people who bid more than \$1200 for eight box lunches making this the most successful year ever! Special mention goes to the very generous donors of the lunches: Quadra Foods, heriot Bay store, heriot Bay Inn, April Point, the Landing Pub, Taku resort, Lovin Oven II, and TsaKwaLuten Lodge.

The money raised will be used to offset the cost of next year's May Day.

Finally an extra big thanks goes to Rod Sumner for collecting the boxes and auctioneer Rick Clandening whose humble yet tenacious approach motivated the audience to contribute what they could and more!

We hope a good time was had by all.

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Money Matter\$ The Burning Bush

by Steven Halliday

7ith the recent conversion of our legislature to a Liberal majority the word has gone out to the world "We're open for business and everything is on sale!!", or so my colleagues in the big cities say. The banishment of socialism from the BC political landscape is just what the capitalist's of the world have awaited, and they supposedly stand ready to pour buckets of investment capital into our fair province. Between the election of G.W. Bush, Jr. to the south and Mr. Campbell's sweep it seems certain that the economy is poised to soar, some would have you believe. I, on the other hand, view the situation with some reservations, being no great fan of either of the aforementioned politicians. In some respects, it goes beyond reservations to outright alarm.

There are several issues that will be brought to the fore with the new Liberal government, all of which are hugely significant to both ourselves and our US cousins. Two in particular are highly sensitive and have been the subject of much debate over the last few years, but recent events in the USA have made them much more pressing. I speak here of the American's thirst for 2 commodities that we apparently possess in abundance – fossil fuels and water. GWB2 recently released an energy policy that basically gives carte blanche to all of his buddies in the energy business to pull all out the stops. damn the torpedoes, to hell with the rules....just get us more energy. One interesting thing missing from this policy was any mention of conservation. To paraphrase Shrub (you know, a little Bush...get it?), Americans have a right to the way of life they presently enjoy. In other words, party on dudes!! The USA is about to embark on a massive program of expanding their energy production from domestic supplies, as well as seeking new sources of supply. Now, we already have lots of natural gas that is just waiting for a pipeline or two to get it to the US market, but we also apparently have an oil and gas field between the Mainland and the Queen Charlotte Islands that rivals Hibernia in reserves. Mr. Campbell, within the 1st 30 seconds or so of winning power, announced that the present moratorium on exploration/development off the coast will be reviewed with a mind to scrapping it posthaste. I'm of mixed emotions on the issue, but I know it is a particularly sensitive issue, particularly to concerned environmentalists on one side and unemployed North Coast residents on the other. Count on hearing a lot more about this subject in the coming months.

The issue of water exports has been discussed in this column before, and regular readers know that the wholesale export of our fresh water concerns me a great deal. The discussion is no longer academic, as there will soon be a judgement that will map out the future of water sales. An American businessman has launched suit against BC and Canada under NAFTA, claiming that our refusal to grant him a water export license is a breach of NAFTA, and

he deserves payment for the hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenues. Two things that are of great concern; firstly, it has been made very clear to me that under the rules of NAFTA water is a commodity, and therefore not exempt from NAFTA rules. Secondly, our record in NAFTA litigation to date is 0 for 1, having lost the only other case brought against us, and in the process costing hundreds of millions of dollars. In fact our national stance against wholesale H₂0 exports has weakened of late as the government of Newfoundland seeks to accelerate their own water sales. All things considered, I think we'd better prepare for the worst.

One thing is for certain amongst all the uncertainties - we know exactly where Mr. Bush and Mr. Campbell stand on these issues. While I for one welcome a new era of prosperity for BC I certainly don't want it at the expense of the environment. Having said that, I also believe that both developments can occur, but only when we are absolutely certain what we are doing, how we can do it, and that the projects can be accomplished with minimal negative impact. Unfortunately, I don't believe either of the aforementioned gentlemen are in any mood to be patient - Bush wants his energy (and fresh water) NOW, and Campbell wants the economy to improve, dramatically and quickly. George and Gordon will likely become fast friends, seeing they have so much in common. No need to panic yet, folks, but a little concern is in order.



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The Journey

Darlene Booth RNC

n the beginning...there was food... and it was - good. An expansive cornucopia full of delightful gastronomic treasures. Delicious cakes, mouth watering candies and rich buttery cookies all rating of highest importance in the eyes of a young child. Bright. Colourful. Sweet. These were to be the criteria by which all food would be rated. And it was good.

As the young child grew, a dietary wanderlust set in and she became curious. She sensed that there was more to life than just bright, colourful and sweet. Were these pretty costumes just in place to sway the senses? Just another mask to hide the truth? Somewhere, behind the masquerade there had to be something with more sustenance. And this too, was good.

She devoted many hours to the pursuit of culinary perfection. Gourmet, rich and exotic became the criteria de jour. Bright, colourful and sweet were not forgotten, but they now rode sidecar to each main attraction. Famous chefs held a place of honour in the heart of this young woman as she read each recipe and savoured each and every ingredient. An understanding evolved. Enlightenment. And all was good.

As the culinary bond grew, so did the young woman's sense of duty and responsibility. In time there were young mouths to feed. Long hours spent in the kitchen creating supreme delicacies would be no more. The expanded flock demanded more immediate attention. Bright. Colourful. Sweet. And for a time, all was good.

But one day the young mother noticed her children were ailing. Their once rosy cheeks were now pale and pasty, their bright eyes were sullen and dull, there sweet dispositions had turned very, very sour! She set out on a long journey to find answers to her problem. An old woman wrapped in a faded grey cloak answered the first door when she knocked. She gave the young mother plenty of advice and a small vial containing a potion. "You worry too much." The old lady snapped. "This potion will settle their ails, be on your way."

But the children did not mend. Instead they sank deeper into the darkness and the young mother continued her journey. She knocked on door after door until her cupboard was so full of potions and pills that she could no longer shut the door. They spilled over onto her counter and cluttered every surface in her house. She was exhausted, frustrated and all was not good.

Determined, the woman continued her quest. One stormy day, her travels took her through the wooded forest, over the raging river and high atop the tallest mountain to seek guidance from the Wise One who was said to live in a cave on the farthest peak. Gasping for breath she called out, "Wise One?" Then in a panic she called louder. "WISE ONE?" "My children are sick and I need your help. Please tell me what to do." Then she fell to her knees and sobbed.

She felt a hand touch light upon her shoulder and when she looked up, she was drawn to the most incredible eyes she had ever seen. These were the eyes of wisdom. The eyes of hope. The eyes of compassion. Wise One extended a hand toward the heavens as he looked upon the fallen woman. He spoke softly. "Woman, you have travelled a great distance and knocked upon many doors, is this not so?"

"Yes." She answered. "It is so."

"Woman, weep no more." Wise One cast his eyes upon the clouds. "All you need, you already have." And with that he turned and entered the cave.

This was not good. The woman tried to follow him but could not find the opening to the cave. She thought she could hear some reggae music playing through the walls, but decided she must be imagining things. Discouraged and broken, she headed for home.

As she neared her home she noticed that the sky was no longer dark and heavy in cloud. The sun had spread its warmth upon the earth and her ears were greeted by a symphony of nature. She had wandered off the beaten path and found herself in a most incredible garden. Row upon row of the most amazing fruits and vegetables she had ever seen. She bent to pluck a carrot from the earth when the Wise One's words echoed in her head. "All that you need, you already have." She smiled and it was good.

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S. QUADRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT NEWS

by Murray Johnson **Burning Ban Now in Effect**

Effective June 1st, the annual ban on burning is now in effect. Backyard burning is prohibited until further notice. At this time, campfires are still allowed. The Ministry of Forests notes that we are expecting a warmer than normal summer with possibly less rain than normal. This may result in a more severe fire season, and we strongly urge all Islanders and visitors to take the utmost care with fire and help keep our island green! For more information on burning regulations visit the Ministry of Forests Protection Branch web site at www.for.gov.bc.ca/protect, or contact the Fire Dept.

Alert Citizens Help Save 3 Lives

I'm sure most of you have heard the news reports of Quadra Islanders' Ruth and Martin Amiabel very significant role in the saving of three people clinging to an overturned boat off the south end of the island last month. The Quadra Fire Dept and Ambulance Service responded immediately to the 911 call and stood by at beach locations in the event that shore assistance was required. In the end the marine rescue was successful and we weren't needed, but we would like to pass along our Department's commendation for the alertness and responsiveness of the Amiabels in recognizing that someone was in trouble, and acting to do something about it. All the emergency services in the world won't do any good if no one makes the call for help...

Rescue on Mt. Seymour

On May 5th the Quadra Ambulance Service, members of the Ouadra Volunteer Fire Department, and Campbell River Search and Rescue participated in the rescue of an injured hiker at the top of Mt. Seymour on Quadra. The hiker, a visitor to Quadra, was eventually airlifted to hospital and we have received a card from her saying that she is recovering well. The rescuers had a invigorating hike up and down the mountain and had to carry the patient for about a half hour to where the chopper could land. We would like to thank Robin & Keith Liseth of Skookum Logging for the quick loan of their basket stretcher for the rescue.

Join Us...

The Fire Department is always seeking new volunteers to join. If you are over 18, healthy, and willing to make a commitment to help provide a valuable service to your community, as well as having some fun, please consider it. To find out more, call Murray at 285-2773, Len at 285-2802, or Sharon at 285-3373, or just show up at the #1 Fire Hall in Q-Cove any Tuesday evening at 7:30.

This column appears in the Discovery Islander every second issue or so. Our thanks to the publishers for giving us this opportunity. If you ever have any topics that you would like covered regarding the Fire Department, fire safety, regulations, etc., or questions that we may be able to answer, please feel free to contact us: OIVFD, Box 80, Ouathiaski Cove, BC, V0P 1N0, Attn: Fire Chief Phone 285-3262 Fax 285-3273 You may also contact this writer at email murray@island.net if you like.



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Island Report

May Day 2001: Under the Big Top

by Tanya Storr

The weather was good and spirits were high for Quadra Island's May Day 2001 celebration. Held on May 26 at Rebecca Spit, this year's May Day had the festive theme of Circus: Under the Big Top.

The creativity of Quadra islanders shone through once again in the wonderful parade floats and costumes. In keeping with the circus theme a menagerie of 'animals' and two-legged performers streamed along the parade route, following the stirring sounds of the Campbell River Legion Pipe Band. Hundreds of people lined the road, cheering enthusiastically as the floats and walkers passed by.

Emcee Fair Taylor started off the official proceedings on stage by introducing last year's May Queen, Kyra Foort. Kyra welcomed everyone to May Day and explained that the May Queen is chosen through a speech contest. The speech with the highest score wins queen, with the two runners up as princesses.

This year's May Queen, Sierra Fraser, spoke about the history of May Day and highlights from previous years' celebrations in her speech. Her escort Jordan Hollingsworth, princesses Jenika Doherty and Raven Nighswander, and their escorts Ryan Binnersley and Keelan Clemens looked on.

Sierra noted that Quadra first held a May Day celebration 103 years ago, and May Day festivities have taken place at the Spit for 73 years. She recalled that in 1995 May Queen Emily Alsager rode on horseback in the parade, the only May Queen to do so to date.

Following May Queen Sierra's speech, Quadra Recreation coordinator Sandy Spearing gave the May Day dedication. This year May Day was dedicated to the Community Centre Addition Project (CCAP) volunteers.

Members of the CCAP Fund Raising, Building Steering, and Grant Writing Committees were recognized for being 20 Discovery Islander #241 June 8th, 2001



"the right people who were in the right place, right on time, to do the best possible job."

Val Barr, a member of all three committees, accepted the dedication plaque on behalf of the group. She said she is hoping the whole community will enjoy the new addition.

The grade three dancers then wove their magic round the May Pole, this year enjoying much kinder weather conditions. The May Pole dancers also benefited from the excellent addition of live music provided by mother-and-daughter-team Fern Kornelsen on the fiddle and Miray Campbell on the tin whistle. Dance instructors Barrie Calverley and Kim Field looked on. Both boys and girls participated in the dance again this year.

May Queen Sierra awarded the prizes for the parade. First prize float went to Circus Minimus (David Alger and kids), second prize was awarded to Animal Fair (Mimi Smienk and kids), and third prize went to the Fishing Fools (eight adults and five children, including Colin Dowler

dressed as a large chinook).

Maksym Andrejczuk, 20 months old, won the children's best costume prize for his ringmaster outfit complete with little red jacket with tails. Best overall individual costume went to Akiko Nakano for her clown outfit topped by a red hat with a large stuffed puffin attached.

The Goon Geeks with their eye-catching fake red fur won the walkers' first prize. Jeff Dubois in his gorilla outfit won second prize and Chloe, Elias, and Kelsey Booth won third for their clown outfits.

First prize for bicycles went to MacKenzie Alsager, with Brandon Doak winning second. First prize for horses was awarded to Dan Balatti, Vanessa Balatti, and Jay Crosby for their horses and carriage float.

After the official ceremonies Robert 'Beaver' Clandening, wearing a striking green clown wig, led the box lunch auction. Luches were donated by Quadra Foods, Heriot Bay Store, April Point Lodge, Taku Resort, Heriot Bay Inn, Landing Pub, Lovin'

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Oven, and Tsa Kwa Luten Lodge. The highest bid was in the neighbourhood of \$300, making the auction a successful fund raiser for next year's May Day.

Afternoon events included the grease pole contest (winner was Tom Bremer), face painting, and several races organized by Quadra Elementary teachers Jack Marr, Murray Garland, Robin Beaton, Diana McKerracher, Bridget Walshe, and Joy Bird.

Live entertainment included the Harlequin Jugglers, Goon Geeks, and singer Heather Fraser with John Walton and Blaine Smith.

Although there wasn't much wind for most of the small sailboat race and the first half of the big sailboat race, it did pick up later on.

Brian Simmons, who organized the big boat race along with Tony Simard, said it turned out to be a really good race despite the slow beginning. Ken Burns won the big boat race in his boat Tessa.

Small boat organizer Frank Wallace said their race was "a real drifter" but the good weather was appreciated. Martin Bullock took line honours in the small boat race. Martin, who is 14, said this is his third year of sailing and he really enjoyed the race.

Looking back on another successful May D Recreation coordinator Sandy Spearing saic to see such a diverse crowd of people come t and have a good time.

"People come together from all walks of work to Make May Day happen. It's a commu enjoyed by all."





Hi Here is Sierra's May Queen speech. Hello, welcome to May Day 2001. I'm glad you all came today. I would like to introduce myself, Sierra Fraser, my escort Jordan Hollingsworth, the princesses Jenika Doherty and Raven Nighswander and their escorts Ryan Binnersly and Keelan Clemens. I went to last years May Day. I had lots of fun even though it was raining out. I liked watching the wet grease pole climbers climb the greased pole and the fun entertainment, also not to mention my favorite part, the Maypole dancers. May Day has existed for 103 years on Quadra Island and 75 years at Rebecca Spit. The May Day ceremonies first moved to the spit in the 1930's. Before the Spit, it was at the community hall for awhile and before that it was at Heriot Bay and before that where it all started at Cape Mudge. Almost every year there has been a parade of all different colors all led by the very loud but amazing bagpipes. In 1901 they had \$2.00 as the most money you could win for races like 200 yard dash for the 20 year olds, the 100 yard dash for the 10 year old boys and the 50 yard dash for the 13 year old girls and much, much more. In 1922, they came up with a May Queen. In 1995, the May Queen Emily Alsager went on horseback. She was the first and only Queen. Did you know that Quadra Island was one of the only places that kept the May Day tradition going during the war and did you also know that May Day is a celebration for spring to turn into summer. I wonder if the Latin and Germanic people had as much fun as we do. The Latin and Germanic people were the first people to celebrate May Day. May Day is also celebrated in many European countries as a labor holiday.A tradition that the whole world has, including Quadra are the wonderful maypole dancers. I hope you will all have fun with the colors and the clowns with our new theme this year, the Circus.

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Quadra Firefighters Attend Kemano Fire Excercises



Firefighters tackle a house fire in Kemano

Photo: Murray Johnson

Special to the Discovery Islander by Murray Johnson:

emano Townsite, May 22, 2001: Thick black smoke pours from under the eaves of the house, rising upward in a billowing column. Fire glows orange through a window. As the engine rolls to a stop and firefighters tumble off, pulling hose lines, we are told that there may be a person trapped inside the house. Smoke swirls down and obscures the front lawn; firefighters, protected by the breathing apparatus on their back, disappear into it, preparing to enter the inferno and face the fire. The incident commander urges speed..."let's go, let's go, let's go...!" Hose lines jump and harden as water surges into them. A sledge hammer swings to open a locked door, and two firefighters disappear into the blackness, a third feeding their hose to them from the doorway. Radios crackle urgently. More firefighters, the back-up team, position themselves by the door with their hose, their only job to be ready to intervene and rescue firefighters should the need arise. Yet another team prepares to enter the house to conduct a search of the lower floor.

Inside, total darkness in the thick smoke. Difficult to orient ourselves within the unfamiliar floor plan. Silence, other than

the crackle of burning wood and the occasional sputter of the radio. I'm on the nozzle, searching for the fire. The radioman behind me tugs on my shoulder, directs me to the kitchen. Some small flame here...but a bright glow from the next doorway. On into the dining room... flames cover the walls and ceiling, all around....hot here, more noise. Several short bursts of water around the room and in an instant the flames are mostly out. The superheated steam drives down towards us - the "thermal layer", we call it - and suddenly our world is very much hotter. Over the radio, we get permission to ventilate, and a steady stream of water directed through the now-broken window quickly sucks much of the smoke and fire gases out of the room. We can see better now, and we set to work mopping up the remaining vestiges of fire, until a low-air alarm on one of our masks sends us out of the house, to be replaced by others doing the final "overhaul".

Outside, we report to command, recover our name tags from the accountability officer, peel our masks off, and head for the rehab area. After a little while the incident commander calls the "all-clear", and we set to work draining down the hoses and putting equipment back on the pumper. We gather together for a critique of our handling of the incident. A few things to do differently next time, many things well done. The fire is out, after all... We go on to our next fire call – it seems the house next door is on fire....

The above is an actual description of one of hundreds of fires that burned in the town of Kemano during April, May, and June of this year. All were purposefully set by a busy crew from the BC Fire Commissioner's Office. All were attacked enthusiastically by the ever-changing "Kemano Fire Department", made up of firefighters from all over BC, a new set of faces every four days...

Why are we doing this? What has possessed us to travel over 1000 kilometres by car, ferry, plane, bus, and boat for the sole purpose of spending three days in sopping wet turnout gear, air tanks grafted to our backs, hustling to the barkings of the drill-sergeant-like incident commander, putting out fire after fire only to have these grinning arsonists from the Fire Commissioner's Office light them back up again?

The answer is *Public Safety*. This is the Kemano Public Safety Initiative, a very unique opportunity for firefighters, fire investigators, and researchers to undertake a huge number of full-scale exercises involving live burns of real, intact, modern houses. This is all in the interest of improving firefighting capabilities, skills, and experience, and of improving the fire resistance of buildings



Kemano Village.

Photo: Sharon Clandening

people live in. The remote village of Kemano, established in the early 1950's to house the families of workers at Alcan's Kemano generating station, fell victim to technological developments and rising costs, and Alcan decided to close down the company town in favour of commuter crews. Buildings that could be moved were relocated, but a large number of houses and other buildings remained to be demolished. The BC Office of the Fire Commissioner, the Kitimat Fire Department, and Alcan worked together to create the Public Safety Initiative to provide live fire training in these buildings, effectively turning the closing of the town into a lasting legacy for all of BC. Each house provides 6 to 10 firefighting exercises, ending with the burning of each building to the ground and reclamation of the site. Over 400 firefighters from around BC are participating, along with many researchers and people from the Fire Commissioner's Office.

A total of four firefighters from the Ouadra Island Volunteer Fire Dept. attended the Kemano exercise: Len Beck and Peter Jackman in April, and Sharon Clandening and Murray Johnson in May. When the opportunity for this came up last year and we realized that the cost, generously subsidized by Alcan, was about the same as for the two-day live fire course in Maple Ridge that we would normally send people to, we jumped at the chance. We had more people interested in going than they would allow us places, so we decided to send some of the more senior members of the department, on the basis that the greatest learning value would have to do with the overall operations on the fire scene, especially in command. This indeed proved to be the case, and all four members came back with a huge boost in their direct structural firefighting experience, skill, and confidence level. Those that went had to donate six days out of their busy lives, the training was physically demanding, without much free time, and it was certainly no holiday - but it was worth it!

A side benefit came from the chance to work alongside people from many other fire departments and learn how they deal with situations similar to our own. An observation that all four of us made was that our level of training and ability was on par with the best of the other departments participating, which is a credit to the entire Quadra department, past and present. The knowledge gained at Kemano has been brought back to Quadra and is now in use to help make our training and readiness even better, assisting in our continual goal of providing the best possible level of fire protection to our community.



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Business Profile

ENERT Computer Services

by Tanya Storr

t's a long way from their previous work as lighthouse keepers, but Matt and Etta Martinelli find themselves equally well suited to helping people find their way in the world of computers as they did helping mariners navigate at sea.

"One of the things I like best about providing computer services is helping people find what they need," said Matt, as he and Etta showed me around their home-based office.

"Matt and I think of ourselves as facilitators," Etta added. "We both feel very enthusiastic about computers and what they do, and we like to share that."

ENERT, which stands for Emergency Nerd Response Team, began as a computer tutoring service in early 1995. After the Martinellis left the lighthouses (Lennard Island, Quatsino, and Chatham Point) and settled on Quadra in 1988, Matt worked for a season doing boat maintenance at April Point and did some ESL teaching in Campbell River.

Matt was using his computer skills while working on the Healthy Communities Project in Campbell River in 1994, and also did volunteer computer tutoring for non-profit organizations in Campbell River. From that he branched into helping people with their computer difficulties.

"I was interested in computers and I like to teach, so I started computer tutoring," Matt said.

In late 1995 Matt started selling computers and accessories in response to customer demand. "People started asking me 'Can you get this part?' and 'Do you sell computers?'" he recalled.

Three years later the business had expanded to the point where Matt needed help. Rather than hire someone else, Etta decided to leave her job at Quadra Daycare's Out of School Program and join Matt in the computer services business full time.

"It was one of our goals realised to be able to work together again at home," said Etta.

Etta started out by doing bookkeeping,



Matt & Etta Martinelli at Enert Computer Support

Photo: Tanya Storr

office management, scheduling, and answering the phone. Now she is also doing computer tutoring, specializing in helping people do computerized bookkeeping.

Matt pointed out that there are similarities between working as lightkeepers and running a computer support business.

"We provided a service to people on the lighthouses and we are providing a service now too," he noted.

Another transferable skill they both bring to the computer services business is teaching ability. Matt has a Master's degree in English and taught at Oregon State University in the late 1960s to early 70s. Etta utilized her teaching skills in the Out of School Program prior to switching to ENERT full time.

After renovating their office last summer, Matt and Etta started offering workshops to teach people computer skills. Their bright and well-designed new office has four computer stations, allowing them to have four participants in each workshop. Matt and Etta co-facilitate the workshops, so they are able to give a generous amount of assistance to each participant.

"That's what teaching is—giving your students the ability to find the answers they need," Matt said.

Workshops they have offered to date include Basic Windows, Internet, and Computer Maintenance (basic troubleshooting for people interested in maintaining their computer themselves). They plan to offer Level II Windows in future. Workshops take place in the fall/winter and generally consist of three two-hour sessions.

Matt and Etta have also taught workshops outside of their office. Some of the first ones they taught were at Quadra Elementary for parents, teachers, and the community, and they also provided some Internet workshops for the Katimavik groups.

Like many businesses on Quadra, ENERT has seasonal rushes. In the fall and around Christmastime Matt and Etta sell more new computers than at other times of year. Information support and technical help is an ongoing part of their business, and they've noticed that demand for specific items seems to come in waves.

"Lately CD burners have been the popular item," noted Matt.

They keep several basic accessories on hand, such as keyboards, mice, ink cartridges, 3½" floppy disks, and power supplies.

"Many things are becoming shrink wrapped items these days. It's not worth spending money to try to fix a \$20 keyboard," Matt observed.

Matt and Etta deal mainly with Supercom, a company with a warehouse and assembly and testing facilities in Richmond. Orders are shipped to them on Quadra by courier.

"We get two lines of computers that are pre-built and we can also make up any custom computer. Some people have special needs—they want Windows 2000 instead of Millennium or they want network cards, or maybe extra memory, or if they're a gamer they might want a super duper video card," Matt explained.

One family needed a Japanese operating system and Japanese versions of MS Word and Excel. After doing some research, Matt and Etta had a computer shipped to a couple in Vancouver who sell Japanese software. They loaded the operating system and shipped the computer to Quadra.

Customer service is an important part of Matt and Etta's business. When a customer is interested in purchasing a new computer, one of the first things Matt and Etta ask is what they plan to use it for.

"It's important to know your basic system and how it can be expanded upon," Matt said.

All new computers bought through ENERT come with free delivery, set-up, and a two-hour tutorial which can be used for extra set-up time if needed.

Repairs are a large part of ENERT's business. Matt does a lot of the repairs himself on a workbench in their office or he makes house calls when needed. For major repairs that have to be returned to the supplier, turnaround time is generally one week.

Etta pointed out that buying locally saves time if repairs are needed.

"A warranty is only as good as how you can access it. If you have to ship your computer to the States you have no machine for a month."

ENERT's business comes almost entirely from Quadra customers. Matt and Etta said they have seen a real increase in computer-

aided businesses on the island, with some of their customers telecommuting to offices as far away as L.A.

"Computers have really increased people's capability to live in a place like this and work from home," Etta remarked.

Matt observed that there are different kinds of computer users with varying needs.

"Some, like me, enjoy taking the machines apart and putting them back together again. Others just like to use a few programs and would rather somebody else do the troubleshooting and maintenance, and we're happy to do that. It's good to remember your computer is a piece of machinery and it will hit virtual speed bumps from time to time."

Matt and Etta find working in the computer field interesting because it is constantly changing and there is always a problem to solve.

"People are connecting more devices to their computers than ever before, such as scanners and digital cameras, and there are problems with compatibility at times. Compatibility issues are pretty large," Matt noted.

With both their sons, Steve and Bruce, being commercial fishermen, Matt and Etta have started selling navigation software and putting computers together for boats.

"You connect your GPS to your computer and have charts on a CD," Matt said.

Matt and Etta make numerous referrals as well. Web design is one area they haven't branched into, and they often make referrals to businesses on the island who offer that service. They also make referrals to people who do music and video editing, mapping, and Computer Aided Drafting (CAD).

One of the most enjoyable aspects



Matt Martinelli operates on a computer Photo: Tanya Storr

of operating ENERT Computer Services is watching computers open doors for people, particularly through e-mail and the Internet.

"With the help of a computer you can correspond quickly and easily with people all over the world. Thanks to e-mail, I've corresponded with an aunt of mine more in the past two years than I had in 20 years before that," Etta said.

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Island Tides

For Quathiaski Cove June 8-21, 2001

	Time	ft	m
8	0030	11.5	3.5
FR	0445	12.5	3.8
	1225	2.6	0.8
	1945	13.5	4.1
9	0205	11.5	3.5
SA	0515	12.1	3.7
	1255	3.0	0.9
	2030	13.5	4.1
10	0310	11.2	3.4
SU	0540	11.5	3.5
	1330	3.6	1.1
	2110	13.5	4.1
11	0445	10.8	3.3
MO	0615	10.8	3.3
	1410	4.3	1.3
	2155	13.5	4.1
12	0605	10.2	3.1
TU	0710	10.2	3.1
	1450	4.9	1.5
	2235	13.5	4.1
13	0650	9.2	2.8
WE	0850	9.5	2.9
	1535	5.9	1.8
	2315	13.5	4.1
14	0720	8.5	2.6
TH	1055	9.2	2.8
	1620	6.9	2.1
	2355	13.1	4.0
15	0755	7.5	2.3
FR	1235	9.5	2.9
	1715	7.9	2.4
16	0025	13.1	4.0
SA	0825	6.6	2.0
	1345	10.2	3.1
	1805	8.9	2.7
17	0055	13.1	4.0
SU	0855	5.6	1.7
	1445	11.2	3.4
	1855	9.5	2.9
18	0120	13.5	4.1
MO	0925	4.3	1.3
	1540	11.8	3.6
	1945	10.2	3.1
19	0150	13.5	4.1
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