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Island Calendar

- **Every Thursday** - Jam with Moe, Landing Pub
- **Every Friday Night** - Ron Hadley Jazz Pianist TsakwaLuten Lodge 6 to 9pm
- **1st Friday of every month** - Open stage @ Yak Shak Coffee House 7:30-10pm
- July 6, Sat.
- Farmers Market NITRS Pancake Breakfast Q Credit Union 9am-1pm
- July 7, Sun**
- Potluck picnic 12noon-3pm, welcome choir from Belgium
- Scala Youth Choir 7:00pm
Rebecca Spit Community Centre
- July 14, Sun.**
- Kirtan Singing Concert 7:30 pm Community Centre
- July 23, Tues.**
- Alfredo Gormezano Performs 8pm Community Centre
- August 10, Sat.**
- Surge Narrows Community Dance 8pm Surge Narrows

Island Calendar is a list of on island events. Please submit separately for the **Island Calendar and News & Events** or indicate in your submission if you would like your event placed in both. **Following the text order exactly as above for email submissions is appreciated** (month, date, day, title, place and time), use the title as your email subject. Thank you.

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Surge Narrows Dance

August 10, Sat. Surge Narrows Community Reunion Dance.

Bluegrass/Folk/Rock music by "The Good Old Boys" 8pm. Murray Hall, Surge Narrows

Quadra Sailblazers

The Sailblazers dinghies will be available on Sundays at the Spit in the summer. Anyone interested in having the use of them can call Frank Wallace at 285-2297.

Quadra Island 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 their 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

Day Camp

Quadra Island United Church Is pleased to announce: **YOUTH FOR PEACE Virtues Day Camp** July 29 to August 2 for youth ages 8-14. \$25.00 per person. Please ask about scholarships and family rate.

To register or for further information please call 285-2141 or register at the Quadra Market July 13. Our funding Partner is Human Resources And Development Corporation.

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**September 29th
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A Book Study

Uncovering the philosophy behind Science of Mind

This is a 7-week course beginning Tuesday evenings, July 9, 2002. Come join Jill in a study of the "Edinburgh Lectures on Mental Science" by Thomas Troward. These writings are known to have had a profound effect on the development of spiritual metaphysics, in particular that of the New Thought Movement, of which the teaching known as Science of Mind is Troward's most direct legacy.

His writing is a combination of intuitive oriental mysticism filtered into a Western pedantic writing style. Troward thoroughly digested all of the sacred books of the oriental religions and had studied all of the bibles of the world, including the Koran, Hindu scriptures and books of Raja Yoga.

Having a copy of the book is not necessary although recommended. If you are interested, please call Jill for more information 285-2804.

2002 Summer Programs

Please, pre-register for Summer Programs. Starting July 11 - Baking Bonzana, July 12 - Carfty Day, July 15 - Rollerblades & Scooters, July 16 - Miniature Golf & Miracle Beach, July 17 - Sushi, Sushi, July 18 - Drop-in Outdoor Volleyball, July 19 - Knitting for Beginners, July 22, 24, 26 - Sign Language for Beginners, July 22-25 - Tennis, July 23 - Drop-in Soccer, July 25 - Homemade Lip Balm, July 29 - Homemade Candy, July 30 - Horseback Riding, August 1 - A Soapy Experience, August 6 & 7 - Belly Dancing, August 8 - Mountain Biking Madness, August 9 - Horseback Riding, August 12 - Comox Water Slide & Wave Pool.

For more information on summer recreation programs call 285-3243, between 8 am - 2 pm, Monday to Friday. Recreation is for everyone, so come out and join the fun.

Janis Meier Summer Recreation Coordinator

Pancake Breakfast

Tired of Cooking? North Island Therapeutic Riding invites you to their 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast to be held Sat. July 6th, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Farmer's Market. Come on down, eat lots and support NITRS.

Run Around Fun

Tuesdays at 10:00 am meet on the fields of the community centre for some outdoor fun. Let your kids run free! Bring balls, boats, kites or whatever you have! Bring a picnic. Suited for kids 2-7 years old but all ages welcome. Shine only! FREE. Starts June 18. Phone Jennifer @285-2429 or check out the summer rec guide.

Exploring Quadra Hikes

Quadra Islanders and visitors are invited to join the Sierra Club on their "Exploring Quadra" hikes.

Join us on **Sunday July 14th** for a hike to Main Lake & Yeatman Bay.

This is a moderate hike starting from the Surge Narrows Road, following old road grades to the beach & camping area at the northeast corner of Main Lake. From here we can walk the portage trail to Yeatman Bay. This route to Main Lake is through mature second growth forest with occasional old growth Douglas Fir and large Cedar. This is an all day hike of around 6 hours with plenty of time to enjoy the many points of interest along the way. Hikers should meet at the Heriot Bay Store Parking Lot at 10:00 am to carpool. Bring a lunch and water, wear good hiking/walking shoes. Dogs are discouraged. For more information contact Richard at 285-2922.

Mark your calendar for our remaining hikes this summer. All times are listed and the meeting place is at the Heriot Bay Store parking lot.

Sunday, August 4 Small Inlet/ Waiatt Bay
Start time: 9-30am.

Sunday, September 8 Shellalligan Pass Trail
Start time: 10-00am.

Quadra Seniors

Hi'. Everyone--especially experienced citizens-- We Seniors have been busy as Bees as usual-- On June 26th, we , 21 of our Seniors drove to Gold River, and boarded the U-Chuck 111, for a wonderful, day trip, to Yuquot (Friendly Cove) Nootka Sound, West Coast of Vancouver Island, which belongs to Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations. In 1992 a gathering was held to commemorate the meeting of Chief Maquinna, Captain Vancouver and Captain Bodega Y Quadra in 1792. Representatives from Britain and Spain were welcomed by the then hereditary Chief Ambrose Maquinna, who officially opened Yuquot to international visitors. The Uchuck 111 is an converted Minesweeper, is a very comfortable ship with 2 decks, the bottom deck has , many nooks, to enjoy a snack. Our specialty on the day of our trip, was delicious Curried Chicken Soup, Chili, and a selection of Sandwiches, with the muffins and cookies , coffee, Hot Chocolate, etc. and the smiles of the two friendly ladies behind the counter, our trip was sure to be a success. Despite the rain which fell upon arrival at Friendly Cove, greeted by the old Fog Horn, we headed to a talk with a very pleasant aboriginal guide Marquerita James, Director of Culteral & Heritage Resources, which was held in the Catholic Church , inside striking Totems, including an Eagle,hovered over us , and the walls where graced with painted glass windows, donated in 1957, by Spain. I felt during our tour, that the ghosts, of Chief Maquinna, Captives John. R. Jewitt, (the knife maker) and Tomlimson (the sailmaker) where with us the whole time, on the walk. (Especially after reading about their experience in Hilary Srewards book, - The Adventures and Su fferings. of John. R. Jewitt. Our next Trip to East Thurlow Island, is on Jult 23rd, There maybe a trip to Mt. Washington in August. Picnics planned at Halbe Hall, at Black Creek, on July 18th, at 12:00 am and on the Rebecca Spit on Sept 5th 10:00 a:m -- See you at the Tourist Booth during the Summer- Contact people are Ruth 285-3801- Bob Lasby 285-3501-- Bob Brown- 285- 2907-Jean 285- 3740



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Alfredo Gormezano Performs July 23

Alfredo Gormezano (right) is multi-instrumentalist, singer and dancer of different folkloric styles. Alfredo performs music playing the Doumbek and Frame Drum (known as Tar, Daf, Bendir), the Turkish Saz, the Persian Tar and the Kyrgyz Komuz (string instruments). He also sings in Turkish, Tajik and Kyrgyz, and creates his own "Prayer Song" using influences from Central Asian, Sufi, and Native American music.

Alfredo's background includes over 22 years of training in the music and dances of the Middle East and Central Asia, including Dance Orientale (commonly known as "belly dance"), and folkloric dances from Iran, the Caucasus, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, and North Africa.

Alfredo will be appearing with local dancer Sarah Boyes and other local performers on Tuesday, July 23 at 8pm at the Community Centre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$4 for children and will be sold at Quadra Crafts and Explore Gallery or at the door for \$12 and \$6. A billet is still being sought for Alfredo for two (possibly three) nights. If you would like to billet, volunteer or work the concession please call Michelle 285-2294.

Drum and Dance Workshops with Alfredo Gormezano

Alfredo will be teaching Middle Eastern and Central Asian rhythms on both the frame drum and the doumbek. **Attention will be given to the playing of these rhythms on other types of drums, as well. All levels of experience are welcome, as this will be a multi-level class designed to give something of interest to all who come.** This workshop will be held on Monday, July 22 in the evening. Please call Michelle at 285-2294 to register or for more information.

Alfredo will also be holding a dance workshop. He has knowledge of a variety of folkloric styles and often teaches refinement of hands/arms/hips in the Dance Orientale tradition. Bring your requests. Please call Michelle at 285-2294 a.s.a.p. if you are interested in this workshop to work out a time that suits those interested. Cost for each workshop is on a sliding scale of \$30 to \$50 depending on what you can afford. Please keep in mind that travel expenses are quite high to bring him here.



Garden Tour Thank You!

A big thank you to all who took part in making the 2002 Quadra Island Quilted Garden Tour a successful event.

Special thanks to the gardeners who opened their gardens for the Tour, generously giving of their time and talent: the Eastlands, Phillips, Renda, Rye, Marisi, Lessard/Kragen, Baker/Grigg, Vieux/Thompson, Drahanchuk, Doolittle and Wallace.

Thank you to the members the Quadra Island Quilters Guild who provided over 60 quilts for display in the gardens and thank you to those Guild members who volunteered to be sitters for the gardens and quilts.

Thank you to the Quadra Seniors who sold tickets at the Information Booth on tour days, Muriel Krook and Grace Whitley and coordinator, Jim Thomson.

And thank you to all the Garden Tour volunteers who contributed in so many different ways: Nancy Allwarden, Val Barr, Joan Blackmer Bingham, Julie and Mal Campbell, Candace Holmes, Eileen Mackay, Nancy McDonald, Darrell and Marjorie Rye, Dirk Van Der Minne, Heather Van Der Est, Hilary Stewart, Hilda Van Orden, and Carol Woods.

Our appreciation also goes to the Quadra outlets selling tickets for the Tour: Explore Gallery, Village Gifts, April Point Lodge, Heriot Bay Store and Heriot Bay Inn.

Lastly, a big thank you to all the garden lovers who came to view the inspiring displays.

Thanks to everyone the 2002 Garden Tour has been a great success raising just over \$5,600.00 for the Community Centre Addition Project!

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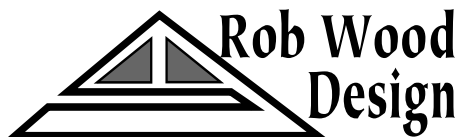
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RCMP Report

File # 2002-382

The Quadra Island RCMP is seeking the public's assistance in locating a stolen rowboat and a stolen kayak which occurred between June 14th and June 18th, 2002. The theft occurred in the Drew Harbour area.

The rowboat is described as a 6ft white fiberglass with a wooden rubbing strip around it, stainless steel "u" bolts and a built in flotation system.

The kayak is described as a 10 ft white plastic with a blue rope. The name's KEOWEE and AQUATERRA are written on the kayak.

Any person who has any information is asked to call the Quadra Island RCMP @ 285-3631 or Crimestoppers @ 287-TIPS (8477).

Sharpen Your Pencils

Sharpen your pencils...dust off your typewriter...boot up your word processor...It's time for Quadra Island Arts Alliance's **postcard writing contest**.

A postcard story is any previously unpublished piece of writing, in any genre, that is less than 250 words. The contest is open to all people who live in the Discovery Islands. The contest closes August 18, 2001.

Your entry should be type written and include a title. **Do not put your name or other personal data on your story.** Your name, phone number and the title of the piece should be on a separate piece of paper and included with the entry. The entries should be dropped off at *Hummingbird Art and Office Supplies* on Quadra or mailed to: Postcard Contest, Box 48 Heriot Bay, V0P 1H0

Cash prizes for top three stories. Submissions must be in by August 25.

Kirtan Singing Concert

**A Special Invitation to Cortes
Islanders & Friends from Kirtan
Singer David Alan**

Sunday, July 14, 7:30 pm at

Quadra Community Centre with David Alan (Embry), Kirtan singer and Neelanjit Dhittion, tablas (East Indian double set of tuned drums) also: Zak and Shine, Didgeridoo players from Cortes, have been especially invited to accompany David and Neelanjit on didgeridoo for part of the concert. (their attendance depends on the timing of the arrival of a new baby!)

David attended the week of Ram Dass and Jai Uttal at Hollyhock recently, and he was deeply moved by the event and by Cortes Island. He wishes to extend a special invitation to all of Cortes Island & friends to come to Quadra and spend the night, and attend his concert. Special arrangements have been made for cheaper accommodations at Coastal Spirits B&B, Wilby Inn Backpackers, Heron House B&B, Bold Point B&B, Eden Roc B&B, Tsa Kwa Luten Lodge, April Point Lodge, Whiskey Point Resort, Taku Resort, and Heriot Bay Inn.

A Kirtan concert is an evening of singing and dancing, call and response, an opening of the heart and spirit to music and community. Bring blankets or cushions for floor seating, some chair seating will also be available. Prepare yourself for a special evening of ecstatic song and dance!

By suggested donation (you don't pay if you don't have the money!) \$10 for unwaged persons \$15 for regular-waged persons. Advanced tickets available at the Explore Gallery in Q Cove and Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay on Quadra Island and at Cortes Market on Cortes.



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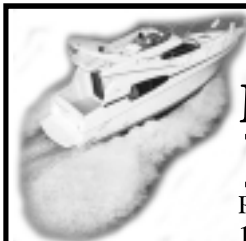
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Quadra Quilters

A big thank you to all the Quilt Guild members who gave so much help in preparing the quilts for the garden tour, working in the gardens and selling raffle tickets. The following is a poem and message to be read carefully (with apologies to Edward Lear)

The Owl and the Hummingbird

The Owl and the Hummingbird
went to the quilt-show
in a beautiful Island garden.
They'd gone as two squares,
with the Quiltmaker's wares,
wrapped in a fine plastic tote.

The quilts, don't you know,
looked at the squares just below,
and sang with the summer breeze,
"Oh lovely pair,
oh pair, our love,
What a beautiful pair you are,
you are, you are,
What a beautiful pair you are!"

Hummer said to the Owl
"You elegant fowl,
how charmingly neatly you're sewn.
Oh let us get married, for too long have we
tarried.
But how can we live on our own?
On our own? Our own?
How can we live on our own?"

Alas, before Owl could reply
they were both taken, on the sly,
to the land where *Taken-things* go.
Later that night, Nanna woke with a fright,
for there at the end of her bed
was a turkey, most willing, to sell for a shilling,
the squares it had taken that day,
those squares it had taken that day.

Nanna wouldn't pay
and decided, you know,
that new squares she would sew.
Which is why on the Island
she's still sewing, by hand,
new squares by the light of the moon,
by the light of the moon, the moon,
still sewing square by the light of the moon.

The quilt blocks, which are the subject
of the poem, really are missing. If anyone
finds them, or knows their whereabouts,
they could be returned to The Colour Wheel
in Quathiaski Cove, with no questions
asked. The owl is set in a midnight blue
fabric surrounded by a plain red "barn
door". Outside that is a cream fabric with
circular flowers printed on it and there are
triangles in the corners. The horned owl is
sitting on a branch. The hummingbird is
harder to describe because it is a random

pattern, but the bird is in flight with its
beak into some flowers. It is immediately
surrounded by pink fabric with a variety of
other colours around that. The bird itself is
in various greens, with a deep pink throat.
Each square is approximately 9.5"x9.5"

Our raffle quilts were won by the
following

First prize "Transportation Quilt"-Wes
Burgess, Campbell River, BC

Second Prize- "Quillow"-Nancy Wersching,
Campbell River, BC

Quadra Writers Win!

Carrie Bridges won first prize, \$100, for
prose fiction, for her story "The Rose"
(look for it in a future edition of the
Discovery Islander).

Steve Moore received an honourable
mention for his poem "Inner Revolution"
There is Sunlight
hidden in your Heart
Waves of laughter
buried in your breast

Take the pick-axe
of selflessness
Take the hammer
of fearlessness
& break down the pain/memory/concrete wall,
One stone at a time

After the hard work, blood, sweat & tears
take a rest
Watch the breath
Notice the pain dancing
The Light coming in
& laughter shaking the bones

Slavery is just another word for playing it safe
Building walls against pain
Keeping Light out
& the laughter in

Revolutionaries take the risk,
The Berlin Wall fell
with cops & soldiers & rifles
all around
Freedom is just another word
for courage in the face of pain
Liberation is just another word
for breaking out of mind prison

Revolution is just another word
for a hole in the wall
where The Light comes in
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The Wilby Shoals off the south end of Cape Mudge is one of the most significant biological, recreational, archaeological and small boat corridors in the Georgia Strait.

The use of this extreme high value zone for a private, for profit, industrial wind turbine farm is a classic case of the right project in the wrong location.

Wilby Shoals is the shallow table top at the south end of Quadra Island where the nutrient and oxygen rich waters of Discovery Passage enter Georgia Strait. It's land boundary is the shoreline of Cape Mudge. The south seaward end is marked out by the "Black Can" and the Red Bell Bouy off the lighthouse.

Wilby Shoals has always been of interest to British Columbia fishermen, with more than 350 sport fishing boats counted on some Sunday afternoons. Before that, it was used by salmon hand trollers, who built shacks below the Cape Mudge cliffs. And before that, it was used by First Nations who left evidence of canoe runways, butchering stones and petroglyphs along the full run of the cape.

Herring, needlefish and other species have spawned here. Killer Whales pass through the shoals, along with seasonal populations of seals, sea lions and otters.

As a recreational asset, it is probably worth hundreds of millions. As a biological asset, it is priceless.

One of the greatest assets of Wilby Shoals is the significant

resident and seasonal populations of birds. Many require the abundant resources here. Others pass through the area, or nest in the old growth forests which line the cape. This is a large species list, which includes large populations of sea ducks, gulls, birds of prey, herons, shorebirds, and songbirds. Some are rare or threatened species.

The Harlequin Duck, an extremely beautiful and precious sea duck, is one of the species threatened by this project.

Harlequin Ducks, designated in Canada as a Species of Special Concern, use Wilby Shoals as a significant Winter Range, and a seasonal staging area. Indeed, the winter populations of Harlequin Ducks on Wilby Shoals is one of the highest (per km) in northern Georgia Strait, and likely in the province.

Scoters and other sea ducks arrive in huge numbers in the fall, and huge rafts of mixed species begin to form in various parts of the shoals. While many hundreds remain throughout the winter, others disburse throughout the region to populate other foreshore regions such as Shelter Point.

Like the disappearing wild salmon, these biological wonders have been using this spot and these migration routes for possibly 10,000 years. Wilby Shoals is the narrow opening in the bottom of the northern Georgia Strait funnel. It is the beginning of the inside passage to Alaska, and everything marine goes through or past the shoals.

The effect an offshore wind turbine farm would have on bird populations is a chilling prospect to consider. This habitat cannot be replaced, and the beautiful Harlequins and other species cannot be relocated to other areas, as the applicant's consultants will no doubt suggest.

As the area borders a lightly populated northern wilderness and is washed continuously with tidal currents, the constant culling of resident and migrating birds by collisions with the massive and night lit towers and their whirling blades would probably go largely unrecorded.

Also unique to this site, many extra hundreds of marine birds (ie. many species of sea ducks and gulls) come home to Wilby Shoals at nightfall to "roost for the night" after spending the day foraging in other marine locations, (such as the swift flowing tidal river of Discovery Passage, or the quieter waters of Willow Point or Shelter Point).

Surf Scoters return continuously in flocks for the last few hours of the day, and join the huge rafts already in place at Francisco Point and other areas of the shoals. They also ride out the storms on the shoals, and sometimes fly to regain positions lost by drifting in the wind, tide and waves. You can image the carnage in a 50 knot southeaster.

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Concern About Decreased Medical Services On Quadra

As many people will already be aware, Quadra Island is about to see a drastic change in the local availability of medical care to residents. Dr. Jim Francis is leaving Quadra in August, and Dr. Angela Burns is planning an extended leave. At the moment, it appears that there are no replacements for either doctor. The ability to attract doctors to the Island has been severely reduced with the elimination of the on-call stipend for local GP's. Apparently, we are considered to be close enough to Campbell River Hospital that having local doctors on call is unwarranted....If you don't think that this situation will greatly affect you or people you know, consider the following:

Having no local doctors at all will definitely increase ferry traffic, line-ups, and overloads. It will seriously affect the ability or desire of many residents to live here, especially families with small children and seniors with limited abilities or transportation; some people may have to move off the island due to concern about the health effects of decreased access to medical attention. Lack of local doctors may very well be reflected in loss of laboratory services and the viability of the local pharmacy. This is a huge step *backwards* in the progress of the Quadra Island Community in becoming less dependant upon travel to Campbell River to meet our everyday needs!

Having no doctors on call, even if we have one or two working office hours, will definitely increase the number of calls to the Ambulance Service; many of these also become First Responder calls for the Fire Dept. Every time our only ambulance leaves the island with a patient, the rest of you are that much further from emergency medical help... Night call-outs for the ferry will increase, no doubt eventually paid for by you.

A group of concerned people have begun to explore various short-term and long-term options to address the impending lack of medical service on Quadra. Activities may include aggressive lobbying to maintain the

on-call stipend for local GP's and/or lobbying for a subsidized doctor's salary, either of which would improve the attractiveness of Quadra as a place to practice. Approaches are also being made to Campbell River medical clinics to measure interest in expanding their clinic services to a location or locations on Quadra. Other options or approaches may become evident.

We will need as many people with time, strong voices, organizational abilities and writing skills to help in this effort to maintain the availability to Quadra Islanders of a full-time medical practitioner. An informational meeting will be planned, hopefully for late July, to organize support and lobbying activities. By then we should know more facts and possibilities. Please watch for announcements about this meeting. To get involved, please call one of the people listed below:

Betty Doak, Quadra Island Ambulance
285-3590 doaks@telus.net

Murray Johnson, Fire Chief
285-2281 murray@island.net

Danielle Girard, Discovery Islands Health Society 285-3328

To Dog Owners ,

Apparently dog owners in the Quadra Loop area believe that non-dog owners are missing something in life so they "program" their pets to venture into our yard leaving us deposits of all shapes and sizes so we can step in them, or even better, smell them as we sit on our deck.

Therefore, unless this invasion of privacy stops, dogs will be trapped with SPCA traps and sent to several SPCA pick-up points in the province (Atlin, Bella Coola, Fort St. John and Cranbrook) for possible collection. Thank you for being responsible for your own dog's crap.

Barry Davis

Dear Islanders

As most of you know already Dr. Francis is closing his practice in mid-August. Unfortunately at this time there is no doctor to replace him.

I regret that I am unable to accept any new patients as my own practice is full but there are doctors at both Quinsam and Alder Clinics who are taking new patients. I also realize there are many rumours in the community regarding my own departure. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a number of concerns.

Firstly, my family and I have been planning extended travels for some time and it is true that we will be leaving Quadra Island for an indefinite period of time.

I have been advertising since February for a doctor to replace me but thus far have not had any inquiries. Although people often think that Quadra Island represents an idyllic place to practice, the truth is that most doctors do not relish a solo practice, or the amount of time on-call, in a small community.

Discovery Island Health Society has voiced its concern about recruiting a doctor to Quadra. Additional government funding may be necessary to attract a new doctor or doctors. This process will need a strong group of dedicated people to be effective. Anyone interested in joining this collaborative effort can contact Betty Doak at 285-3590 or Danielle Girard at 285-3328. We encourage you to get involved in this important task.

In the unlikely event that no replacement can be found for my practice I will give my patients at least 2 months notice before closing the clinic. This notice will be in the form of another letter to the Islander and a notice will be posted in my office.

I will be taking my usual summer holidays during July and August, and Dr. Alice Suiker will be working for me in my absence.

Please refrain from calling Linda at the clinic, as she has been flooded with calls. As soon as a replacement has been found I will be notifying you.

I appreciate your understanding and support.

Angela Burns

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If you would like to see an alternative point of view represented...submit something yourself.

Next deadline 7pm Monday, July 15th 2002

Be Wary Of The Name

I attended a local and rural community meeting last week to hear a discussion about an imminent and disruptive government initiative. It was billed as a 'community consultation'. It was not. It was however, typically misnamed. Like the Freedom of Information Act that restricts information and is definitely not free, the government's version of a consultation process is notable in it's lack of consultation. Whatever it was I attended, it was NOT a consultation.

Please note: whatever name the government attributes to a process, policy or law is, in reality, about the opposite of that name. This was no exception.

I have attended these farcical government sponsored exercises in the past. Too many times. In fact, I was the government dupe who ran some of them before I realized the lies inherent in the process. They are manipulative in the extreme and they all follow the same format; some government-type at the head table takes charge of the room, some rapport-building is used ("I used to live like you people", was used this time) and the control of the agenda is assumed. The pace and mood of the meeting has been established. So has the leadership.

Then they state the agenda. This is where the much bigger lie is delivered. The agenda is preceded with the statement that "nothing has yet been decided". That is never true.

More government preamble: "...we are caught in the middle" and, "our challenges have to be met" and, "these are tough times for all of us". Then they proceed to deliver a series of facts and statements that are unchallengeable and overwhelming in their initial impression. The only seemingly logical conclusion is sitting obvious in front of everyone. The sane individual asks themselves, "What else can they do but that which we came to oppose?"

Finally, the audience is given the polite 'consultative' palliative to..."add to the process, discuss with us, and contribute your part in this community consultation." Sometimes the government types even listen. They never understand the difference of opinion because the responses are all geared to what was first said by the government. The meeting, pro and con, followed their format. They had their own agenda and the community followed it.

It doesn't matter. The government's position

was already set. The information delivery method was professional and methodical. It was sequential, quasi-logical and also touched on all the points the opposition would make, diminishing them in the process.

The government representative also managed to appear neutral, open to input and helpless before 'our collective destiny' all at the same time. "We are like you, tiny before the will of government and we have to do as we are told as it is clearly for the greater good, anyway." Tragically, they often believe that. Worse, we do.

That is the message. It is a lie. But it is the message, nevertheless.

Sincere, well-meaning individuals get up to speak in opposition anyway. They feel impotent in the wake of the previous government speaker but they are fueled by community spirit and frustration and so they soldier on. Each speaker is different than the previous. There is no symmetry to the counter presentations. The arguments raised are disconnected at best, confusing and contradictory at worst. They are sometimes off-topic or boring or their arguments lack logic. Inevitably, they are short on facts. The speakers feel compelled to ignore the 'government-established' facts which they know nothing about and, instead, rely on personal anecdotes, feelings, opinions and the odd, stray good point. Some even have difficulty speaking in public. They are good people but amateurs in the 'consultation' game.

Some speakers are such 'knee-jerk' hot-heads, their arguments are ignored by everyone because their contribution is more a statement about themselves and their anger than the issue at hand. But they are at least sincere. The counter presenters, despite audience sympathy, are ill-equipped to debate such a well-rehearsed government position. That was the government's plan.

And then the consultation is over.

Amidst assurances that the opposing points raised will be considered before the decision is made, the government types make their exit, quietly congratulating themselves on a job well done. "That went well, don't you think?"

It did go well - for the government. It did not go well for the people. Sadly, the government types don't know there is a difference.

J. David Cox

WOODLOT 1899 – PROPOSED FOREST DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Snarpen Contracting Limited will hold a public viewing of the 2002-2007 Forest Development Plan (FDP) for Woodlot License 1899 for lands located along Surge Narrows Road between Bold Point Road and Surge Narrows.

The FDP shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting, road development, and basic silviculture between 2002 and 2007. The FDP also includes information on the maintenance and protection of other resource values in the area. The FDP is available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests. Current approved operational and Management Plans that encompass the FDP area will be made available for viewing at this time.

The FDP will be available for public viewing and comments at Room 3, Quadra Island Community Hall, on July 10, 2002 between 4:30pm and 8:30pm. Please use the south entrance when entering the building. In addition to the public viewing, a copy of the FDP will be available at the Vancouver Island Regional Library – Quadra Island Branch, or at the at the home / office of Mark and Karen Nighswander at 675 Cape Mudge Road. Please contact Mark Nighswander at 285-3548 to arrange a convenient viewing time. In order to receive consideration prior to FDP approval, comments must be received in writing by August 9, 2002 although comments regarding this FDP are appreciated at any time throughout the year.

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Dear Islander readers;

There was a mistake made in the report of the "Town Hall Meeting" published in the last issue. As the Director for Area J, I explained the difficulty that we had getting anyone to send in their name to the administrator in Campbell River to be considered for the Ferry advisory Committee. No names were sent in during the month of advertising that took place. I then explained that I called a meeting at the Community Centre to elect a committee of four people plus myself as the Director for Area J. Only four people showed up and I didn't due to a delayed flight from Vancouver and a missed ferry. Three of those people said they would allow their names to stand. So I took the issue to the Ratepayers meeting hoping to get a fourth person on the committee. I asked numerous times for nominations after explaining the time commitment and I could not get anyone to volunteer. After a long pause, Bob Brown volunteered and was elected by acclamation. there were no other nominations and there was no ballot since only one person was willing to stand in addition to the other three and myself.

The article for some reason reports that Bob Brown and Bill O'Conner were elected that night. This is incorrect. The names that were put forward to the Regional District were: Terry Hooper, Bob Brown, Noel Lax, Michael Stahnke and your Director, Jim Abram.

This is your Ferry Advisory Committee for the Quadra Island portion of the Quadra/Cortes/Campbell River Ferry Advisory Committee.

Thank you to all who allowed their name to stand.

Sincerely

Jim Abram

Director, Area J, CSRD

Dear Editor;

My name is Rosie Johnson and I have just graduated from Grade 6 at Quadra Elementary School. At the end-of-year awards ceremony last week, I was presented with the Legion Award for academic achievement from the Quadra Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Legion people very much for this honour, for the generous cash prize, and for supporting Quadra School this way for many years. I will put the \$250 scholarship to good use!

Respectfully, Rosie Johnson

Dear Editor

The signal crayfish is a recent introduction to the Village Bay Lake chain. Great !! More feed more bait and something else to fish for you might say, but there are always complications with introductions especially on an island. In the U.K. when this species was introduced the crayfish plague wiped out local populations of the white-clawed crayfish. It is currently against the law to return a signal crayfish to the water if caught in Britain. Who knows if the lakes has a crustacean that will be affected by this introduction?

I know I'm definitely affected by another recent arrival; the european slug *Arion ater*.

This creature has been creeping steadily northward and now has conquered the bulk of the island. There is a place near me where I can shudder at the sight of hundreds of slugs, consuming several times their own weight nightly. It seems to be approaching plague proportions.

The recent extirpations at the lakes include tall white bog orchid, wild ginger, and Western Painted Turtle. If you have a noteworthy arrival or departure on Quadra contact Steve Mooney alcid@island.net

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The War on Common Sense

Steven Halliday

The events of September 11, 2001 have left an indelible mark on the world, and one of the most disturbing elements has been the erosion (or suspension) of certain civil liberties in the United States and other countries as a consequence. Unfortunately, our proximity and common interests has resulted in many of these democratic setbacks spilling over the border, and will likely impact you in one form or another sometime soon. For example; my senior staff and I have for many years provided a valuable service to the community by "guaranteeing" passport applications for any client that we have known personally for two years or more. As the list of sanctioned guarantors is not a wide field of occupations, we perform this service on a very frequent basis. But no more.

As a result of a direct request by Mr. Tom Ridge, Homeland Security Director of the U.S.A. to the Canadian government, Canadian bankers are no longer fit to act as guarantors. To those of you who need to travel frequently I need not mention the hassles one now encounters when trying to fly by air, again a direct result of our respect of US requests. Returning to banking, we have now implemented new policy regarding money laundering and terrorist financing activity, a process legislated by Ottawa (after due consultation with Washington) containing very serious penalties for failure, which has cost the industry millions upon millions of dollars to implement. The legislation contains, in my view, some serious negative implications for consumer privacy, or erosion of civil liberties, if you will.

I agree that steps must be taken, serious steps, to eliminate or at least diminish the threat of global terrorism. But should one worry that the tampering with several hundred years worth of sweat and blood spent fashioning the world's most advanced democracies should be taken lightly? Time will tell.

Lewis Lapham, Editor of **Harper's Magazine**, entitled his latest editorial "Uncommon Sense" (July 2002), and in it he salutes the prescient genius of a 18th century social commentator by the name of Thomas Paine. I thought I had never heard of Mr. Paine, and in reading the various quotations attributed to him I remained ignorant until I reached the following snippet - "*These are the times that try men's souls...*", written during the American Revolution of 1776, at which point my memory clicked in. In reading further it became crystal clear that Paine was a man of incredible empathy, whose respect for fellow man was almost considered heretical at the time, so deep were his feelings. In fact, Thomas Jefferson borrowed heavily from Paine's inspiration in drafting the Declaration of Independence, using his broad ambitions as a source of a framework. How's this for a vision of a properly functioning government - "*When it shall be said in any country in the world, my poor are happy; neither ignorance nor distress is to be found among them; my jails are empty of prisoners, my streets of beggars, the aged are not in want, the taxes are not oppressive...when these things can be said, then may that country boast its constitution and its government.*" These words from a pamphlet entitled (appropriately) **Common Sense**. Very powerful words written by a man who had admittedly failed in every prior venture in which he engaged in his British homeland, immigrating to America with pennies to his name, and possessing only the most basic of an education. As Lapham relates, he made a big impression in colonial America, so much so that none other than Benjamin Franklin referred to him as "my political adopted son." He went on to write three pamphlets, all of a common theme, being the good of the common man. Unfortunately he was driven from the United States by the ensuing ascension to power of the very men whom he despised, the moneyed

and privileged class who controlled the land and therefore had the means to control. He returned to the USA to die a broken and forgotten man after 15 years in Europe, and is buried in New Rochelle, New York.

Paine dreamed of a perfect democracy, something not yet achieved by any nation on earth. For the majority of my life I have felt that we in Canada have achieved the closest possible example of a perfect democracy, probably the main reason I am so proud to call myself a Canadian. We're not perfect by any means, but I can't think of a better example. Therefore, it peeves me somewhat to see our government's emulation of the actions of another country, almost completely without public consultation. In fact, it is a matter of some concern. As the War on Terrorism enters its 11th month, there is no end in sight. But you can be assured there are many more tools remaining in the political toolbox that remain unused, but will be put into play the longer this situation stretches on. Not a day goes by that there are not "credible" threats, and no matter the potential source steps will be quickly taken to legislate an end to it, domestically and internationally. Living next door to the biggest target of the day means that we must co-operate to the best of our ability - in fact it is an obligation. But in co-operating it is crucial that we not blindly adopt the flavour of the month in matters that impact on social justice and the charter guaranteed freedoms we enjoy in Canada. Already in the United States there is a growing dismay at the speed with which they are seeing the erosion of some basic civil liberties - best not to let it happen here in the first place. Thomas Paine's writings came at a time of horrendous warring in the USA, which may have made him yearn for a just society that much more. I only hope that the latest "War on....." does not make us yearn for the one we once had, imperfect as it is.

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Today, almost one third of the global burden of disease can be attributed to environmental risk factors. And over 40% of this burden falls on children under five years old. It doesn't seem fair that adults are not doing more to protect children. We are going to be in charge of the future, so adults need to be more responsible and provide us with a healthier future. Cleaning up the world seems like a huge, impossible job, but cleaning up our community sounds possible. If everyone cleaned up their community, cleaning up the world wouldn't seem so impossible.

The first children's presentation on this

theme was a play from India about forests being destroyed and turned into polluted cities. A group of kids from Beijing are using paintings and songs to promote a 'green' Olympics. Rose-Iris Eugene was sponsored by a Canadian family to come to the conference. She flew from Haiti to Victoria alone. Rose is tall and no-nonsense. She works as a volunteer at a communal asylum for women and children who are homeless, sick, abandoned or elderly. She does everything from changing diapers and brushing hair to planting gardens and trees.

A family from Pender Island could not stay in the university residence because the brother and mom had severe environmental illnesses and couldn't stay in places chemical cleaning products were used. They stayed in their bus. They talked about being like the canaries in the coal mines. They know when there are toxic chemicals being used because they get very sick. They had lots of ideas about healthy and safe alternatives to chemical products.

Joaquin of Manila, Philippines attends Lourdes School of Mandaluyong City. Her school follows the ten commandments of ecology.

1. I am the Lord who has created heaven and earth. You are my partner in creation. Take care of the air, water, earth plants and animals

as if they were your brothers and sisters.

2. In giving you life I have given you responsibility, freedom and limited resources.

3. Steal not from the future; honour your children by giving them chances and longevity.

4. Implant in your children a love of nature.

5. Remember that humanity cannot recreate life that has been destroyed.

6. Set up community groups to prevent impending catastrophes.

7. Throw out all arms which cause irreversible destruction to life.

8. Be self disciplined in small details of your life.

9. Set aside time in your weekly day of rest to be with the world rather than use the world.

10. Remember that you are not the owner of the land, merely its guardian.

(Reference: United Nations Environment Program - Teen Planet Magazine)

A **GREAT BIG** thank you to Mitenatch Field Naturalists and the Society of B.C. Naturalists for helping me get to the conference!!! Thanks also to Quadra Recreation Society for recommending me to the conference selection committee.

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Island Report

Wind Farm Proposal Generates Concerns

by Tanya Storr

If a proposal by Sea Breeze Energy Inc. goes ahead, Wilby Shoals off the south end of Quadra Island will be the site of a wind farm designed to generate enough electricity for 200,000 homes.

A group of south end residents are voicing opposition to the proposed offshore development, citing concerns about its potential effects on the environment, tourism, marine and air navigation, aesthetics of the area, and property values.

As the first step in the process of siting a wind farm on Wilby Shoals, Sea Breeze Energy Inc., a newly formed Vancouver-based "green energy" company, has submitted an application for an 1100-hectare Crown land (foreshore) lease to Land and Water BC. The proposed lease area stretches from Cape Mudge out to the red can buoy, over to the green can (also known as the black can) buoy, and back to Francisco Point.

"This was determined to be the primary site in the local area, due to favourable water depth and wind speeds. We need to situate the wind converters out in the open water where offshore breezes are most advantageous," said Sea Breeze communications consultant Carl Chaplin in a telephone interview from the company's Vancouver office.

According to Sea Breeze's lease application, the site's close proximity to Campbell River is another important factor,

as it eliminates the need for "redundant transmission facilities."

The \$150 million project would initially involve harnessing energy generated from 50 wind converters, with the possibility of installing additional "windmills" in subsequent years.

Chaplin said actual dimensions of the wind converters are "product specific", but he confirmed that the top of each wind converter's blades would reach an approximate total height of 280 feet above the water, with the length of the blades stretching 180 feet in diameter. The blades would centre on a hub located on a tower approximately 190 feet above the water. Spacing of 650 feet between machines is considered adequate by present international industry experience.

According to Sea Breeze's lease application, the transmission wires transporting electricity from the wind converters will require connection with a shore based sub-station. Chaplin said it has not yet been determined whether this sub-station would be located on Quadra or on the Campbell River shoreline. He added that the sub-station would require an area the size of a city house lot.

Chaplin said Sea Breeze intends to use "state of the art, very slow moving" wind converters, each rotating at 15 rpm and producing a noise level of approximately 30 decibels.

The company's construction plan entails a permitting period of one year, followed by a two year "pilot stage" program consisting of the installation of approximately 50 machines, combined with beta-site wildlife research. Depending on the results of the wildlife research, more towers would be installed over the following eight year period.

The wind converter towers would be installed using jack barges. Each tower would be inserted into a steel socket buried in the ocean floor. The "footprint", or base of each tower, would be 12 feet in diameter.

Chaplin affirmed that the Quadra Island proposal is in the "very opening stages". As part of the lease application, the proposal must go through BC's environmental assessment process. That process involves liaising with agencies including the Regional District; First Nations; Department of Fisheries and Oceans; Canadian Coast Guard; BC Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection; and Transport Canada.

Officials from Sea Breeze met with representatives of the Cape Mudge Band on June 28 to discuss the wind farm proposal. Chaplin said the meeting was positive and the two parties agreed to maintain an open dialogue. Cape Mudge Band Manager Brian Kelly was unavailable for comment as the *Discovery Islander* was going to press.

Chaplin noted that Sea Breeze will hold

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public information sessions on Quadra and in Campbell River later in the summer, but no definite dates have been set.

A number of residents on Quadra's south end are raising concerns about the magnitude of the proposed development and its potential effects. Gordon and Martha James have joined with other residents to form a committee called 'Friends of Cape Mudge', dedicated to preserving Cape Mudge and Wilby Shoals area from large scale commercial development.

"We are totally supportive of the concept of wind-powered electricity and any alternative to fossil fuels. Our problem with this proposal is that the siting is totally unsuitable for a huge industrial project like this," said Gordon James.

"Wilby Shoals is an environmentally sensitive area with a large wintering population of Harlequin ducks and scoters," Gordon continued. "There are at least two heron nests and several eagle nests on the south end. The rich kelp bank on the outer edge of the shoals is a herring spawning ground."

He went on to say that he finds it hard to imagine people wanting to sport fish, kayak, or canoe in the shadow of the 38-storey-high wind converters. The possible effect on property values also has south end residents concerned.

"This is really frightening to all the people who will have their view impacted by these towers," said Gordon.

Chaplin acknowledged that some people may find the wind converters unpleasant to look at, but said that Sea Breeze has no evidence that the wind farm will lower property values.

"The wind farm may even increase property values as people living in the area see there is lots of power available and green power being generated. I have sympathy for people concerned about viewing the wind farm, but if we don't do it this way someone else will generate power for Vancouver Island by building fossil fuel burning plants," he said.

Chaplin stated that Sea Breeze is "under the clear understanding from BC Hydro that Vancouver Island needs more power or there will be brownouts." He added that in providing an alternative power supply to Vancouver Island, the company is most interested in doing so with no emissions.

Sea Breeze Energy has also applied for wind farm sites off Gabriola Island, Ucluelet, James Island, Saanich, and three Lower Mainland locations: Roberts Bank, Boundary Bay, and Sturgeon Bay.

Chaplin said the company hopes to sell the power generated by its wind farms to BC

Hydro for use in the grid. If that option isn't available, the company will seek alternate buyers for its electricity.

"We have not entered into formal negotiations but our preference is to sell power to BC Hydro here in Canada. Fifty turbines would generate enough electricity to power approximately 200,000 homes. Once the power goes into the grid it becomes business and financing as to who is buying and selling, but there is no doubt the wind farm would increase the power supply to Vancouver Island."

Martha James questioned the necessity of generating more power for Vancouver Island. "I don't understand the need for more power when BC exports power to Alberta, Washington, Oregon, and California," she stated.

Regional district director Jim Abram described the wind farm proposal as a "totally hairbrained scheme involving developers who are ignorant of local conditions working to make a quick buck."

He said the proposal does not comply with foreshore zoning or Quadra's Official Community Plan policies on sensitive ecosystems, lands subject to erosion, etc. If Land and Water BC decides to grant a lease to Sea Breeze for the wind farm, Abram affirmed that the company would have to apply for rezoning from the regional district.

Abram added that he has serious concerns about the wind farm's potential to affect marine and air navigation.

"There is significant boat, airplane, and helicopter traffic in that area. On foggy days with low cloud cover, small aircraft follow the shoreline along the south end of the island," Abram noted.

He went on to say that the proposal conflicts with the area's tourism interests, and the wind farm's proposed site is "one of the hottest sport fishing areas on the BC coast."

Abram also raised concerns about the audible and visual impact on residential properties at the south end of the island.

Chaplin said Sea Breeze Inc. is interested in public feedback regarding the wind farm proposal. For more info or to have your name included on the Sea Breeze mailing list, write: Box 393, Station A, Bentall Centre, Vancouver BC, V6C 2N2. Tel: (604) 717-6405, fax: (604) 669-6331, e-mail: info@SeaBreezeEnergy.com.

To voice your opinion on the proposal, contact: Environmental Assessment Office, Box 9426, Station Provincial Government, 2nd Floor, 836 Yates St., Victoria BC, V8W 9V1. Tel: (250) 387-1543, fax: (250) 387-2208, e-mail: Derek.Griffin@gems4.gov.bc.ca

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