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Next Deadline: 7pm Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

REGIONAL DISTRICT Comox-Strathcona

NOTICE TO ELECTORS IN THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF COMOX-STRATHCONA WHICH INCLUDES:

The District of Campbell River, City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland, Village of Gold River, Village of Sayward, Village of Tahsis, Village of Zeballos and Electoral Areas A, B, C, D, G, H, I, J, and K

#### **COUNTER-PETITION OPPORTUNITY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona intends to enter into a lease agreement with the Province of British Columbia, under which it will incur a liability for more than 5 years, to lease from the Province the lands which currently comprise the Sunnydale Golf Course. Under the proposed 30-year lease, the Regional District will indemnify the Province against claims which may arise against the Province, as owner of the lands, resulting from property damage or personal injury in connection with the operation of the golf course.

The Board of the Regional District also proposes to enter into a sub-lease with the Sunnydale Golf Course Society, under which the Society will lease the lands from the Regional District under the same terms and conditions as the Regional District's lease with the Province, including an indemnity provision in favour of the Regional District.

In the event of default by the Society under the sub-lease, the Regional District would be responsible, until the early termination of its lease with the Province takes effect, to pay maintenance, rental costs and any other costs under the lease.

The Regional District may proceed with the proposed lease agreements unless at least five percent (5%) of the electors of the area to which this counter-petition opportunity applies petition against the matter by signing counter-petition forms and submitting them to the Regional District office by Monday, June 3rd, 2002.

Counter-petitions must be in the form established by the Regional District, and such forms are available from the Regional District office on request.

The only persons entitled to sign counter-petition forms are the electors of the area to which the counter-petition opportunity applies, namely the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona. A gualified elector is a person who:

- 1. is a Canadian Citizen
- 2. is at least 18 years of age;
- 3. has resided in British Columbia for at least 6 months;
- 4. has resided in the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona for at least 30 days; or

5. meets the qualifications of a non-resident property elector as set out in Section 51.1 of the Local Government Act.

The deadline for submitting signed counter-petition forms to the Regional District office is Monday, June 3, 2002.

The estimated number of persons who must petition against the lease agreements in order for the Petition to be sufficient is 3,100.

Petitions may be submitted to the Board by mail or personal delivery to the attention of the Regional District's Manager of Corporate Administration at 350 - 17th Street. Courtenay, BC.

For further information, please contact the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona, 350 17th Street, Courtenay, B.C. V9N 1Y4 or by phone at 334-6000 or toll free 1-800-331-6007 or facsimile 334-4358, or E-mail administration@rdcs.bc.ca

Given under my hand at Courtenay, B.C. this 3rd day of April, 2002.

Barbra Randall

Manager of Corporate Administration



Island Calendar

•Every Thursday-Jam with Moe,	Quadra Legion
8pm	
•1st Friday of every month-Open stage @ 7:30-10pm	P Yak Shak Coffee House
April 12, Friday	
-Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society	Community Centre
8:00 pm	community contro
April 13, Saturday	
-Geshe-la Returns	QIUnited Church
8pm	Qienited endren
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-Flea & Craft Market	QI Legion
10am-2pm	
April 14, Sunday	
-Quadra Daycare's Celebrate Yourself	Community Centre
11:00 am - 3:00 pm	
-Geshe-La Returns	QIUnited Church
1pm	
April 15, Monday	
-QI Conservancy AGM	Community Centre
7:30 pm room #3	
April 16, Tuesday	
-Colin Mallard "The Yoga of Self Discover	y" Inner Garden
7:30 p.m.	,
April 19, Friday	
-Catholic Mass	QI United Church
5:00 p.m.	ų
-Live music With "Blue Collar"	Heriot Bay Inn
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April 20, Saturday	
-Legion Dance	QI Legion
9pm-1am	
-Quadra Singers Spring Concert	Community Centre
April 21, Sunday	
-Annual Beach Clean-Up Heade	juarters at the Spit
10 am- 4 pm	
April 23, Tuesday	
-Changing From Inside	<b>Community Centre</b>
7:45pm	je i
April 26, Friday	
- <u>Cabin at Singing River</u> slide show	Community Centre
8pm	community centre
April 30, Tuesday	
-Town Hall Forum	Community Centre
	community centre
7:30 pm	
May 5, Sunday	
-CR Children's Choir "My Heart Soars"	Community Centre
2:00 pm	
May 6, Wednesday	
-Eileen Sowerby "Philosophy, Women and	War" Inner Garden
7:30 p.m.	
May 7, Tuesday	
-Cemetery Meeting	QI Legion
8:00 pm	-
May 11, Saturday	
-Plant & Bake Sale	QI Legion
10 am-2pm	v O
-2nd Annual Garage Sale	Quadra Daycare
10am -2pm	quadra Daycare
May 14, Tuesday	
-Quadra Island Quilters	Community Centre
	community centre
9:30 am	

#### **Keep In Shape**

Quadra's Kalina Folkdancers invite you to join us on Tuesday evenings at the school gym, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Our experienced instructor, Marcy Wolter, teaches each dance we do. For info, call Marcy at 285-3849.

#### **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

#### **Aerobics with** Marion

Join Marion Eberlein for aerobics at the Community Hall. Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00-7:00 PM. A great aerobics workout with floorwork some weight training and stretching. Come and feel good in your body again!8 sessions \$32. Drop in \$5. Students \$3 Everybody welcome For questions call Marion at 285 2895

#### **Buddhist Meditation**

Join us at the Inner Garden (across from the library) for chanting, meditation, teachings, discussion and tea, every Sunday at 10 am (New time). Newcomers are welcome any time. Phone Danielle or Steve at 285-3323 for more information.



CALL 285-3937

#### **Campbell River Children's Choir**

presents "My Heart Soars..." at the Quadra Island Community Centre, Sunday May 5, 2002, 2:00 pm. \$5 each. Tickets available at the door.

## **Spud Gun** Shoot

Spud Gun Shoot April 20th 10am to 3 pm at the Nutting's farm at 359 Cape Mudge Road. There's no admission, just lots of fun for everyone. Food will be available. Prizes throughout the day! No dogs thanks.

## **Geshe-la** returns

Lama Tashi Namgyal, a teacher of Tibetan Buddhism, now familiar to many in this area, will give two public lectures on Quadra Island in April.

The talks will be given Sat. April 13th at 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday the 14th at 1:00 p.m. at Quadra Island United Church in Cape Mudge village. Donations to defray lama's travel expenses will be gratefully received.



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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Daycare Garage Sale

Spring cleaning? The Quadra Daycare is looking for donations for this annual fundraiser. Everything is appreciated. Please make sure all items are clean and in good condition. Items can be dropped off at the Quadra Daycare anytime. The Garage Sale will be held at the Quadra Daycare on **May 11, 10am -2pm. See you there!** 

#### **Farmer's Market**

Our Farmer's Market is held rain or shine from the beginning of May to the end of September, every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00pm behind the Credit Union. Vendors must be from Quadra or the outer islands. Setup charge is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids. Bring your own table. Dancers, drummers, jugglers, musicians etc. 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! Farmers Market** parking space is on Green Rd. Come and join us to make the Market the best it can be. Information: Dalyce 285-3180, Pauline 285-2076, Linda 285-3952

## **May Day**

May Day preparations are under way. If the spirit of Spring and community are exciting you to action, come to the next May Day meeting and help decide the theme, Monday April 22 at 10 a.m. at the Q.C.C. Theme boxes are in the food stores, school and Q.C.C. filling with fanciful ideas. Join the fun and put in your suggestions.

The African 7 piece band, Alpha YaYa Diallo is the dance band playing at May Day in the evening at the Community Centre. Want to volunteer at the dance? Phone Sunday Dennis at 285 2633.

May Day is a free, non-commercial, family event for Quadra Islanders starting with a parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25, at Rebecca Spit park. Groups and individuals are encouraged to make floats and costumes in keeping with the theme, and "strutt your stuff" in celebration of this 104 year old tradition on Quadra. In the meadow at the park, a ceremony with May Queen and court accompanied with May pole dancers takes place. Later, races, entertainment, face painting, drift wood structure building and sail boat races are some on-going activities to amuse you.

More information and a chance to get involved can be accessed at the Quadra Community Centre at 285 3243 between 8-2 Monday-Fridays.

## **Quadra Legion**

Saturday, April 20th

Dance away the winter blues. Spring fling at the Legion 9-1 with the Howlin Dogs. \$5 at the door-members, \$6 non members. Keep Live Music Alive! Support your community! Info. 285-3121

## Quadra Legion Branch #154

Ladies Auxiliary Annual Flea & Craft Market, Saturday, April 13, 2002. From 10am - 2pm. Table rental \$5 ea. Phone Chris at 285-2207 or Joyce at 285-3971. See you there!

## **Celebrate Yourself**

Want to wake up on Sunday, April 14th with a smile on your lips? With the prospect of laughter and fun flooding the day's horizon no matter what the weather? It's an easy thing to do. On that morning head to the Community Centre and Quadra Daycare's fundraiser, Celebrate Yourself. There you'll find experts in the fields of health, hair, fashion, nutrition, and soaps waiting to share their knowledge with you; food to tickle your palate; suspense every hour while you wait to hear your name called for one of four delightful door prizes to be had; and of course plenty of the good feeling that comes with feeling good.

Pharmacist Colleen Hogg from People's Drugs will be on hand to talk with you about your health concerns and essential oils. Leann Cherris from Vitality for the Ages makes her own creams and has located essential oils that are hard to find. Kim Field's It's a Beautiful Day Soaps will heighten your anticipation of blissful baths. Gabriola Island's Paula and her Moondance Soap Co. will add to that. Kami Lee Robb of Bosonova has wigs, hair dye and tips galore in store for you. And further on the subject of hair, Bruce of Island Escape Hair can wax eloquent. Joyce Sheppard will be there to treat you to a session of Bowen Therapy if you wish, and nutritionist Darlene Booth of Quadra Nutrition has plenty of knowledge to share.

Admission is a twoonie. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and the fun goes on till 3:00 p.m. Feel good. On Sunday, April 14th, take time out to celebrate yourself.



## Notice to all Members of Quadra Credit Union

## 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting May 8, 2002

Quadra Credit Union Quathiaski Cove Office

## Agenda

- 1. Call to Order 7:30 PM
- 2. Chairperson' Introductory Remarks and Introductions
- 3. Reading and Approval of Minutes of 59<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
- 5. Director's Report
- 6. Presentation of Financial Statements & General Manager's Report
- 7. Investment & Lending Committee Report
- 8. Unfinished Business
- 9. New Business
- 10. Appointment of Auditor
- **11. Election of Officers**
- 12. Presentations
- 13. Adjournment
- 14. Refreshments

#### **Notice to Borrowing Members**

Members are reminded that it is a condition of their loan agreement with the Credit Union that insurance be maintained in force covering goods or property pledged as collateral to the Credit Union, with loss payable to the Credit Union.



## **QUADRA CREDIT UNION**

Condensed Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2001 (in \$ thousands)

ASSETS Cash & Liquid Investments	<b>2001</b> \$5,058	<b>2000</b> \$4,860
Loans (Net of allowance for doubtful loans - 2001 \$104 1999 \$94)	19,102	17,652
Other Investments	10,102	108
Land, Buildings & Equipment	751	717
Property Held for Resale	190	210
Other Assets	84	86
Total Assets	\$25,291	\$23,633
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
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Deposits - Demand	8,524	8,566
Term	10,403	9,172
Registered	3,531	3,274
Other Liabilities	626	592
Equity Shares	666	618
Retained Earnings	1,541	1,411
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$25,291	\$23,633
Financial Income	\$ 1,679	\$ 1,613
Financial Expense	636	604
Financial Margin	1,043	1,009
Other Income	311	281
Provision for Loan Losses	34	36
Administrative Expenses - Salaries	533	559
- Other	542	532
Net Income before taxes & dividends	245	163
Dividends	82	129
Income Taxes	33	-2
Net Income	130	37
Retained Earnings Beginning of Year	1,411	1,374
Retained Earnings End of Year	1,541	1,411

Note: Full financial statements are available for pick up at the Credit Union.

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#### **Baseball Club**

Hey kids, I am starting a Baseball Club. We will meet on Sundays at 1:30 PM for a couple of hours and lots of fun. We have Coach Jerry Benner and he will help us with our ball and bat skills and then we will split up into teams and play ball. The age group is for boys and girls age 6 - 12. There is no cost, just bring your glove. I hope to start playing April 21<sup>st</sup>. And hey, parents, if you want to come and help and play too, that's great!

Call Karlyle to sign up **285-2804** or email karlylebh@yahoo.ca.



### Ballads'n Blues, Bossas'n Bop.

An evening of Ballads'n Blues, Bossas'n Bop takes place at Mambo's Cafe in the Merecroft Village on Friday 19th April. The concert will feature the sweet jazz sounds of The Blue Monks Jazz Trio, with David Parkinson from Quadra Island on upright bass, Bruce Hipkin from Cortes Island on piano, and Greg Hill from Campbell River on drums. This talented trio hosts the very popular Jazz Jams held at the Willows Neighbourhood pub on the the first and third Tuesdays of every month. With their own dynamic arrangements and swinging grooves The Blue Monks Trio brings a fresh feel to classic swing and jazz standards.

Don't miss this opportunity for a night of irresistible improvisation and memorable melodies by jazz greats Thelonius Monk,

Charles Mingus, George Gershwin, Miles Davis and many others. The music begins at 8:00 p.m. on Friday 19th April at Mambo's cafe in the Merecroft Village Plaza. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$6 for students and seniors. Advance tickets are available. Please phone Mambo's at 287-4440 for tickets.

## **Quadra Slo-Pitch**

For those of us who love the sound of the crack of a bat, or the chance to get outside for some fresh air and a little friendly competition, there is nothing quite like Slo-Pitch!

Slo-Pitch is an opportunity to get to know each other, and it nurtures a sense of comradery between players and teams.

Slo-Pitch has been an organized activity on Quadra Island for a number of years.

The season runs from April through June, and the number of teams within the league has ranged anywhere from 7 - 16.

Teams are put together by interested players, and register with the Quadra Slo-Pitch League. League fees are \$ 300 per team, per year. New teams are always welcome!

Quadra Slo-Pitch is run by elected/ appointed Board members. Current board members are Rick Maddison, Ross McPhee, Tucker Dinnes, Marie Ewen and Vic Nacci.

Slo-Pitch has an annual general meeting held at the end of March each year, and everyone is invited to attend.

The board administers league functions such as organizing work bees, field maintenance and league tournaments. League tournaments are held in May & June and the funds raised are used to purchase league equipment such as balls & bases, maintain fields and dugouts, and improve the baseball diamonds. Funds are also used to purchase prizes for the Memorial tournament, such as trophies and shirts.

During 2001, new metal roofs were installed on the dug outs with funds raised from tournaments. Funds raised this year will be put towards a new sprinkler system at Blenkin Park. League tournaments also bring funds into our community, as teams are invited from Courtenay, Campbell River, and as far away as Gold River. The teams usually camp on Quadra Island for 2-3 days, purchasing food, gas, etc;

If you are interested in putting a team together, or wish to join an existing team, please call Rick Maddison at 285-2173 for more information.





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## **Quadra Legion**

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Ladies Auxiliary Annual Plant & Bake Sale, Saturday, May 11, 2002. From 10am -2pm. Start your bedding plants now! Enjoy the tasty homemade baking as well! April showers, bring May flowers ...

## Music at Quadra Is. United Church

Quadra Island several-times resident Rosemary Phillips is returning to the area for a visit and to share her music at Quadra Island United Church on April 26 at 7:30 p.m. Rosemary will be presenting pieces from her recently released CD "Homemade" along with traditional melodies and some favourite John Denver songs.

Since its release last December, "Homemade" has been featured twice on Neil Gillon's CBC Early Edition, highlighting the songs "The Sun and the Moon", and "Old, Old Tree" which was inspired by a hike up Chinese Mountain on Quadra. The songs are toe tapping, sing-along type, with various rhythms, from folk to country to calypso. A listener of the CD in England wrote, "Your warm voice, full of love and meaning, floats over this damp February morning and cheers me on." Admission for the performance is by donation, along with a contribution of an item for the local food bank.

#### Science of Mind What It Can Do For You

Jill is currently in her 4th year of study towards a Ministry in Religious Science. You may have read the odd article written by her and wondered what it was all about. Now, not only can you discover this but here is an opportunity for you to see what this teaching can do for you and your life.

If you are unfamiliar with what Religious Science is, I can tell you it is not Scientology and it is not Christian Science. Religious Science is the study of "The Science of Mind", a text written by Ernest Holmes in 1926. You may be more familiar with Louise Hay, author of New York Times Best Seller 1990 "You Can Heal Your Life".

If you want to learn more and/or you want some new direction in your life, come join Jill for a closer look at what Science of Mind is and what it can do for you. This is a 4-week course starting May 6th, 2002. Mondays, 7 - 9 pm \$25 Quadra Community Centre

Call 285-2804 for Registration

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#### At the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 meeting of the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona (RDCS) the 2002 Annual Budget and the 2003 to 2006 Financial Plan was adopted.

On a consolidated basis the RDCS annual budget for 2002 is approximately \$52.5 million dollars, this amount can be summarized as follows: Operations: \$37,937,240 Capital Initiatives: \$14,550,035

The major capital initiatives for 2002 include:

Kye Bay Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project \$2.7 million

Regional Sewer Compost facility and Dissolved Air Filtration Project \$5.5 million

Comox Valley Water Supply Chlorination Station \$3.4 million

## Other major impacts on the RDCS 2002 annual budget include:

RDCS Corporate Office accommodation – the RDCS is currently in leased premises located throughout the Comox Valley and is seeking more suitable and functional leased temporary accommodations for the next five years. Until such time as the RDCS is able to secure owned Corporate offices, costs relating to the lease expenditures do not represent any direct return of investment for Regional District residents.

Comox Valley Sports and Aquatic Centres – These two services have been combined

as one service and a 2002 tax increase of approximately \$318,000.00 has been approved to eliminate the operational deficit relating to the Aquatic/Ice Arena.

Regional Solid Waste – The landfill tipping fee will increase effective July 2002 from \$45.00 to \$65.00 per tonne. This increase was required in order to support approximately \$200,000.00 in program initiatives as recommended in the Regional Solid Waste Plan. Survey results from RDCS residents indicated a preference to increased tipping fees versus increased taxation to support programs.

The following provides a summary of tax impact estimates based on \$100,000.00 of residential assessed value. The number of services for each participant vary. Services may be unique to an area, or may include services that are shared with other or all areas, i.e. Regional Solid Waste is common to all areas. Services that are funded through other sources and that are provided to a portion of an area are not included.

Each service provided by the RDCS is accounted for as a separate entity and each has its own factors to consider in establishing an annual budget. Changes to budgets for a specific service can best be answered through a direct inquiry to Debra Oakman, Manager of Financial Services. For a list of services funded by taxation in 2002 by local government member see www.rdcs.bc.ca Whats new section 'Budgets'.

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Local Government	# of Regional District	Approximate change in 2002		
Member of the Regional	Services funded by taxation in 2002	Residential Tax (based on		
District	taxation in 2002	\$100,000 Assessed Value) for Regional District services		
		funded by taxation		
Electoral Area A	24	\$22.00		
Electoral Area B	29	14.00		
Electoral Area C	27	17.00		
Electoral Area D	19	17.00		
Electoral Area G	10	7.00		
Electoral Area H	11	5.00		
Electoral Area I	13	6.00		
Electoral Area J	12	3.00		
Electoral Area K	24	3.00		
Village of Cumberland	11	7.00		
Village of Gold River	5	1.00		
Village of Sayward	6	1.00		
Village of Tahsis	5	1.00		
Village of Zeballos	5	1.00		
District of Campbell River	7	11.00		
City of Courtenay	14	14.00		
Town of Comox	14	20.00		

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## **RDCS 2003-2006 Budget Adopted**

## Quadra Singers Spring Concert

Saturday, April 20 at 8:00 PM in the Quadra Island Community Centre. The talented & dedicated Norma Ashcroft will direct and Shelley Thomas (from Campbell River Children's Choir) will accompany Quadra Singers this session in a variety of musical selections designed to welcome Spring with "songs asingin' in our hearts". Concert music will range from a tightly melodic Lennon & McCartney medley to Mozart's "Alleluia" classic and traditional folk tunes such as "Loch Lomond" and "My Hearts' in the Highlands". Always a few surprises! Admission \$8 at the door. We will be selling BC Choral Federation raffle tickets again this year--the prizes are money-always a favourite! Keep your eyes and wallets open. Only \$2/ticket. Want an ad in our concert program?call Nancy B. at 285-3800 or Nanci C. at 285-3105--Please help keep Quadra Singers singing! See you at the concert!

#### Changing From Inside

This inspirng documentary (just under 1 hour in length) is a sequel to 'Doing Time, Doing Vipassana'. It gives the compelling account of an intensive pilot meditation program for inmates at a minimum security jail near Seattle, Washington.

Under the guidance of both community volunteers and facility staff members, seven women inmates undertake a tenday silent retreat. They practice an ancient meditation technique called Vipassana for ten hours each day, delving ever deeper into themselves to understand and ultimately master the nature of their behaviors and compulsions. In the end, they are transformed by their inward journey and come away with tools to maintain that transformation.

'Changing from Inside' also chronicles the personal and professional journey of the articulate, determined facility director, Lucia Meijer, as she rallies her staff to this new and unconventional program. Candid interviews among prison staff reveal a range of reactions from interest to skepticism. However, the results prove an inspiration, leaving the facility transformed, as well. (Produced and Directed by David Donnenfield in 1998) Showing at the Q. Community Centre on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:45 p.m. \$2.00 donation. For further information, call Carol at 285-3035.

### Quadra Seniors,

At our April 1st meeting, we had an Easter Party, First off, we where entertained by Karla Thomson and her smart Sheltie Tina, who did, many obedient, commands, jumps, also retrieving, objects at Karlas commands, we also participated, and enjoyed Karla and Tina tremendously. Thanking them very much'. We later had an Easter Parade, down 5th Avenue, as they say, accompanied by Mrs Winnifred Goldstraw on the Piano. Prizes where won by Grace Whitley, most beautiful, Erika Zylstra, the funniest, Martin Amiabel & Robert Brown tied for funniest men, Jim Thompson, the most debonair. Thank-you to Judges Coleen Swanson & and Sharon Clandenning-- The Egg Hunt was won by Martin Amiabel & Grace Whitley-- They all recieved Choclates and Easter Egg Cakes, for their efforts, Thanks for participating .. Door Prizes where won by Hanne Moss, Daphne Young, Marshall Toele, also eight members won floral vases too.

We are sending two delegates, Jean Carefoot & Ruth Amiabel, to the B.C.O.A.P.O Convention, in Quesnel, in June, they will be travelling by bus their and back, Ruth & Jean will be voting to pass resolutions, that will be used to lobby the Governments re issues regarding Senior Citizens.

We are sorry to be losing a very active Member Joyce Hargreaves to Sechelt, Joyce will br presented with a Life -Time Membership in the B.C. O,A.P.O. on May 1st, our next meeting, we will be having a farewell party and a Pot-Luck Luncheon, for Joyce, all members and guests are welcome to attend, any new Seniors are very welcome also, we will be having entertainment.

In May a group are going to Sointula, Malcolm Islands, for two days & nights, to help them celebrate their 100th anniversary. In June we are going to Friendly Cove on the U-Chuck. many other Theatre trips and boat trips are in the planning stages.

All Seniors are welcome to join us, Young and Experienced, Walk every Sunday with the gang, on the Spit, some start at the Launch Ramp, some at the Parking Lot, about 11:00 A:m -- Every Wed. 10:00A:m Tai Chi---10:30 A:M--Carpet Bowling-- Monthly Meetings--1st Wed,- at 10:30 A:m-- except July and August--- Contact people are Ruth Amiabel. 285-3801-- Jean Carefoot- 284-3740-- Hanne Moss-285-2419-

**PS:** Campbell River B.C. Old Age Pensioners Organization, Have notified me, they would like to invite Quadra Seniors, to attend on May 2, 2002, a Pot-Luck Luncheon, at 12:p: m, a Thursday, at the C.River Royal Canadian Legion, Later at 1:00 p:m an Eye Specialist will be giving a Talk on Eye Ailments. You can participate in the Pot-Luck if you desire or just attend the talk at 1:00 p:m



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### Adult Education on Quadra

Quadra Island has wonderful educational programs for youngsters, especially in the summer. Physical exercise programs from aerobics, to yoga to Tai Chi are available for adults at Q. Cove, the community centre and the fitness centre. One thing is lacking for adults: An open forum for the collective exercise of the mind. Otherwise known as adult education.

This is why we are proud to announce the creation of the Quadra School of Philosophy and its first lecture series entitled "Inner Peace and World Peace." In the fall, we may offer some regular once a week courses at the community centre, depending on community interest.

Take out your datebook and record the following dates if you are interested. On Tuesday, April 16, Colin Mallard will be speaking on "Jnana Yoga: The Yoga of Self-Discovery." On Wednesday, May 6, Eileen Sowerby will talk on "Philosophy, Women and War." On Wednesday, June 5, Steve Moore will discuss "The Four Yogas and the Path to Enlightenment in the lives of Socrates, Buddha, Jesus & Mother Theresa."

The Quadra School of Philosophy welcomes everyone to present a course or give a talk. We are committed to creating an adult education centre dedicated to personal freedom and societal liberation. The lecture series will take place at the Inner Garden, just across from the Quadra Library at 7:30 p.m. on the dates mentioned above.



## Annual Beach Clean-up Set For Sunday, April 21st.

Quadra's Annual Beach Clean-up is a great way to beautify those special places on the island that everyone enjoys. Started six years ago as a celebration of Earth Day, the event has now become an annual community activity involving many participants. And the more who come to help, the cleaner our beaches will be!

The garbage—usually washed quite clean by the ocean—is collected in bags (the bags are provided) and brought to a central collection location at Rebecca Spit where it will be loaded on large trucks for transportation to the Campbell River dump. The trucks are provided free by Quadra businesses, free passage is provided by BC Ferries, and free dumping privileges are provided by the Regional District. The bagged garbage from remote beaches on Quadra will be collected from designated pick-up sites by volunteer drivers.

This year's event will take place on Sunday, April 21 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Beach Clean-up headquarters will be set up just inside the entrance to Rebecca Spit Provincial Park. Here empty bags can be picked up any time during the day and the bagged garbage will be received any time up to 4:00 pm. Bagged garbage at the designated remote pick-up sites will be collected at 3:00 pm.

Anyone who would like to help with the clean-up of Shellalligin Pass should assemble at the Heriot Bay Market at 8:30 am for carpooling. Remote Quadra communities like Granite Bay and Bold Point may want to organize and integrate their efforts with the larger beach clean-up.

Free food, courtesy of Quadra's stores, will be served at the Rebecca Spit headquarters site from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Two participants who bring in the most unusual found objects will be suitably honoured with prizes.

As time and circumstances allow, hard plastics and beverage containers will be removed for recycling.

Participants are advised of the possible danger of unburned aluminum flare cartridges (about 3' X 4"). Please note their location and leave them on the beach.

If you want to choose a special beach to clean up, if you want an early supply of empty garbage bags, of if you want to know the location of the remote collection sites, please contact Ken at 285-2580. You can also get other Beach Clean-up information from Ken.

## **Cemetery Meeting**

The re-scheduled annual public meeting of the Quadra Island Cemetery will be held Tuesday, May 7, 8:00 pm at the quadra Island Legion. Items for the agenda include nominations for additional (volunteer) Trustees, amendments to the Cemetery By-laws and price increases for cemetery spaces and services.

The Quadra Island Cemetery is a public trust and public input on the foregoing matters is essential under the B.C. Cemeteries Act. So please attend our May 7 meeting to ensure that we continue to carry out our mandate according to your wishes.

Thank you from the Quadra Island Cemetery Board of Trustees.

## The Don't - Miss - It show! April 26th

She's coming back to Quadra with another fascinating slide show! Who? Chris Czajkowski, an indomitable, resourceful woman who, in her late 30s, chose to live in the remote wilderness of B.C.'s interior. She cleared a piece of land, built a two story cabin from trees she felled - then rigged her chainsaw to make the 400 planks also required. It was a learn-by-doing project of major proportions, and that was only the beginning of an extraordinary self-contained way of life which still continues.

In the mid 1980s Chris wrote to Peter Gzowski of CBC's daily radio show "Morningside". So impressed was he that he encouraged her to write a series of letters which were aired regularly. When Chris wrote a book titled <u>Cabin at Singing River</u>, Gzowski wrote a lengthy forward for it.

Beautifully written, this book, with Chris' pen and ink illustrations, is much more than a lyrical celebration of the natural world. Both book and slide show are a story of courage, perserverance and imagination. From the moment Chris set her inexperienced foot into an unsteady canoe, to the triumphant day she stood back to survey the log house she had built, one is irresistibly drawn into her remarkable journey toward independence.

As well, Chris takes a deep interest in all the flora and fauna, from rare alpine flowers to moose, wolves, bears and more, including encounters with the latter! This is truly a not-to-be-missed slide show that will enthral all ages. <u>Cabin at Singing River</u>, April 26th, 8pm, Quadra Community Centre. Admission \$5, \$12 family.



#### "April in Paris" Fashion Show

Sunday, April 21st 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

in the Ballroom – Coast Discovery Inn and Marina

On Sunday, April 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm the Coast Discovery Inn and Marina will resemble the Champs Elysees with high fashion and bohemian music ala Moulin Rouge to entice and thrill your senses. The Campbell River & District Public Art Gallery, with the Downtown BIA are hosting "April in Paris" a fashion show and silent auction as a fundraiser to assist in the renovation of the Centennial building shared by the Gallery and the Visitor Information Center.

Plans for the building include new entrance porticos, refurbishing of the lobby, new exterior finishes including signage, and a large new program room for art education classes, workshops and lectures for children and adults. With Gallery attendance steadily increasing, a new look for the Centennial Building will draw even more people to the Gallery and Visitor Info Center, enhancing the facility's role as a center for cultural and community strength.

Thanks go out to the many partners already committed to this event including Watzin Clothing (formerly The Berry Patch Children's Boutique), Caron's Boutique, The Coast Discovery Inn and Marina, Eagle FM Radio, incognito, InterSport, Josan's Apparel, The Lingerie Shop, Photo Tech, Super Valu, Tangles Hair Salon and Day Spa, Ingrid Thomas Photography, Quest Shoes, and Work World.

Tickets are now on sale at participating merchants at \$20 each, which will include admission to the fashion show, light refreshments and a chance to win fabulous door prizes. Seating is limited so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Interested in volunteering? Or for more information, please contact the Art Gallery at 287-2261.

## Chris Czajkowski



Popular wilderness writer, Chris Czajkowski, appears at the Museum at Campbell River on Sat., April 27th at 2:00 p.m. with a glorious presentation based on her letters sent to CBC's Morningside in the 1980's. Her new edition of the book, Cabin at Singing River has a preface by the late Peter Gzowski, and is enhanced by her own line drawings. It brings home to us "how much we don't need, and how much we are missing." (Globe and Mail) Chris arrives with her art, her books and a wonderful slide presentation, focusing on the lovely area around Lonesome Lake and 'the art of being alone'.

Please pre-register for this event . Cost is \$5.50 adults

### **Haig-Brown Festival**

A dozen arts organizations in Campbell River have joined forces to present the Haig-Brown Festival, a celebration of arts and culture. The festival takes inspirtation from the writing and causes championed by the late Roderick Haig-Brown, a noted writer, conservationist and chancellor of the University of Victoria.

The Festival begins April 11 at the Museum at Campbell River, with the opening of a retrospective exhibit about Haig-Brown from 4 - 6 p.m., followed by the premier screening of a new film about Haig-Brown, "Measure of the Man", at 7:30 at the Museum.

April 12, an exhibition of 10 leading BC book illustrators opens at the Art Gallery from 5 - 7 pm with guest speaker Howard White of Harbour Publishing. Following the Gallery opening is the launch of a writers' festival at 8 pm, with 8 well-know BC writers who join Bill Richardson to discuss their love of the written word.

The Festival continues with a Book Fair on April 13. On April 14 a riverside walk with naturalists & talk about Roderick Haig-Brown's many accomplishments.

Wrapping up all the action will be a picnic at Roderick and Ann Haig-Brown's former home on the banks of the Campbell River on April 15th, followed by a talk by Terry Glavin, author of the "Last Great Sea".

For more information call (250) 287-2261 or e-mail art.gallery@crcn.net. Check out the Haig-Brown Festival web site www.hbfest.crcn.net.

## South Quadra Fire Protection District ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, 2002 May 01, 7:30 p.m. Quadra Island Community Centre

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



#### **Dear Editor,**

Re; Quadra Golf Course.

An accountant who was looking after the books of a golf course told me "the largest maintenance bill of a golf course is for chemicals. Pesticides and herbicides." There is no such thing as an organic golf course.

Golf courses also use very large amounts of water. Yes there is still water in deep wells, but how much? Nobody knows. Is it unlimited? No. Will the chemicals stay in the boundaries of the golf course? No. Where will they go? Would I like to live next door to a golf course, knowing the above? No, no and no. Does Quadra Island need a high polluting enterprise? I say no. What do you say? Say it when the re zoning notice comes out.

Pal Horvath

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## Quadra Island Conservancy A.G.M.

Monday, April 15, 2002 at 7.30 pm

In the Community Hall, room 3, upstairs, back door.

With also for discussion Morte Lake and Timber West Lot 208 at April point, its future. The latest in Covenanting Wetlands and Eagle Nests Quadra Island Mapping Project Computer Mapping, a demonstration by Alvin Tye.

#### **Dear Editor**,

The annual public meeting of the Quadra Island Cemetery was called for Wed., Mar. 27 - BUT NOBODY CAME! This makes us think the cemetery is a dead issue in more ways than one.

The cemetery is a public trust for Quadra Island and public input is vital to its operation. Therefore the public meeting has been re-scheduled for Tues., May 7 -8:00pm at the Quadra Island Legion.

Items for the agenda include nominations for additional Trustees, amendments to the cemetery by-laws and proposed price increases for cemetery spaces and services.

The Cemetery Trustees are a hardworking group of publicly nominated volunteers. We urge our fellow islanders to show some appreciation for their efforts by attending the May 7th meeting.

Yours truly, Donald R. McDonald, Secretary/Treasurer, Quadra Island Cemetery Board of Trustees.

#### Sierra Quadra - Notes

If this is your season for lawn and garden chemicals, try to reduce or eliminate their use. Households that use lawn pesticides, for example, have 6 to 7 times the incidence of childhood cancers. Cancer is now the #1 killer of dogs, and pesticide exposure is the likely culprit.

Keep pesticides out of your food baskets by giving priority to certified organic produce. Grow your own food. A few little plots of soil can provide you with surprising amounts of tomatoes, lettuce, radishes and other fresh and healthy vegetables. Your composted kitchen wastes make ideal fertilizer for producing your own organic crops. Remember that little yellow flowers on your lawn are not as big a problem as cancer-causing chemicals.

Ray Grigg

#### Re: NO MORE MISTER NICE GUY! Dear Editor

I've been the harbour manager and responsible for the parking lot for over six months now. Ever since I started, I have tried diligently to make sure people were aware that there was pay parking in effect and that they needed to buy a ticket to park there.

I have left hundreds of notes on people's windshields, reminding them that they were parking without paying and that they could still pay by slipping the money through the door slot of the harbour office. I had hoped that by doing this, everyone would start buying tickets when they parked there. Well, I GIVE UP!

Less than half the cars that received reminders ended up paying and people still are parking in the lot without paying.

So, effective immediately, no more nice little notes! IF YOU PARK IN THE PARKING LOT AND YOU DON'T HAVE A PERMIT OR A TICKET, YOU WILL BE TOWED AWAY. If you are a harbour user and have an out of date permit, please come to the harbour office and you will be issued a new one.

Pay parking is in effect seven days a week, from 6am till 5:30 pm.

You can purchase a monthly pass for \$25, a six month pass for \$125 or a yearly pass for \$200. These can be purchased at the drug store in the cove or at the Q Cove harbour office in the mornings.

If you choose not to park in the parking lot, please be considerate and respectful of where you park. Please park facing the direction of traffic and respect the privacy and property of home owners in the area. Consider how you would feel if you looked out the window every morning and saw nothing but cars and the garbage they leave behind.

We are all residents and neighbours. Let's try to conduct ourselves that way.

Yours Truly Paul Ryan

Harbour Manager

Quadra Island Harbour Authority

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## Money Matter\$ **Bubble Burst or Slow Sag? Steven Halliday**

anada's most famous high tech company got another headline on Thursday, albeit an unwelcome one. "Nortel debt rating cut to junk status" trumpets the Financial Times of London, reporting that Moody's Investors Service had downgraded its ratings on Nortel Network's commercial paper, preferred shares and bonds. It is almost sad to see what has happened to Nortel, although sad probably is a poor descriptor of the feelings of Nortel's common shareholders.

From a valuation of over \$120 a share in the spring of 2000, the price fell to about \$60 in January of 2001, and has since freefallen to \$6.00 a share at the close of April 5, 2002. Now, holding the company's debt instruments has become a lot more dangerous than most investors bargained for, including, no doubt. Nortel's bankers.

At least Nortel is not alone in their misery - virtually every player in the high speed communications business, such as Lucent, Qwest, Worldcom, are all in the same boat. The industry, particularly those who invested in capacity - fiber optic capacity, specifically - are all awash in excess capacity. There are literally billions upon billions of dollars worth of "unlit" fibre optic lines around North America. There has been a "bubble" in the business, a bubble no different than that which has affected nearly every sector of the economy.

The stock market bubble has definitely deflated somewhat, but some still say we have yet to face a contraction in urban real estate prices, which in selected areas (primarily US) has seen dramatic price increases. Think high tech and



high finance; areas supported by these industries face a bleak short term future due mainly to industry uncertainty. Worse, these high paying industries are starting to shed employees in a big hurry, and these people have shown a propensity to live high on the hog, fuelled mainly by debt. Now that interest rates are likely to rise, the domino effect takes over, and the bubble bursts.

Some readers will recall what happened to housing prices and interest rates in the early 1980's, particularly in Vancouver. The situations are dissimilar in that inflation was rampant, and interest rates rose much faster to much higher levels than theoretically possible today. But it was a classic bursting of a real estate bubble, from which the average house price took over 15 years to recover.

Some consider the situation so dire that The Economist magazine made it the cover story for the latest issue, under the heading "The houses that saved the world". AP recently reported that a division of the Chase Manhattan Bank is reducing the amount some mortgage borrowers owe, by as much as \$50,000. Both the home buyer's and the bank got scammed by a crooked property developer and mortgage broker, resulting in artificially inflated real estate prices.

The key point is that the hot real estate market itself helped shield this activity for some time, resulting in some very major losses to former homeowners and the bank alike. There is no escaping the crooks, who literally feast during every sort of market bubble, right back to the tulip bulb debacle a few hundred years ago.

As more bubbles burst, the clamor for the blood of those responsible grows louder. High profile players such as Anderson and Enron are now grist for the mill, and fingers are pointing in every direction as anyone remotely connected scrambles for cover.

In these situations, just like the aforementioned Chase situation in the Poconos of New York, the hyperactive markets simply masked the situation while the bubble grew larger and larger. People simply weren't looking, rules were ignored, and lessons learned over time were forgotten. Negligent investors threw money at over-hyped and oversold new economy companys, banks took ill-advised risks, and regulators let the floodgates open a little to wide. Corporations cast aside prudence in favour of joining the party of expansion through merger, takeover or premium priced purchases, and many are now crippled by tons of debt and reduced access to the capital markets. And again, these company's also face a potential increase in debt costs as interest rates rise, while they have bulging shelves of inventory, idle plants and static or shrinking demand. In short, there is blame enough for everyone.

The use of the term "burst" in relation to an economic bubble might be a bit premature, in as much as it suggests totality. Many market watchers feel that a significant number of stocks are still very richly priced, and have yet to bottom. If this is indeed the case, we may yet see even more backtracking by the markets. Does this mean that in spite of a recession-like economy that worse may be yet to come? Possibly. Unless you are a long time Nortel stockholder - it must feel like it can't get any worse.





## Comox-Strathcona

#### NOTICE OF REGIONAL DISTRICT MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona invites the public to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting to be held on:

#### Tuesday, April 30, 2002

at the Comox Valley Curling Club (in the upstairs Banquet Room) 4835 Headquarters Road, Courtenay, B.C. commencing at 9:00 a.m.

For the presentation of the following reports, pursuant to Section 329 of the Local Government Act:

- a) the Year 2001 audited Financial Statements, and
- b) the Year 2001 report of Director remuneration and expenses

Any questions or inquiries regarding this meeting should be directed to:

> Beth Dunlop, CGA Assistant Manager of Financial Services Telephone: 334.6000 or toll free 1.800.331.6007

## **Cocoon** Darlene Booth RNC

t was truly a comfortable reality, a perfect existence. Familiar. Routine. No surprises. Just the way she liked it. Yes, it was true that the possibility of an alternate reality had not even entered her psyche. Not once had her daydreams ever taken her to far away places, to worlds where life had a much broader dimension. Incubated from the probability of change, she was obliviously content for her wheel of life to continue to rotate in a clockwise direction. This was the pattern she knew from conception. This was her truth. It was secure, safe and extremely predictable.

With the start of each new day, the previous one would continue. Travelling her path, no real destination in mind, no awareness of a journey. Her sole purpose was to get through the day as best she could only to just wake up the next day and do it all over again. Assured and confident in it's habitual continuum. Like the rhythmic pulse of her heartbeat, her days flowed as dependably as the stream of life that coursed through her veins and arteries. She had no reason to believe that it could be anything else. She had no other model on which to build.

She was like a giant boulder deposited and anchored to the shore, unaware that the pebbles beneath her feet were slowly eroding with each new wave that washed over her. Grounded. Ignorant to the fact that even though she stood still, the world around her was in a constant state of transformation. This was a world of eternal movement, new paradigms, shifting realities, and innovative developments. But this world did not permeate her shelter. She was wholly steeped in her own infusion she called life and was extremely comfortable in her own cocoon.

*Inertia.* To continue in a straight line unless altered by an external force and we know that the forces of nature are relentless.

Subtle, persistent waves continued to wash over her. At first she did not recognize the elusive hints of impending change. She only knew that something in her small world had shifted. Not that she could name it or even describe it. It was like the lingering taste of a far off memory. Faint, fleeting and intangible, yet gaining momentum at a rapid rate.

There finally did come a day when she could no longer deny the truth. In her awakening, she began to question the very foundations on which she had built her whole life. The earth beneath her started to tremble and quake, rocking her world and forcing her to shake free from complacency. She could sense the undertone of a different rhythm beating in the distance and her heart became attuned to that pulse. Her life made no sense anymore. Everything that she once held dear and important, became irrelevant and meaningless. A piercing resonance penetrated her being and shattered her perception of living, as she knew it.

Each new day unfolded bringing with it the anticipation of adventure. Unpredictable. Unique. Exciting. A gift to be opened, cherished and nurtured. She began to dream of a world with limitless possibilities and with each new dream she found an open road to travel. She did not have a road map, nor did she care. Her hollow shell began to fill with knowing and she thirsted for more. Fear based realities transmuted to a state of complete and total love. She felt at one with everyone and everything around her, a glorious state of connectedness with all of eternal life. She felt at home and at ease in the universe.

Life was exhilarating and limitless. She was no longer content with her clockwise rotation and enthusiastically sought knowledge of alternate realities. With each new experience opening the door a little wider, allowing for more light and a whole new awareness. She was an explorer, a traveller in virtual time. Peeling away layer upon layer of her cosy cocoon until her true colours shone bright to the universe. Freedom. Transformation. Metamorphose. This was her new world. She spread her wings and soared!



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#### by Tanya Storr

A fter 24 years of helping mariners and aviators find safe passage along the BC coast, Jim and Wendy Abram are retiring from the lights. I joined the two of them recently in their new home they have built on part of the old Joyce farm, for a look back on the challenges and joys of more than two decades of lightkeeping.

When asked why they are leaving the lights, Jim explained that he is taking a forced retirement. Due to a neck injury sustained on the job, he can no longer do the physical work required of a lightkeeper.

"The Coast Guard said I cannot continue in this job because my neck movements are limited and I can't do overhead work with my arms. My choices were to just quit or take early retirement."

The Abrams moved out of the red and white house they occupied at Cape Mudge for 17 years in early March. The move signified leaving behind not only a home, but also a way of life.

"Lightkeeping has never been just a job; it has always been a lifestyle. We were living it 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We are glad to get away from it, but at the same time extremely sad to leave," said Jim.

Wendy and Jim met in Campbell River in 1975. Jim, who had come to BC from California, owned a craft shop where he sold his handmade leather goods. One day Wendy came in to get her sandals fixed, and the rest, one could say, was written in the lights.

"We just kind of clicked and that was it. Two years later we got married, Jim became a Canadian citizen, and our daughter Melissa was born," Wendy recounted. When Melissa was ten months old, the Abrams found themselves heading up to isolated Chatham Point, their first lightstation posting.

"When we had the craft shop in Campbell River the junior lightkeeper from Chatham used to come in and visit. At one point he said, 'If you ever get tired of this, you should apply for a lightkeeping position. It's a nice life,'" Jim recalled.

Working as junior lightkeepers at Chatham was a rapid induction into the remoteness of their new lifestyle. The 15-mile road in to Chatham was so poor it took an hour to drive it, and that was only possible for nine months of the year.

"One year we were snowed in for five months. We didn't have our own boat but the senior lightkeeper had one, and I managed to get a lift in to Campbell River a few times with him," Wendy recalled.

Lightkeeping was quite a contrast from their previous profession serving customers in a craft shop, but the Abrams enjoyed their new environment.

"We always enjoyed being outdoors, and living out there was a real adventure. You get used to being self-sufficient in all ways, not just in your day-to-day needs but also in your entertainment," Wendy noted.

The only phone was a radiophone in the senior keeper's house, CBC Radio was spotty, the small t.v. didn't get any channels, and they had to get used to living off a generator for the first time in their lives.

The Abrams were stationed at Chatham for five-and-a-half years, and their son Jesse was born six months before they left. Although it was difficult at times being away from other young parents to swap information with, Wendy and Jim said raising children on the lights had many benefits.

"Jim and I could both spend quality time with the kids. They learned lots about the outdoors and crafts, and both kids were reading before school age," Wendy said.

Their next posting was Boat Bluff, north of Bella Bella just up the coast from the village of Klemtu, where they landed a position as the senior lightkeeper and family. During their one-and-a-half years there, the Abrams experienced the most ferocious storm they have ever lived through.

The date was April 15, 1984, and it was a day Jim and Wendy will never forget. The hurricane came up off Cape Scott very suddenly, surprising everybody. It sunk seven boats, killed nine people, and left a trail of devastation in its wake.

"Melissa and I were going to go out jigging for herring, but we didn't because from the way the clouds were moving I could tell something was happening, despite the flat calm sea conditions," Jim remembered.

Soon they heard the wind had blown up from 0-70 knots at lightstations 30 miles to the south, but they had no idea with what speed the storm was approaching. Looking through binoculars, Jim could see the storm front getting closer.

"It was the strangest thing. What I was seeing looked like a tidal wave. The storm was so violent it was creating a 12-foot high wall of spray and waves. As we watched that get closer we started to feel the first wind of 20-30 knots and rising," he recollected.

Bull Harbour radio station requested that the Abrams coordinate whatever efforts were needed in their area. as the radio station was deluged by panic. Jim said they communicated with approximately six boats, three of which managed to get out of the path of the storm in time.

"I advised one log salvage boat, the Gulf Logger, that they had five minutes before the storm was going to arrive to get up on the beach. They ran the boat up on shore, and when the storm hit it rolled the vessel over. They swam to shore safely," Jim recalled.

A gillnetter trying to outrun the storm was struggling in front of the lightstation in 20-foot rollers with a six-foot chop, in what had by then increased to a 50-60 knot wind. Jim urged them to turn around and take shelter in a spot behind Mary Island in the lee of the storm, which they did, putting their bow up on the beach and running the motor to keep the boat on shore. They also lived through it.

Meanwhile, the lightstation was starting to come apart around the Abrams. The wind gauge came apart and its tower blew down, the walls and windows of their house started to flex, an entire sheet of roofing blew off, and a wave smashed through the storage shed just below the house.

"A tugboat reported a sustained wind of more than 100 knots. When the walls started to flex. Wendy and the kids moved into the basement. There was no way you could go outside because you could not stand up in this wind-you would have been blown right off the rocks," Jim remembered.

The Abrams landed the position of senior keeper and family at Cape Mudge Lighthouse in 1985. Over the past 17 years they have witnessed several dramatic incidents-some with loss of life—off Cape Mudge, caused by the forceful tide rip often combined with extreme weather conditions.

Although rescues were never part of the official job description, the Abrams have been involved in several over the years. One day early in their posting at Cape Mudge, Jim found himself hauling a chainsaw and tools in a wheelbarrow far out to the reef, where an elderly couple had run aground in their 40foot sailboat on a dropping tide. Jim managed to shore up their boat with beachwood so it didn't lean onto the rocks and sustain damage that would cause it to sink.

Other rescues were more dramatic, including one at Chatham in a 45knot blow that involved Jim and the senior lightkeeper going out at



night in a converted 25-foot lifeboat powered by a 10-horsepower diesel. They answered a distress call from a fishboat that had broken down and was in danger of going up on the rocks on East Thurlow, and managed to pass him a line and hold him off the rocks until they could tow him with the tide.

Navigating the tempestuous waters of lightkeeping politics has also kept Jim and Wendy very busy. They have been a pivotal force in the campaign against the destaffing of BC's lightstations.

"The nicest moments were when we won, because we were fighting the entire federal government machine which can be pretty intimidating," said Jim.

As well as retiring from his post as senior keeper at Cape Mudge, Jim is leaving his 14-year position as president of the lightkeepers' union, a local within the Public Service Alliance of Canada that he initiated.

Although living away from the water represents a huge change for the Abrams, they report that "having their own place" for the first time since they were married is a welcome turn of the tides. The luxury of sleeping through the night, instead of getting up at intervals to give weather bulletins, is also a real switch.

Melissa got married under the apple trees outside their new home last fall and lives in Vancouver, and Jesse has completed a semester at North Island College and has a job on the island. As for their future plans, Jim and Wendy look forward to getting lots of use out

Jim is continuing with his regional director position and developing a business doing communications and advocacy for non-profit groups, and Wendy has a number of artistic pursuits she wants to explore. She also assists Jim with his regional director

Cape Mudge Lighthouse is being staffed relief keepers and junior keeper Tree Johnson and family, who have been there 14 years. There is an internal competition currently open for senior lightkeeper of Cape Mudge.

# Classifieds

#### SERVICES

#### **Q-COVE APPLIANCE REPAIR**

Now doing repairs to all makes and models of automatic washers and dryers. Also new & used parts depot for all your appliance needs. Affordable rates. We carry a good selection of quality used washers and dryers. All appliances come with 1 year warranty on parts & labour. Free delivery on Quadra. Call **285-3425** 

**Two Old Farts!** (gentlemen handymen) Both retired carpenters (far from "over the hill"!) No job too small: scrub decks, digging, painting, chopping wood, small renovations & decks, general maintenance & spring clean-up, all repairs.

Call us for estimates or we'll work by the hour. All work to your satisfaction or you don't pay! Call Mitch & Phil at **285-2491** any time. **We love to work hard!** 

#### ISLAND ESCAPE -

Hair Design by Bruce - specializing in cuts, colours & streaks.

677 Harper Rd Q-Cove Ph: **285-2833** 

#### CHILD 1st -

Licensed family daycare in Q Cove offers quality care for children 0-11 Full /Part time,weekends, before/after school, or drop-in call Tracy: **285-2565** 

#### REAL ESTATE \$124 000

3 private acres of beautiful Cortes for sale by owner: Borders on park yet on paved road, just minutes from Manson's. Has small studio (with BATHROOM!) to live in while you build, or to expand. Needs handy person to develop it to it's full potential, lots of scope. Has rights to private beach on Hague Lake, sunny garden and a drilled well. Call or E-mail (250) 935-6800 nicn@oberon.ark.com

#### FOR RENT

Mobile home with addition for rent on West Road. Three bedrooms, washer, dryer, fridge and range. Electric baseboards and oil furnace. Will exchange carpentry work for rent. Non-smoking, with references. \$500/month plus half month deposit. Available May 1st. **Call Jerry 285-2804.** 

Watch the orchard bloom, share the Lovely Farmhouse, Garden, internet, utilities, phone \$350 - \$400 Also Cedar Cabin for Rent \$450 **call Ted 285 3585** 

#### MAKE YOUR SALE HERE!

Discovery Islander Classified Ads reach residents of Quadra, Cortes, Read, Maurelle, Stuart, Sonora and Redonda Islands. The Island's best value and most effective way to get your message out. Call today **285-2234** 

#### **Help Wanted**

#### Summer employment

Sea Kayaking company on Quadra Island has a part time/full time position available for the 2002 summer season. The position is for a Base Crew person where duties may include: · Food shopping, prepping and packing for day and multi day expeditions · Booking and administering day tours and rentals · Transporting guests on Quadra Island

• Maintaining cleanliness of kitchen and shop Must be energetic, organized, efficient, and have good interpersonal and telephone skills. Ideal candidate for this position would have a class 4 drivers licence, and a Food Safe certificate. Knowledge of kayaking and our area an asset.

**Send resumes by April 30** to Spirit of the West, Box 569, Heriot Bay, B.C. VOP 1H0

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Put your business in the spotlight!	26 FR	0340 1120 1635 2140	14.4 4.6 12.8 7.9	4.4 1.4 3.9 2.4	
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