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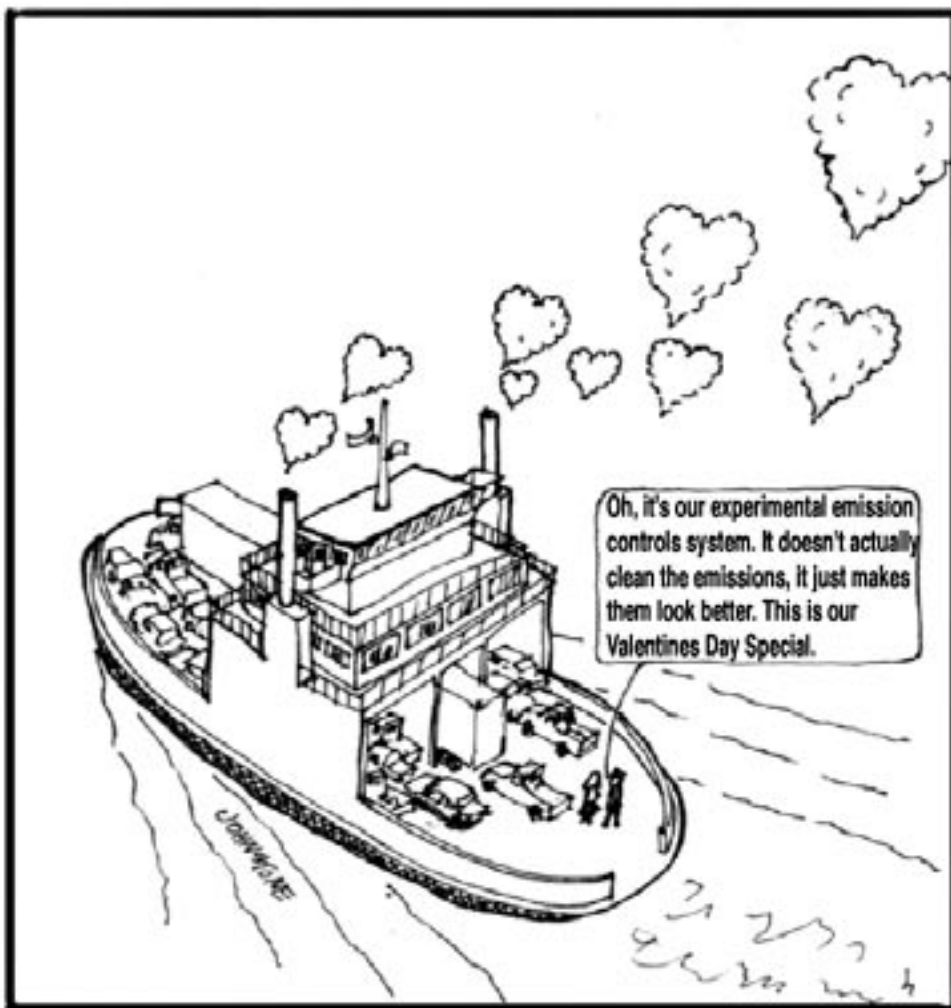
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- **Every Wednesday** -Community Kitchen Noon Community Centre
-Blood Lab 8 am-9:30 Community Centre
- Jam with Moe, Landing Pub
- **Every Thursday** -Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre
-Dance to Duffy & Friends 8pm-12am Legion (members & guests)
- **1st and 3rd Thursday** -Food Bank 1-2:30 Community Centre
- **Every Saturday**- Roast Night Heriot Bay Inn Dining Room
-Meat Draw 5-6:30 pm Quadra Legion (members & guests welcome)
- **Every Sunday** - Buddhist Meditation Inner Garden 10 am
- **1st Friday each month** - Open stage Yak Shak 7:30-10 pm

February 15, Saturday

-Valentine Dance with Bad Fish Quadra Legion
9 pm to 1 am

February 15, Saturday

-Celebrate Peace Festival Community Centre
1 p.m.

-Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society Community Centre
8 pm

February 16, Sunday

-Gryphon Trio Community Centre
7:00 pm

Feb 17, Monday

-Sierra Club Guest Speaker: Delores Broten Community Centre
7 pm

-Tourism Committee Meeting Yak Shak
7:15

March 1, Saturday

-The Zoo Story Community Centre
8:00 pm

March 2, Sunday

-The Zoo Story Community Centre
2:00 pm

-Doug Scott, Moments of Being Community Centre
7:00 pm

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.

Heartfelt Thanks

We would like to thank Quadra Foods and the Heriot Bay Store for their generous donations.

On January 1st during the Polar Bear Swim at Rebecca Spit we started the year off right with free hot dogs and hot chocolate served to swimmers & spectators.

The Heriot Bay Store and Quadra Foods have donated these items annually making this possible each year. Thanks again!

from Quadra Islanders

Litter Warriors Win

Congratulations to Quadra's phantom road side litter warriors: we aren't buried in 3 metres of litter (yet)! Does cleaning up the environment click with your destiny? Join the team and save the island from certain suffocation at the hands of careless litter-bugs! Choose a route and disappear the cigarette packages, beer cans, junk food wrappers and coffee cups. (Who throws this stuff out anyway?) Want more info about free garbage bags? Call QCC at 285 3243.



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News & Events

Bottle Drive

Time to clear out those lingering reminders of the festive season and help fundraise for Quadra Children's Centre too. On **Saturday, February 22** parents and board members will be doing the rounds on Quadra to pick up **clean, returnable** bottles and cans. You can get a head start and help us out too by dropping off your returnables at the Centre on West Road (next door to the Community Centre), just leave them in the wood shed. If you would like to be sure we pay you a visit on the 22nd, give Philip Stone a call at 285-2234 with your address and we'll be sure to stop by.

Mentors and Friends...

A number of children and young adults who school at home are interested in finding mentors/instructors to provide guidance in certain areas of interest which we have found difficult to cover individually or within our small group. Instruction might be for one or two individuals, or a small group of 6 or 8, depending on the popularity of the subject. It may require a few sessions together, or possible one "workshop". Some current areas of interest are: photography, small motor repair, drama, archery, bicycle repair and maintenance, and rag rugging.

If you are skilled in any of these areas and would like to share your knowledge with young people who are motivated to take up such a skill, we would love to hear from you. If you have expertise in an area we haven't mentioned, which you think might be of interest to us, we would like to hear about that also.

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Friday Flicks Tonight!

The Mystic Masseur

February 14th Same time, place, price.

In this first film adaptation of a work by 2001 Nobel laureate V.S. Naipaul, director Ismail Merchant has captured the beauty of Trinidad as he follows the career of plucky Ganesh Ransumair. Ganesh begins life as an unemployed teacher, struggles naively to become a great writer, opts for a career as masseur and faith healer, rises to wealth and finally political obscurity. The story of his transition from vital local charlatan to impotent colonial politician (with an anglicized name: G. Ramsey Muir), is a satiric study of a specific colonial type.

As languid Caribbean rhythms predominate, the temptation is to sit back and soak up the music, ravishing costumes and Trinidad's vibrant Indian community. Go for it. The Mystic Masseur coasts along nicely on Merchant's sharply honed craftsmanship, which grants the stunning Trinidad locations an extra degree of lushness. Merchant also gets excellent performances from his cast, whose script and delivery give an authentic sense of speech, social interaction and culture. The performances are a big attraction here.

The Mystic Masseur is a sprightly comedy come social allegory – an adaptation Merchant feels is worthy of Naipaul's sly and knowing parable..

Reviewsources: FilmJournalInternational, The Globe and Mail, eyeWeekly.

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Sierra Club Speaker

The next Sierra Club meeting is Feb 17, 7 pm at QCC. Our guest speaker will be the long time Cortez activist Delores Broten. Delores is the publisher and editor for the Watershed Sentinel, founder and researcher for Reach for Unbleach and a director of the Green Party of BC. She will be speaking on "Energy Choices and Air Pollution on Vancouver Island". Her presentation will focus on stimulating audience discussion. Everybody is welcome.

Moments Of Being

A truly unmissable opportunity to hear and see images from the UK's top mountaineer, Doug Scott CBE, on Quadra Island.

MOMENTS OF BEING is an illustrated lecture of Scott's new climbs and explorations in Tibet, Bhutan, Nepal, Sikkim and the remote Arunachal Pradesh in North East India.

Scott's climbing credentials are impeccable. In all Scott has reached the summit of some 40 peaks, of which half were first ascents and all were climbed by new routes or for the first time in Alpine style, without the use of artificial oxygen, except Everest in 1975. He has taken part in 45 expeditions to some of the wildest places on earth and has climbed the Seven Peaks - the highest mountains on the seven continents of the world.

The other inspiring thing about Scott's career is his work to put something back into Nepal, one of the poorest countries in the world. Scott has set up the registered charity Community Action Nepal to help build schools, health posts and other projects in Nepal. Over the past three years the charity has provided over \$300,000 for this work. He visits these projects regularly.

His witty narrative is supported by inspiring shots of the mountains of the world and the best of his career long collection of astounding photographs, providing a fascinating and sometimes brutal insight into the world in which we live.

Join **Doug Scott at the Quadra Island Community Centre at 7pm Sunday March 2** for this rare opportunity.

Quadra Seniors

The Seniors Valentine Party turned out to be a lot of fun.. Many Poems, Storys, and Songs, were told, and some where very funny, and some where sad. We all seemed to have a great time, despite our lengthy business we had to complete. And the Men of the Club under the Supervision, of Ken Duncan, provided a delicious Pot-Luck Luncheon, including beautiful Valentine Cakes and Baking.

Our next meeting will be March 5th/03 at 10:30 am, at the Legion-Tai-Chi- will be at 10:00 am, Carpet Bowling 10:30am every Wed. Morning until June-Computer Club, at 10:00am Feb. 13th, at John Zylstra's-Walk with the Gang every Sunday at 11:00 am, on the Rebecca Spit, start at the Launch Ramp, or the Parking Lot.

Our membership is now at 86, which is great, the more the merrier. We also provide visitations and assistance for Seniors to attend appointments. Our meetings are always, on the 1st Wed. of every month, at the legion. "All Seniors Welcome", Young and Experienced. We are going to our Regional meeting, at Willow Pt. (this is a gathering for a luncheon, and a meeting, of 9 other O.A.P. Senior Branches on the North Island) at 11:00 am, on the 27th, of February.

The B.C. Public Interest Advocacy centre, and the Council of Senior Citizen's Organizations of B.C.were successful in achieving, discounted rates for Seniors and Disabled, at all B.C. Provincial Parks. The period from the day after Labour Day to June 14th of the following year for the use of a front country campsite, is calculated at one half of summer season fee or the full winter camping fee, which ever is less. This discount applies to the Seniors and his or her spouse. People with Disabilities can continue to camp for free. You must be designated as a person with disabilities.

Contact people are for Quadra Seniors- Ruth Amiabel -285-3801 or Bob Lasby-285-3501. Contact Ruth or Martin Amiabel- regarding rates for camping, moorage & docking fees at Provincial Parks.

Coming Art Gallery Shows

Take in the multi-dimensional exhibition "Borderland" at the Campbell River Art Gallery Feb. 7th through March 14. "Borderland" features five emerging BC artists, including Carrie Argast, Liz Carter, Shima Iuchi, Krista Lawrence and Mary-Jane Jessen. The show, curated by Cortes Island artist Kristen Scholfield-Sweet, explores the development of personal voices.

The Gallery invites you to attend the opening of "Passages", a seven person exhibition on Friday, March 21st at 7:30 p.m. "Passages", running to April 25th, presents work by seven artists working in different mediums and styles. This select group of coastal artists explore a wide range of subject matter and share a sense of artistic journey, transformation and transition. Many of the works chosen by curator Gordon James also show a turning point in the artist's personal development, whether that be a shift in symbolism, technique or scale.

For more information call the Campbell River Art Gallery at 287-2261, or email: art.gallery@crn.net. Gallery hours: Tuesday to Saturday from 10 to 5.

Tourism Committee Starts Marketing Plan

At the next meeting of the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee we will be starting the indepth process of developing a marketing plan. Join the committee on Monday, February 17, at the Yak Shak in Heriot Bay at 7:15pm. Once complete a marketing plan will help the Chamber and member businesses to initiate marketing efforts with a clear unified message. If you are unable to attend contact Pat Lowes at 285-3790, or e-mail: info@esl-vacations.com and you can receive the worksheets to complete in your own time. Every business can benefit from this exercise in seeing how a marketing plan is developed and apply the process to your own venture.

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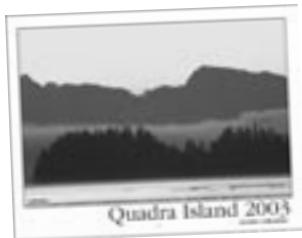
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On Sunday, February 16, one of Canada's premier chamber groups the Gryphon Trio will be back to play at one of their favorite venues: the Quadra Island Community Centre. Formed in 1993 With the individual musical excellence of Annalee Patipatanakoon on violin, Roman Borys on cello, and Jamie Parker on piano, the trio has evolved into an ensemble with a strong international following and consistent re-engagements.

The Gryphon Trio has toured extensively in Canada and the United States, plus Belgium, France, Poland, Germany, Finland, Russia, and Australia. In addition to chamber music concerts, the Trio conducts frequent masterclasses, radio and television



appearances, and school presentations. They have been heard on such radio networks as Radio France, RTBF (Belgium), Radio Bremen, Hessischer Rundfunk (Frankfurt), ABC (Australia), and the CBC (Canada). In 1997, the Gryphon Trio performed live on the internet from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Broadcast Centre in Toronto. The combination of classical, romantic, and contemporary music reflects Gryphon's always thoughtful and varied programming, and ensures the audience a delightful and gratifying listening experience. More information about the Trio can be found at their website www.gryphontrio.com

This concert is presented by the Quadra Island Recreation's Cultural Events Committee on Sunday, February 16 at 7:00 pm at the Quadra Island Community Centre. Tickets are \$18.00 and are available at Page 11 in Campbell River, Quadra Crafts, Hummingbird Office Supply on Quadra Island. Youth 16 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information please call 285-3243. The concert begins at 7pm at the Quadra Island Community Centre. Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$18; youth 16 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. The Theatre Angel Program has several tickets available for lovers of music who cannot at this time afford to spend money on the concert. If you would like one of these tickets, please call Helen Moats at 295-3560. Confidentiality will be respected.

Quadra Island Studio Tour - 2003

Are you interested in being a part of the Quadra Island Studio Tour? A steering committee, under the able leadership of Susan Wilson, Susan Westren and Barb Wager, has been formed and has met several times with the aim of organizing and promoting a studio tour of Quadra Island. This tour would take place on the weekend of June 7th and 8th, 2003. We are hoping that this can become an annual event but the only way that this will happen is if the artists, all the artists, of Quadra participate. Artists who pursue both traditional and nontraditional arts, and crafts, are welcome to participate. The steering committee is prepared to advertise the event and develop a brochure/map, develop liaisons with other parts of our community (accommodation and holiday providers, for instance) and provide a showcase for artists who do not have suitable studio space. If you would like to participate or have questions please call Gordon James at 3101. We would appreciate hearing from interested artists by Feb. 15th.

Mammoths and Marmots

David Nagorsen, mammal curator at the Royal British Columbia Museum for 20 years, will be giving a talk and slide show to the Mitlenatch Field Naturalists on Saturday, **February 15, 8 pm at the Quadra Community Centre**. His talk focuses on Vancouver Island's land mammals - past, present and future. His slides will show the native and introduced mammals of the Island, as well as some mainland mammals that are curiously absent. Why does Vancouver Island support only half the mammals found on the mainland? How and when did these existing mammals arrive?

The speaker will go back in time, looking at what is known about the mammals that existed here before and after the last ice age. Did any of them survive in ice-free refugia during the last glaciation? He will also present some remarkable cave bone discoveries from northern Vancouver Island, including 16,000 year old marmot bones from a sea cave at Port Eliza, and 12,000 year old mountain goat bones from the Nimpkish Valley. Some intriguing questions are raised - did early peoples hunt marmots for food and clothing? What impact did environmental changes have on this endangered animal? And what does the future hold for our Island's mammals with the threat of global warming and increased urban growth. David Nagorsen is an accomplished speaker and raises many fascinating questions for his audience.

A Chinese Odyssey

Join a Quadra photojournalist and his family on a 6-week journey to the

Middle Kingdom. Learn about the mystery of the missing Confucius, why

pubs are hard to find at Chinese universities, and the fate of

endangered river dolphins. Friday February 21 at 730 pm at the Quadra

Community Center
For more info <http://www.islandsynergy.com/China/>



RCMP News

Release

School Zone - Heriot Bay Road

There have been complaints of speeding vehicles on Heriot Bay Road, near the Quadra Island Elementary School. This is a reminder to drivers that the posted 30km. school zone on Heriot Bay Road is in force Monday through Friday from 08:00 to 17:00 hrs. Violation of the posted limit is as follows:

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Counterattack Program 2003

Quadra Island Detachment is participating in a province wide program designed to prevent and apprehend impaired drivers. Quadra Island Detachment is teaming up with Campbell River Detachment and North Island Traffic Services to conduct road checks and sporadic vehicle stops to apprehend impaired drivers in our detachment area. Drivers are reminded that drinking and driving is a criminal offence and accounts for the majority of traffic fatalities in the province. If your Drink please do not Drive.

IWD at NIC

Students of the North Island College Tourism & Hospitality Management program are planning a major project! On March 8, 2003 they will be hosting 'Women and Wellness' in celebration of International Women's Day. The event will feature a variety of booths, activities, demonstrations and guest speakers. All proceeds will be donated to the Campbell River Women's Centre. You are invited to participate in the event and show your support for International Women's Day. This will be an excellent opportunity to network and promote your services & products to others.

Join the festivities at the NIC Cafeteria between 11 am and 5 pm on March 8. The organizers are looking for door prize donations and have booths for exhibitors available. For more info or to submit your ideas please call Laura at 286-3537 or Cara at 923-0125.

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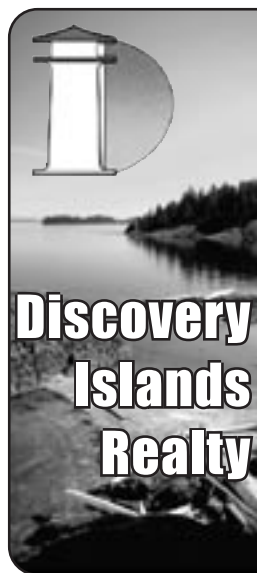
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Island Forum

Dear Islanders:

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The way to ensure monitoring and testing is to require a Conservation Covenant. The Covenant would be held by the Land Owners (Quadra Links if they proceed with their plans or whoever might own the course in the future), the Regional District, and the Quadra Island Conservancy and Stewardship Society. This three party arrangement will best represent the interests of all concerned now and in the future. Many of us have covenants on our property, they are created to protect the interests of the greatest number of people, including the landowners.

Water contamination makes people sick. Water contamination makes wells useless. Water contamination makes our property worthless. Our water is our most important resource, it is our responsibility to protect it.

Ensuring an environmental covenant is important. When you write your letter (due in the Regional Office by 12:00 pm on Feb. 26th) or make your presentation at the meeting, either supporting or opposing the bylaw, include a statement emphasizing that if there is going to be a golf course there must be a three party covenant to protect the water.

Sincerely yours,
Michael Stahnke

Discovery Islander

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One has only to make a car trip to the big city to reach the conclusion that, by and large, the drivers on Quadra Island are pretty good overall. Courtesy, safe driving, respect for pedestrians, reasonable obedience to the rules of the road are much more apparent here than in many places. As a result, a consistently bad resident driver sticks out like a sore thumb. For quite a while, I've been noticing someone in this category, and haven't done anything about it - I guess I was optimistically hoping that he would improve. He hasn't, and once again this morning he reminded me of that.

This driver can be consistently counted upon to closely tailgate the vehicle in front of him, pass recklessly on curves, pass on solid lines, and maintain a speed well over the limit. One of the scariest aspects of this is that his route to the ferry from the Hyacinthe Bay area for a morning ferry invariably has school children waiting beside it or walking along it, for much of the year in the dark. I don't feel that his driving behavior is EVER acceptable, but when it happens at this time of the day it really burns me up.

As an individual, I might be tempted to, or be told to, "mind my own business". As the Fire Chief, I am the leader of the emergency responders who have to pick up the pieces of the accident that this driver will inevitably be the cause of. I also have a duty to help ensure the ongoing safety of the people of Quadra Island, thus I cannot stand by and let a dangerous driver continue to be on the road. I am therefore putting this driver on public notice that each and every time I observe such behavior again, I will be reporting it to the Quadra RCMP detachment. There is no need for this type of driving behavior on Quadra Island - set your alarm clock a few minutes earlier and give yourself enough time to get to the ferry! Driver, you know who you are, and you are warned.

Murray Johnson
Fire Chief

Discovery Islander,

I am disappointed that I, or any resident of Quadra, need to weigh into an argument regarding the need for street lights.

It seems an issue so clear and simple. I believe street lighting will encourage safe outdoor activities like walking or cycling to school, the store, or work on long winter nights. I could think of few better ways to support island safety than good lighting along well traveled roads (but with no sidewalks).

For the record, our family of four will gladly share in a minimum per parcel land tax (estimated to be \$3.50 to \$4.00 per parcel), to enhance the safety of our family, our Quadra Island neighbors and friends, and all visitors to Quadra.

We should do whatever it takes to ensure safe street lighting remains in and around the cove.

Harley Elias
Quadra Island

Dear Editor,

I write as a property owner and as a Quathiaski Cove business operator. The issue regarding the street lighting has gone on for far too long, and it is time to deal with it once and for all. Given the amount of pedestrian and bicycle traffic along Quathiaski Cove Road and Harper Road, there is an obvious need for lighting for safety reasons alone. Visitors to the Island often arrive after the sun has set, and it would not be very welcoming to arrive at our "front door" to find all the lights out. I've seen confusion on their faces on numerous occasions, in broad daylight. Confusion could rapidly change to fear in the dark. If the lights can stay illuminated for "less than \$4 per property, annually" then that is a very cheap price to pay for such an important service. I say, "Light on, Jim", and let's move on to matters that are important.

Steven Halliday
Quathiaski Cove.

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

Next deadline 7pm Monday, February 24th 2003

Dear Editor;

The Quadra Recreation Society board of directors wish to express support for Regional Director, Jim Abram with regard to decisions he must make to keep the street lights functioning in the Quathiaski Cove area.

It is only practical, sensible and fair that all Quadra residents pay for the streetlights in this busy commercial hub of the island.

Sandra Spearing
Coordinator
Quadra Island Recreation Society

Dear Editor,

Having just read Jim Abram's piece on the Quadra streetlight situation I felt I should make a few comments.

the short stretch of road from the Cove ferry terminal is one of the busiest on the island. Most cars, arriving or leaving, travel this short stretch with particularly high traffic volumes in the early morning and late afternoon. For most of the winter these times coincide with students travelling to or from school on foot or on bikes. In addition, there are a lot of pedestrians and bicycle commuters who travel this route at the same times.

In the interest of safety for students as well as the rest of the Quadra community it is important to try and keep the lights. Please contact Jim Abram if you have any suggestions for maintaining this important service.

Thank you
Kevin Kavanagh
Principal
Quadra Elementary School

Dear Editor

It has come to the attention of the Quadra Island RCMP Detachment that there is a possibility that the street lights from Quathiaski Cove to West Road may be removed because of funding issues.

It is the R.C.M.P.'s position that the lighting is a significant asset for the Community in that it provides some safety for pedestrians walking to and from the Ferry after dark, as well as providing some security for local businesses in the area. The local Detachment would support any initiation aimed at retaining lighting at Quathiaski Cove

Cpl Dennis O'Gorman
NCO i/c Quadra Island Detachment

To the Community of Quadra Island,

An important public hearing will be held on February 27, at 7:00pm at the Community Centre. It is all about rezoning approximately 155 acres from RU-1 (rural-subdividable to 10 acre lots) to RC-1 (recreational commercial - use as golf course). Rezoning will provide our community with a place for social gathering and recreation in the form of golfing by all ages and gender. It will afford enjoyment of the forest, natural environment and visual beauty of Sutil Channel and the Island of Cortes.

Members of our community have been working towards this date for over 16 months. In November of 2001, the immediate neighbourhood residents were called together to advise them of a plan to rezone the property to enable the construction of a golf course. Their comments were heard and the task of preparing a request to the Regional District was begun.

Water availability, quality and environmental sensitivity were key issues to be addressed. In January of 2002, Thurber Engineering (recommended by a local engineer) was commissioned to make a preliminary study of the water situation and make recommendations. As well, the study done by the Regional District for the Local Area Plan was reviewed.

Also, in January, Toth and Associates Environmental Services began an environmental assessment which was completed in late April and submitted with the rezoning application.

In July of 2002, Dr. Brian Holl, Professor Emeritus, Agricultural Sciences at UBC was retained as a consultant for turf management practices and implementation of integrated pest management focused on minimization of pesticide use.

Mr. Ted Locke, an experienced golf course designer was retained in August to develop a preliminary layout which would maximize the use of natural habitat and protect any key ecological systems.

In the fall of 2002 we joined the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program to help guide and facilitate a land stewardship program for the golf course. Information on that program is available at www.acssc.ca.

In December of 2002 an information program was presented by Thurber Engineering, Dr. Holl and Mr. Ted Locke.

This is just some of the work that has been done to assure us that this important project is done in a conscientious and professional manner.

We have tried to address the concerns expressed and made some significant commitments to our community to insure this will be an environmentally sound project.

Our Area Director needs to see that there is majority Community Support for this community project.

Doug Edwards and Keith Remfert
Quadra Links




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Open Letter To Quadra Islanders

The Regional District of Comox-Strathcona is holding a February 27th Public Hearing at the Quadra Island Community Center for the purpose of hearing residents speak on the issue of proposed bylaw amendments which would allow for golf course use on District Lots 154 and 122. While voting is carried out at some public meetings, voting is not done at public hearings. However, the Regional District Planning Department needs your input for their decision making. Write to them (address on page 16 of this issue of the *Discovery Islander*) and go early to sign up to speak when you attend the hearing. You can do both.

RE: Bylaw No. 2475 "Quadra Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 6"

Bylaw No. 2476 "Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 62"

These amendments to the bylaw do not address the issue of water use at all. Neither do they address the use of pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, etc.) or fertilizers. The amendments only refer to buildings, setbacks, parking and limits to commercial activities.

I live in the District Lot 154 and 122 neighbourhood of Quadra Island. I depend on a well for my drinking water, as do the dozens of families living in this area that surrounds D.L. 154. Half of our wells are shallow, dug wells very vulnerable to groundwater contamination and interruption of water flows.

I cannot support the amendment of these bylaws for the purpose of allowing a golf course as it is proposed. I am not willing to put our drinking water at risk by supporting a golf course that would be free to use synthetic chemical pesticides and fertilizers, both of which have contaminated ground water worldwide, and free to pump any amount of water out of the aquifers, our held-in-common drinking water source.

However, I would support a golf course if:

1. It were organic, using only certified organic material and practices approved by the B.C. government-sanctioned Certified Organic Association of British Columbia (COABC).

2. Our wells drinking water supply were to be protected into the future by the use of metered golf course wells, using only a total annual amount of water determined by the terms of a three-party conservation covenant, the remainder of the golf course irrigation water to be obtained through catchment systems for the considerable

amount of runoff waters, such as tanks and holding ponds.

3. A three-way community partnership were to be entered into consisting of Quadra Links, the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona, and the Quadra Island Conservancy and Stewardship Society, and that these bodies were to create a conservation covenant that would include the above points 1 and 2.

I am asking the Regional District for maximum protection of our drinking water, and trust that our regional planners and elected directors, will help us protect it to the greatest extent possible.

Maureen McArdell

Frogs and Golf

Dear Editor,

I'd like to add one more ingredient to the proposed golf course stew pot. It's been a warm winter. The frogs will be on the move soon, if they aren't already. Let's keep our eyes open when driving past the proposed new golf course site.

Should there be a frog crossing there, it would behove us to take their needs into consideration ie. preserve their wetland, use no pesticides, keep shade trees etc. We know they are in serious decline.

Cheers

Riki Vogt

Dear Editor:

I sense that the majority of neighbours of the proposed golf-course (by this I mean neighbours with shallow wells down-slope from the golf-links, and those with deep wells who share the aquifer(s), although they may live further afield) almost unanimously share concerns about maintaining water-quality, water-quantity, greenspace, conservation, and access issues and permanency of protection. At the same time they support the idea of using the property as a golf-course.

A 'covenant' is the term used for a contract placed on land, identifying what the issues of concern are, and the way they will be handled in the future. Unfortunately there have been occasions when covenants between just two parties (i.e. a government agency and a private party) have been altered or quietly relaxed, at the expense of wider public interest. By including a third party in the covenant, such as, though not specifically Quadra Conservancy, it means that in the event alterations are proposed in the future, the process for making them is more likely to be open to public scrutiny and participation, as is happening now.

We have the opportunity at this time to include protective conditions under the eye of an experienced and reasonable local watchdog. Isn't there a moral responsibility to use the opportunity of this zoning change (which the golf-links proponents are instigating) to establish a well thought-out covenant that will continue to permanently serve the purpose of protecting the interests of neighbours and Quadra Islanders as a whole?

People never thought accident or incompetence would occur in Walkerton, but somehow it did. This is not suggesting any lack of confidence in the present proponents. Rather, it suggests that should the golf-course ever be sold - even through a series of new owners far into the future and long after the present participants are out of the picture, what we arrange now may help avert some future catastrophe for fellow Quadra Islanders, or make the Island a better place than it would otherwise be.

Last weekend a group from the neighbourhood met and a few who have been active in this matter, read a statement of things they had found out, and their position on the issue. Following are some of the comments made at that gathering:

- 1 "I live on Milton Road just one lot-length from the proposed Quadra Links. We have two shallow wells which are fed from the flowage coming off the Addison property in a generally north-westerly direction. Both wells produce good water, recently tested, and in 16 years they have rarely gone dry."

- 2 "At a previous meeting of the 'Quadra Links Neighbours' a show of hands revealed roughly half of the adjacent wells are shallow and half are drilled wells. I am very concerned about maintaining existing water quantity for both shallow and drilled wells. Because of the shallow overburden in this vicinity (approx. only 30' on top of impervious hardpan) there is rapid run-off, and not a lot of holding capacity in the ground. I believe the proposed golf-course design must not result in diversion of surface water in any ways that may affect neighbour's water flows. I also believe an in-depth, impartial hydrologists report regarding surface and deep water sources, and appropriate golf-course design to avoid affecting these, should be prepared before approving this application.

- 3 "About two weeks ago I enquired of the Water Rights Branch regarding salt-water intrusion into deep wells. I was told that salt-water incursion is not unusual and that almost every island has instances. Also that older water frequently underlies the islands - in the case of Salt Spring Island it is water that is 3 times as saline as sea-water. Apparently when salt-water intrudes, the cure is to cap the well and go drill another one elsewhere. On an island, this may be easier said than done. In light of the potential seriousness of this situation, which could affect wells at some distance away from Lots 122 and 124, I believe the precautionary principle applies, and it is imperative our Regional District should require that appropriate, impartial impact studies be done before approving this application."

4 "A Ministry of Air, Land and Water Licensing Officer recently told me that in the Fraser Valley there are enormous livestock waste problems, particularly with the high water-tables which occur during winter rains. People there have been trying to establish control methods for 10 years. This indicates to me that Provincial regulations leave a lot to be desired, and may not be adequate to protect our water quality and we would be unwise to rely on provincial regulations alone. For this reason I believe that the Regional District, as our first line of defence, must ensure that appropriate conservation covenants are in place, to permanently protect the quality of water flowing downstream from the proposed golf course, before approving this application."

5 "At the very first meeting of the neighbours of the proposed 'Quadra Links,' I think it was November 15, 2001, much was made of the opportunity and intention to include trails for public enjoyment. I understand this remains the intent, however in light of that early 'candy' proffered to non-golfers, I would like to see these paths, and permanent public access over them, more formally recognised before this application is approved."

Respectfully,
Noel Lax

A Big Thankyou

Our family would like to thank all the members of the Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Dept. for their fast and friendly help last weekend. A chimney fire may seem like a simple thing but we are very grateful for the professional expertise that quickly put out a potentially deadly problem. Thanks again...Rob, Heather, Sam and Braden

More Keeping of the Lights

Dear Editor,

The Board of Director's from Quadra Children's Centre would like to express their concern of having the streetlights removed in the Cove area. We feel they help make our community safe. The removal of the lights would not be in the best interest of the community. We support Area J Regional District in keeping the streetlights working in the Cove.

Yours truly,
Board of Director's
Quadra Children's Centre

Dear Editor

In response to Jim Abram's Directors Report, Quadra Elementary School PAC Executive supports keeping the existing lights on in the Cove area in the interest of the safety of our students.

Marilyn McPhee
PAC President

Area J Regional Director's Report

Jim Abram

FEB. 9, 2003

First of all, I would like to take a moment to thank all of the people that read my last article on streetlights and responded so positively. I am nearing the decision point and it is good to know your opinion as a community. Sorry it was such a long report, but it is not a simple matter and required a bit of history to bring people up to speed. I will let you know the outcome in a later issue of the Discovery Islander.

The Advisory Planning Commission for Area J has been appointed by the Board of the Regional District based on my input. The following people will make up the advisory body for the next year. I would like to thank all of those people that applied. Please resubmit your names in the late fall for reconsideration for next year.

Owen Humphreys
Martha James
Keith Liseth
Robyn Mawhinney
Don McEachern
Jim Mitchell
David Oppenheim
Olivia Rousseau
Paul Ryan
Joan Sell
Rodney Sumpter
John Wasyliv
Dick Whittington
Judith Wright.

Their first meeting will take place on Monday Feb. 10th with a very full agenda. The meetings are public if anyone wishes to come and watch.

Usually the meetings are held at the Community Centre, but this one will be at the Cove Centre. I think I will leave it at that for this issue and hope to see all of you at the Public Hearing that will take place on Feb. 27th at 7:00 PM at the Community Centre. This proposal for a golf course has been in the works over the past year and has reached the Hearing stage. Based on input from the community, the Regional Board will then determine what steps to take next. Look for the ads in the local papers.

As always, feel free to call me, weekdays between 8am and 7pm, and you can send an email or fax anytime. After hours and on weekends, leave a message and I will call you back during working hours. Phone: 285-3355; Fax: 285-3533; email: abramfam@oberon.ark.com

-Jim Abram Director, Area J, Comox-Strathcona Regional District

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Ferry Tale

Darlene Booth

Of all the things I love most about island living, I would have to say that the relaxed pace and friendly atmosphere are at the top of my list. Bright city lights hurt my eyes and I would sooner wade through cement than try to navigate the busy city streets for extended periods of time. Yes – I am a country mouse and proud of it. Here on the island I can actually hear my own thoughts.... and this morning as I was heading toward the 8:00 ferry – they came in loud and clear!

Ferry traffic! We all seem to lose our manners when it comes to catching that boat! It does not matter if you are a pedestrian, bike rider, hitchhiker or behind the wheel of an automobile...I am sure you all have had an instance when relaxed island road rules have given you cause to shake your head. We all seem to get somewhat complacent after a time don't you think?

I suppose 4 years of driving in Malaysia may be responsible for my heightened awareness on the road. I pretty much saw it all there. Coming from a country where the vehicle generally rules the road, I was humbled into yielding to cows, goats, pedestrians, tuk-tuks, scooters, water buffalo, poultry and even the occasional snake. My Australian buddies used to tell me horror stories of how snakes would coil around your axels if you ran over them and then bite you later... I will be the first to admit they had fun with this gullible Canuck...but I was not about to take chances either! Driving in Malaysia was somewhat like playing a video game – there was always something coming at you. You had to be alert at all times.

In a sense, the morning ferry scurry kind of transports me back to those times, especially in these dark winter hours when visibility is not optimal. Our roads are full of people trying to get to school and get to work. I admire those who choose alternative methods of transport but at the same time I worry when safety is compromised. Bike riders have the options now to be more visible than ever before and I appreciate that. It is rare to see a rider without proper lighting but every now and then they are there. Headlights, reflectors and rear lights not only help you see where you are going - they also let drivers know where you are on the road. I don't know about other drivers, but when I pass a bike that has no headlight on the front I find that the rider almost disappears from my vision and I am left guessing when it will be safe to cut back

in again. Headlights on bikes do more than just show you the way.

I also worry when bikes come flying at me on my side of the road. There have been a number of times when my peripheral vision has picked up an oncoming rider or two that have stopped my heart beating for a minute or three. Now, I understand that they may very well know exactly what they are doing – but I don't! If you are on the road with a bike – aren't you supposed to obey all the traffic rules as well? I am looking for oncoming traffic in the oncoming lane. When it comes at me in my lane – it is an unpleasant shock. This may not be a problem for the seasoned drivers, but what about those new drivers and those senior drivers with slower reflex time? Think about it.

And yes I am aware that there are plenty of drivers whose manners have lapsed as well. We all have to navigate and share these country roads. Horses, pedestrians, bikes, scooters, cars and even those darn mo-peds in the summer! We all have a right to feel safe on our journey. Now I am sure to have got a few wheels turning but I really just mean this to be a gentle reminder. When you are on the road you always have to anticipate what the other guy is going to do – and it helps if everyone plays by the same rulebook. And don't get me started on that drop off zone!

SOMETHING TO SIT DOWN AND THINK ABOUT (OR NOT!)

This is from the "Ottawa Citizen"

Can you imagine working for a company that has a little more than 300 employees and has the following statistics:

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- 55** cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- 12** have been arrested on drug related charges
- 4** have been arrested for shoplifting
- 16** are currently defendants in lawsuits
- 62** have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year

Can you guess which organization this is? It is the 301 MP's in the Canadian Parliament. The same group that cranks out hundreds of new laws designed to keep the rest of us in line! - J. David Cox



Certainly Uncertain

by Steven Halliday

To say that we live in a world of uncertainty would surely qualify as the understatement of the year. In attempting to provide a review of the investment environment I was struck by the lack of enthusiasm throughout the spectrum of the markets – it is an exercise in fence sitting at its finest. All due to uncertainty. We're uncertain about interest rates, and we're definitely uncertain about the markets. Mutual funds have been seeing net redemption's (which means more bucks going out than coming in) of record proportions since the spring of 2002, if not sooner. The markets in general can only be described as uncertain. Lots of movement, but with no clear trend either up or down. The Canadian economy continues to be very robust, coming in as one of the top 3 economies as measured by almost every standard. Unfortunately our largest trading partner failed to make it into the top 10, and by almost every standard is rapidly going backwards. Trillion dollar surpluses have turned into trillion dollar deficits, without even factoring in the cost of a possible war, now estimated to be at least \$200 billion. The Euro is rapidly catching up to par with the US dollar, and the Canadian dollar is creeping up as well. All in all it makes it a very difficult time to do any long range planning, which is a primary requirement of a sound financial plan – thinking ahead and planning for it. But who knows what is coming – everything is uncertain.

Let's look at a few certainties. The single largest factor creating uncertainty in the investment world is impending war. Contrary to popular mythology, wars are not good for the economy. Certain

segments of the economy benefit, to be sure, but the overall impact of war is generally negative. In the case of a war with Iraq, only a few industries will benefit, oil and weapons manufacturing being two obvious candidates. But at this time, with the economy in such a perilous state, war of the nature presently being envisioned will not benefit the US economy, or ours. Or worse, it could tip the entire global economy into a serious recession. Therefore it is certain, economically, that this war would be a very bad thing. And this scenario ignores the cost of cleaning up after the war, certain to be a painful and expensive process. It is certain that Saddam Hussein is a very bad man, and the world will better off shed of him. In spite of his being a thoroughly nasty fellow, it was the opinion (October, 2002) of the Central Intelligence Agency that a) any relationship between Al Qaida and Iraq would not be amicable; and b) Saddam is highly unlikely to use any weapons he possesses in any external aggression, unless Iraq is under attack. If so, the CIA feels it highly likely he will throw everything he has at his attackers, or worse, equip anybody that cares to join in with the latest and greatest WMD's he can muster. So, therefore it is certain than an attack of the type being assembled will result in some very large casualty numbers, on both sides.

Another certainty is that the majority of sentient beings on this planet are opposed to the war scenario as it is presently envisioned. It is a certainty that Iraqi civilians will die by the thousands, and over 35% of their population is less than 16 years old. It is also a certainty that the situation in Afghanistan is far from settled – there are still battles being fought daily, and the interim government is not in control of any portion of the country other than Kabul itself. This leads to a great deal of

entire region, and it is likely years away from being even remotely "normal". It is certain that Al Qaida is still active, and represent a very clear and present danger. It is also certain that while over 50 percent of the US population polled believe that 7 or more of the 9/11 hijackers were Iraqi, in fact none of them were.

When it comes to the diplomatic front, it is very certain that the relationship between the USA and the rest of the world has already changed. One could speculate that the freezing weather the East is experiencing is due in part to the frosty relationship between our PM and the US president. And I don't think France and Germany's leaders will be visiting Crawford, Texas anytime soon. There is a great deal of political uncertainty in the world as well. Tony Blair is starting to flounder at home, and in Australia the equivalent of our Senate censured PM Howard for acting so hastily in committing Australia without consulting their Parliament or their people. In spite of all the positive numbers one hears about Mr. Bush in the so-called mainstream media, a CNN poll asked which of the last 5 presidents one most admired, and the present occupant of that office came in at a strong 4th. As at February 8th, he had garnered 2,746 out of the 14,086 votes cast, easily crushing number five, G. Bush Senior, with 202 in his favour. By the way, the hands down winner to date was Bill Clinton with 56% of the vote. Considering CNN is definitely a Conservative media platform these are amazing results, and they underscore the uncertainty of the American people.

This is the environment we face in attempting to make decisions today. It seems almost everything is uncertain except the usual death and taxes, probably more so than at any time in the last 65 or more years. So, if you were to ask me if interest rates are going up, I would answer that Canadian rates are forecast to rise in the relative near term, provided there is no war, and the US economic mess is finally confronted. In other words, I'm uncertain. When it comes to making investment decisions, virtually no-one can offer advice that is certain, nor has anyone ever been able to do so. So one should consider it prudent to think safe right now. There should be very little uncertainty about your money. Good luck to us all.

Ross McPhee

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 892 of the *Local Government Act*, Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the proposed bylaws:

Bylaw No. 2475 "Quadra Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 6"

Bylaw No. 2476 "Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 62"

WILL BE HELD AT: Quadra Island Community Centre, 970 West Road, Quathiaski Cove, BC
ON: **Thursday, February 27, 2003**
COMMENCING AT: 7:00 p.m.

Bylaw No. 2475

The intent and purpose of proposed Bylaw

No. 2475 is to amend the Quadra Island Official Community Plan to redesignate a portion of a 62.73 hectare (155 acre) property on Heriot Bay Road (Lot 2, Plan 36442, District Lot 122 and District Lot 154, Sayward Land District, excluding that portion of DL154 East of a Line Running North-South from Topcliff Road to DL 183, following the 100' contour as shown on the adjacent map), from Rural to Recreation Commercial to allow for golf course use.

Bylaw No. 2476

The intent and purpose of proposed Bylaw

No. 2476 is to amend the Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw by rezoning a portion of a 62.73 hectare (155 acre) property on Heriot Bay Road (Lot 2, Plan 36442, District Lot 122 and District Lot 154, Sayward Land District, excluding that portion of DL154 East of a Line Running North-South from Topcliff Road to DL 183, Following the 100' contour as shown on the adjacent map), from Rural-One to Recreation Commercial One to allow for golf course use.

A copy of the proposed Bylaws and related information may be inspected at www.rdcs.bc.ca or at the Regional District offices, 600 Comox Rd., Courtenay, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on February 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, and 26, 2003.

At the public hearing all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed bylaws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on matters contained therein. ***Please note that legal considerations prevent the Regional District from considering any representations made after the close of the public hearing.*** All written submissions (mailed or electronic) must be received by this office no later than 12:00 p.m., February 26, 2003. **All persons may submit written comments as well as speak at the public hearing.**

The Directors from Electoral Areas 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'G', 'H', 'I' and 'J' are appointed as delegates to the Public Hearing.

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Business Profile

Island ESL Vacations

by Tanya Storr

Travellers to foreign countries often pick up a phrase book in order to exchange a few words with the locals. If it's just a short visit, their proficiency in the language may not advance much beyond greetings such as "hello" and "thank you".

However, some visitors want to learn more than just a few phrases, and signing up for a holiday package combining language instruction and activities is an excellent way to do so.

Quadra resident Pat Lowes' business, Island ESL Vacations, offers non-English speakers the opportunity to improve their English while on holiday.

Viewing the Island ESL Vacations website, it's not hard to see why overseas visitors would want to come to Quadra to learn English. Featuring a beautiful view of Rebecca Spit with the Coast Mountains behind, the website invites potential visitors to experience the area's spectacular beauty while learning the language.

"We offer English instruction by certified, experienced ESL teachers, and days filled with amazing Canadian adventures and experiences," the website states.

The response to Island ESL Vacations has been very positive, Pat told me. Testimonials on the website from former students speak highly of their experiences on Quadra.

One student from Japan wrote that she didn't like studying English grammar in school, but found it much easier to learn in the less formal setting on Quadra. A student from Korea commented on the memorable experience of sitting by the campfire stargazing.

"I set up the program using an experiential learning approach," Pat explained. "We do activities and then spend time talking and writing about them."

An experienced ESL teacher who has studied three foreign languages, Pat said she can attest to the fact that a strict structural approach to language learning is not the best way to learn.



"I believe that the most effective way of learning a second language is to follow the pattern of learning a first language," said Pat. "This means that language should be taught while doing something and using the language needed in that context."

Pat's career history has included ESL teaching at North Island College and in the school system, and working as a Katimavik coordinator. She said her vision for Island ESL Vacations was based partly on the Katimavik program, which combines learning with community-based activities.

Pat launched her business two years ago with the help of a grant from Community Futures' Self-Employment Assistance Program. "The grant was very helpful, because it gave me the time I needed to develop the infrastructure of my business," she stated.

I visited Pat and one of her current students, Mariko Kaneda from Japan, on a recent Saturday. We chatted in Pat's teaching room, a bright, comfortable space attached to one side of the Lowes' family home.

Mariko, who is 18 years old, had been

in Canada for one week. She said she came to Quadra because she wanted to learn to speak English. In Japanese schools, the emphasis is more on reading and writing English than on speaking.

"I like Quadra. It's very beautiful," said Mariko, who is boarding with a Quadra family for one month while doing the Island ESL Vacations program.

"Staying with a Canadian family gives the students the opportunity to experience how we live," Pat noted, adding that matching students to families is one of the services Island ESL Vacations provides.

"I try to find families who have similar interests and the time to spend with the students."

A typical day for a visiting student includes two hours of morning instruction followed by an afternoon activity. The day finishes with another hour of instruction to learn the language of the activity.

During Mariko's first week on the island, she walked around Heriot Bay, went snowboarding at Mount Washington, visited the Quadra Community Centre and

Notice of Amendment to Pest Management Plan (Forest Vegetation Management) - #103-361 00/05

TFL Forest Ltd. (TimberWest) would like to amend the portion of Tree Farm Licence 47 on Quadra Island to Pest Management Plan (PMP) #103-361 00/05, the existing Johnstone Strait PMP. The proposal is to include the area in operating zone four (manual vegetation management only) and to permit the use of deer repellents.

TimberWest requires a PMP on Quadra Island to manage both forest vegetation and deer browse. Quadra will only have manual methods of vegetation management. Deer repellents, Plantskydd in particular, have been used previously but under a research permit. Plantskydd is now a federally registered pesticide and may only be used under the appropriate permit or plan.

Plantskydd was developed in Sweden in 1991. It is made of food grade animal protein (bloodmeal), water, common salt and vegetable fat. The EPA in the United States determined ... "that the use of these pesticides poses insignificant risks to human health or the environment ... the agency (EPA) in promulgating this rule, is responding to society's increasing demand for more natural and benign methods of pest control ..." - May 6, 1996 - USA-EPA

Please tell us your concerns

If you are a resident or other individual or group with an interest in the management of forest vegetation and browsing on Quadra Island please contact Colin Buss, RPF, Assistant Forester, at TimberWest, Johnstone Strait Operation: 250-286-7328 email: bussc@timberwest.com The amendment and the entire Pest Management Plan and maps may be viewed during business hours at TimberWest's Middlepoint office, 5705 North Island Highway, up until Friday, February 28th.

Island ESL Vacations

the library, hiked up Beech's Mountain, went swimming and shopping, and visited Yucalta Lodge.

With Pat's guidance, Mariko recorded each of these activities on the computer. Keeping a journal allows the students to improve their written English, while providing them with a memento of their trip. Students can e-mail their journal entries to friends and family back home.

Pat said one of her favourite aspects of teaching ESL is the exchange of cultures. An avid traveller who has visited more than 50 countries, Pat has always enjoyed meeting people from other places.

"I spent approximately two years travelling abroad before having kids. I've been partway around the world and now the world is coming to my place," she said.

Pat went on to say that she finds it very rewarding to see her students progress.

"Mariko has only been here for one week and her English has already improved greatly. That makes me happy."

Island ESL Vacations not only serves overseas visitors, but also works with immigrants who need to improve their English skills. One of Pat's newest students is a young man from Mexico currently living in Campbell River.

Pat has recently developed a partnership with Strathcona Park Lodge to offer an 'Adventures in Learning' program. This two-week ESL holiday incorporates one week at the lodge followed by one week on Quadra, and includes several outdoor activities.

Pat is also planning a program with Tsa Kwa Luten Lodge to accommodate



Student Mariko Kaneda and Island ESL Vacations' Pat Lowes

by Tanya Storr

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groups who want to learn English while on holiday.

Liaising with local businesses and families is a key part of Pat's business. One of her most effective marketing methods is receiving referrals.

"If someone makes a referral to a prospective student, and he or she comes to me as an international homestay student, I will pay 10% of the student's fee to the person who made the referral," said Pat.

Pat is interested in hearing from anyone with international contacts who is interested in making referrals, or families who would like to provide a homestay (students pay room and board).

For more information, call Island ESL Vacations at 285-3790, e-mailinfo@esl-vacations.com or visit online: www.esl-vacations.com

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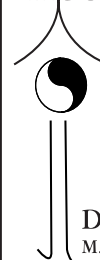
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