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fax: 285-2236

The Regulars

- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** -Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre
- **Every Monday** - "Vision" Rev. Jill Brocklehurst on CRTL 9:30 PM
- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers -Community Centre, 7:30 to 9:30 pm
- "Vision" Rev. Jill Brocklehurst on CRTL 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM
- **Every Wednesday** -Community Lunch 12-1:30pm Community Centre
- **Every Thursday** -Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre
- Motorcycle Club meet 5pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- Prayer Meeting, 7:30pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
- Mo's Jam 9 pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- **Every Friday** -Live dance music 8:30 pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- Youth Group - Quadra Island Bible Church 7:30 pm
- **2nd Friday of Every Month** - Yak Shack 2 Upper Realm 7:30 p.m.
- **Every Saturday** - Farmers' Market and Bazaar 10am-2pm behind QCU
- 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** -Sunday School - Quadra Island Bible Church 9:45 am
- Silent prayer and meditation QI United Church (downstairs) 10:00 am
- Sunday Service QI United Church 10:30 am
- Positive Living Celebration, 10:30am Community Centre
- Worship Service 11:00am Quadra Island Bible Church
- Buddhist Meditation Upper Realm, Q.Cove Plaza 10 am.
- Jazz nights in the Heriot Bay Inn Pub every Sunday 6-9 pm 285-3539
- Children's Program - Centre for Positive Living - 10:30 AM
- **2nd Sunday of Every Month** - Praise and Worship Time, Q.I. Bible Church 7:00 pm

Next Deadline: Monday, June 6th 2005

Yes, Belinda, your next mission
is to subdue the Discovery Islands
for the Liberal cause.



Day by day

May 27, Friday

- 'Out of My Mind' pianist and composer Bruce Hipkin
7-9 pm at the Old SchoolHouse Gallery Cortes Island

May 28, Saturday

- May Day Celebration and dance Rebecca Spit
Parade 10 am Dance to "Aboubacar" QCC

May 29, Sunday

- Geshe YongDong on "Living Mindfully" Upper Realm QCC
11 am

June 1, Wednesday

- Quadra Seniors fun meeting & lunch Legion
10:30 am

June 4-5, Saturday - Sunday

- Quadra Island Artists 3rd Annual Studio Tour Various Locations
10 am-5 pm Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Sunday see page 12

June 6, Monday

- VISION - Special Guest Dr. Marlene Smith, Holistic Vet CRTL Channel 10
9:30 pm

June 10, Tuesday

- Quadra Quilters Guild QCC
9.00am - 2 pm

June 12, Sunday

- Master Sitarists concert QCC
7:00 pm

June 11-12, Saturday - Sunday

- 40th Annual Trout Derby Village Bay Lake
Rain or shine

June 11-12, Saturday

- Imago Dei Workshop 285-2958

June 13,14 & 15, Monday-Wednesday

- B.C.O.A.P.O.—2005- Prov. Convention QCC

June 14, Tuesday

- B.C.O.A.P.O.—2005- Banquet Tsa-Kwa-luten Lodge
6:30 pm

June 18, Saturday

- 20th Anniversary of the Quadra Community Centre Potluck etc. QCC

Island Calendar online: www.discoveryislands.ca/news

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. Current advertisers welcome to submit events but not-for-profit items will be given priority. Thank you.

On the cover



The Quadra Community gathers
for May Day formalities last year.
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Next Deadline

7 pm. Monday, June 6th

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Congratulations Cheryl!



Long time QCU staffer Cheryl Cartwright receives a gift recognizing her 30 years of service from Board President Jim Evans, Member Services Manager Ruth Rombough and General Manager Steven Halliday at the Credit Union's recent AGM on Cortes Island.

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News & Events

Imago Dei

A community drawn to Christ

We meet every Sunday at 4:00pm to inspire and encourage spiritual growth from a Christian perspective. For more information call John 285-2958

Quadra Children's Centre

Quadra Children's Centre would like to extend our heartfelt thanks once again, to this wonderful community. We received many donations of items for our recent fundraising garage sale, and there was a great turn-out of shoppers who generously donated to the centre. We raised about \$1400.00! Thank you Quadra Island for supporting us!!

Get 'Out of My Mind'

The Old SchoolHouse Art Gallery on Cortes Island cordially invites you to 'Out of My Mind' an informal evening of music recently created and recorded by Cortes pianist and composer Bruce Hipkin illustrated with stories about the music. Friday 27th May: 7-9 pm at the Old SchoolHouse Gallery. Admission by donation with all proceeds to the Gallery.

Everyone welcome.



Quadra homeschoolers pick up litter along West Rd. photos submitted by Sandy Spearing

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Geshe YongDong Speaks

"Living Mindfully" is the topic of Geshe YongDong's talk on Sunday, May 29 in the Upper Realm at 11 a.m. Suggested donation is \$10 for the seminar. Call Steve or Danielle for more info. at 285-3323

Island Culture

There is a new journal of island culture called "Up Your Inlet." If you have some art work or photos or poems or short stories, please submit them by e-mail to Chris Thompson at ctom@telus.net or drop stuff off at the Upper Realm with Mimi. The first issue is out on July 15, 2005. It will be free, it will be cool, it will be up your inlet. Call Steve at 285-3323 for more info.

To the person who stole the new adirondack chairs from the Heriot Bay Inn: those chairs were for everyone's free enjoyment and you've proven yourself the scrooge of summer! May you be haunted by splinters and rainclouds. Or, return them and the curse is lifted.

Lost

Lost - A Wave Tek meter on April Point Road or West Road. Black canvass bag. Reward offered. Call Gulf Islands Cable at 1-877-666-8221 or Mal at 285-2772


Mo's Jam

Every Thursday night is an opportunity for every drinking age musician on the island to Jam with Mo.





Mikes & amps are provided. Bring your guitar or piano or voice or whatever & just plug in & have fun. Sometimes Shirley Locks & the Bears come, sometimes poetry is read and sometimes people play blues harp for the first time on stage. No cover & lots of sitting & dancing room on Thursday nights. 9 p.m. to midnight at the Heriot Bay Inn Pub.







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at the Library**

Summer is almost here and our island communities are so beautiful at this time of year, it's difficult to lure people from their gardens and the great outdoors. But your local library has many seasonal attractions, and one very special summer program for children.

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Club is Undercover Reader, with an exciting variety of booklists, activities, incentives, and prizes for children who participate by signing up (free!) at your local library at the end of June.

Summer Reading Club reaches out to all ages: Read to Me for pre-schoolers; Summer Reading Club for independent readers up to Grade 7; and new this year – an on-line Teen club for readers 13 and up at www.teensrc.ca.

Last year, for the first time, budding writers had the opportunity to sound their opinions by writing book reviews, posted on the VIRL website. In 2004, more than 5300 children participated in the Summer Reading program throughout VIRL's service area. We have many witty, wise and talented readers, and we want to do everything we can to promote their skills and interests.

This year we'll be doing the same, plus offering online literacy games and activities relating to the theme of Undercover Reading on the VIRL website at www.virl.bc.ca.

The more a child reads for the Summer Reading Club, the better their chances to win prizes in the weekly prize draws at their local library. But that's only a small incentive compared to the long-term benefits of keeping reading skills and interests sharp over summer vacation.

If you're planning a family trip, don't forget that children can borrow from and return books to any of VIRL's 37 branches, from Haida Gwaii in the north to Sooke in the south, and Bella Coola on the central mainland coast.

On May 7 I indulged in my annual pre-summer, all-day literary event – the 19th annual Vancouver Island Children's Book Festival, held at Malaspina University College. The day was perfect for the outdoor events, happy children were everywhere, and Canadian authors were abundant. This year's event drew more children from outside the Nanaimo area than ever before, and I could tell from the bulging bags of author-signed books at the end of the day, that once again, the magical connection between authors and children had been made.

Next month – Summer Road trips without spending a cent on fossil fuel...

Susan Yates - Coast Library Manager

**Contemplative Prayer
Workshop**

On Saturday, June 11th, Imago Dei (Quadra) will host a workshop led by Rob and Ruth Des Cotes on the practice of Contemplative Prayer.

Rob pastors Fairview Church in Vancouver, Co-Directs Imago Dei with Ruth, and directs the Vancouver Artists' Network (www.manifestarts.com), an organization recognizing God's creativity and communion through the Arts. Ruth is also on staff with A Rocha International - Christians in Conservation (www.arocha.org).

We'll begin with an introduction to this practice, which was widely accepted and used by the Early Christian Church and can have a profound influence on our spiritual growth. There will be opportunity for guided group Silent Prayer and we'll end with an Evening Contemplative Service which is open to the community.

Please join us on Saturday, June 11th from 10:00am – 4:00pm (lunch provided), with the Contemplative Prayer Service to follow at 7:00pm.

Registration will be by donation to cover expenses. For more information and to register, please call 285-2958 before June 6th. Imago Dei (Quadra) meets every Sunday @ 4:00pm.

**Quadra Island Slo-
Pitch League**

Scores from the last two weeks:

Dream Team 23 - Guns 'N' Hoses 8
Keltics 16 - Rowdies 8
Diamond Junkies 26 - Gringos 7
Keltics 10 - Guns 'N' Hoses 8
Keltics 14 - Guns 'N' Hoses 10
Dream Team 16 - Chuckers 4
Diamond Junkies 29 - Misfits 7
Diamond Junkies 10 - Guns 'N' Hoses 8
Dream Team 25 - Misfits 6
Keltics 26 - Gringos 5
Guns 'N' Hoses 17 - Chuckers 1
Dream Team 14 - Keltics 8
Rowdies 23 - Misfits 5

Despite a battle with Mother Nature the QISPL managed to pull off the invitational tourney. Thanks to everyone who managed to pull it together for one of the most successful tourneys ever. The dance at the Legion was packed and Bad Fish put on an incredible show.

Thanks to Ray, Kevin, Scott and Dallas.

The playoffs were split into four divisions with the Silver Bullets winning A division and Gold River Athletics taking B division. C division went to Union Bay Hosers while the Chili Peppers were the winners of D.

Chris Rendalls Chuckers took the most sportsmanlike team award.

Legion News

CASINO NIGHT scheduled for June 18 has been cancelled in favour of a private function. New date for the Casino will be announced in this space &/or in the Hungry Eye. Watch for it - then come out for a super evening of fun 'n games.

OUR THANKS go to Discovery Island Realty for sponsoring the May \$50 cash draw. Next draw will be Sat., June 25 courtesy of BC Land & McKenzie Coastland InsuranCentre, Quathiaski Cove. To date, 22 Quadra businesses & one individual have been, or will be, our cash draw sponsors. We thank you, one & all - your support of the Quadra Legion is very much appreciated. Has your business been a sponsor yet? If not, leave a message for Barb at 285-2258 & we'll get back to you with the details. We would love to have you come aboard!

MEAT DRAWS are held at the Branch every Saturday, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Every half hour there is a new draw for four packages of meat (16 in all). If you don't win one of these, don't worry - the final draw has an extra "loser's" draw. Plus - for every strip of 3 meat draw tickets you buy, we give you one (1) ticket for the month-end \$50.00 cash draw. Plus - at the end of each meat draw there is a pull-tab draw. Purchase as many 25 cent pull-tabs as you want (don't open them), put your name on them & if your name is drawn, you get to open all the pull- tabs (9 times out of 10 you will get your investment back). Then after the meat draw, stay for our

SATURDAY DINNERS at the Legion - "Chef Sylvia" (formerly of the Minstrel Island Resort) creates a different menu each week - great food at reasonable prices! Dinners are served from 6:00-8:30 p.m. so bring the family & give them a try.

In this, the YEAR OF THE VETERAN, we pause to say "thank you" to all who have ever served in the Armed Forces of Canada or its Allies. Each of you has made a contribution to the peace & freedoms we all now enjoy in this great country of ours. Bless you!

May Day Dance

Saturday May 28, 8:00 pm

This year the May dance is fortunate to have Doundounba a band from Guinea. Aboubakar Camara leads Doundounba in performing West African amasumbou music - a mingling of musical traditions - including ancient Guinean rhythms and popular West African dance-driven melodies of mandeng guitar.

Their instrumentation is equally diverse, incorporating the balafon (xylophone), djembe (hand drum), doun doun (bass drum), kirin, (slit log drum played with sticks), and gongoma (gourd) alongside electric and bass guitars and the drum kit.

The result is dance hall world music alongside traditional percussion, a combination that gets everyone on their feet dancing or moving in their seat. On Stage, Aboubakar and his sister, Sekou Sylla, both from the Guinea national dance company, perform extraordinary dance moves, with speed, energy and style, which are thrilling to watch

Many of Aboubakar's original lyrics promote qualities such as kindness, unity and joy, and others make inquiries into the human condition and the challenges that face a diverse society.

This range and excellence in African music make Doundounba's sound stand out in the World Music community. Their compelling presentation and the vibrant atmosphere make this group one you won't want to miss!

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THANK YOU !

Our Son Nico was born at 4:40am on Saturday May 7th, the day before mothers day. The emergency crews were called out at 2:30am arriving only minutes later.

THANK YOU so much to the first responders of the fire department, both paramedics, the ferry crew, the wonderful doctor and nurses of the Campbell River Hospital, who all made this into a great experience, even in the middle of the night. We are fortunate to have these wonderful people in our community.

Bernard, Marion, Lisa and Nico Eberlein

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Women's Healing Circle

Hello ladies, I am announcing the birth of a new concept: Please pass this on to your friends, those of you who came to my first workshop, or wanted to but couldn't, and have been confused about what happened since then, etc....

I am starting a group for women who want to be supported in their journey as healers, mentors, parents, and just ordinary human beings in relationships! Using hands on healing as a metaphor, we are learning how to grow in our integrity in all of our relationships. This is a combination of giving and receiving hands on healing (supervised by me), with time for a check in and feedback on your own personal goals. Examples of a goal might be learning to manage your own energy around dependents, or how to hold a 'healers stance' without becoming drained, or how help without taking on other people's negative 'stuff'. This is a very safe setting with no more than 8 women. In summary, the idea is we have a little more personal/"spiritual" (don't be put off by that word, I mean it in the most generic possible sense!) journey of the healer check in and discussion, but still some hands on practice and getting worked on like we have in the workshops!

This Women's Healing Circle will meet every other week for 2 hrs for 3 Monday evenings, take a break (unless you contact me to spontaneously meet in July or August), then resume in September.

Here is the schedule:

Monday May 30th, Monday June 13, and Monday June 27th, from 7 to 9 p.m. in my cabin on the south end of Quadra. The cost is \$15- 20 sliding scale for each evening.

We would tentatively restart on Friday Sept 9th, 7- 9 p.m., and Friday Sept 23rd, 7-9 (I suggest you mark your calendars with a question mark for now).

I am also hoping to bring someone up here to teach CranioSacral Levels 1 and 2 in the Fall, and my group would be really ripe for that.

We have to have enough people interested to make it happen! currently, I am qualified to supervise CranioSacral students who have taken official CST (CranioSacral Therapy) classes, and will eventually be qualified to teach all levels of CST (hopefully by next Spring).

Please call with your questions and requests!

Phone: 285 2776

Thank you!

Be well,

Catriona

Quadra Seniors- BR. 91-B.C.O.A.P.O.

Our regional meeting, on Texada was cancelled because of bad weather. We travel by boat, because of ferry cut-backs. It was a great disappointment, to 24 members from Quadra and Campbell River Clubs, we were to have an Island Tour, and a tour of LaFarge Limestone Quarry. We are sprucing up our Tourist Booth, Stephanie Webster with the help of Judy Hagen, having been doing a great job. We opened early, for the Baseball Tournament, we will also be helping with the Island Art Tour, and Garden Tour. 24 members went on a Bed & Breakfast tour, an all day event. We had a great time looking at all the lovely homes our Tourists can stay at. We had lunch at Taku Resort, provided by Heriot Bay Inn. Great improvements, and additions have been done at April Point Lodge, with the guidance of Joel, one of the managers, we had a tour of the new Oriental design Sauna and specialty service building. We all received a large brochure with a Gold Fishhook on it from Oak Bay. Heriot Bay has tremendous improvements, the large dining room is now built in, also a large deck and patio, overlooking the ocean, we had a pleasant tour with Bernie, and all received a package brochure. At Taku we had a fun slide show and a talk too. Many Thanks to Susan Wilson, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Kayaking drivers, Nadene & Jack Mar who drove us all over the island. Our next meeting will be held at the Legion, on June 1st/05 at 10:30a.m come at 10:00a.m and have a book browse and a chat, with our members, we will have entertainment arranged by Judy Hagen. A new list of Boat Trips will be ready to go on for your Summer excursions. We have a Computer Group, contact person is Cliff -285-2646. Walk on the Spit at 11:00a.m with the gang, call Peter-285-3237. Tai- Chi and Carpet Bowling will rest until September. Many Thanks to Annie Strong and Christine Dyson, for your hard work. Our meetings will stop in June and proceed again in Sept. many activities continue over the summer For membership contact Cliff-285-2646 or Ruth-285-3801— Our Big event, the B.C.O.A.P.O. 2005 Provincial convention is being held On Quadra June 13,14 & 15, at the Recreation Centre—The Banquet will be held June 14th at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge. Thank-you for the support of many businesses on Quadra

for your support-we expect over 150 Seniors, from all over the Province, to attend. Look for our Raffle Tickets—with Bob Brown 285-2907—and Pres. Ruth Amiabel—3801 Thanks again to donors to the Raffle Karen Gair with help from Sharon Hatelt For the 1st prize —\$400 Fan Queen Quilt 2nd Walcan Seafood Prod.—a case of 24 Wild Sockeye Salmon—value \$100.00 3rd & 4th-Fred Davidis— Norwegian- goat Hair woven wall hanging Value app. \$75.00 An Oil Painting-of Water through a gorge Value app- \$50.00 Also donated for a special in house raffle A Yellow Cedar, Secretary Desk, 1700 Spanish design, made and donated by Fred Davidis a local Artist and European Carpenter—approx value \$800—contact Ruth- 3801—Welcome to all Young and Experienced Seniors.

Letz Sing!

The growing Letz Sing Community Choir, which included ninety registered singers last term, will begin a new term in three locations on the mid-coast in May.

For thousands of years people have come together in communities to sing in joy, grief celebration, and as a background and rhythm to their labor. Based on the working principles and philosophy of the "Gettin' Higher Choir" of Victoria, the Letz Sing Community Choir seeks to reintegrate singing into every day life, by providing weekly opportunities to learn melodies and harmonies in a relaxed and accepting atmosphere. Songs are taught step by step in the oral tradition. The repertoire includes music from a diversity of origins and cultures. There is no commitment to perform, we sing for ourselves and each other.

There is a wonderful blend of seasoned, confident singers and soon to be confident singers at each of the weekly gatherings. No experience necessary, if you have never sung in a group before, this is the perfect place to give it a try.

Singing charges the brain, revitalizes the body and lifts the spirit

Come join us and sing for the joy of it. All voices welcome! Quadra Island June 20th 7 sessions/\$49 Monday 3:00-4:30pm Quadra Recreation Community Centre

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Mitlenatch Marine Park

Mitlenatch Island appears to drift with the tides, floating and shimmering in the middle of north Georgia Strait. This illusive quality is captured in the Salish people's translation for the First Nations name for the island, which is said to mean "moves as you move." On May 28 the public will have an opportunity to visit this intriguing and beautiful little island on a field trip co-ordinated by the Cortes Island Museum.

Participants will depart from Cortes Island on the motor / sailing vessel CEMisty Isles. According to the naturalist and skipper for the tour, Mike Moore, spring is an excellent time to visit the island. "We'll see stellar sea lions on the rocky south shore, where they stay for a few months during their coastal migration." Another highlight on a spring visit, says Moore, is the profusion of wild flowers in the bloom.

Mitlenatch Island was designated as a provincial park in 1961 to protect the hundreds of wildfowl that nest off the rocky headlands of the island. 3,000 pairs of glaucous-winged gulls nest there, laying their eggs directly on the rocks. Visitors to the island will also see pelagic cormorants nesting on the steep south cliffs, pigeon guillemots, oystercatchers and countless other birds.

The park, which is the largest bird sanctuary in the Strait of Georgia, is protected from predators. Another attraction is the dry, warm climate, lying as it does in a "rain shadow." Rain bearing clouds drop more than half their moisture on Vancouver Island. As a consequence, Mitlenatch receives only 75 cm (30 inches) of rain per year compared to 153 cm in Campbell River. In the resulting warm environment prickly pear cactus, sporting soft yellow blooms, grow on Mitlenatch.

Mike and Samantha Moore, your naturalist guides, will provide a wealth of background information on the birds, mammals and plants on the island. They will be joined local historian Jeanette Taylor, who will entertain participants with tales of First Nations myths and the Native people's use of the island. On route she'll describe the lifestyle of the British and Spanish mariners who explored and mapped this area in 1792.

Participants will travel on the 8:30 a.m. ferry to Quadra Island to link with the 9:05 ferry to Cortes Island for a 10:30 a.m. departure from Cortes Bay. The fee for this day trip is \$90. For more information on this and other museum tours call 250-935-6340 or email <mailto:cidas@island.net>cidas@island.net. Other trips planned in the Cortes Island Museum's field trip series include a two-day visit to the waterfalls of Toba Inlet aboard the Misty Isles, on June 15/16 and a tour around Maurelle Island on July 23.

Celebrating Quadra Island's 40th Annual Trout Derby

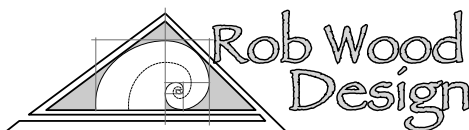
Forty years strong! This year's trout derby is bound to be a great weekend for all! Time to get your fishing gear gathered up as the derby will be held June 10th-12th at Village Bay Lakes. Registration starts Friday at 6:00pm until 12:00 noon on Sunday at the bridge. Entry fees are \$5.00 for children 15 years and younger and \$10.00 for everyone 16 years and older.

Cash prizes will be handed out to the lucky children and adults for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd largest fish caught. There will also be prizes for hidden weight and an entry prize and more! This year we are raffling off a pontoon boat with an electric motor, valued at over \$800.00. The draw will take place Sunday June 12th after the final weigh in at 3:00pm at the bridge. Tickets are available at island Treasures or Hummingbird Office and Art Supply until Friday June 10th. Tickets are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. We will also have t-shirts available for \$20.00 each/ This year's proceeds will be going to the D.A.R.E. program to benefit our children at Quadra Elementary School.

Come and enjoy the weekend, lots of fun is had by all. great fishing stories from past and present derbies are shared with family and friends! If you're not into fishing come up and join us for a burger and on Sunday morning "Beaver" will be hosting a pancake breakfast.

Come and try your luck, who knows maybe your name will be the one added to the trophy as the 40th annual Trout Derby winner! Hope to see you there.

For more information you can contact Darlene Richard 285-2851, Laurel O'Connor 285-2382 or Sally Bradshaw 285-3608.



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Please be advised that the wharf system, moorage and amenities including gas, groceries and lodging have been discontinued.

Please update your charts to reflect the closure of Big Bay Marina.

Grants Available To Support Family Programs

Building Blocks is an initiative focused on strengthening families with young children. The Campbell River and Area Building Blocks Advisory Committee (B-BAC) has used funding from the Ministry for Children and Family Development to develop an array of programs under the Family Place banner.

Family Place is about creating opportunities for children and their families to come together in healthy, wholesome family connected activity. It is about creating a family friendly community that recognizes healthy interdependence as a requirement of healthy family and community development.

Partnerships with C.R. Family Services, Parks and Recreation, C.R. Child Care Society, and PacificCARE have created drop-in programs free of charge for families to enjoy together. The details of the Family Place programs can be found at the Downtown Community Centre and in the Parks and Recreation program guide.

Campbell River and Area B-BAC is excited by the success of Family Place and the capacity of communities to understand their own needs and find innovative ways to meet them. B-BAC has allocated \$25,000.00 (in total) to share with the outlying areas of Tahsis, Gold River, Sayward, Cortes Island and Quadra Island. These communities are invited to submit small and moderate proposals for enhancement and/or innovative programs that meet B-BAC criteria to

1. promote healthy pregnancy, birth and infancy
2. Improving parenting and family supports
3. Strengthening community supports

The Committee is inviting registered societies to apply for funding beginning with a Letter of Intent. This first stage consists of a short summary of the proposal to determine basic suitability of the project. Deadline for these is June 10, 2005. These will be reviewed and projects will be chosen to apply for funding available in September 2005.

For a copy of the guidelines and Letter of Intent application form please contact Joyce McMann 204-0687 or Kathy Rae 286-9790 or e-mail joyce.mcmann@crcn.net

Basic Hands on Healing Workshop

Saturday, May 21st, from 4 to 8p.m. on Quadra! Catriona O'Curry, Certified CranioSacral Therapist, and experienced Group Facilitator is hosting this next workshop in her cabin near Francisco Point, on the south end of Quadra Island. The cost is \$30 for the evening. No experience necessary!

This workshop is open to beginners as well as experienced hands on healers. My goal is to help you to access, follow, and deepen your intuition. Group size is limited to eight people, so it will be a nice intimate group. There will be a break for dinner, so bring something to eat (you will have easy access to a kitchen)

Bring a friend or a family member and practice on each other! Discounts available. It is not too late to register! Please call for directions: (250) 285 2776.

Farmers Market

The Quadra Island Farmers Market & Bazaar takes place each Saturday (rain or shine!) from May through the end of September 10 AM - 2 PM, behind the Qudar Credit Union. Set-up begins at 8 AM - no early birds, please! The fee for setting up is still a low, low \$4.00 for adults and \$1.00 for kids. Due to extremely limited space, all vendors must be residents of Quadra & the Outer Islands.

Food vendors are more than welcome! We should like to remind you that there is to be no food preparation on site, and suggest that food vendors contact the Health Authority at 287-2818 in order to make themselves aware of any regulations they may have.

Please leave your dog at home. Due to numerous complaints, we have bowed to the majority and are really discouraging dog presence at the Market. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Parking for Market customers is off Green Road - the Credit Union parking lot is for the use of thier customers, while doing business at the Credit Union.

While many of you have been using the Market parking area for ferry parking during the week, we must ask that you please cease this practise. This is privately held land, and the owners have been gracious enough to allow us to use it for Market parking on Saturdays. However, their intention was never to have this turned into a full time public lot, and due to garbage & maintenance difficulties have decided that Ferry parking must stop. Please make alternative parking arrangements.

For more information, regarding the Market, please call: Dalyce 285-3180, Pauline 285-2076 or Linda 285-3952.

Writer's Contest

Last chance for the writing contest. Deadline has been extended to Wednesday, June 8, 2004. The topic for the writing contest is "The Most Memorable Experience I had at the Quadra Community Centre." The poem or short story must not exceed 700 words. The finished work can be given to Sandy Spearing at the Quadra Community Centre 970 West Rd., Box 10 Quathiaski Cove, B.C. V0P 1N0. No e-mails please. The poem or story should be on a separate sheet of paper and left unsigned. Another enclosed separate sheet of paper should list the title and author. First prize is \$100, second prize is \$50 and third prize is \$20. For more info, phone Steve Moore at 285-3323. The winning work will be read from the stage at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Community Centre on Saturday, June 18th. The winners will also be published in the first issue of the new island literary journal called "Up Your Inlet."

Quadra Philippines Connection News

The following is a recent letter from Elena Malindao, local coordinator of the IAT daycare/preschool programs in the northern Philippines that Quadra has been supporting for the past decade. Dear Carol and Quadra Island Community, Greetings of peace from the Philippines! It is already our vacation time and our daycare programs had their closing exercises on March 29th. I attended all of them and Mr. Sisan Paut, president of IAT Philippines, was their guest speaker. It was a success and I could see the excitement and happiness of all of the parents. There was an obvious difference in the children's attitudes/performance

during the ceremony from when they first started last June 2004. They now show confidence, excitement and an eagerness to participate. The parents appreciated very much the children's knowledge of counting, writing names and their joy of singing. Although they learned only basic numbers and alphabet, the parents felt this was a big achievement. I am quite happy at hearing the parent's positive reports saying that our efforts have helped their children.

From our Nambaran and Lacnog daycare programs, 35 children are going on to grade 1 and 18 children will remain in preschool for another year. Because of tribal conflict, some children had to drop out during the school year and return to their barrios (villages). A few children dropped out because of parents' unwillingness to contribute a very minimal amount either in money or rice towards the teacher's salary. But mostly we have been receiving positive support. Many other villages are requesting daycare programs in their communities but our funds are not sufficient to accommodate them all. We are planning to add one this coming June and hopefully it will be okay with our budget. Please know that your financial support to our programs is really a big, big help to the children here. There is a real need to establish daycare centers but our department of education doesn't cater to preschool and parents cannot afford it. We know that money is difficult to raise and we appreciate so very much your efforts in providing our child care budget as well as your concern towards these children whom you do not know and have never met. Who knows-maybe in the future they will thank you in person! Thank you very much and may God reward all of you for the love and generosity that you extend to the children here. Good luck and more power! Respectfully, Ms. Elena Malindao p.s. Included are photos from our closing program!

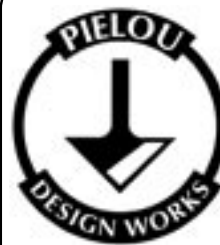


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First Nations cultural heritage and
tradition explored through wood,
silver and dance.

While more than 20 artists keep
their studios open year round,
most visits are by appointment. The
Studio Tour is an opportunity to see
them all on a drop-in basis and many
of the artists will be doing special
demonstrations..

Studio tour tickets are \$5.00/
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at the Sanskrit University in Varanasi, India.
At the age of five he began his vocal studies
with his father Bandar Mishra and his uncle
and guru Pandit Mahadeve Mishra. He has
performed with western performers such as
Paul Horn, David Freezen and John Handy.

He is doing a tour of Western North
America with his son, Deobrat, who has
been studying the sitar with his father for
the last 20 years. Deobrat is considered one
of India's premiere and promising young
sitar players. He is seventh generation in the
"Benares Gharana" and began his studies
with the tabla and vocal training at the age
of five. In 2000 he received the "Jewels of
Sound" award, the Indian equivalent to the
Grammy award.



The Mishras will be accompanied by tabla
and tamboura players. They will perform an
evening of classical Indian raga throughout
which there will be times when it appears
as if the sitarists are competing with each
other in counterpoint, coming together in
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meditation. It will be an amazing evening
and will expose us to the intricacies of
music developed over thousands of years
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Tickets are on sale at the Quadra Crafts
and Hummingbird Art and Office supplies
for \$15. Some tickets will be available at the
door for \$20.

The Mishras will also conduct a vocal
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News From The Quadra Preschool

The year is almost at an end and the preschool would like to thank all the people who supported us this year—those who helped with odd jobs, supported our fundraising events and helped us financially. Thanks also to Sandy Spearing and the Community Centre for their loan of chairs for the magic show, the Heriot Bay Store for the hot dog buns and the Lovin' Oven for the bread for the Jugglefest. Thanks also go out to the businesses who advertised in the program for the show; Whisky Point Resort, Hummingbird Office Supplies, TsaKwaLuten, Quadra Foods, Michel Simard, Enert Computers, Marlena's Salon, Island Treasures, All Clear Septic Service, People's Drug Mart, Discovery Island Realty, Quadra Island, Café Aroma, Quadra Credit Union, Doug Peters Excavating, Cape Mudge Boat Works, Audrey's Organic Produce, Thrifty Foods, Q Cove Auto Repair, Lovin' Oven, April Point Lodge, Quadra Island Building Supply, Isle Tech Auto Service, Melary Towing, Quadra Taxi and Tours, Landing Pub, Angus Acres, Heriot Bay Store, AJ Contractors, Quadra Chiropractic, Harry's Plumbing and Heating, Beard Construction, Fermentations, Jeannie Schweitzer, MM Johnson, On Route Greenhouse, Village Hair Salon, Karen Ann Lakberg, Heidi Ridgeway and Amped on Nutrition.

We are hosting an Open House on June 7th and 9th between 9:30 and 12 noon. Please drop by and check out the preschool with your 2? to 5 year old and experience the magic.

Our beloved teacher, Baerbel, is leaving at the end of this year and we are seeking an ECE certified teacher for next year and beyond. We are accepting applications until June 15th. Call Nina James at 285-3491 for more information.

The most important part of any preschool is the children, and this year has been a great one for this wonderful group. Congratulations and good luck to the children who are graduating this year and going on to kindergarten in the fall, and we look forward to meeting all the children who will take their places next year.

Me and My Shadow

Rev. Jill Brocklehurst

I have this bag I carry around and in it I put all the undesirable aspects of myself. Some of them are considered 'negative' traits unacceptable in our culture, others, well, my friends made fun of me so I decided to tuck that part of myself away to avoid abuse and ridicule. This bag of mine gets heavier and heavier.

What I know about life is that my thoughts create my reality. What I am wondering, since I have learned to be such an agreeable person, why on earth do I meet such irritating individuals? I guess they just aren't like me! Right?

Wrong. If I recognize situations or individuals that I disregard, the truth is I am projecting a part of myself I have thrown away and put in my bag. At first when I learned this principle I thought it to be impossible. "How could I even come to being as negative as them!" After years of study I have found it to be the most profound part of my conscious development.

There is a natural order to human development and it is interfered with by our direct environment. Each family and culture's value system has its own list of 'negatives' and 'positives' and we learn to hide away that personality which does not fit. These devalued, discarded and unacceptable aspects of the self cannot just lie there in the dark. They must eventually be realized.

The very pressure this repression causes is likened to the bubble in the side wall of a tire. Around and around it goes and eventually it has to blow. That untrained, wild and devalued part of ourselves comes to the surface and we have a blow out. Not a pretty sight.

Let's open the bag a little and shake hands with the rejected aspects of ourselves. They aren't bad. They only represent a portion of who we are. When we open to all aspects of our persona and let the repressed components out a few at a time, we can begin to relate to them, find use for them and bring our life into balance. Next thing we know, all those undesirables begin to leave our experience.

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Area J Regional Director's Report

May 22, 2005

I returned home from holiday a few days ago and it is amazing how much can pile up in a two week period. I would like to thank all of you for not leaving voice mail messages for me while I was away. The emails still came in and I am close to finishing the replies after two days of intensive work! This next week is going to be a busy one with two public meetings in a row along with the other meetings in Courtenay. By the time you read this we will have had a presentation regarding a development proposal for a shellfish aquaculture hatchery site in Q. Cove and the next night will have been the public input session on our Emergency Preparedness Planning process. I'll report on those two issues in the next issue.

Lucky Jim Mine update

I alerted you to the possibility that the Energy and Mines Ministry of the Provincial government is proposing to fill in the Lucky Jim Mine shafts due to "safety concerns". I also informed you of the conversations that I had with their inspector and the ideas that I put forward as an alternative to filling in what is a popular tourist attraction and historic site on Quadra Island and part of the heritage of the island. The inspector did take the time to consider my suggestions and even went so far as to look at the steel grating that I suggested using to cover the hole. He also agreed that it is a viable solution and alternative to filling, but made it clear that they want the Regional District (RD) to assume all cost and responsibility and that they will not pay for any of it since it is not a "complete mine closure". Their proposal for the complete closure is to bring in 24 dump truck loads of gravel and a specialized "rock slinger truck" (to place the 24 loads of gravel) and then they will pay for it all... This seems rather extreme and very expensive compared to the alternative.

I would personally prefer to see this as a community effort to save a site that benefits our island in many ways. The grating at Harper's Recycling in Campbell River, is thirty cents per pound as scrap steel and enough could be purchased and delivered to the site by any of a number of trucks (including mine) that might be coming this way. The concrete footings required are minimal and could easily be done by a work party in a days' time. The few timbers that might be needed to fasten the grating to, could be donated or purchased locally (perhaps TimberWest would like to get involved as a good corporate citizen since

the site is, I believe, on their TFL).

All of this would be far less expensive than the Provincial alternative and should, in my opinion be paid for by Energy and Mines. Once it is installed to their specifications, I would see no reason for the liability to be held by anyone other than the Province. The RD cannot insure for liability on a site that they do not own or lease, so that is not an option, as the Province would suggest, unless they were to remove the site from TFL and deed it over to the RD. This last point is not likely!

So, this is what I intend to pursue and I am hoping that I will get lots of calls from interested islanders to help solve this problem as soon as possible. See my contact info at the end of the article.

Evans Bay Wharf Divestiture (Read Island)

I mentioned this issue in an earlier article and will not go into the details again. However, I will say that I am getting a considerable number of calls and letters regarding this issue. The wharf was sold by Transport Canada (T-C) to the upland owner with no consultation with the community that is effected by this sale. I feel that the upland owner has innocently been caught in the middle of this flawed process. The next step in the process is for the water lot lease (Provincial jurisdiction) to be transferred to the upland owner and the Read Island community wants to have a say in this before it takes place.

I have met with T-C officials in Vancouver to try to negotiate a compromise for the community, but they consider the sale a done deal. Land and Water BC will probably be a little more agreeable to meeting with the Surge Narrows Community Association on Read Island to discuss the issue. I am in the process of facilitating that right now. There seems to be a road access issue also involved in the overall process and I will be meeting with Ministry of Transportation and Highways officials this week on that point.

This may seem unrelated, unimportant or irrelevant to many of you, but I can assure you that it is not. There are other T-C wharves in Area J that could be faced with the same fate. The Federal government is operating under a policy of divestiture to the private sector at this time and some of our public docks could be the subject of the next divestiture. This is of concern to me, since these docks are, in many cases, the only

public infrastructure in some of our remote areas. We have all paid for them with our Federal tax dollars over the years and it is my opinion that the Federal gov't. does not have the right to basically give them away to private interests without a full and open public process. More to follow.

Campbell River Recreation Facility Funding

A few years ago, I asked via this forum, how many of you actually use the recreation facilities in the City of Campbell River. I am not talking about Strathcona Gardens (pool and ice rink). The facilities would be ones such as the CR Community hall, the Sportsplex, the ball fields, etc. The reason I bring this up is because I read an article in the CR paper upon my return from holiday that says that the City has turned down the annual grant in aid that I give them to keep them from charging an "out of area fee" to non-residents (that's us). I have been doing this for years since it made more sense than having an exorbitant fee tacked on to all of the user fees for Quadra users when they went to CR facilities. At that time, my informal survey did verify that the payment of such a fee was warranted due to the number of users. I would like to ask the same question now. "HOW MANY OF YOU USE THE FACILITIES MENTIONED ABOVE IN CAMPBELL RIVER?". Please let me know as soon as possible, by email if possible. If there is still a demand, I will gladly pay the price. If there is not and if CR is not happy with the amount paid anyway, then there is no need to continue the payment. I was quite shocked that CR felt that they were being underpaid without at least telling me so. I am investigating the situation this week and will report back to you at a later date, if the media doesn't beat me to it. The media article was quite a surprise also, since I was away and unavailable to supply the other side of the story.

So, that is about it for now. Please feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me at anytime at abramfam@oberon.ark.com, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area J), RDSCS

Island Forum

Dear Islanders

Joe Skogan's parents and their families are grateful to the many Quadra Island people who have searched for him, and who continue to do so; to those who lovingly helped to arrange the celebration of his life, and to everyone who attended. Your help and your presence has been a gift to Joe and to us.

Please join with Joe's family and his dearest friends in the hope that he will be found.

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By Etta Byers
contact- followlinks@friendsoffreedom.org
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Thanks

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion Branch #154 Quadra Island would like to send a sincere "THANK YOU" to all the people who donated plants and baking for our Annual Plant and Bake Sale on May 7th. Without your support the event wouldn't have been so successful. The prize winners this year were: 1st - Basket of Food - Tracey Patten

2nd - Plant Basket - Amanda Smith

3rd - Tool Set - Yvette Prosky

Draw for Garden Basket with plant, seeds and tools - Sandra Beech.

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A great thank you to all those that helped out on my election campaign. Despite the result, the urgent message for the need for a new vision built on sustainable economics, social compassion and environmental stewardship was brought ever higher in the public mind and I greatly enjoyed the process. I will continue this avenue.

My congratulations to Claire Trevena on her success I hope she rises to the task ahead and represents our region as it is due. Some hardlines were drawn during the campaign which are a reflection of the urgency I perceive the need for ideological and economic change to be, above all else.

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Business is Booming.

by Steven Halliday

Credit Union Central of BC has recently issued an economic analysis focussed on Vancouver Island, and as many would guess it is quite a rosy forecast. They make an interesting observation that the Island is in many ways a microcosm of the Province, with about ½ the population concentrated in one centre, being Victoria, and an economy based heavily on service industries. The northern half of the island is oriented to natural resources and has a poorly performing economy, while other parts of the Island are very attractive to retirees and others looking for lifestyle changes. However, the Island differs from the province as a whole inasmuch as fishing and forestry are bigger components of our economy, and the lack of a direct road link results in higher transportation costs and accessibility issues.

Specific areas of note within the forecast are an acceleration in population growth, continuing decline in the unemployment rate, strong growth in housing sales and strong growth in residential construction. CUCBC makes the following forecasts for individual industry outlooks; forestry will continue to decline as lower annual allowable cuts are implemented coupled with weaker prices as US and Japanese softwood demand declines. Pulp prices are expected to slightly improve but this will likely be offset by a stronger Canadian dollar. Tourism is expected to continue to grow at around 3% per year, although there are risks from currency fluctuations and the anticipated US passport requirement for it's citizens travelling to Canada will dampen demand. Room revenues have rebounded from the SARS-depressed 2003 level, rising 7.5% last year and they are forecast to grow in the 5% to 8% range over the next 3 years. The fishing industry saw a decline in exports in 2004, and increased competition from Chilean fish farms could impact future growth in the industry. More shellfish farms are expected to be established in our region. Sportfishing has gained in importance to the region, with lodges generating about \$9 million in revenues. Construction

will continue to be the growth leader in the region. Employment has risen from 17,000 people to about 22,000 last year, and is forecast to grow to about 27,000 jobs by 2007.

Specific to the Comox-Strathcona region, the reduction in fibre availability will have a negative impact on production. The forest industry presently accounts for about 30% of all income in the Campbell River area versus about 10% in Courtenay-Comox, and there will be some job losses in coming years. Tourism is becoming a much more important element of the local economy, generating about 7% of the region's income, and relatively strong growth is anticipated. As home to the Island's mining industry our region is benefiting from the strength in metal prices, and the future outlook remains bright for this industry. It is anticipated the coal-bed methane gas field in the Comox Valley will be developed as high energy prices make the project viable. Housing prices are expected to continue to climb, though not at the level of the last few years, averaging about 7% over the next 3 years. Building permits in the region are forecast to grow from 2004's 5,200 to about 7,000 in 2007. Overall our economy on Vancouver Island is expected to grow moderately over the next 3 years but will lag the rest of the province as a whole.

Given the relatively upbeat assessment, it is interesting to speculate how the political changes of May 17th will affect the running of the province. With the Liberals still holding a sizeable majority it is unlikely we will see any change in their policies. While the NDP has certainly regained opposition status, it is unclear how much of an impact they will make on the business of the House, other than slowing passage of controversial legislation via extended debate. It remains to be seen whether Mr. Campbell will view the loss of so many seats as a natural fall-out from some of his more unpleasant legislative moves, or understand that it is a message from the constituency telling him to be more

inclusive in his style of government. Time will tell. In the meantime I'm sure that the next legislative session is bound to be lively, as Carol James has shown she is no wallflower and can be expected to ask some very tough questions.

This is something that has been missing from the house for the last 4 years and the return of serious political debate is welcome news indeed.

On a further political note, I'd like to congratulate Claire Trevana on her victory. It was a tough campaign and I was pleased to see both Quadra Island candidates perform so well. Being the 1st MLA that resides on Quadra offers a unique challenge to Claire, as the make-up of her local constituency is vastly different from her constituency as a whole. Competing interests abound and she will have her hands full trying to please us all – a daunting task awaits her. In any event I trust she will become intimate with the wants and needs of her Discovery Islands constituents and will be a more familiar face than that of her immediate predecessor. And on a final note, during the campaign Philip Stone showed that he could handle intense political debate with the best of them, and I encourage him to keep up his interest in politics. He has the makings of fine politician, although that label bears a little tarnish nowadays.

In closing, between a strong economic forecast and a more balanced political climate the future for the region appears to be bright. A caveat, though – our economy is vulnerable to outside influences that are highly unpredictable, such as exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations. The US economy is in very poor condition and could have a tremendous impact on BC's economy should it thoroughly tank. While most economists would like to see a soft landing for the US, most are seeing that possibility becoming more remote as the Bush administration continues to cut taxes while spending skyrockets.

A hard landing would bode poorly for BC, and make the rosy forecast just discussed a wish rather than reality.



Business Profile

A New Vision for the Heriot Bay Inn

by Tanya Storr

“All that is old is new again” aptly describes the Heriot Bay Inn these days. Big changes are afoot at the historic Inn, thanks to the vision of new owner Lorraine Wright.

“What we’re trying to do is take all the good parts of the Heriot Bay Inn from the past and integrate them into a successful future,” said Lorraine over the phone on May 2.

Lorraine added that her goal is to retain the Inn’s character and its pivotal role in the Quadra Island community, while merging it into a competitive resort operation.

During the summer of 2004, Lorraine launched the Island Adventure Centre at the Heriot Bay Inn. At the time the Inn was under the ownership of Julia Ferrall, and had been on the market for some time.

Lorraine decided to buy the Inn when a passenger on one of her adventure tours told her he wanted to purchase the property and turn it into an upscale, seasonal resort.

“When I heard his plans, I was encouraged to make a decision sooner rather than later. The Heriot Bay Inn should be shared by everyone, not restricted to high end guests for only part of the year,” she said.

To that end, Lorraine’s motto for the Heriot Bay Inn is “inclusiveness.” Affectionately known to locals as the HBI, the Inn is a place where “everyone can come and have fun.”

Fulfilling her vision has entailed a huge renovation effort and general sprucing up of the Inn.



*The old covered deck at the HBI is now a swank dining room with gorgeous harbourview patio.
photo: Philip Stone*

Structurally, the HBI is in the process of a major facelift. General manager Steve Addison gave me a tour on April 30. Steve has worked at the Inn for more than 20 years, under three different owners, and speaks very highly of the recent changes.

“It’s exciting to work here. The place is looking great and it’s changing every day,” he said.

As we toured the Inn, several locals working on the renovation stopped to

say hello. Paul Puddy, coordinator of construction, said the project has attracted a great deal of interest and support ever since Roy Dahlnas excavated the site in January.

“We’ve tried to utilize local talent as much as possible, and with so much talent on the island it hasn’t been hard to do,” Paul said.

We began the tour upstairs, where the Inn’s rooms and executive family suite are undergoing a detailed makeover.



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On the main floor, the former dining room is being transformed into a lounge. The new, much larger dining room, located where the deck used to be, is a bright and welcoming space.

Hefty new beams to match the original ceiling beams were milled by Greg Hewitt, and fir French doors with a unique curved design were made by Roger Link. Stained glass windows by Lasha Mutual add to the coastal theme.

The French doors open onto a new deck overlooking the maple-fringed view of Heriot Bay. Marie Sutherland is landscaping the area in front of the deck, and new tables and chairs will provide the finishing touches.

Ocean-inspired designs in the main floor bathrooms created by artist Steve Trayler are a must-see, as is his orca painting on the large propane tank next to the parking lot. Steve also hand painted the one-of-a-kind signs on the property, and designed the graphics for the dining room menus.

A new kitchen and serving area will add to the improved dining facility. Chefs Jessie Porter and Laszlo Boros are launching an exciting new menu. Steve observed that these changes are necessary to keep up with volume.

"Our current kitchen is maxed right now. If we are going to be as busy as we anticipate, we will need a much bigger kitchen."

On the lower floor is the Island Adventure Centre, where locals and visitors can book their choice of tours. Eye-catching brochures and posters by Robyn Mawhinney

invite adventurers to experience Orca watching tours, grizzly bear expeditions, and tidal whitewater and wildlife tours.

Kayak and mountain bike rentals, full-day and half-day kayaking tours, guided salmon fishing, and fly fishing lessons are also available.

"We've doubled the number of kayaks in our fleet," said Steve, adding that once people see the view they'll want to go kayaking.

Contractor Matt Knoedler and the painting crew were working hard to get the new space ready. By mid-May the adventure centre's covered aluminum Eaglecraft boats will be cruising the waters once again in search of whales and other wildlife.

Adventure centre tour boat operator Vic Nacci can't wait. "I'm chomping at the bit. It sounds like we're going to be busy. Adventure tourism is such a growing industry and people really enjoy seeing the wildlife."

At the end of a day working or touring the Inside Passage, islanders and guests can enjoy live music in the pub. Local and visiting musicians, chosen to please a variety of musical tastes, are featured four nights a week.

"Our live entertainment is a real asset to the island and fun for the community," said Lorraine.

As the new owner of the Heriot Bay Inn, Lorraine admitted to having a lot on her plate, but said she is greatly enjoying the challenge. "It's a privilege to be here and to be doing this."

For more information on the changes at the HBI, drop by the Inn or call 285-3322. Visit the website at www.heriotbayinn.com

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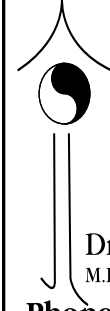
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