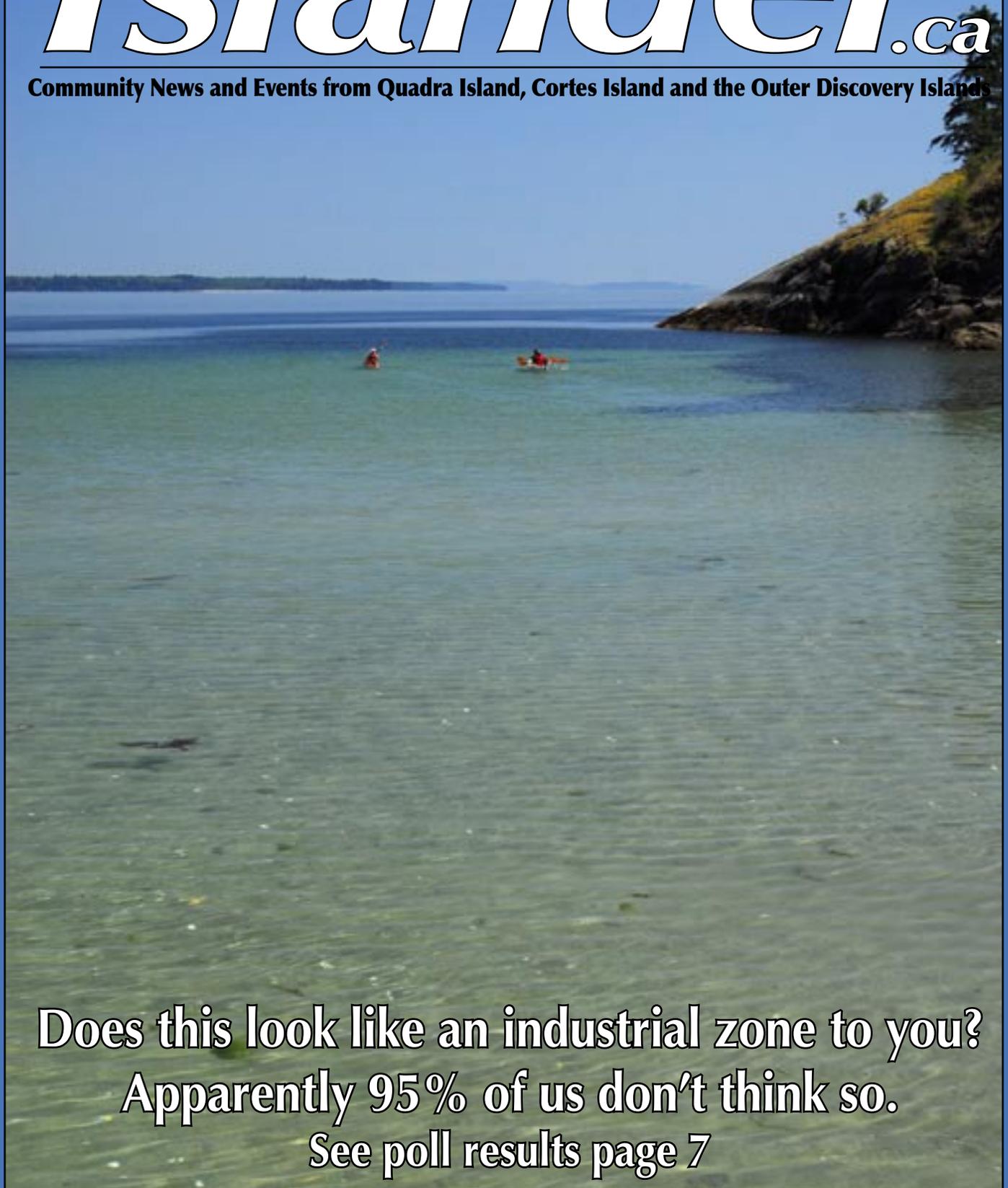


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Ferry Schedules

Campbell River - Quadra Island

Crossing Time: 10 minutes

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6:15 am	3:05 pm
†7:05 am	** 4:00 pm
8:00 am	5:00 pm
9:00 am	5:50 pm
10:00 am	7:00 pm
11:00 am	8:00 pm
12:00 pm	9:00 pm
1:00 pm	10:00 pm
2:00 pm	*11:00 pm

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**10:30 am	7:30 pm
11:30 am	8:30 pm
12:30 pm	9:30 pm
1:30 pm	10:30 pm
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- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers -QCC, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Sept.to Apr.
 - Sketching group at Firesign Studio 10 am-12:00 pm
 - Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Childrens Centre
- **Every Wednesday** -Yoga 9:30 am and 7:00 pm Community Centre
 - Community Lunch, noon
 - Badminton, 7:30 pm Cape Mudge Hall
 - Prime Rib Night at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Every Thursday** - Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
 - Rib Night at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Every Friday** - Yoga 9:30 am and 4:00 pm Community Centre
 - Seafood Dinner with Rod Hadley Jazz Pianist 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm
 - Pool Tournament - Quadra Legion
 - Jam Session - Quadra Legion
- **Every Sunday** - Sunday Service QI United Church 10:30
 - Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
 - Buddhist Meditation 10:00 am Upper Realm
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre
- **3rd Sunday of Month** - Raw Food Pot Luck 5 - 7pm 285-3827
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw. Quadra Legion 6:30pm (members & guests welcome)

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Sunday, July 9

- Choirs from International Choral Festival, Kathaumixw.Tidemark CR 7:30 pm

Saturday, July 15

- Plein Air Acrylics workshop with Warren Stenberg Firesign Studio 9 am-5 pm at 285-3390

The Mishras – Master Sitarists in Concert

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Next Deadline

7 pm. Monday, July 17th



Another beautiful, sunny, summer day has come and gone. I am just trying to finish up all last minute items before I leave on holiday for a two week camping trip (hope this one goes better than the aborted Kaua'i preparations in April!). I have a couple of issues to report on and will try to keep it very short so that I can get back to getting ready to go.

We won one, for once!

Well folks, I cannot believe I am able to bring you some good news regarding the ferry, but it is true.

I was notified earlier this week that BC Ferries (BCFS) is willing to settle on the issue of my Human Rights Complaint that I filed with the Tribunal last February. They offered to replace the shelter, hopefully before the winter weather. My comment back to my lawyer in Vancouver was, that was not good enough. They needed to give us a deadline. The reply from BCFS was that they would agree to have the installation complete by the end of Sept. 2006, but I must drop the action before the Tribunal. Once again I refused saying that part of the action stated that there must be no cost to the people of Quadra Island since this is a requirement for the vessel. After a number of emails and discussions with lawyers for both sides, they agreed that the cost would be spread out over the entire small ferry route group. This is as "fleet wide" as they can go, since they separated off the major routes from the inter-island routes a few years ago. I also stated that we must retain the right to go right back to the full hearing process if the shelter is not installed by the end of September. They agreed and it is in writing!

So, at the risk of repeating myself. We won!, and will have a nice shelter back on the ferry prior to the bad weather months for all people unable to use the stairs on the ferry!

My thanks for the support I have received from the Ferry Advisory Committee, especially Bob Brown; to the incredible, energetic women on the Coastal Ferry Action Committee for all of their innovative ideas in getting people to go after BCFS; and to the talented lawyer that represented me (us) in this action, pro bono! The only cost to us was a lot of time and energy, but no money!

Geoduck update

I am still receiving letters and emails every day from concerned Quadra Islanders and off island owners of property about their opposition to industrial activity in residential neighbourhoods. I have not seen this kind of response on any issue for quite some time. I have been keeping in touch with Duncan Williams of Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) every few days to see what they are thinking. I got a reply from Duncan

today saying that he has been seconded for four months to another position and that Keith Anderson will be looking after the file along with Tom Yacyshen, both of ILMB. Keith's phone number is 250-751-7273.

Duncan's answer to my last question about when the decision will be made goes like this.. "The decisions will not be made on the 17th. We have to collate all the comments from agencies as well. My guess is a decision will not be made until sometime in August or later."

I suppose that is good news, since it at least means that they are considering all of the information. I realize it is stressful for all of the upland owners involved. Hopefully we will hear some news early in August. I will keep you posted when I hear anything.

Public Hearings

There will be two public hearings held in the next couple of months; one in August and one in September. All details will be in ads in the Discovery Islander when we get closer to the dates. I will also mention in future reports.

Granite Bay Wharf

Another success story in the making! I should really say, almost complete!... Our little work crew has been working diligently at getting all of the necessary work done on the wharf, ramp, floats and piles in Granite Bay. It is a joy to behold and I hope that many of you will take the time to have a look. This is a community project! A crew of around six regular volunteers, along with myself have been up there many days per week and have done a really nice job of building a public access facility to be proud of. The floats were being lined up with the piles today and finishing touches will be done over the next week along with delivery of the new ramp. When it is all finished I hope that the broader community of Quadra Island will join the community of Granite Bay in a celebration ceremony and pot luck BBQ later this summer. It will be loads of fun and in a spectacular setting. Many thanks to all who have helped out and to all who have made financial contributions.

Away

Well, that is about it for this issue. I will be away, as I mentioned earlier in the report, until July 17th. If you have technical questions, please call the RD office at 1-800-331-6007. Upon my return, 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

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Kristen Scholfield-Sweet At Grasshopper Gallery

Grasshopper Gallery presents STRANGE TERRITORY: Chalk Pastels by Kristen Scholfield-Sweet. The exhibition opens on Sunday, July 9 from 1 to 4 pm and continues until July 30. To arrange foot passenger rides from Hariot Bay call Kristen at 935-6464. For Gallery hours call Richard at 285-3136 or open when the sign is out.

Kristen is an artist and drum maker living on Cortes who has been involved in shamanism for more than 30 years. These pastels express her travels in the strange territories of her shamanic life.

The Mishras - Master Sitarists in Concert

Saturday July 15, 7:00 pm, Community Centre, sponsored by Quadra Rec. Tickets: \$15 in advance and \$20 @ door.

Fiesta!

Hey kids, wondering what to do with yourself this summer? Why not party with us at Fiesta! This will be a great time with Bible stories, crafts, music, games and skits at Quadra Island Bible Church. Fiesta runs from 9:30 a.m. till Noon, July 24 - 28. Fiesta is for kids going into grades 1 - 6 and it is FREE. Please pre-register to ensure your spot by calling 285-2020.

International Choirs at Tidemark

Island Voices Chamber Choir is proud to sponsor two choirs from the Powell River International Choral Festival, Kathaumixw. At 7:30 pm on Sunday July 9th at the Tidemark Theatre in Campbell River, an adult choir from Uganda and a children's choir from Hong Kong will perform for your enjoyment. Tickets at the Tidemark.

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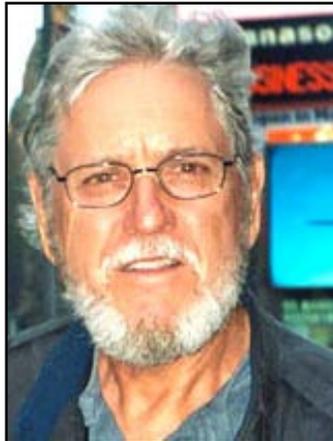
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Saturday, July 15, 9 AM- 5 PM meet Warren Stenberg from Hawaii: one-day acrylics workshop great for artists at all skill levels: explore Quadra by paintbrush! And on August 1 and 15 Dianne Bersea will take us out sketching on location with water colour and other media. \$95 per day includes bag lunch. Nanci 285-3390 website: www.firesignartanddesign.com

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Quadra Island Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament

The Quadra island Slo-Pitch League came to an end July 25th with the Memorial Tournament. The day started with the Master Batters and Chris Rendalls Chuckers playing a single elimination game to see who would move on. The Batters jumped out to a 10-5 lead but the Chuckers came back to win their third consecutive game.

The Rowdies had their own troubles in the second game of the day but managed to pull off a bottom of the seventh inning comeback to knock off Sleeman's Special Blend.

The Chuckers were then easily routed by the Diamond Junkies.

The battle for third was a close one with Special blend pulling off a two run victory over the Chuckers. And the Diamond Junkies edged the Rowdies to win the Memorial trophy.

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Then came the hardware. The most sportsman-like team award was handed out to the Master Batters while Jennifer Hanson took home the Chris Rendall award for most improved Chucker. Marie Ewen presented an award in her honour to Thomas Billy, the most dedicated player in the league.

The players and fans then took a moment to remember Wayne Lewis, Sharice Henderson, Robert McColl, Chris Rendall, Rogue Stoppard, Jeff Hewison, Glennie Johnson, Jeanie Wilson, Craig Stevens, David Moon, Ruth Hinkle and Danielle Gervais - ball players, sponsors and fans who are no longer with us.

See you next year. Chuck Chuck Chuck!

Recreation Update

Hello Quadra Island; it is summer again and is it ever getting off to a great start. The Summer Recreation brochure should be out in your mail boxes any day now.

This year the brochure is bigger than ever with even more programs as well as information on upcoming concerts in July and August. This summer we are approaching some of our programs slightly differently. One way in which we are doing this is by partnering with Cape Mudge Recreation on a few programs like "skate day".

For the month of July, donated bottle returns at Heriot Bay True-Value will be going towards the Quadra Community Centre Summer Recreation Program.

In regard to the Community Centre, everything has been running smoothly. We have had a new well drilled (a greatly appreciated effort), and it should be hooked up and ready to go before long.

A new project that the Community Centre is fund-raising toward is a two-phase playground. The first phase will be for young children. The proceeds from the Garden and Quilt Tour will be directed toward it, and donations made in David Smith's name, unless otherwise stated, will also go toward the playground.

Lastly, I would like to clarify the 16.6 % tax dollar increase that was mentioned in the last Discovery Islander. Debra Oakman at the Regional District has explained that this increase is to create a contingency fund that the Regional District will hold for the Community Centre. What this means is that the Regional District will keep these funds for future requirements, meaning anything from a new roof to legal fees. These contingency funds are important, as we are not able to keep a lot of money in reserve for emergencies. I hope that this has clarified any questions people may have had in regards to the tax dollar increase. Wishing all of Quadra the best in the summer months.

Sonya Thompson Summer Recreation Coordinator Quadra Community Centre

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QISPL Final Standings

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Ties	Points
ROWDIES	16	13	2	1	27
DIAMOND JUNKIES*	15	13	2	0	26
SPECIAL BLEND	16	7	8	1	15
CHUCKERS*	15	5	10	0	10
MASTER BATTERS	16	0	16	0	0

* the final game between Diamond Junkies and Chuckers was cancelled

Sitarist -- The Mishras are coming Back to Quadra

Once again father and son sitarists Pandit and Deobrat Mishra are returning to Quadra Island Community Centre on July 15, 7:30 p.m. to give us a rich evening of musical engagement. The Mishras have been sitarists for seven generations at their home in Varanasi, India. Pandit is the head of music at the Sanskrit University in Varanasi, having begun his studies in voice and sitar at the age of five. He has performed with western performers such as Paul Horn, David Freezen and John Handy.

His son Deobrat who has been studying the sitar for more than 20 years is one India's rising talents and in 2000 he received the "Jewels of Sound" award, the Indian equivalent to the Grammy award. He sees his father both as a god and as a teacher and has started up an orphanage to expose orphans in India to music. The profits for their North American tour go towards funding the efforts of the orphanage in its mission.

The music ensemble is made up of four musicians playing two sitars, a tabla (Marcus Zonka) and tambour player Felicity Gerwin.

Within the raga framework, the sitars set the mood and develop various patterns of counterpoint, harmony and meditative moods all interspersed with the dynamic use of sound and intensity. No two concerts are the same.

Each person in the audience will feel touched, as over the period of an evening there will be a connection established. By the end of the evening, each person will have felt that their understanding of themselves will in some way have been expanded by this unique musical experience and the world can become a better place. It should be an amazing evening and will expose us to the intricacies of music developed over thousands of years in a different culture.

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Those who attended last year will want to return and those who did not will want to be there so it will probably be sold out. This is sponsored by Quadra Recreation and tickets cost \$15 in advance at Quadra crafts or Hummingbird art, or \$20 at the door.



Comox Valley Growth Management Strategy Takes Next Step

The road to a growth management strategy (GMS) for the Comox Valley went a bit further this week with Comox Valley politicians meeting to discuss the next steps of the strategy to manage growth in an integrated way.

Elected representatives from Courtenay, Comox, Cumberland and the Comox Strathcona Regional District's (CSR D) electoral areas of Baynes Sound (Area 'A'), Lazo North (Area 'B') and Puntledge-Black Creek (Area 'C') agreed on a draft protocol agreement termed a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

The MOU outlines the framework for going forward and building on the work that began in the spring when the group met and agreed to engage in a growth management strategy process for the Comox Valley. The MOU will require ratification at the council meetings of Courtenay, Comox and Cumberland, and will go to the CSR D for consideration by its directors at their July board meeting.

"Following ratification by our councils, staff will develop options for the next steps of this process," said Fred Bates, spokesperson for the GMS group.

The chief administrative officers (CAOs) of the CSR D and the three municipalities will work over the summer to draft a process for moving the strategy forward. That draft will be presented to the GMS group at its next meeting on September 26.

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Results of last issue's online poll

The question was:
Do you think geoduck aquaculture is appropriate at Open Bay & adjacent to Rebecca Spit?

No = 95%

Yes = 3%

Need more info = 3%

See this issue's poll question on page 5



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*John Baumfield staffing the barbie
by Tanya Storr*



*Quadra's fireworks from Drew Harbour
by Philip Stone*



*Campbell River fireworks from Chinese Mountains
by Brent Henry
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Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Dept.

by Murray Johnson

As I write this, the town of Tumbler Ridge B.C. has just been completely evacuated due to a huge fast-moving wildfire....

Burning Ban

As of June 30, backyard burning is banned throughout the Coastal Fire Centre, which includes Quadra Island. Quadra Island does not have its own burning bylaw, and therefore all burning is regulated by the BC Ministry of Forests. For more information on open fire restrictions or for updates on current wildfire activity, visit www.for.gov.bc.ca/protect. Although the Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department does not regulate burning, we do enforce the restrictions.

Campfires

At the time of writing this (Tuesday July 04), campfires are still allowed. However, if the dry weather continues, this could change - please watch for a campfire ban being posted. To be considered a campfire, the fire must be less than 1 metre in diameter and 1 metre high and must be for cooking, warmth, or ceremonial purposes. In order to have a campfire, it must be safe, and likely to continue to be safe, to do so. Keep your campfire away from trees and other combustibles and on mineral soil or rock only. In addition, BEFORE you light a campfire, you must be prepared to: take reasonable precautions to ensure the fire is contained; watch the fire to prevent escape; be equipped with sufficient fire fighting tools; carry out fire control action if the fire does spread beyond the burn area; and ensure that the fire is FULLY extinguished before leaving the area.

Was This Your Beach Fire?

On the morning of July 02 the Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department was called to a large beach fire on the east side of Rebecca Spit. This was caused by a beach campfire from the night before, after the fireworks, which had spread into the drift logs. Fortunately, there was little wind (although it picked up soon afterwards) and the fire did not spread to the forest in the park, just a few feet away, before we extinguished it. Beach fires are not allowed in Rebecca Spit Park at any time. If you are having a beach fire (in a location where it is allowed) please do not have it amongst the drift logs - go below the high tide mark - and PLEASE ensure that it is completely out before leaving. It's not like there's no water around to put it out with...take a bucket. A beach fire can rapidly grow among the driftwood and spread to the

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forest - and EVERYWHERE on Quadra the forest is right next to the beach.

Who're You Going To Call?

During this dry season, if you have concerns about someone burning, or if you smell smoke and you don't think it's a controlled campfire, or if you discover a fire burning or smouldering, call 911 and ask for the Fire Department. If it's an unknown situation, the operator will send the duty officer to investigate - you don't have to worry about 5 fire trucks showing up at your neighbour's because you called about his bad barbequing....Please do NOT call the fire hall with such calls - it is a volunteer department and the hall is not normally manned. We try to check our messages there regularly, but it can be 1 to 2 days. So call 911.

North Of The Line

If you are in the large part of Quadra that is not within the South Quadra Fire Protection District (basically everything north of North Gwolland Harbour Road), you can still call 911 - they will contact the Forest Service. Or you can call 1-800-663-5555 or cell phone *5555. The Forest Service Protection Branch will deal with wildfire in this area, and may or may not call upon the QIVFD to help.

Our thanks to the publisher of the Discovery Islander for allowing us to put this column in every now and then. For Fire Department information, write or call: QIVFD, Box 80, Q-Cove, BC, V0P 1N0, Attn: Fire Chief, Phone 285-3262 Fax 285-3273. You are also welcome to contact me at murray@island.net



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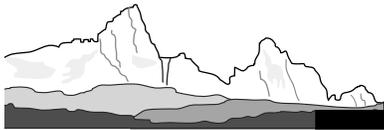
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Cruise into Desolation Sound History

Cruise into Desolation Sound on July 8 aboard the 'Misty Isles', on Cortes Island Museum's next summer tour. The guides for this day trip are local historian Jeanette Taylor and skipper/naturalist Mike Moore, who will share First Nations legends and tales of 18th century explorers. They will also provide insights into the marine life of the area.

"There's no one living there now, of course," says Jeanette Taylor. "It's been a park since 1973." She adds that as there is no road access to the park and no nearby development in the region, it looks pretty much as Captains Vancouver and Valdez saw it over 200 years ago. "The explorers wrote detailed accounts of their time in Desolation Sound," says Taylor, "so we have a picture of what their lives were like and a glimpse into the lives of the First Nations people they met."

Among the stops of interest on the tour is a cliff-top First Nations village that Captain Vancouver admired for the clever engineering of its overhanging boardwalk. When Vancouver's men explored the place, which they dubbed "Flea Village," it had been abandoned for some time. All that was left among the house beams was a super abundance



A group sets off for a cruising adventure aboard the 'Misty Isles'; and "Historian Jeanette Taylor shares a tale from the past on board a 'Misty Isles' cruise.

of fleas, which sent the sailors scrambling for the water.

Participants will also see the abandoned homestead of Andrew Shuttler, an eccentric fellow admired by M. Blanchet

in her famous book, "The Curve of Time." Blanchet was intrigued by the man's bookishness and a jagged scar that ran up his cheek as a reminder of a checkered past.

Desolation Sound tops the list as a destination for boaters from all over the Pacific Northwest. Part of the attraction is the dramatic mountain scenery and the myriad of the islands in the park. Another draw is the water temperature, which stays at 20 degrees Celsius most of the summer. According to Moore, it's a unique combination of tidal action, water depth and weak currents that allow the water to heat up to such high temperatures in the sound.

Participants will take the 8:30 a.m. ferry from Quadra to the Cortes ferry dock, to arrive in Cortes Bay for a 10:30 a.m. departure. They will return on the 5:50 Quadra Island ferry to Campbell River. The cost for the tour is \$100, which includes GST and transportation on Cortes Island. Bring a lunch, bathing suit, sunscreen, binoculars, water shoes or boots and a change of clothes.

Form more information call Cortes Island Museum at 250-935-6340 or e-mail cimas@island.net.

The Cortes Island Museum, which is open Wed - Sun from 10-4:00 in July and August, is near Manson's Landing Hall at 957 Beasley Road. The museum offers displays on the natural and social history of the island.

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re: Stealing from Widows

Dear Sir,

There is, understandably, a lot of confusion about the 'gun amnesty'. There are actually two gun amnesties. The first is an exemption from prosecution by the federal conservatives which is designed to protect people until such time as the useless gun registration is done away with. While the conservatives have tabled legislation to do away with the long gun (rifle and shotgun) registry, nothing will happen until at least the fall.

The second gun amnesty was initiated by the provincial liberals. The idea here seemed to be to exploit the federal amnesty. Apparently they saw it as an opportunity to encourage gullible individuals to turn their guns in to the RCMP for destruction in the misguided belief that this is the right thing to do. Apparently, in their view, this was somehow making the world a better place.

This program essentially amounts to stealing from widows, for almost all of the guns turned in could have been legally sold for considerable sums of money. Even the cheapest junkers still have some value for parts. It seems somebody is always looking for a bolt or some sights for an old Cooney, and they would be very glad to get the parts off those guns so foolishly turned in for destruction.

Some of the guns being turned in also have unique historical aspects to them. It is a shame to allow artifacts of historical value to be destroyed.

Recently your paper (sic - not the D.I.) published a picture of local guns turned in for destruction. One of those guns was worth quite a bit of money, judging by the

picture at least \$500. Do you know which one it was? A legitimate gun dealer could tell you. According to the caption, the police felt all of the guns had little value, but then, that's what they have been ordered to say.

All the 'turn in your gun for destruction' type amnesties have ever accomplished has been to make it a little more difficult to find low value, entry level used guns for young shooters starting out. Everybody is looking for a nice cheap used gun for their wife or child and it is primarily those types of firearms that have been turned in.

Meanwhile, the 'turn in your gun for destruction' type amnesty does not make our community one whit safer, nor can it, for it is not these types of firearms that are being used in the commission of crimes.

The provincial gun amnesty (stealing from widows) has now expired. The federal one (freedom from prosecution) extends until May 17, 2007. That means you have plenty of time to deal with any unwanted firearms in a perfectly legal and safe manner.

What the federal gun amnesty does is make it possible for legitimate folks who no longer have an interest in keeping their unregistered firearms, to take them to a legitimate firearms safety course and be legitimately screened by the legitimate police before they can legitimately obtain a legitimate licence to buy legitimate guns legitimately.

Legitimately speaking, that would be the right thing to do.'

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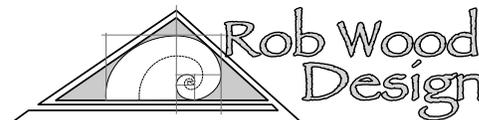
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by Steven Halliday

Impossible Mission

While the death of any Canadian soldier in Afghanistan is worthy of somber reflection, the loss of Captain Nichola Goddard struck me deeply. Goddard, just 26 years old and undoubtedly bound for high military office, was killed in a firefright on May 17, 2006 while serving as a Forward Observer (controlling artillery fire) with the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry just east of Kandahar. She was the first Canadian female killed in combat, and the 16th Canadian soldier to be killed in the Afghan campaign to that date. The count, as best as I could uncover, at June 21, 2006, is 17 dead and 58 wounded military personnel that our nation has suffered since the first deaths in April, 2002 when we lost four soldiers to a mistakenly dropped American bomb. For whatever reason, and not to denigrate the other lives lost, I was particularly troubled by the death of Captain Goddard, as it illustrates such a tragic waste of such a promising young life in the fruitless pursuit of an unattainable objective. The news of her death was soon followed by an announcement from PM Harper extending our commitment in Afghanistan of over 2,500 young men and women until at least 2009. How many more of them are going to die?

My frustration has only intensified with the June 28 release of a report by a London-based "think-tank" called the Senlis Council that states we are perceived by Afghans as American partners in the poppy eradication program, and that "the Canadian mission in Afghanistan is blindly following a path that will lead to senseless military and civilian casualties" (as if it hasn't already!). This is how PM Harper characterized our mission on May 17th - "The events of Sept.

11, 2001 was a wake-up call, not just to Americans but to people in all free and democratic nations. Two dozen Canadians were killed as result of the attacks on the twin towers ... Canada is not safe from such attack, and we will never be safe from such attacks as long as we're a society that defends freedom and democracy." If such is the case, one must question why didn't we react militarily when Canada suffered the loss of 280 of its citizens in the "terrorist" attack on Air India Flight 182?

Gwynne Dyer, the London-based Canadian author and lecturer in military affairs wrote of "The International Terrorist Conspiracy" on June 3, 2006 (see www.gwynnedyer.net) and he also argues that our actions in Afghanistan are likely to increase our vulnerability to retaliation rather than lessen the likelihood of such an attack. "The contrast between the received wisdom - that the world, or at least the West, is engaged in a titanic, unending struggle against a terrorist organisation of global reach - and the not very impressive reality is so great that most people in the West believe the official narrative rather than the evidence of their own eyes. There must be a major terrorist threat; otherwise, the government is wrong or lying, the intelligence agencies are wrong or self-serving, the media are fools or cowards, and the invasion of Iraq had nothing to do with fighting terrorism."

He notes that Canada's non-military response to the Sikh extremists (assuming a military response was even feasible) has resulted in at least one satisfactory result. "The investigation was not very successful and 21 years later most of the culprits have still not been punished. But Sikh terrorism eventually died down even though

nobody invaded the Punjab, and nobody else got hurt in Canada. Sometimes not doing much is the right thing to do."

His conclusion? "Not doing too much would have been the right response in 2001, too. It was legal for Washington to invade Afghanistan after 9/11, and public outrage in the US made it almost unavoidable politically, but it was bound to end in tears. If the Afghan regime could have been forced to shut the al-Qaeda camps down without an invasion, that would have been the wiser course of action. The right goal was NOT to fall into Osama bin Laden's trap, and NOT to act in ways that spread suspicion and hostility in Muslim communities at home and abroad."

It is common knowledge that the ruling Taliban offered to turn over Osama-bin-Laden to the Americans prior to the invasion, and offered to expel the al-Qaeda terrorists from their camps, if the Americans promised not to bomb or invade, and re-opened talks to attempt diplomatic reconciliation. George W. Bush rejected their offer out of hand - he wanted to invade. And we went along to assist as part of our NATO obligations. But as the Senlis Council warns, many Afghans' do not view us as saviors, but rather as crusaders, just another in a line of foreign interlopers stretching back thousands of years. Many have tried, some have taken it, but nobody has ever held Afghanistan - nobody.

Of course, the report of the Senlis Council has been dismissed by senior members of the Canadian government and military as unpatriotic and unsupportive of our troops. Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor feels Canadian soldiers are welcomed by the Afghans - "The reports I've received from the Kandahar area is that Canadians are quite popular there and villagers accept us quite

readily." Excuse me folks, but this type of spin has the ring of Robert McNamara (circa 1967) and Donald Rumsfeld (circa 2005) about it. The main thrust of the Senlis report is that Canadians are perceived as allies of the US on the war on opium, which is worth 10 times as much to a subsistence Afghan farmer as a crop of wheat - the average Afghan knows little (and cares even less) about the supposed "War On Terror"; to him or her we are simply lackeys in the war on their country and their way of life. It has always been so - Afghans have been at the hind end of the equation for most of their troubled history, and are justifiably nervous (indeed angry) about this latest phase of foreign interference, and they have zero - I repeat, zero - trust in either their puppet government under appointed PM Hamid Karzai, or the intentions of what they view as their occupiers. Canadian, US, British, Polish... it makes no difference - we are all invaders in their eyes.

Canada is in little danger of attack by foreign terrorists, no matter what you make of the arrest of the 17 alleged Islamic terrorists in Toronto earlier this month. Every young life we lose in Afghanistan is a waste. Our soldiers are entitled to take comfort that their actions are for the greater good of all - their missions in past have generally fit that criteria. What we are asking them to do now, in Afghanistan, does not.

We are setting up our men and women as targets, in a region that doesn't want us there, and the longer we stay, the more we'll pay in Canadian blood. As Rudyard Kipling wrote, lamenting the British misadventures in Afghanistan during the 19th century during which they were soundly trounced not once, but twice; "Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet."



Island Report

by Tanya Storr

QI Salmon Enhancement Extension Centre to Feature Island Watersheds

During these hot summer days, many people flock to the water's edge for respite, whether it be the ocean, a lake, or a creek. Quadra's watersheds are also vitally important to fish, birds, insects, and other island creatures. As well, they play an important role in maintaining the groundwater supply.

The Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society (QISES) is in the process of renovating a portion of the hatchery building to serve as an Extension Centre. QISES manager Lawrie Bowles explained that the focus of centre will be to inform and educate the public about the importance of watersheds.

"We are fortunate on Quadra to have healthy watersheds and streams. We want to make a conscious effort to keep it that way," he said.

Lawrie added that Campbell River and the Comox Valley are 10 years ahead of Quadra in terms of development. The future health of Quadra's watersheds will depend largely on how development is managed on the island.

The Extension Centre, though still in the renovation stages, is already home to its first exhibit: a 4' x 6' relief map of Quadra Island's watersheds. The island has 19 in total, stretching from Chonat Creek at the north end to Pidcock Creek draining into Quathiaski Cove.

The centre will also house displays that define what watersheds are and how they function. Lawrie pointed out the approximately 45% of the rain that falls on a healthy forest never hits the ground. Instead, it is absorbed by the tree canopy or evaporated back. Of the rain that does hit the ground, approximately 20% stays in the interflow area that is 1 - 2 metres below ground. Another 25% goes beneath that level into the groundwater system. Only 5% stays on the surface and flows into the creeks.



QISES manager Lawrie Bowles shows a visitor the relief map of Quadra's watersheds in the new Extension Centre. Photo by Tanya Storr

"Removing the forest cover has an impact, as does hard surfacing. Changing the flow of water can lead to erosion, sediment problems, and flooding. Development in urban areas has led to serious water management problems," said Lawrie.

Other displays will demonstrate how individual property owners and small businesses can do their part to maintain the health of local watersheds. Lawrie pointed out that minimizing ditching and the use of hard surfaces allows water to absorb into the ground. For example, using cobblestones instead of asphalt paving is a simple way to benefit the groundwater system.

Another useful practice is to collect rainwater in a barrel for various uses, including garden watering. Refusing to use harmful household chemicals and being careful when changing your oil are other ways to help local watersheds.

As well as displays, the Extension Centre will have a reference library and helpful brochures that people can take away with them.

Lawrie, QISES directors, and other volunteers have been working hard on transforming a portion of the hatchery building into the Extension Centre. They removed the old ceiling to create more height, added a divider wall, and installed recessed and track lighting, in-wall electric heaters, and panelling made from Interior pine. The overall effect is bright and airy, with plenty of room for displays around the walls.

Building a washroom, painting the concrete floor, and creating the displays are some of the tasks yet to be completed. The centre will be wheelchair accessible.

Lawrie said QISES hopes to start running



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programs for students and the public this winter, and have the Extension Centre operational by next tourist season. The intent is to hire college students to work as interpreters at the centre.

Future plans include interpretive tours along boardwalk trails to Hyacinthe and Granite Creeks, and including the rest of the hatchery in the Extension project.

"Eventually the rest of the hatchery will be functioning again and will have salmon displays," Lawrie affirmed.

A \$15,000 grant from the Pacific Salmon Foundation helped greatly with the costs of the renovations to this point. QISES has received approval from the Coast Sustainability Trust for \$10,000 in matching funds. The Society has other grant applications pending, including a grant-in-aid from the regional district.

QISES has been busy with local fundraisers as well, including concession stands at Quadra's May Day and Canada Day celebrations. Each concession raised approximately \$2,000.

In addition to the Extension project, QISES has been working on their ongoing Hyacinthe and Granite Creeks drought proofing and Village Bay Lakes data collection projects.

Lawrie noted that the lakes have been experiencing summertime temperature levels of 24 degrees C.

Even at a depth of 25 feet, QISES' readings have indicated temperatures of 20 degrees C.

"For adult and juvenile fish, 16 degrees C is pretty much their top end for tolerance. Beyond that they start running into problems. Sockeye usually enter the lakes in mid-July to hold for approximately 8 weeks before spawning," Lawrie said.

Last year, only two fish came into the lakes throughout the summer. Around September 1 the temperatures started to drop and more fish entered the lakes.

This year QISES is checking their fish trap/holding pen daily to count and identify fish before releasing them into the lakes. The Society is also operating an electronic fish counter from DFO. One sockeye entered the lakes on June 26, a progeny from the very dry summer of 2002.

Lawrie explained that sockeye numbers in the region crashed in the late 1980s, and the data collection work is seeking to understand the challenges faced by this species.

A fisheries student from Malaspina is basing his fourth year project on Village Bay Lakes' characteristics. The data he collects this summer will be made available to the public by QISES.

"We're trying to maintain our island watersheds as nature intended, to the best of our abilities," Laurie said.

QISES is seeking donations and volunteers to help with the Extension Centre and other ongoing projects. "Donations are needed to assist with sustained operational costs, and we always appreciate additional volunteers," said Lawrie.

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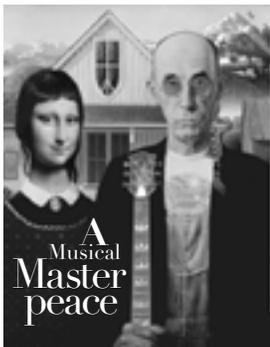
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on our
SPIRIT BOARD

Bottle Returns for the Month of July will be Donated to Quadra Island Community Centre

GROCERY

Aroma Local Product
Fresh Roasted Coffee
\$9.98 1 lb

Red Oval
Stoned Wheat Thins
\$3.48 600g

Island Farms
Chocolate Milk Jugs
\$1.88 1L

Kellogg's
Fun Pak Cereal
\$2.98 8 pack

Assorted
Kettle Chips
2 for \$4.00 142g

Cracker Barrel
Cheddar
\$9.98 750g

DELI

Grimm's
Smoked Turkey
\$1.68 / 100g

Seafood Dip
\$3.48 / 300g

Mardi Gras
Serviettes
2 for \$3.00 120s

Annie's
Salad Dressings
\$2.68 236ml

ORGANIC
Santa Cruz Lemonade
Lemon or Raspberry
\$1.88 946ml

Liberty
Mediterranean Yogurt
Plain or Vanilla
\$2.98 750g

NEW PRODUCT

ORGANIC
Sweet Pea
Frozen
Baby Food
\$4.98 12 servings

Greek
Feta
98¢ / 100g

Penne Pasta Salad
with Cheddar
68¢ / 100g

BAKERY

Fresh Baked
Croissants
2 for 88¢

Long Johns
2 for 98¢

Cheese Cake 101
by the slice
\$2.98

Country Harvest
100% Whole Wheat
Bread
2 for \$4.00 675g

MEAT

Farmer's Best
Boneless Blade Steak
\$2.88 lb \$6.35/kg

Fresh - Bone-In
Chicken Breast
\$2.78 lb \$6.13/kg

Centre Cut - Boneless
Pork Loin Chops
\$3.98 lb \$8.77/kg

Great for the BBQ!
Pork Baby Back Ribs
\$5.98 \$13.18/kg

PRODUCE

World's #1 Eating Fruit
Mexican
Mangoes
3 for \$1.98

B.C. Hothouse
Beefsteak Tomatoes
\$1.48 lb \$3.26/kg

ORGANIC
B.C. Grown
New Crop
Cherries
\$2.68 lb \$5.91/kg

ORGANIC
Earthbound
Baby Salad Greens
or Baby Spinach
\$5.98 1 lb clamshell

Specials in effect July 9 - 15 while quantities last



Open 7AM - 9PM EVERYDAY!
(Liquor Store opens at 9 am)