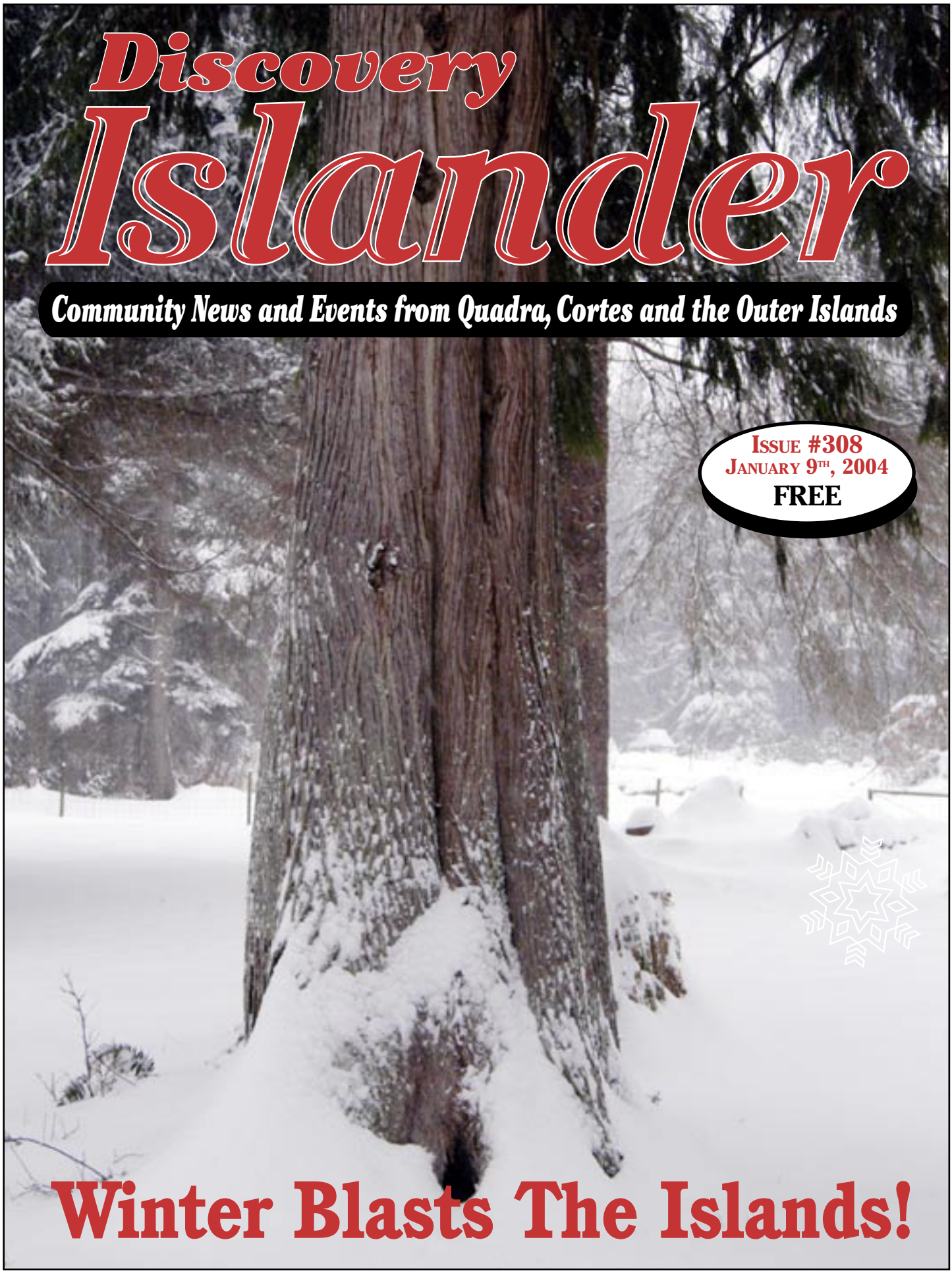

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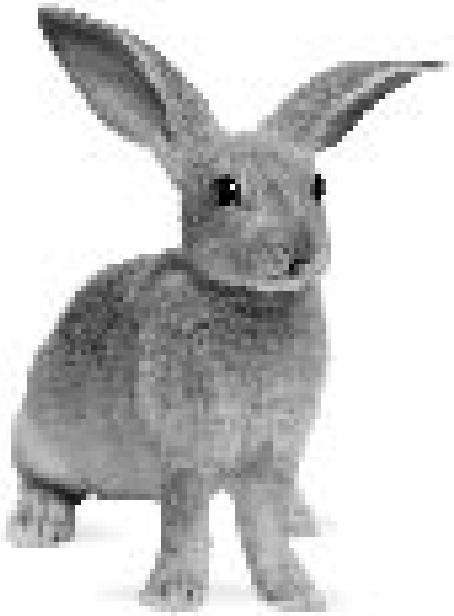

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- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** -Food Bank 1-2:30 Community Centre
- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers, 7:30pm Community Centre
-Cribbage, Quadra Legion 7:30pm (member & guests welcome)
- **Every Wednesday** -Community Kitchen Lunch noon - 1:30
- **Every Thursday** -Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre
-Motorcycle Club meet 5pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- **Every Friday** -Duffy and Friends 8:30pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- **First Friday** -Open Stage 7:30 pm Yak Shack Heriot Bay
- **Every Saturday** -Meat Draw 5-6:30 pm Quadra Legion (members & guests welcome)
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus $50 cash draw. Quadra Legion 6:30pm (members & guests welcome)
- **Every Sunday** - Centre for Positive Living Service, 10:30 AM, Community Centre Rm 3, 285-3224
- Buddhist Meditation, 10 a.m. Inner Garden
- **First Sunday** -"Family & Friends Day" Quadra Legion, 11:30 am. Bring a lunch, play sports, "Dry" bar. (members & guests welcome)

Day by day

January 12, Monday
-Quadra Island Garden Club Community Centre
7.00pm

January 14, Wednesday
-Quadra Singers Spring Session-newcomers welcome Community Centre
7-10 PM

January 21, Wednesday
-Quadra Singers Spring Session-newcomers welcome Community Centre
7-10 PM

January 22, Thursday
- Quadra Community Association Public Meeting Community Centre
7:30 pm

January 23, Friday
- Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society Community Centre
8.00pm.

January 25, Sunday
-Dinner Jazz with Annie Siegel Jazz Trio & guests HBI Pub
6-9pm

February 1, Sunday
-Annual Superbowl Party Heriot Bay Inn Pub

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Surge Narrows school. *by Robert Saint Armour*

Quadra Recreation Society Winter/Spring 04 Program

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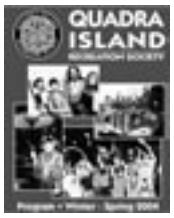

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QCU was pleased to be able to have provided several local residents with some year-end surprises.

QCU Cortes Office Manager Sybil Irwin presenting a donation to Cortes Island Food Bank reps Rene Friedman and Samanatha Statton. QCU staff donated the funds normally used for their Christmas party to assist those in need.

QCU Member Service Supervisor Carol Marrett presenting Justin Holmes (top right) and Jeremy Cook (below right) with bursary awards from the Credit Union Foundation of BC to assist with their post-secondary education costs. Christine Duketow of Whaletown also received a bursary but was not available for a presentation.

In 2003 QCU provided $6,000 in scholarships to local residents, while the Credit Union Foundation funded a total of $2,485.

Quadra Credit Union donations for 2003 were in excess of $13,000.

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News & Events

Extra Flick

On Friday 9 January The Quadra Island Waste Reduction Society will be sponsoring an Extra Friday Flick in the form of Brother Sun Sister Moon, which portrays the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Showing will be at the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for students and seniors. Proceeds will go to the Society. Hope to see you there. Info at 285-3751.

Quadra Singers

Quadra Singers take to the Quadra Island Community Centre's rehearsal hall stage Wednesday nights 7 PM starting January 14 to tune up for another fun concert in April. Please come join the harmonies and melodies with John Montgomery and your community of singers. Did you know singing lowers the blood pressure? Come sing away the winter. Call 285-3800 for more info or just come!!

Quadra Community Association

General Meeting Quadra Community Centre Thursday, January 22, 7:30 pm

The Quadra Community Association is a venue for ALL Quadra Residents to participate in local government. This new association has no affiliation with any current or previous organization and this is to be an open community meeting. Come out on the 22 and elect your Board of Directors. Please leave any animosity at home and come in with an open mind!

Lost at New Year's Cabaret

Lost at the Community Centre New Year's Cabaret: a long black sweater coat. If you have info or have found this sweater please call Melissa at 285-2025. Thank you.

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Quadra/Philippines Connection News

2004 marks the 10th year of Quadraís sponsorhsip of several Philippine daycare/ preschool programs in northern Luzon through the Quadra/Philippines Connection. Over the past 9 years., Quadra islanders have managed to offer both financial and moral support to daycares in 4 different remote villages of the Philippines including Paligatto, Mabato and currently Ipil and Lacnog. An annual contribution of $2500 covers teachersí stipends and some supplies for the year. Each program is given 5 years of support during which time it is required to work toward self-sufficiency. This has been the case for the Paligatto and Mabato communities who have gained local government financing for their daycare programs over the past few years. The village of Ipil, now in its final year of Quadraís support, is in the process of fund-raising for its future. Thanks to another successful giant garage sale held on Quadra last September, we were able to send funds not only to cover one more year of sponsorship for the Lacnog and Ipil daycares, but also for a Christmas bonus for the teachers and IAT staff.. The following are excerpts from letters recently received from the teachers of these programs.

Dear Carol and Quadra Island Community,

Hello! How are you all there? Christmas is here agai and we would like to say Merry Christmas to the Quadra community and a fruitful New Year to all of you . We are very thankful for your financial gift to us and our family circles. We will use this money for important needs for our children and for utensils and clothing. So it is a great help!

With regards to the children at our center, we simply celebrate Christmas by cooking sticky rice and inviting parents to attend a Christmas program where the children play games, do their traditional Kalinga dances and sing songs.

Christmas is a very special day because it is a time to be with family for almost a week. We always celebrate Christmas by attending church and we have our morning prayer before the 25th day of December. We do this yearly.

We thank you very much for your continuing support to us and our community circle. Thank you again and good luck. We hope that you enjoy your Christmas with your families and your relatives.

Most sincerely,

Your sisters, Magdalena Gumabay, Elena Dangani, and Emma Innog

Because of the generosity of Quadra Islanders through their donations and purchases at the 2003 giant garage sale, we had a surplus of funds that

enabled us to make a donation to our own Quadra Daycare! The following is an accounting for the past year:

INCOME

Surplus from the year 2002 including dividends	$694.33
Contributions from Farmer's Market (thank-you Dan Bingham!)	$1.94
2003 Giant Garage Sale	$3216.35
INCOME TOTAL:	$4002.62

EXPENDITURES

Sponsorship of Ipil and Lacnog Daycares for 2004	$2500.00
Christmas bonuses to Daycare teachers and IAT staff	$500.00
Donation to Quadra Children's Center	$500.00
TOTAL EXDPENDITURES:	$3500.00
2004 SURPLUS:	$ 502.62

Thank-you again Quadra Islanders for caring and sharing. Wishes of peace, Joy, love and compassion for the year to come!

Save the Library Book Rate

The Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is petitioning the House of Commons to save the Canada Post Library Book Rate. The Library Book Rate subsidizes the mailing of books between library branches. People can sign the petition at any VIRL branch.

VIRL Chair, Tom Krall says "The cost of the loss of this discount for VIRL would be approximately $250,000. Many VIRL jurisdictions can not afford this added cost. Loss of the Library Book Rate therefore impacts on people's ability to access library services and affects the Library's ability to promote literacy.

I encourage people living in the VIRL area to sign our petition."

The Library Book Rate agreement is being renegotiated between the Department of Canadian Heritage and Canada Post starting in April 2004. Introduced in 1939, the Library Book Rate assists in extending library services to rural and remote areas.

The VIRL serves a population of approximately 400,000 people living on Vancouver Island (excluding most of Greater Victoria and the Village of Alert Bay), the Queen Charlotte Islands, and the Central Mainland.

Contact: Tom Krall

VIRL Board Chair 250-754 6444

Friday Flicks New Season Begins!

January 16th

Doors 7:30 – Showtime 7:45
Admission: $4.50 - $3.50 students/snrs

The Whale Rider, according to creation myth, was Paikea, who arrived in New Zealand on the back of a whale in search of a home. Since then tribal chiefs, always the first-born and always male, have been considered Paikea's direct descendants. Pai, an 11-year-old girl believes she is destined to be the new chief. But her grandfather Koro is bound by tradition to pick a male leader. Pai loves Koro dearly, but she must fight him and a thousand years of tradition to fulfill her destiny.

Koro knows that his tribe is in dire need of redemption – poverty and aimlessness abound. He knows too that Pai is showing all the signs of an anointed one – her intuitive grasp of tradition, her quiet leadership skills, her graceful flair for the martial arts and, above all, her visionary's affinity with the migrating whales. But the myth is strictly patriarchal and Pai's emergence must be sternly repressed. For Koro to follow his heart and not his head, would be "to mess with sacred things."

Director Niki Caro fosters follows this central tension almost exclusively through the performances of her two principals. It's a smart move. Despite their age difference, they both exude an intrinsic majesty that the camera adores. Her all-Maori cast give finely wrought performances. All of the children in the film - including Pai - were plucked from a classroom. None of them had acted before.

The Canadian film *Atanarjuat* (Fast Runner) traveled to the past to meet an ancient legend on its own ground and treated the tale with powerful realism. *Whale Rider* whisks its legend up into the present, allowing the movie to teeter between the real and the mythic, while concentrating on the last vestiges of an ancient faith under threat. "In successfully dovetailing the domestic and the spiritual, Caro creates an almost entirely new sub-genre: magical neo-realism."

Empowerment

A Science of Mind Column

from Reverend Jill Brocklehurst

Up Until Now …

An excerpt from "Building Your Field of Dreams" by Mary Manin Morrissey (p. 16)

Many of us define ourselves by our past: Who we are is what has happened to us. "My husband left me, therefore I am not worthy." "I worked years to be an engineer, so I can never leave my job." "I became pregnant at age sixteen, therefore I cannot have a career."

Past and present circumstances influence us - sometimes they may seem almost to crush us - but they do not have to determine our lives. We always have choices, yet we limit ourselves and our life experience by consenting to conditions. We truly have the power within us to say no to past or present particulars and to allow a new life dream to manifest itself in our lives. Your history need not determine your destiny.

We may have been raised with abuse or hardship, and circumstances in our present life may make it easy to stay trapped. Practice telling yourself this: "Yes, bad things happened to me but I am free to choose again. I am free as soon as I acknowledge that past does not have to dictate my future. I am free to renew my mind, if I will simply do so."

Whenever you find a limiting thought interfering with your considering a desire or possible dream, redirect your thinking. When you reach the edge of your knowing and you feel blocked, pause. If you don't pause, you'll repeat your history. You'll fall back into a familiar pattern. So pause. Then tell yourself, "Up until now …"

A woman in my congregation, once came to me, desperate over her lack of formal education. "Even though I'd love to, it's too late to go to school now," she told me. "I'm forty-two ears old; if I go to school now, I'll be forty-six when I finish my education."

I said, "How old will you be in four years if you don't go to school? The question is, Where do you want to be in your life in four years?" What is your dream for your life? No limits! If you thought you just might be able to have your dream, and if you were starting fresh with a no-limits attitude, what would you do?"

"Up until now …" what did you believe? Now what do you choose to believe?

Happy New Year! Let's make it our best ever! Heck, this is the first day of the rest of my life. What am I going to do with it? Hmmm.

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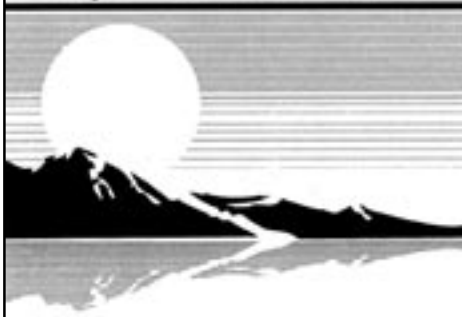

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Quadra Cultural Committee presents:

La Reina del Tango

Although Argentine tango seems light years away from Quadra Island, the very word „tango‰ still summons up a world of excitement, dark sensuality, and mystery. On Saturday, January 24, 2004, 8 pm, Quadra Cultural Committee welcomes "La Reina del Tango", pianist Linda Lee Thomas, and her backup of guitarist Ed Henderson and Bassist Miles Foxx Hill to carry us off to Buenos Aires and provide us the key to unlock the working class codes of tango.

Linda Lee Thomas is Vancouver,s most eclectic pianist: a musician whose performances are infused with „subtlety, elegance and fire‰. (Vancouver Sun) Miss Thomas is currently Principal Pianist for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the CBC Radio Orchestra. For seventeen years (1975-1992) she was highly visible to Vancouver audiences as Artistic Director and prima performer of the Vancouver East Cultural Centre‰s hugely successful chamber music series, Masterpiece Music. Since hearing the great Astor Piazzolla in 1988, Thomas has been passionately drawn to the music and dance of the Argentine Tango. In 1999, she made her first pilgrimage to Buenos Aires, where she spent the days researching the tango repertoire and the nights exploring the city,s tango clubs. That same year she teamed up with Argentine superstar bandoneonist and composer Daniel Binelli for the Vancouver Music in the Morning Series. Their broadcast for CBC was „electrifying‰ and led to their first CD ^ „TANGO de Buenos Aires‰, which was released in March, 2002 by CBC Records.

Henderson and Hill also come with impeccable credentials, Henderson having worked with many of Canada,s finest performers, including Jeff Hyslop, Ann Mortifee, Leon Bibb, and Chilliwack, and Hill having garnered a Juno and a Gold Record for his work on Renegade Romantic with Paul Janz, and having been nominated for a second Juno for his work with singer Joani Taylor.

The tango performances of the Thomas/Henderson/Hill Trio have gained impressive praise: Lloyd Dykk, Vancouver Sun music reviewer, describes their playing individually and together as „soulful and incendiary, with an explosive jazz-like element of freedom and improvisation‰, and Hughes of the Georgia Straight, states that „in Thomas, hands, Piazzolla,s Invierno Porteno bacame a melancholy and pungent rhapsody of such beauty that ...I will never forget it‰.

This fiery, emotional Latin/South American music is guaranteed to bring warmth and light into the wintry days of January. Advance tickets are available at Quadra Crafts, Hummingbird Office and Art Supply, and Page 11 Books in Campbell River at $15. Tickets at the door will be $18. Youth 16 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 285-3560.

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On Friday, January 23 at 8.00 pm Marion McMeekin, a member of the Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society and a keen amateur photographer and naturalist, will present a slide show on the Tatshenshini.

The Tatshenshini has been described as North America,s wildest river, and has deservedly earned UN World Heritage Site status. Once an important First Nations trading route connecting the Coast to the Interior, the river has more recently earned a reputation as one of the finest river rafting destinations in the world.

In July of last year, five Campbell River area women joined a larger group for a twelve day rafting trip from Dalton Post, Yukon, through the northwestern corner of BC, to Dry Bay, Alaska ^ 213 miles of high spring runoff, rapids, huge waves, glaciers, icebergs, wildlife, and some of the most spectacular scenery on the planet.

Join us on Jan 23rd for an account of this trip of a lifetime.

Quadra Is. Garden Club

January may not be an ideal month for pottering in the garden, especially with the deep freeze we are currently experiencing, but it is a great month for browsing garden catalogues, and planning that perfect garden for next summer. Koreen Matheson from Mystic Woods is our guest speaker on Monday January 12 at 7.00pm. Koreen will talking about Landscaping. She is well known on Vancouver Island for her landscape projects and her knowledge of the more unusual plants available. Our past mild winters and a gardener's desire to always be pushing the limits of what we can grow on Quadra, has led many of us to plant quite a range of Zone 8 plants. These past cold nights may well have killed a few of them if they were not well mulched. Come spring, we are going to have some spaces to fill up with new plants. A new landscape feature may be called for. Join us on the 12th and begin the delightful project of dreaming what can be achieved once spring is here. If you have been tidying out old garden magazines or books, bring them for the magazine table. New members are welcome.

Community Centre Update

The Christmas Dinner organized by the Community Kitchen volunteers was a great end of 2003 treat. Over 130 people came out and enjoyed good food and fine company. Thanks chefs, Linda Gray and Brad Leboldus, volunteer coordinator,

Sherry McGlenister and worker-bees: Karen Gair, Maureen McArdell, Quinn Gray,Dan Bingham, Jean McMullen, Reg Pollock, Jenny Hooper, Steve Moore, Julie Mellanby, Roy and Sherree Zimmerman, Heather Kellerhals, Ann Gregg, Barry Calverley, Jean Carefoot, Anna Belle Cameron, Sherry Hyndaman, Linda Vanderminne, Andre Cote, Marie Cyr, Cecile Valeriote, Paullette Marisi, Karla Thomson, Michael and Alice Beck, Edith Mueller. Appreciations to the following businesses and organizations who donated: Peoples Drug Mart, Quadra Videos, Hummingbird Office and Art Supply, Island Treasures, Café Aroma, Fermentations, Fat Cat Emporium, Legion #154, Heriot Bay Store, Land Pub, Quadra Foods, Colour Wheel, Beard Construction, Loven Oven, Valdez Energy.

(Apologies to anyone missed.)

The Winter/Spring 2004 recreation brochure is out. If you didn,t get one in the mail, check out the stores or come by the Q.C.C. There are lots of activities to choose from this Winter, so please, sign up and enjoy!

Sandy Spearing, 285 3243 8-2p.m. Monday-Friday.

Quadra Seniors Report

A wonderful Christmas Luncheon at The Discovery Inn, was held on Dec.15/03, where 75 Seniors,and guests,enjoyed a "Top-of-the-Line",Buffet feast. Thanks.' go to Sheila,coordinator,chefs and other staff, who catered to our every whim.

Our Musical guest,was Joyce Baker, who welcomed us in, by playing her lovely Harp, and later led us in singing carols, accompanied by music on a keyboard.

A Big hug goes to Joyce, for her gracious musical work. A Tribute was given to Jim Thomson our Tourist Booth Co-ordinator, and the many Seniors who man our booth, in the Summer, welcoming the many Tourists that visit our special Island. "Thanks to you all". Many prizes were drawn, by Erika Zylstra & Eleanor Kane, for about 20 lucky members. The Hands won a Breaksfast Buffet for two, Donated by Discovery Inn. Two of the Giftsl were won by Marshall & Betty Toele and Jack & Versal Hales. St. Nicholas & Black Peter were sung in by Our Dutch Quintet, everyone had a laugh when special awards were given to many Senior members,including a swat with a Feather duster. A Special Thanks.' Go to Hilda Van Orden (who is our latest 80 year old, and has the agility of an 18 yr. old) also, Cliff Hand, Annie Strong. The Dutch Quintet, John Zylstra,mMartin Amiabel, Hilda Van, Nieke and CeesmVisser,(who came all the way from Salt Spring Island, where they have recently moved).

A New Years Resolution will be made by Ruth and Martin Amiabel in 2004. "Never become stranded, below a steep driveway, in the winter, for over a week, again. All Ruth can say is "What a lousy way to take a Winter Vacation". Our next meeting will be held on Wed. Jan.14th 2004, at 10:30 a:m, come early and Gab, and exchange books. We are hoping To have as a guest, Dick Whittington to show slides and tell stories about his Family who have lived in the area for many years." All Seniors are Welcome" Young and Experienced—Contact people For 2004- are Ruth Amiabel 285-3801, Jean Carefoot 285-3740.

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Richard & America

Dear Editor,

I want to comment on the letter from the Quadra Community Association in your December 19 issue .

It mentions a "made on Quadra" Zoning Bylaw. I wonder where they think the draft recently withdrawn, was made? It happens that I was a member of the committee that worked on that draft. Our mandate was not to rewrite the whole existing Bylaw, rather it was to come up with changes to bring the Bylaw into legal conformity with the Official Community Plan. The OCP is the vision for the island that has been endorsed and voted on by the whole population.

Most of the members of the Bylaw draft committee were very long time Quadra residents and well respected members of the community. We discussed and argued about these bylaws for four years, countless meetings, and except for the planning staff, it was done as volunteers. The group discussing them consisted of island people (the Area J APC), over the years five different planners with their expertise and the legal opinions of the Regional District lawyers and, of course, the Director and Alternate Director. Members of the committee who usually showed up were, a shellfish farmer; a woodlot operator; an artist (home based business); a small tourist resort operator; someone who I don't have any idea how they finance their living; the spouse of a retired doctor; a small business owner; a person who previously had their own fish farm; and myself, an ageing hippie; as well as others who occasionally attended. If anything, small business was over represented. I, who came to live on Quadra permanently in 1989 was the newest member of the community on the committee. None of these people wanted to impose unreasonable restrictions, just ones that would protect the island lifestyle, we discussed, argued, compromised, and reached consensus. If you are familiar with doing things by committee you will appreciate how hard it is to reach consensus on issues that are polar and strongly held. We did not move on to the next topic until everyone present agreed they were willing to consent to what we had drafted, and many times we even reviewed and changed something we had previously done. Everyone was able to share their experience in the kind of work they were familiar with when we were considering how to make things like small business possible but keep them from becoming large scale operations that would adversely affect the rural character of the community mandated by the OCP. There was a lot to consider, we also had to try and insure that one person's freedom to do what they wanted to do would not adversely affect another's right to privacy, or freedom from nuisance.

The Bylaw drafts were made available to the public at the library, online, etc. and that fact was publicised in the D.I., which comes in the mailbox of everyone who allows bulk mail. It was just that, a draft, made public for people to comment on. Everyone was encouraged to comment, in writing, by email, by phone call to the planning staff. Through the whole process, there have always been mistakes and failure to get things written as the committee decided, Planners changed several times and possibly notes got lost. Every time we looked at a draft we had to point out errors and omissions. This kind of thing happens even with commercially published books and newspapers.

In our democratic society (which is, by the way, a representative democracy not a pure democracy), things are generally done by groups smaller than the whole population because that is more efficient. And there is nothing sinister about an appointed committee as long as diverse opinions are represented. Victoria and Ottawa don't generally ask us before laws are drafted, they usually don't even ask us before laws are passed.

In the letter, a statement is made that the APC (Advisory Planning Commission) members "wield enormous influence over land use matters on Quadra Island". Please note the "advisory" in the title, the APC makes recommendations based on their discussions but the actual decisions on land use matters are made by the democratically elected Directors of the Regional District. Call our Director if you have concerns about an issue. In the eight years I've been on the APC, I've more often felt "powerless" rather than "enormously influential". Even if it was practical to elect APC members, I don't see how you can have a proper election without incurring costs. It must also be remembered that the APC is for all of Area J, not just Quadra, although currently, only one member is from another island.

Getting a number of people together for a public meeting is a good way to send messages on how a portion of the population feels about issues. I wasn't one of the people invited to the first meeting of the QCA but I attended the subsequent public one and, frankly, I personally agree with some of the complaints about the draft I heard voiced there. However, when working on the draft, I compromised on some issues to reach consensus and certainly did not always manage to get things written the way I wanted them to be. Since I made those compromises in good faith as part of the committee, how can I have any integrity if I now disavow and renege on those compromises? If I did so, how could I expect anyone to be willing to compromise with me in the future? What I would like is for positive suggestions to surface and be considered, with people realising that some may feel harmed by rules that are written to protect the larger number.

The nature of public meetings is that some people will always be disenfranchised by their inability or unwillingness to attend. Some people work shifts and can't make it, some single parents can't find a sitter and some sensitive, yet intelligent people aren't willing to face the aggressive emotional atmosphere that is often manifest at such gatherings. It is difficult for a public meeting to have an impartially supervised secret ballot and without that, many will not feel the freedom to vote their hearts and minds. A group which represents a 10% turnout of the population is worthy of attention, however, it is still a special interest group. The democratic way we should be governed is through the proper, scrutinised, secret ballots of our Elections, not by who exerts the most pressure in between those elections.

Respectfully, Rodney Sumpter

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RDCS Responds to Community Association

RE: QUADRA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (QAC) LETTER OF NOVEMBER 29, 2003.

Thank you for your November 29, 2003 correspondence with regard to Zoning Bylaw No. 2538. On behalf of the Regional District, I apologize for the delay in responding to your Association's correspondence. We could not respond until after the December 11th Board meeting had taken place to be able to tell you the results of the recommendation made by Director Abram.

Subsequent to the November 25th "open house" to which the residents of Quadra Island were invited to attend to review and provide comments with regard to Draft #2 of Bylaw 2538, Director Abram, introduced the following motion at the December 1st Community Planning Services Committee meeting which was the very first opportunity after the open house took place. "THAT the Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw review be put on hold until 2004; AND FURTHER THAT Draft Two of the aforementioned bylaw be withdrawn, and all comment forms and information received on that Draft be retained for the future zoning bylaw review process". CARRIED

The Regional Board approved the above motion at its December 11th meeting. Copies of the Community Planning Committee minutes of December 1st and the Regional Board minutes of December 11th are attached for your reference. Regional District planning staff will be reviewing and addressing the comments received at the November 25th public meeting, as well as all other comments received prior to and after the open house. Staff will be examining each of the concerns and highlighting the differences as they relate to the Official Community Plan. Staff will be determining how to best proceed in the new year with bringing the current bylaw into conformity with the existing Official Community Plan, taking into consideration, staffing levels and budgetary constraints. A report and recommendations will be forwarded to a future Community Planning Committee for consideration. I would also strongly encourage you to work closely with Director Abram, as he is your elected representative to this Board.

With regard to your concerns about the Advisory Planning Commission and the possibility of electing an Advisory Planning Commission, the Local Government Act (LGA) is very specific. Put simply, it is not allowed under the LGA. Page 2 Regional District of Comox-Strathcona.

According to Section 898 an Advisory Planning Commission may only be established by bylaw.

Section 898 also provides for the composition and manner of appointment and the procedures governing the conduct of the commission. An "elected" APC is not provided for in the LGA.

For your information, it is the practice of all jurisdictions within this Regional District that have APC's, to appoint them as per the LGA. I have attached a copy of Section 898 for your reference.

I would like to thank the Association for bringing its concerns forward and want to assure the Association that Regional District staff will consider their concerns. Input from all community organizations is always welcome and is considered along with the input from all other groups and individuals.

Once again, I would encourage you to keep in touch with your elected representative so that he might consider your comments on issues along with those of the rest of his electorate. I know that Director Abram publishes regular articles in the *Discovery Islander* and hope that islanders take advantage of these reports so that they may be kept better informed of the many issues that must be considered by the Regional District. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Deborah Sargent, Manager, Community Planning Services.

Yours truly,

Bruce Williams

Chief Administrative Officer RDCS

Slippery When Wet

Our beautiful little island home is to say the least, isolated; very few people can handle the seclusion and the need to be completely self-sufficient.

So it should come as no surprise that we,re pretty careful around the water and accidents almost always happen to tourists, like the famed „propeller head‰ that was unfortunate enough to fall under his own boat and propeller. He survived and is still an endless supply of entertainment for locals.

Last week two men in a plane landed here on Read Island at the wrong time, it was not a mail day, they appeared to be federal urban bureaucrats, a very rare breed in these parts and instantly recognizable by their apparent inability to communicate outside their boxed-in environment and their unwillingness to mingle or be seen with the locals. I am told that this is typical behaviour for this particular species during mating season.

These two men and that plane came to Read Island at great expense to put signs up to tell us that a wet wharf could be slippery, complete with a caricature of a man tripping and falling, all on a beautiful, bright yellow, light reflective background, a true cautionary work of art.

You really have to think what goes on in a bureaucrat,s mind when he consciously spends thousands of our tax dollars to tell sea going people that deal with the ocean daily, in all types of weather and visibility, that it might get slippery when wet.

I don,t know if it,s made a tremendous difference here or if people are walking with greater care and diligence.

But on the other hand, these little signs would make great kayak rudders.

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Area J Regional Director's Report

A Happy New Year to everyone! Hope you are coping well with the snow and cold weather. As I write this report, I can see blue sky and the light of the sun on the trees outside my window... makes me realize how beautiful it is here and how lucky we are to live on such a beautiful island and how lucky we are to be alive at all in light of events in other parts of the world!

I have been thinking a lot over the holidays about recent events on Quadra. First thoughts would be about my disappointment with all of the negativity that took place around the Regional District (RDCS) Bylaw process. It was not the objection to their Draft Bylaw, but the manner in which it all unfolded. The personal attacks on me (this was not MY bylaw, folks!) and on the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) (this was not THEIR bylaw, folks!). The unfounded rumours. The hypothetical conclusions that were stated as logical consequences of the proposed changes. All of that could have taken place differently.

Like I said, I have thought a lot about this. I personally believe that dissent is necessary in order to get things right. It is healthy to have all points of view on the table at the same time for discussion. I have always encouraged this and will continue to do so. I was elected because I believe in local control and community involvement. My views have not changed. We still need both. The difficult part now that our island has grown and the demographics have changed, is trying to get all viewpoints on the table at the same time.

Quadra has been characterized as a "working island" recently by some. I agree. We are a working island and we are also an island made up of people that have worked here or worked elsewhere and that are retiring here. These people have some similar needs and some different needs and these needs must all be balanced if we are to continue to live together in harmony. We can make this happen. I know we can. We have done it in the past and we will do it again. But we must do it collaboratively and respectfully, not with selfish or ulterior motives. We need to look at the good of the island as a whole... all of its needs.

So, part of that thought process that went on throughout the Holidays was about what went wrong. I have some suggestions on what I think the problems might be and a few suggestions on how to fix the problems, whether real or perceived.

THE BYLAW PROCESS:

I am not going to get into too much on this subject. It was flawed. It didn't work. It is on hold indefinitely by Board resolution. I made the motion at the community's request. Done!...

The most asked question that I heard was "where did this come from?" (the initiation of the process to review the bylaw). I have explained this to the community countless times in this publication, in person and at the public meetings. I'll say it again.. simply....

The Official Community Plan (OCP) was completed in 1995 after a few years of community process. At its completion and adoption, we were told by the provincial government that we must review our bylaw to bring it into compliance with the OCP since there were items that had changed and items that were added in the OCP and the bylaw is the regulation that implements the OCP (the policy). That is WHY it was being done. HOW it was done was a lengthy back and forth between the RDCS planners and the APC. Planners and lawyers wrote the draft that was distributed. WHAT resulted, was a lengthy, overly complex, difficult to read let alone understand, unworkable document that had numerous errors. It has been scrapped. We are using our current by law #1213.

My SUGGESTION would be to consider the following....

1) There is little appetite for major change to the existing bylaw as has been expressed in the comments to the RDCS.

2) We have a requirement to meet certain basic needs of the Local Government Act

3) The "Keep it simple" theory applies in this case.

4) The RDCS is willing to just list the few changes that happened in the last OCP review and list the corresponding regulatory suggestions for our consideration to bring the OCP and bylaw into compliance. We could design how those were written, to meet the needs of Quadra Island, to the extent allowed in the Local Gov't. Act.

Short, simple and effective...

THE ALTERNATE DIRECTOR....

According to the Local Government Act, an Alternate Director is appointed by the elected representative for each Area of the RDCS and they then are sworn in just as the Director. They have the same powers as the Director IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DIRECTOR. I emphasize this since the Alternate has basically NO power as long as the Director is present. The Alternate by practice, is someone that the Director can work with and will put forward the same viewpoints as the Elected Director, who represents the interests of the community. It is not the position of the Alternate to go out and represent another viewpoint.

My Alternate Director has been called upon by me in a very few instances over the years to sit in my place at the Committee or Board table, and to take forward my comments on issues which I would have thoroughly familiarized myself prior to a meeting. In those rare instances of standing in for me, we have sat and gone over the agendas page by

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page and made sure that the views that I was wishing to express and the ways in which I would vote were made clear. After attending the meeting on my behalf, a debriefing would take place where I would be told the outcome of votes, etc.

There seems to be a perception by some members of the community that my alternate has a bias on some issues and that that bias carries through in the few meetings that have been attended. This did not happen, for the record. Everyone has biases. There is no disputing that. Her biases were not expressed at any meeting attended on my behalf. The perception is also that my alternate has some huge amount of power in decision making at the RDCS level. ABSOLUTELY WRONG!... My Alternate has done a great job for this community on my behalf, and has been very valuable to me on the few occasions that I have had to call on her to fill in.

My SUGGESTION would be (and I have talked this over with her) that I pick a new Alternate Director in whom no one could find fault (in other words, a saint!).....

1) Some of the community feel that bias is present, and since perception is reality, those people will not feel comfortable with my present choice of Alternate if the situation continues.

2) An Alternate only fills in when I am unable to attend a meeting (very rarely)

3) There are other people on the island that would be completely capable in the position as my Alternate

4) My Alternate has no desire to be part of a situation that causes conflict in the community

5) "Keep it simple" once again applies...

6) The present situation does not seem to be working, and since it appears not to be working, let's do something different! Not a big deal!

I will be appointing a new Alternate Director in January to alleviate some of the perceived problem.

THE ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION (APC)...

NOTE: I hope that all of you will read the letter from Bruce Williams, the Chief Administrative Officer of the RDCS elsewhere in this issue. *(Editor's Note: see page 11).* It will tell you some of the legal constraints that govern the APC and its formation.

When I started as Director, there was NO APC. This "advisory" group is totally optional. I chose to institute an APC to help me get a broader perspective on land use issues... to give me their opinions. They do not and cannot discuss items that are outside of land use. THE APC HAS NO "POWER"... they are advisory only. This is one thing that has been thrown around in the meetings and the articles and letters in a very misinformed manner. "They wield so much power", was one comment. NONSENSE! They advise, and I take it or leave it!

First of all, do you even know who is on the Area J APC and what their background is???? (the APC is not exclusive to Quadra Island)....

Over the years I have tried many methods of picking the APC... Geography/ Area of residence, Interest group, Official Association, Opposing points of view... The current APC has some of each of the above.

Here they are for your information... in alphabetical order, with a brief word on expertise brought to the table....

Owen Humphreys - Small business owner, Cemetery Trustee, and OAP member

Martha James - Small business owner, potter

Keith Liseth - Industrial logger

Robyn Mawhinney - Farmer, Chicken Rancher, "youthful back to the lander"

Don McEachern - Former Salmon farm owner, Salmon Enhancement Program

Jim Mitchell - Marine Engineer, Bold Point resident

David Oppenheim - Former NIC instructor, fine woodworker, former small business owner

Olivia Rousseau - retired Health Care professional, long time resident and volunteer

Paul Ryan - Harbour Master for Q. Cove and Heriot Bay, former management level employee at Walcan Seafoods

Joan Sell - Retired Resort owner, small business person

Rodney Sumpter - Computer specialist, Baker

John Wasyliw - Industrial Complex owner, entrepreneur, Aquaculture industry supplier, small business owner

Dick Whittington - Quadra Forest Products, Sawmill / Shake mill operator, Woodlot owner / operator

Judith Wright - Oyster Farmer, resident of Middle Rendezvous Island, liaison with Surge Narrows Community Association

I am NOT a member of the APC nor is my Alternate Director.

I hope you will see that I have tried to represent a broad cross section of the island and its interests. Could it be better? OF COURSE it could!!! How to make it better seems to be the question of the day. It cannot be elected according to the Local Government Act... HOWEVER....

My SUGGESTION would be the following...

1) First of all, be informed about the function, powers and make up of the APC. This is essential prior to making any decisions.

2) If election is the big hang up for a few people on the island, how about this...

3) Take each of the categories in the OCP (Residential, Rural, Commercial, Industrial, etc.) and get representative numbers of those people together to pick ("elect") two or three people that they feel would be reasonable people that could work with me and put their names forward to me for selection of one of them to be appointed (since that is the legal mechanism to be used).

4) Or, after looking at the makeup of the present APC, you feel that it is not such a bad situation, go with the status quo or some variation of that.

I put forward these possibilities for you to consider and give your feedback to me.

A short recap....

BYLAW...

I have no ownership of the bylaw process nor content. It is supposed to be OUR bylaw and OUR PROCESS, designed in conjunction with the RDCS. I think the solution I put forward is simple and would satisfy the legal requirements and allow us to move on with our lives.

ALTERNATE DIRECTOR...

I will appoint mine as per the Local Government Act in January.

APC...

I await your feedback, so that I may take it under advisement, prior to making any decision as your elected representative.

So, that is it for now...

Please remember that you can always get hold of me by one of the following: call 285-3355 between 8:30 am and 7:00 pm Monday through Friday (please do not call on weekends); fax anytime to 285-3533; or, email at abramfam@oberon.ark.com any time, day or night... I look forward to your comments and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

Director, Area J

New Year's Revolution

By Claire Voyent

Claire is off to Vegas to recharge her psychic batteries, and to win lots of loot….(Would you trust a poor psychic?) so I will be doing this column for her. ***Kay Sera Sera***

The question on everybody's mind at this time of the year is: Will I be able to keep my New Year's resolution. As in most things, the key to the future lies in the past; so, how you do in the new year depends on what you did on Boxing day.

I sat around on the couch like a stuffed pig: Your resolution was either to get fit or to stop smoking and you have as much chance of keeping that resolution as I do of turning ugly overnight. When you see all these fit people walking around, do you think they got that way by sitting on the couch wishing to be fit. Hey! get up off your butt and go to the gym. There's even good ones on Quadra and Cortes so don't use that excuse. And by the way buying a membership but only going for two weeks doesn't get you fit. As for smoking...you started to smoke because you thought it was cool, all your friends were doing it, and you thought it might piss off your parents. Does this sound like somebody with any strength of character? Since you have your head where the sun doesn't shine anyway, push it up a bit further and check out your lungs and then push it up a bit further and clean out your brain.

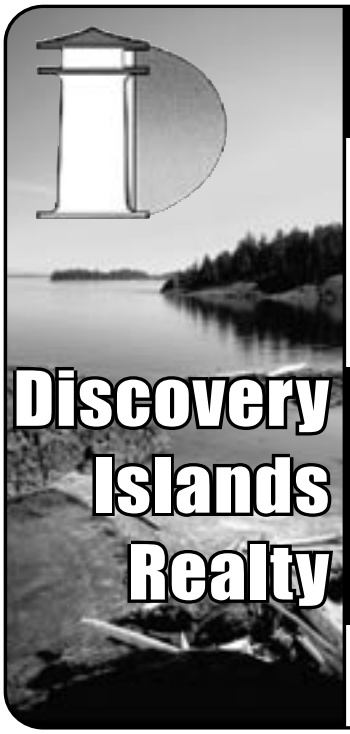
I cleaned up the house: Your success depends on the size of your resolution. If, for example, you resolved to divorce the guy who sat on the couch like a stuffed pig then your odds are not good. Start small. Resolve to save enough money to go on a holiday with your best friend. It's important not to make resolutions that take away from your meagre amount of happiness. Don't resolve to stop embarrassing your children in front of their friends, or to stop hiding the remote just before the Super Bowl or to stop grating Viagra onto his Cheesies.

I waited in lines all day looking for bargoons: You didn't make any resolutions because you're perfect just the way you are. The whole purpose of life is to amass useless things and you are well on your way being president for life of the *I Must Be Happy, Look at all the Stuff I Have Club*.

I visited family: Who can say what success is in your case? You made a wishy washy resolution like promising to be a better person or to do more about something or less about something. You have to set a goal that can be measured - I will tithe a certain amount of my money (if you're a literalist I guess that would be ten per cent) to a charity. I will refrain from playing my Franky Avalon and Celine Dion 8 tracks when there are people in the house who are still alive. I will not ask my father-in-law if he fixed that strange pinging noise in his car.

I played outside: Your resolutions tend to be associated with the activity you're involved in and the success rate depends on its safety factor. If you resolve to...ohh I don't know, never ski out of bounds in avalanche country or to stop cross checking the goon on the other team who's a bouncer at the biker bar then no, you won't succeed. If you have to make that kind of resolution then it's already too late. If you resolved to shave a second off your best time then you have a chance.

I went to work: Another group of people that didn't make resolutions. If you worked on boxing day then you're either too old to change, too grumpy to care or so young you think the rest of the world should change to suit you.



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Murphy's Musings

by Steven Halliday

Due to a conflict between age-old archenemies Microsoft and Apple, the quote from Paul Martin in the last *Viewpoint* was lost in translation. For the curious, here is what was missed; Martin, in response to the US denial of Canadian participation in Iraqi reconstruction contracts – *"Canada has demonstrated by its contribution that we want to participate in that, and that really is the principle, what ought to be the principle underlying value here, and that is how in fact do we endure the reconstruction of Iraq takes place as quickly as possible. I find it very difficult to understand the statement that was made."* Hopefully the confusion regarding the missing quotation did not detract from the main message.

Christmas brought me a bit of reading material, including two copies of Michael Moore's latest "Dude, Where's my Country?" and Rex Murphy's 1st collection of articles entitled "Points of View" (McLelland & Stewart – 2003). I will pass on my review of Moore's latest after I am through reading it, but I devoured Murphy's book immediately upon opening. In a word, the book is excellent, and further cements my opinion of Murphy as Canada's social commentator laureate.

The book, published only a few months ago, is a compilation of Murphy's commentaries from the *Globe and Mail*, CBC's "*The National*" and "*Cross Country Check-up*", and an occasional rant from the Ottawa Citizen, circa 2000 to present day. The content ranges from his views on George Bush and Iraq to the sad state of the cod fishery in Newfoundland, and all that falls between. Topical, amusing and insightful, I recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading the work of a true master wordsmith. What follows is a collection of snippets from the book that I found particularly striking.

Speaking to Ralph Klein's 3rd victory at the polls – *"We could say Ralph Klein and his Tories "won" on Monday night, but that's rather a puny way of putting it. When a steamroller passes over an ant, or a locomotive meets up with a Volkswagen, you don't say the steamroller "won." Or the locomotive "did pretty well." For the scale of the Alberta victory, I believe you have to understand that, given a couple of more votes and a favourable wind, Ralph would very likely have carried Saskatchewan as well."*

On comparing a Toronto snowfall in April to "down home" – *"Newfoundland winter is a bitter, melancholy, protracted, soul-testing season. Indeed, if memory serves, that old grim harridan Mother Nature sometimes begins her winter tune-ups down home as early as September. A sprinkle of hail here, a grotesquely premature snow squall there, a snap of frost on the Avalon, the bakeapple marshes rimed, their sad berries congealed – all this months before the lying calendar allowed it was winter. The great flood that swallowed the earth was said in the Biblical account to have lasted forty days and forty nights. A mere tease, a sprinkle, a flash, compared to the eon of snowfall in St. John's last year. The snowploughs, the few not buried, lost or burned out, were still at it in May."*

On a $15 million government study on why people get fat – *"I'm not a scientist myself – I'm putting in far too much time on global warming to make that claim – but if I may, I'd like to suggest just a couple of lines of inquiry. Now this may be radical, but I think they should look at food. Nor should I wish to prejudice the experiment, but I think the amount is important. Just a guess, I know, from a layman, but take a look at the food and the amount of food. And if there's anything left over from the fifteen million dollars, perhaps they could have a look at eating, too. Eating food, I mean."* Further into the article – *"It's only a hunch on my part, but I'm willing to speculate that people who eat a whole lot will on average weigh a lot more than people who only eat a little. A hummingbird weighs a lot less than a pig, and guess which one eats less."*

Rex's take on cigarette labelling laws – *"Morality should be symmetrical. If we're beaten with a stick for one vice, then we should be beaten with a stick of equal length and flex for a vice of equal allure. This isn't one of the rules of equity gnawed over by youngling lawyers while they're still filing their teeth in law school. Its evident even-handedness and clarity might be thought too much, possibly traumatic, for the little sharks-in-diapers of a profession that thrives on the obscure and the sinuous. I'm sure that when Alan Rock attended law school the rule of symmetry wasn't posted as part of the coursework. And judging from the remorseless pedantry with which he continues to run his health jihad against smoking, it hasn't polluted his mind. Mr. Rock is now campaigning to remove the signals "light", "mild" and "medium" from the packaging of cigarettes. The dental porn and knee-slapping impotence jokes, together with the apocalyptic health warnings that brocade every cigarette pack, are evidently not enough for the cause. Why stop with "light" and "mild"? Why not ban the alphabet? And while he's at it, forbid the purchase of cigarettes unless patron's enter a store and point at them mutely, while standing upside down on a case of beer and reciting an ode to tofu."*

In the same chapter (and vein) he refers to the government's hypocrisy – *"It sits, mute as moss and twice as lethargic, as explosive campaigns for beer depict to the young the paradise of fornication and stupor that awaits them with every cold and gassy swill."* Further, *"The federal government will do everything about smoking except the one thing that would wash its hands: stop receiving revenue from the vice. It can't preach out of one mouth and ingest the swelling revenue with the other."*

Rex Murphy's "Points of View" offers 293 pages of wit, wisdom and whimsy, all delivered in his usual crisp and barbed style. While not an entirely easy read (Murphy's attendance as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford is highly evident) the book offers a view of our country and it's inhabitants as seen by a someone with one foot in Goosebury Cove and the other in Toronto – unique hardly describes it. I give it 4 stars out of 5.

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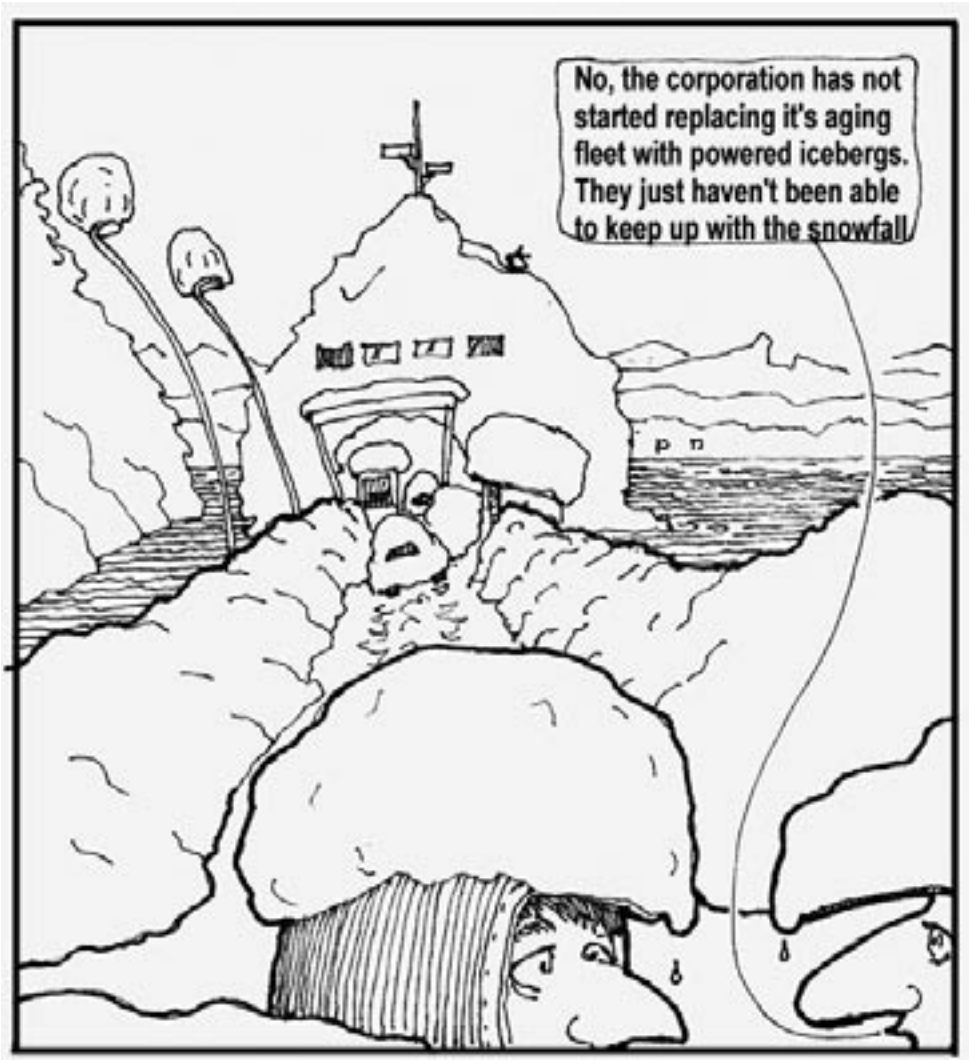

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Announcement regarding the Community Review for the

DRAFT Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw, Bylaw 2538

Please be advised that the Community Review process for the DRAFT "Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw, 2003" Bylaw No. 2538 has been put on hold. Thank-you for all of your written submissions and interest in the process to date. At the December 11, 2003 meeting the Regional Board passed the following motion, as submitted by Director Abram:

"THAT the Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw review be put on hold until 2004; AND FURTHER THAT Draft Two of the aforementioned bylaw be withdrawn and all comment forms and information received on that Draft be retained for the future zoning bylaw review process."

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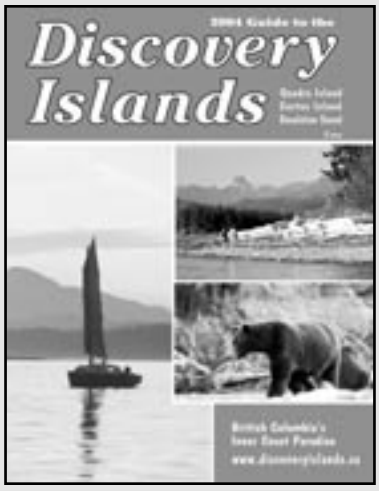

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Charting a Course: Islanders' Hopes for 2004

by Tanya Storr

The arrival of a New Year inspires resolutions and brings fresh hopes for the future. In this issue of the *Discovery Islander,* we asked a number of local residents to share their thoughts and wishes for 2004.

Jerry Benner, President of the North Island Woodlot Association, said his New Year's wish is to see the majority of the Tree Farm License (TFL) on Quadra turned over to woodlots, First Nations forest lands, and community forests.

"I believe that local control of forest lands produces more economic return for the community and a management style that better reflects the desires of the community," he said.

In regards to the review of the Quadra Island zoning bylaw, Jerry hopes the process will involve the input of all those participating in forestry and the wood processing industry.

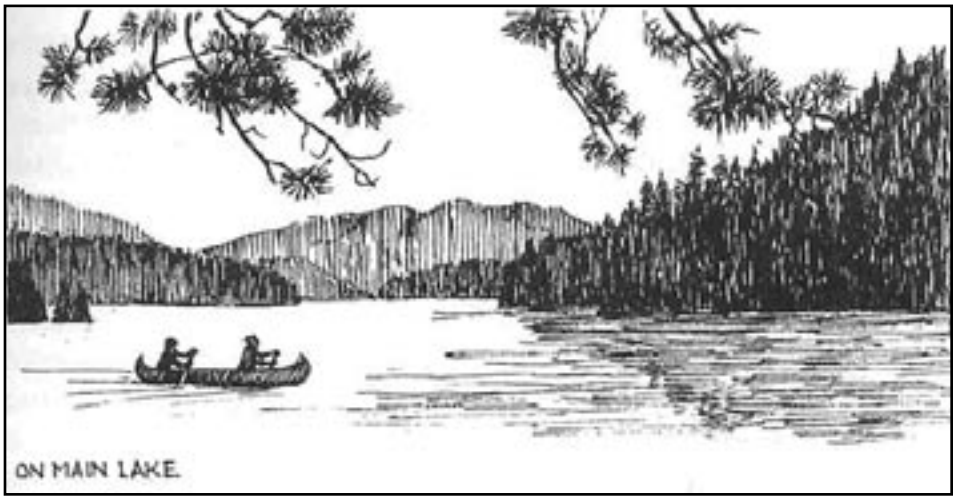
"I'd like to see results that are acceptable to the community," he stated.

Rod Burns is President of the Bold Point Tourism Training Centre and a Certified Professional Heritage Interpreter. His mantra for 2004 is that community members will find a mutual way forward when dealing with changes on the island.

Regarding tourism, he hopes that people working in the eco-tourism industry will take action as environmental stewards. This could involve buying and hiring locally, being aware of fresh water limitations, and taking into account the "carrying capacity" of natural places.

"We have to walk the talk. A particular campsite or estuary can only handle so many people per day."

Arts Alliance member Chris Thompson said his wish is for the arts community on Quadra to grow. In order for this to happen, people on Quadra need to begin to see the island as an artistic community. In particular, Chris believes we should focus on promoting Quadra artists to the rest of the world.



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As well, Chris wishes for a place on Quadra where artists can meet and work with other artists. The arts community would also benefit from critics, he went on to say.

"I don't think art can grow without discussion, any more than an athlete can improve without good coaching and competition."

Area 'J' Director Jim Abram said his first wish for the upcoming year is for peaceful and respectful resolution to any and all issues faced by Area J, and specifically Quadra Island.

"We went through some stressful times in the fall. We need to start working together on many of the things that need doing on the island."

One of the goals that Jim identified as a priority is the Local Area Plan for Quathiaski Cove.

"The waterfront area has been significantly altered due to BC Packers pulling out. It's important that we as a community decide how we want what once was a major working waterfront to evolve."

Jim said he also hopes to see the community design an Emergency Preparedness Plan for Quadra, in conjunction with fire, police, ambulance, and all other groups on the island.

"We have seen what disaster can do to other communities in this past year and we need to look at how we will handle such an event, should we be so unfortunate."

Also on Jim's wish list are resolutions to the public access issues at the Surge Narrows road end and the Granite Bay dock, and the supply of ADSL and high speed cable Internet service to the majority of the island in the near future.

"A prosperous, involved, caring and respectful community is what I envision for 2004 and beyond. I hope that all will work towards the same goal, and that people will call me whenever they are unclear on any issue regarding local government."

Val Barr, Secretary and Media Contact for the Quadra Community Association, said her hope for the New Year is that we all respect each other's individuality and

try to look through the eyes of someone whom we don't quite understand.

"A healthy community is one that talks openly and honestly about its problems and allows everyone, no matter their social or economic status, to participate as an equal partner."

Val said we can approach future zoning bylaw discussions aggressively, trying to make sure that our individual or group needs are addressed, or we can be progressive and try to understand with a holistic spirit what the community needs.

"It is a special group of people who possess enough tolerance to work together, and come up with appropriate solutions, when there are so many different points of view. I believe that on Quadra we do have that ability."

Writer and artist Hilary Stewart said one of her dreams is for the island to have a Quadra pioneer museum. The museum would bring together a lot of early material and old photos, presently held in many older homes and on their properties.

Another longstanding wish of Hilary's is for Quadra to have a public swimming pool.

"It would be located in Blenheim Park, perhaps east of the community centre, and staffed with volunteer lifeguards," she envisioned.

If the above wishes must wait for the future, Hilary has another request more easily fulfilled. She hopes for an end to all kinds of litter.

"Most of it is flung from vehicle windows, and lies soggy and ugly, until a caring person takes the trouble to pick it up and take it home for disposal."

Dee Conley, Administrative Director of Quadra Children's Centre, said that one of the centre's hopes for 2004 is that all children will be treated with love and respect. Another is that families will receive the support they need in their community.

A third wish is that the government will honour families by supporting systems such as childcare to enable families to be healthy and successful. And finally, Dee expressed the hope that everyone will be kind and loving to one another.

Quadra Seniors President Ruth Amiabel said one of her New Year's wishes is that Pharmacare go back to the way it was, so that low income seniors would have free prescriptions. She also hopes for more beds in local care homes.

One of her biggest wishes is for the seniors housing project on Quadra to receive a Federal/ Provincial Infrastructure Grant, to enable construction to begin.

"As it stands right now, a lot of seniors have to leave the island," she commented.

Ruth's husband, Martin Amiabel, said he wishes everyone good health, happiness, prosperity, and, above all, peace on earth.

"Without peace, everything else is inconsequential," Martin said.

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