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### Board Vacancy

The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) is one of six health authorities in British Columbia. VIHA provides a full range of health care services to people living on Vancouver Island, the Gulf and Discovery Islands and to the residents of the mainland, living adjacent to the Mt. Waddington and Campbell River areas.

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The appointment terms for Directors of the Vancouver Island Health Authority Board are staggered to allow for continuity, and there is one upcoming vacancy on the Board.

For more information please refer to the Notice of Position posted on the Board Resourcing and Development Office website at  
<http://www.lcs.gov.bc.ca/BRDO/>

If you have specific questions please contact Janet Shute, Board Liaison at (250) 370-8693 or by email at [janet.shute@viha.ca](mailto:janet.shute@viha.ca)

If you are interested in serving as a Director on the Vancouver Island Health Authority Board you are encouraged to submit an application to the Board Resourcing and Development Office by going online at <http://www.lcs.gov.bc.ca/BRDO/> and linking to the page "How to Apply".

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# Island Calendar

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## The Regulars

- **Quadra Legion** - Now open Saturdays only at 4:00pm
- **Every Monday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
- **Every Tuesday** - Yoga Classes 9-11 am and 5-7 pm with Brenda Dempsey at the Upper Realm, QCove. 285-3054 or 203-1575 Drop ins welcome \$12
  - Live Jazz at April Point 7 pm
  - Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Children's Centre
- **Every Wednesday** - Moms and Babies 11 am - noon Q.C.C.
  - Life Drawing Sessions with model at Firesign Studio 7-9:30 pm  
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- **Every Thursday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
  - Yoga Classes 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM with Brenda Dempsey at the Upper Realm, QCove. 285-3054 or 203-1575 Drop ins welcome \$12.
  - Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
  - Quadra Singers 6:45 pm Thursdays starting Sept.11 QCC
- **Every Saturday** - Farmers' Market 10 am - 2 pm behind Quadra Credit Union
  - Legion Meat Draw 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday** - Sunday Service QI United Church 11:00 am (Sept.-June)
  - Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
  - Buddhist Meditation 10:00 am Upper Realm
  - Live Jazz at HBI 6:30 pm
- **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 or gift certificate. Quadra Legion 6:30 pm

**Next Deadline: Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008**

## This Month

Sept 5 - 27th, 2008 - 'FRESH AIR' - Nanci Cook at DRAW Gallery

Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
			
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*Kayakers in Heriot Bay.  
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## Day by day

### Friday, September 12

- Corbin Murdoch & the Nautical Miles HBI

### Sunday, September 14

- Geshe YongDong speaks on "Compassion" Upper Realm  
11 a.m.

### Monday, September 15

- Quadra Circle Social Q.C.C.  
10 am - noon

### Friday, September 19

- Sydney Williams' CD release concert with Q.C.C.  
special performance by Sunday Dennis Doors open at 7pm, show at 7:30pm

### Saturday, September 20

- Quadra island Golf Tournament Storey Creek  
Tee off 10 am to 12:30 pm register at the Landing Pub
- Barbara Greene "Prose/Poems about Quadra" Aroma Café  
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### Sunday, September 21

- Quadra/Philippines Connection Giant Garage Sale Q.C.C.  
10 am - 2 pm

### Saturday, September 27

- Sierra Quadra films & Q Bag launch Q.C.C.  
Doors open at 7:00 first film at 7:30 pm

### Sunday, September 28

- Star Weiss reads from Havens in a Hectic World QI United Church  
11 am
- Haig-Brown Festival Haig-Brown Heritage Site  
Campbell River

### Thursday, October 2

- Open Mike Night Cafe Aroma  
Doors open at 7 pm music starts at 7:30 pm

### October 6-10,

- Learn to "Paint Water in Watercolour" Firesign Studio

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7 pm. Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>



# Island Forum

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## Dear Editor,

In the last several months, free parking spaces have been disappearing in and around the Q. Cove ferry docks. A "No Trespassing" and ropes have eliminated about 8 to 10 parking spots at the bottom of the hill. The Quadra Credit Union now chains up its unused rear parking lot, which has eliminated another 12 to 14 parking spots.

On the other hand, more and more Quadra Islanders are walking on because of increased ferry fares and lots of commuters still oppose pay parking. The number of folks parking on the roads often equals and or exceeds the number of cars in the parking lot, even though \$2 for parking plus \$5.50 for a walk on is still \$8.00 cheaper than driving on the ferry.

The positive take is that people are saving disposable income and shopping on Quadra, which benefits the businesses and the Credit Union. When cars stay at home, the money stays at home. The down side is that fellow community members are exercising their rights as "private property" owners to eliminate free parking spaces as the increasingly "privatized" ferry is making car ferry travel less and less possible.

The cheaper walk on "water taxi" alternative to the ferry system is the kind of action that needs to be further developed. Co-operation in the face of unjust ferry fares makes alot of sense.

One idea is to have a "no car" day to protest the ferry increases. But such an action would require the support of the entire community in order to succeed. Even when the pay parking lot is full, where do we put the rest of the cars on such a day of protest.

Bikes can be a great help. But getting back those missing 24 parking spots would also help. The citizens are Quadra are very respectful. No one wants to park directly in front of someone's house or park in a regularly used business parking lot. The missing 24 parking spots did neither of these two things. Why are they no longer there?

Steve Moore

## The wolves at my door!

I was born in Granite Bay on the north end of Quadra in 1950. In those days there was no road to the south end of the island, money was scarce, food was hard to come by unless you hunted and fished and grew large gardens. We could order from Woodward's in Vancouver but it would take weeks to arrive on the Union Steamship.

So as I grew up I became the hunter for the community. My first deer was bagged at nine years old with an old 303 British [Lee Enfield] and an army surplus steel jacket bullet right through the mid-section. I chased that poor thing for miles finally finishing it off and packing and dragging it home to help feed my family.

My first encounter with wolves was when I was ten years old, hunting ducks in one of the local ponds, walking back with my golden lab. All of a sudden directly in front of me stepped out of the ferns what I thought was a hyena. It sniffed noses with my dog and abruptly returned to the fern patch. As it turned out, after telling all about my encounter with a hyena a whole pack of hyenas showed up in our yard. Well they weren't hyenas at all but a pack of very skinny wolves.

This family of wolves has been here since then, or at least the offspring thereof. In 1992 I acquired my grandfather's old homestead, not knowing the large field in front was their playground. In the first couple of years I was naive enough to think I would chase them out!

The first few times I ran at them, shot over their heads and raised as much ruckus as I could, they would run like hell, then slowly they got used to that nonsense and would circle back and resume their play and snooze that they were there for.

As the years passed I got to know every one of these fine characters almost by name. For years there was no sign of the pack getting any larger. Then a few years ago I heard high-pitched yipping from the wilderness area surrounding the fields. Still no sign of pups, but about a year later one morning I looked out and there were eight wolves instead of five.

Three of the most handsome young ones I've ever seen. Sadly within a few weeks of this the three young ones were shot by hired tree experts, brought in by TimberWest to do some specialty work, it was a sad day for all of us up here.

One young female about three years old remains here, and will be seen often at other

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# Area J Regional Director's Report

September 12, 2008

by Jim Abram

people's places just sitting outside their house either howling or just looking in their window. We don't know what she is trying to say but obviously lonely since the rest of the pack has travelled to the south end of the island.

These animals are so smart it is almost unnerving. They will drag off garden hoses, blankets, fire hoses or whatever they can find and systematically break them into small sections and spread them across the field. Upon return they will pick up every piece again and move each one about ten feet, wagging their tails excitedly like they are counting their wealth.

Two of the females will play with me like a dog, if I chase them they sit on a bucket in the middle of the field. They will come running back circling me, leaping and jumping in the air and asking for more. I have watched them hunt, I have watched them mate and I have watched them play tirelessly for hours in their three acre playground.

These critters are definitely no threat to mankind, they will upon occasion take one of my many cats, or a dog is fair game for them. I believe it is time for mankind to realize that we are in the animals' domain, the arrogance to think we can dominate all of the animal kingdom is one of the greatest downfalls. A wolf will only take as much as it needs to eat. They do not have a greed factor like we do. To the people who are spreading unjustified fear letters to the local papers, I urge them to get a tent and a sleeping bag and head for the woods and learn something about these animals before they speak!!

Allan R. M. Luoma

## Thank You HB Store

While composing a thank-you of our own to the Heriot Bay Store, the latest entry from (Asia Peters) Hagel echoed our sentiments.

Out of the blue in Aug. the Quadra Fire Dept. got a call from Kent saying that the store would like to donate all the weiners, buns, icecream, blueberries & drinks for a fundraiser for us. Could we man the booth for two days and all funds raised would be ours? With our usual Volunteer response we set up and could not be more proud as islanders and tourist supported, encouraged and stopped by to visit. With all of your help we raised more than \$700.00! What generosity. Thank-you to you all. We truly live in a great place.

Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Dept.

Labour Day has passed, the kids are back in school and of course the sun comes out! That is not a complaint. Maybe we will get some summer weather after all! I am writing this report with a bit of a handicap. I have just experienced what I have heard so many people complain of over the years.... my hard drive crashed!... yikes! I had no idea how dependent I have become on my data that is stored in my laptop. So writing this report will be by memory without the benefit of looking back at emails and reports to give me the information I need to pass on to you. So here goes.

## Granite Bay wharf upgrades

We have now received all of the required approvals for the installation of the new donated floats. Glad that part is over with. I have been meeting often with Marine Harvest and staff from the Regional District to gather up all of the materials needed and to have all of them approved by the engineer. It has taken far longer than I had expected but it is being done in a comprehensive manner and will all come together very soon. We are still talking about mostly donated materials and labour. The one thing still needed is the lumber for the rub rails along the sides of the floats and the tie-up rails. We are looking for cedar, full dimension 2 x 12 and 4 x 4. Anyone out there have such material? Let me know.

## New Strathcona Regional District (SRD) office

The new office in Campbell River is open for business. It is located at 301 - 990 Cedar Street in Campbell River. The new phone number is 250-830-6700 and the fax is 250-830-6701. Now we just need a few staff to make it work. We anticipate having one Chief Administrative Officer, one corporate secretary and one planner for now, to get us up and running. So for the time being it will be bare bones. We will still have all of the staff support from the Courtenay office at least until the end of the year.

## Heriot Bay and Quathiaski Cove sewer news

There will be reports going to the Electoral Area Services committee this Wednesday (10th) outlining the processes that will be followed to proceed with the planning for the

proposed Heriot Bay sewer and for some minor expansion of the Q. Cove sewer. We have hired Graeme Faris (previous General Manager of Operational Services for the CSRD) to handle these projects. We will be getting most of the money from Federal / Provincial grants and from our share of the gas tax money that we are now receiving for these types of projects. I will let you know in my next report what the timelines will look like and any meeting times and dates.

## Quathiaski Cove plan

I have met with our Assistant Manager of Planning Operations twice since my last report and with our I/CAO, George Paul, and it looks like we have finally come to agreement on the area of the Cove to be looked at in the planning process for the Cove that will try to implement some of the policies from our new Official Community Plan. We have also agreed on the scope of work for the consultant that will lead that process. These were the two major hurdles and they have been overcome. So, around mid-October, the consultant will be hired and we can begin the process of trying to come up with a plan to develop the Cove in a sustainable manner for all age groups using as much green technology as possible and turning the Cove area into a true "village" for all to enjoy. Much more to follow on this one.

## Evans Bay Wharf

This little item has been dogging me for the past number of years and it looks like we might finally be able to preserve it as a community wharf through the Transport Canada (T-C) Wharf Divestiture program. Discussions have taken place between the appropriate people in T-C and the SRD. It is a very long story and I won't try to fill you in this issue. The good news is that it looks like it is finally going to happen for the good of the Read Island community.

I think that is about it for this issue. 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 anytime at [abramfam@oberon.ark.com](mailto:abramfam@oberon.ark.com), or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Abram

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

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## Church Hosts Author

Sunday services resume at Quadra Island United Church at Cape Mudge at 11 am and we invite every one in the community to share times of prayer, song and reading.

On Sunday, September the 28th at 11 am we are honored to have Star Weiss join us within our service for a reading of her new book *Havens in a Hectic World: Finding Sacred Places*. She will talk about the meaningfulness, or sacredness of the church and its community and what that has meant to her and to her family, and about the sacred places that are meaningful to so many people here on the West Coast. There will be music and singing by Diana McKerracher during the service. Afterwards tea and goodies will be served and there will be time to meet friends and chat with the author.

Star's book is available at Book Bonanza in Q. Cove

## Quadra Island Seniors B.C.O.A.P.O.—BR.91

Our Pot-luck Picnic was held on Sept 3rd /08, in the Legion Hall, with Games & Prizes too. Sept. 24th. we are hoping to have Exercises, with Anne-(3325)-at 10a:m to 11a:m Carpet Bowling-11:30-12:45, (bring snacks or bag lunch- Coffee & Tea will be on. Our Sing -a-long with Piano at 1:30—We will be having Games as well on Wednesdays.

On Oct.15th/08, Wed. Campbell River Br. 52, will be hosting the Fall Regional Meeting, at the Eagles Hall, 1999-14th Ave. C.R. lunch is \$5.00, starts at 11:00 a.m. Contact Ruth, 3901, and make sure you are on the list. Keep up to date on Seniors Info.

The National Pensioners Convention, will be in Surrey on Sept. 17th to 20th we have five Seniors from our O.A.P. Prov. Board attending as Delegates.

Excursions—Jack Mar is willing to have Boat Excursions on Sat. & Sun. Neil Diamond, Tribute, is held on Oct. 4th (Sat.)7:30 p:m-\$44.50 TICKETS at Tidemark 12-5 p:m Tues-sat. ph. 250-287-7465. Butterfly World and Coombs. Miracle Beach Mini Golf & lunch, and Cheese Factory are still in the works. Any Questions ph. Ruth 3801.

One of our remarkable members will be reaching 100 yrs of age, plans will be announced soon.

Membership contact Marshall 3226, Ruth 3801, or see Cliff at our Harvest Fall Fair, on Wed. Oct. 1st/o8 Bring your Produce, Baking, Flowers Arrangements, Unique veggies, Hobbies and Crafts.

## Friday Flicks Presents: HONEYDRIPPER

**September 26th**

**7:30pm Q.C.C.**

Admission: adults \$5.00 - \$4.00 stu/snr

Join the Friday Flicks Film Club crew for their first film of the fall series and the presentation of their new surround sound system. Enjoy the improved depth and quality of sound in a story that chronicles the genesis of rock and roll - HONEYDRIPPER.

John Sayles is one of the last true independent American filmmakers and HONEYDRIPPER is his 16th feature. His body of work is incredibly diverse but if there's a common thread, it's attention to character. That standard is evident in HONEYDRIPPER, a tale primarily focused on fusing archetypes from the Jim Crow South, both black and white, with music history and mythic dimensions.

Sonny Blake is an itinerant, freight-train-hopping young guitar whiz with no particular place to go, who stops off at the sleepy little town of Harmony, Alabama. His instrument, cut from a solid woodblock and lacking a sound hole, emits rock 'n' roll lightning at the Honeydripper, a dilapidated roadhouse on the verge of going out of business. Saturday night in America will never be the same.



The birth of rock 'n roll didn't happen in Harmony, but the Honeydripper and places like it were key to the rise of this new form of rhythm and blues. By the time Bill Haley & his Comets recorded "Rock Around the Clock" in 1954, rock and roll was well established in nightclubs and other hang-outs. Here, we see it in the beginning, in the black, deep South. The music is groovy and a critical component of the story, as is the representation of a time of life that seemed unchangeable.

"HONEYDRIPPER is John Sayles's shambling fusion of pop mythology and social mosaic. It imagines the world-changing moment, around 1950, in the rural South when a blues guitarist first plugged in his ax and rocked the joint."



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your calendar: Sept 4, Oct 2,  
Nov 6 and Dec 4 and we'll see  
you there.

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sorting of unacceptable items  
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effect of closing our depot.

Mike Windrim

## Greens Enter Election Race

On Thursday September  
11th the Vancouver Island  
North Greens met at Lewis  
Park in Courtenay to nominate  
their candidate for the October  
14 Federal election.

Amongst the nominees at  
the time of writing is Quadra  
Island's Philip Stone who ran  
a memorable campaign in the  
2005 Provincial election.

To find out the result  
of Thursday's nomination  
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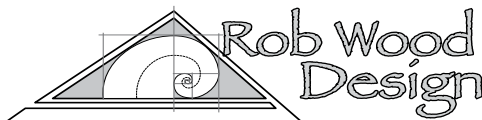
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# 14th Annual Giant Garage Sale!

Come help support Quadra's sponsorship of the Bugnay and Nambaran preschools in the northern Philippines through the Quadra/Philippines Connection's 14th annual fundraising garage sale! This extraordinary annual event will be held at the Quadra Community Center on Sunday, September 21st between 10 am and 2 pm. Due to the success of past years' sales and everyone's great generosity, we will again offer all of our items to participants by donation. A concession offering home-baked goodies and Aroma coffee will be available to sustain you while you shop.

The Quadra Philippines Connection began 15 years ago in response to a need to provide quality daycare for preschool-aged children in remote northern Philippine indigenous communities. This cultural connection between Quadra and the Philippines was first made through the International Association for Transformation (IAT), a Victoria based non-profit organization founded by David and Petra Durrance. To date for over a decade, income from Quadra's Annual Giant Garage Sale has helped to develop daycare programs in five remote barrios (communities). IAT also offers a child sponsorship program with the focus being on education and leadership development of children and youth.

This year's giant garage sale promises again to be a garage sale extraordinaire and you are advised to come early in order to experience first choice selections. Eager shoppers generally line up outside the community center doors at 9:30 in anticipation of bargains and treasures to be found inside, including furniture, appliances, toys, tools, books, household goods, clothing and other paraphernalia.

You can drop off your CLEAN, SALEABLE donations in GOOD WORKING ORDER directly to the community center on Saturday, September 21st between 10 and 3 pm. Another option is to deliver your donations in advance to the drop-off locations listed in the last Discovery Islander. WE WILL NOT be accepting any COMPUTERS, MICROWAVES, SKIIS, OR ENCYCLOPEDIAS.

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through goods on the 21st and gain a sneak preview into treasures to be had. Also needed are those individuals willing to bake for our concession as well as helpers for the day of the sale. Especially invaluable will be volunteers to take left-over items to thrift stores during the week following the sale as well as strong, able-bodied helpers to load left-over items into trucks at the end of the day.

The end of the sale provides a great opportunity to recycle left-over items for needy areas in other parts of world. In the past, various articles of clothing have been collected and sent to the Philippines, Africa and Mexico. Cotton t-shirts are especially appreciated in Mexico and anyone driving down there for a winter holiday may want to consider taking a bag with you to distribute on your trip.

If you require further information regarding IAT's child sponsorship program, the giant garage sale or wish to offer your truck or volunteer in any way, call Carol at 285-3035. HAPPY SHOPPING!

## Museum at Campbell River Historic Summer Boat Tours

September is here! For many, September is the best time to be on the water. The Museum at Campbell River will offer two Historic Boat cruises in September.

On Sunday, September 14, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., the Museum is pleased to invite you to join our first historic exploration tour of the Thurlow Islands. This tour heads north from Campbell River and explores the shorelines of West and East Thurlow Islands, returning south via Sonora Island, Yucalta Rapids and along the east shore of Quadra Island. This is a new trip and should be very exciting.

Then on Sunday, September 21, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. another of our popular historic boat trips to Desolation Sound is offered. Don't miss the opportunity to join one or both of the Museum's last two Historic Summer Boat Tours of this year. The cost is \$155.00. Please call 287-3103 to register. Call early as seats will fill up fast.



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# Quadra Circle



Quadra Circle is having an after summer social. Come for tea and conversation and enjoy scones with homemade preserves.

Monday, September 15 from 10 am to noon at the Quadra Community Centre. Weather permitting we will be on the patio. Otherwise it will be held in Room 3. Everyone is welcome.

## CD Release Concert with Sydney Williams and Friends

Singer/songwriter Sydney Williams is launching her first CD, entitled Three Hundred Feet, in a concert at the Quadra Community Centre on Friday September 19. Syd will be accompanied by Shane Philip, Corwin Fox and Island musicians from the CD, with a special performance by Sunday Dennis.

Syd wrote and arranged all the music on Three Hundred Feet, and brings a lush piano to resonant vocal harmonies with Sunday, Shane and Corwin. Factor in didj and drums, flute, mandolin and saxophone, and this is a sound that won't let you go!

Come celebrate this Quadra artist's debut CD release:

Date: Friday September 19

Place: Quadra Community Centre

Time: Doors open at 7pm, music begins at 7:30

Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/kids under 12, \$25/family, available at the door and at Café Aroma, Hummingbird, and Yellow Dog Trading Co.

Event catering: Café Aroma

## Campbell River Arts Council Art Exhibition of Ken Blackburn

Artist Ken Blackburn will be showing recent works of art in an exhibition entitled 'iPop', beginning Friday, September 12. The exhibition will be held at Kallisti Gallery, 1423C-16th Avenue in Campbell River. Blackburn's recent work covers a range of mediums, but the exhibition focus is on new oil paintings. The works in iPop loosely reference Pop Art, an art movement of the 1960's that relied heavily on popular culture for subject matter. Blackburn says "We are still very much as a culture heavily influenced by commercial imagery and popular media. Consumption, together with visual literacy, has increased significantly in the past forty years. But I feel the largest shift in culture is in personal attitudes. Complacency and apathy seem much more prevalent today than in the 1960's. Perhaps the generation of the 60's has grown comfortable as it has aged." The opening reception for iPop is on Friday, September 12 from 5pm to 9 pm. The exhibition runs until October 2nd. Exhibition cards will be for sale as a fundraiser for the Food Bank. Kallisti Gallery can be reached at 250-830-1423 for more information.



*'What Price Passion?'; oil on canvas, 2008 by Ken Blackburn*

## Prose Poems: Quadra Island 1923-1937

Barbara Greene is a 85 year old former resident of Quadra Island from 1923-1937. She's coming to Quadra Island to read her own prose poems about growing up on Quadra. This is a once in a lifetime event that will make Quadra Island history come alive.

Barbara grew up on Quadra, was born in 1923 in a Mission Hospital at Rock Bay, the site of a logging camp and lived in Quathiaski Cove at the top of the old Store hill, opposite the Wiseman's, who lived in the former jail house. When her parson father became the Superintendent of the Columbia Coast Mission in 1937, the family moved to Vancouver. There she attended high school and university, leaving in 1945 for Post Graduate studies in Social Work at the University of Toronto.

After 10 years as a group and community worker in Toronto and Vancouver, she took off for Europe where she lived for 15 years in Spain and England, eventually becoming a freelance broadcaster in radio and television. In 1970, she returned to Canada, working as a documentary film director at the C.B.C. and the National Film Board.

Finally, in the 80's, she moved back to the coast and made her home on Lasqueti Island. Upon her return to the coast, she wrote a series of prose poems based on her childhood on Quadra.

Now, at the age of 85, she would like to share some of these memories with the people of Quadra, the island that gave her such a marvellous beginning for her long and eventful life. Come hear Barbara will be reading her prose poems on Saturday, September 20 at the Aroma Cafe from 7:30 p.m. to 9: 30 p.m. So even if you're an "old-timer" on Quadra, Barbara's prose poems will take you back even further into the mysteries of our collective communal history. No cover but donations to cover Barbara's travel expenses are welcome. Call Steve Moore at 285-3323 for more information.

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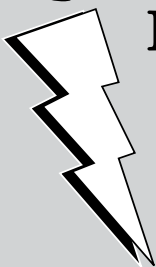
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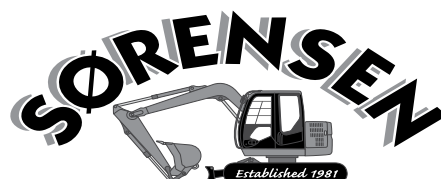


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## Quadra Cultural Committee Starts New Season

Quadra Cultural Committee will kick off a great 7 concert 2008-09 season on Saturday, October 4th, with a stellar performance from Canadian marimbist/percussionist Anne-Julie Caron. We are delighted to present Caron, whose rapidly blooming career has made attracting her to Quadra Island a two year project.

At age 4, Anne-Julie Caron began her musical studies in Quebec on piano and continued for 7 years, until entering a percussion class at the Quebec Music Conservatory in 1994. In 2003, she graduated with Grand Distinction at the top of her class with a score of 99% on her final recital, the highest result ever given to a percussionist in the history of the Quebec Conservatory. She continued her studies at the Boston Conservatory, focussing on marimba solo with renowned soloists Nancy Zeltsman and Dave Samuels.

Now mainly recognized as a marimba soloist, Caron won silver and a recording contract with Classic Concert Records Europe at the International Marimba Competition Linz in 2006, and the Prix d'Europe in 2004. Her competition wins have catapulted her career into high gear, with an impressive list of commitments: various concert series in Canada, the US, and Mexico; performance in "Cool Drumming", an international percussion festival held in Toronto; a New York debut; playing and recording several concerts with CBC radio; and international engagements playing with orchestras, soloing, and teaching.

In a world in which deaf percussionist/marimbist Evelyn Glennie has set the bar impossibly



high, Caron has stiff competition. Yet she has many of the same qualities as Glennie: flawless rhythm, musicality that is expressed through great sensitivity and joyful performance, the ability to make the marimba sing in all its varied colours and dynamics, and a vibrant and engaging stage presence. Caron's sensational performances astonish with their depth and sensitivity. Montreal's Le Soleil wrote of a performance in that city: "...an evocative moment, profound and dreamlike...Anne-Julie Caron demonstrated that the expressive possibilities of the marimba can easily equal those of the violin. The clear phrases, dynamic variety, and in general, the intelligence and sensibility of the the interpreter captivated the audience".

Caron appears with piano accompanist at the Quadra Island Community Centre Saturday, October 4th at 8PM. Tickets are available at Quadra Crafts (285 3721), Hummingbird Office and Art Supply (285 3334), or The Music Plant in Campbell River (287 7770) at \$17 advance; \$20 at the door. Youth 16 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. For more Caron information, visit [www.greatconcerts.com/caron.html](http://www.greatconcerts.com/caron.html) For concert information, call 250 285 3245.

## The Battle of the Bags: Quadra Leaps Into Action!

Thirty-two thousand bags! That is the number of single-use plastic grocery bags Quadra's two grocery stores hand out every month all summer long. The rest of Canada uses approximately 10 billion plastic bags every year. Almost all of these bags end up in our landfills, oceans, fields, ditches and anywhere the wind can take them. Worldwide only one percent of these bags are recycled and on Quadra there are no plastic bag recycling facilities. Millions of barrels of oil are required to make plastic bags every year – a huge waste of precious fossil fuel, and a considerable addition to our green house gas emissions.

Many cities, towns and countries around the world are trying to curb the use of plastic bags, which take hundreds of years to break down. If Ireland, San Francisco and even Leaf Rapids, Manitoba can tackle this problem, Quadra Island can too!

On Saturday, September 27th, join Sierra Quadra for two films - The Story of Stuff and The Battle of the Bag. The Story of Stuff is a 20-minute, fast-paced, fact-filled look at the underside of our production and consumption patterns. This animated short film exposes the connections between a huge number of environmental and social issues, and calls on us together to create a more sustainable

and just world. It'll teach you something, it'll make you laugh, and it just may forever change the way you look at all the stuff in your life.

Our feature film, The Battle of the Bag, is a documentary, which follows the battle to eliminate the single-use plastic bag. From the big oil employees who brought the bag to America, to the Nobel laureate fighting for a bag ban, to the retired German school teacher who holds the world's record for collecting the most plastic bags, the film takes stock of this icon of convenience culture.

During the intermission, there will be an opportunity to see examples of all the reusable cloth and silk shopping bags sold by Quadra stores. I-CAN (Island Climate Action Network) will show how cloth bags can be made from used clothing, and Fun Knits will have a pattern for a knitted bag.

Saturday, September 27th will also be the launch of The Q Bag, Quadra's answer to the single-use disposable plastic bag! Community Centre doors will open at 7:00 pm with the first film starting at 7:30. The door prize – a shopping basket full of groceries – is courtesy of Quadra Foods. Coffee, tea, juice and baked goods will be available. Donations can be made to purchase Q Bags for the Food Bank.

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## Quadra Singers Fall Update

As you are reading this we will have had our first practice, September 11th. If you were unable to make it is not too late. If you want to join us or come and check it out you can still come. A phone call would be appreciated, but not mandatory ( Nancy@250-285-3800).

We will be meeting on Thursday evenings. We will start at 6:45 and end at 9:30 with a pot luck snack break in the middle.

If you love to sing and are prepared to practice weekly leading up to a performance in a community Christmas concert December 20th, then come and join us. If you are interested, but a little unsure then call one of the people below. You are welcome to come and check it out for a session or two

This is a great way to learn more about singing in harmony with others, and a fun way to hang out with people. The ability to read music is an asset, but not a requirement. This is a very affordable way to learn music, at about \$5 per session. Feel free to call Nancy @ 250-285-3800, or Darcy @ 250-285-2739.

## Paint Out in Watercolour with Grant Fuller

Grant Fuller will be on Quadra Island October 6-10 to teach a 5-day workshop in "Painting Water with Watercolour" at Firesign Art & Design Studio and B&B. Grant is author of [Watercolor A-Z], a skilled instructor and inspired painter. Participants of all skill levels will paint on the beaches and in the studio, no more than 7 students. Contact Nanci 285-3390 [www.firesignartanddesign.com](http://www.firesignartanddesign.com).

The Quadra Paint Out September 6-7 was a great success this year with 18 painters from Victoria, Courtenay, Campbell River and Quadra Island participating and many interested people coming to see the process and the results. Thank you to Lois an staff at the Heriot Bay Inn for providing a delicious reception and opportunity to display. The event was part of the 6th Annual Great Worldwide International Plein Air Paint Out, joining artists from Brazil, Canada, United States, Italy and the Caribbean. Photos will be posted at <http://i-p-a-p.blogspot.com/> and on the Firesign website.

## Quadra Golf Tournament

Please join us for the 27th annual golf tournament at Storey Creek on Saturday September 20th. This is not a shotgun start so tee times will begin at approximately 10 am and will continue through to 12:30 pm. We have room for 72 players making a total of 18 foursomes. Registration, as usual will take place at the Landing Pub where the sign up sheet can be found.

Please keep in mind that you must pay upon registration. This allows us to keep better track of our numbers. Lawrence and Tannis are providing a great buffet dinner that will be followed trophy presentation and prizes. All players will Receive their tee off time on Thursday evening before the weekend. These times will be drawn on a random basis. You do not have to have a complete foursome to register, we can help put folks together. See you there! Questions? Please call Rod Clark at 250-285-3849

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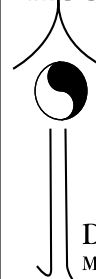
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# What is restorative yoga?

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Restorative yoga is adaptations of classical poses and breathing practices in which you are passively supported by props such as chairs, blankets, and bolsters. Because you are supported you do not have to use energy to get energy. Secondly, the poses are practiced with the body in a deliberately mild version of the classic pose, focusing less on stretching muscles and more on releasing tension through and increasing the circulation of the blood to key organs and glands.

You are able to stay for much longer periods of time than you might normally if you were practicing the posture more actively. This longer stay allows key organs and glands to become drenched with revitalizing blood. Because the action reaches deep in the nervous system, the practice of these postures

can begin to alter chronic tension patterns, improve immune function, and bring the body and mind back to a state of balance.

Restorative yoga is useful when you feel weak, fatigued, or stressed. The poses can be practiced when you are ill or recovering from illness or injury or as a proactive approach to maintaining your health and energy. Anyone can benefit from restorative yoga. There is no prequalification to be able to relax into the postures. When you attend a restorative yoga class, remember:

- Ask questions to make sure that your needs are met and you are comfortable
- Remember you are the best authority about your body and what it can do or not do
- Learning to relax in the midst of pain or stress is a wonderful gift to yourself

Sue Beattie's restorative yoga classes start on September 22nd at the Quadra Community Center, Mondays from 5-6:30PM and Fridays from 9-10:30AM. If you have questions or are interested, please call Sue at (250)285-2948.

## Corbin Murdoch and the Nautical Miles end the summer with a bang

Corbin Murdoch and the Nautical Miles are back for another bout of touring after a couple of seasons off the road. The last six months have been anything but an idle time for the band. The Nautical Miles, who celebrated their fifth year anniversary in May, have been hard at work on their third album *Wartime Lovesong*.

Murdoch is happy to be hitting the road with the full band. "We are really excited to be out touring these new songs," says Murdoch. "We've been working really hard on them for the last six months, arranging them first for the brass, and then trying to translate the intensity of those arrangements for our usual four piece configuration. The shows we've played so far have all gone really well. We're excited for more people to hear what we are doing these days." [www.corbinmurdoch.com](http://www.corbinmurdoch.com)

Corbin Murdoch and the Nautical Miles Island mini-tour:

Heriot Bay Inn, Quadra Island- September 12, 2008

## Haig-Brown Festival On Sept 28

The Haig-Brown Festival takes place Sunday, September 28 at the Haig-Brown Heritage Site on the banks of the Campbell River. This annual family outdoor event offers a wealth of enjoyment for all ages: displays, demonstrations, readings, crafts, games, site tours, book sale, live music, tasty food and more!

For the week leading up to the Festival, Dennis Reid will stay at Haig-Brown House and be available to give fly fishing advice by appointment. With years of experience in sport fishing, David Reid writes for the Victoria Times Colonist and fishing magazines, and is the author of four fishing books and five literary works. To book an appointment, please phone 250 287-3103

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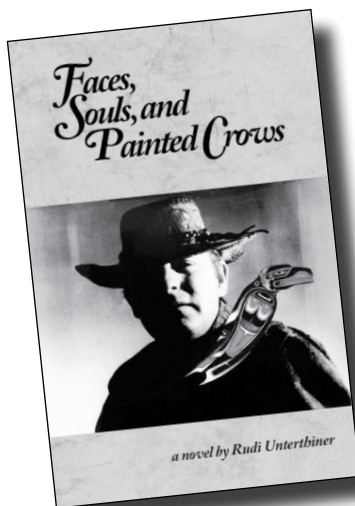
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Dr. Rudi Unterthiner's fictional autobiography, *Faces, Souls, and Painted Crows*, has been released. It is the story of Dr. Paul Reiter who is torn between his work as a cosmetic surgeon in Hollywood and his true calling as a healer to the Indians of Mexico's Baja until his wife teaches him about the power of forgiveness and the true connection between faces and souls.



Dr. Unterthiner uses his expertise as a surgeon and doctor to create a realism that is intriguing, exciting, and realistic. His adventures are captivating and his perception of characters is inspiring and exhilarating, so much so that the reader cannot put the book down.

The official launch of *Faces, Souls, and Painted Crows* will take place on Saturday, September 13 at the Heriot Bay Inn on Quadra Island, British Columbia.

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# Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

## Prime Time Democracy

**E**lection fever is rampant across North America now that Stephen Harper has breached his own policy and called an early election - everywhere I go, people want to talk about the election... but not our election. No doubt Harper is relying on the worldwide fascination with the Obama-McCain contest down south to distract Canadians from paying any serious attention to our own elections, something about which we are famously apathetic anyway. Nothing, and I mean nothing, about the Canadian federal election holds a candle to the sideshow provided by the contest for the US presidency, particularly such a potentially momentous one. On November 4, 2008 the USA will elect either the first black president or they will elect the first female vice-president, and one thing for certain is that the nomination of Sarah Palin has immediately re-energized the McCain campaign. If it wasn't interesting enough before, the addition of Palin and Joe Biden to the tickets has made this campaign downright entertaining.

Since my last US election comment focused almost entirely on Barack Obama (Obamapalooza - DI August 1/08) I will limit this one to Sarah Palin, with the exception of this one notation regarding John McCain, whom I firmly believe to be ill suited to the presidency. Circulating on You Tube (and transcribed on the Democrat's website) is a video statement by Dr. Philip Butler, who attended the US Naval Academy with McCain and served 8 years as a POW in North Vietnam, 5 years of which years were shared with John McCain. After his release in 1973 he stayed in the Navy until 1981, earning a doctorate and teaching at the US Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. In his statement, titled "Why I will not vote for John McCain", Butler confirms McCain's "college boy" attitude while attending the USNA, from which McCain graduated 5th from the bottom (out of 800 students), and that particular accomplishment was likely only made possible by having two admirals in his paternity. Butler is appalled at how McCain is "using" his POW status for gain, disappointed in McCain's previous political activities, and confirms McCain's reputation as being short-fused - "I can verify that John McCain has an infamous reputation for being a hot head. He has a quick and explosive temper that many have never experienced first hand. Folks, quite honestly, that is not the finger I want next to that red

button". Check out Butler's statement if you can - You Tube or Democrats.com.

Now back to Sarah Palin. McCain's advisors strategy in putting forward Palin was obvious, a direct counterpoint to McCain - young, female, rural and untainted by "beltway" politics. As we are learning, it is yet to be seen whether Palin can survive the vetting of the media, a process that the McCain campaign obviously (and ill-advisedly) rushed. I won't repeat the Palin biography here, but it certainly is a thin one, particularly for an office that is one heartbeat from the presidency. Two terms as a small town mayor and relatively recently elected as Governor of Alaska (which boasts America's 4th smallest population) is dubious preparation for the job, certainly when compared to her Democratic counterpart's 35 years as US Senator - he presently serves as Chair of two of the most powerful Senate committees - Judiciary and Foreign Relations. But in this case Palin has an asset that trumps Biden's experience - the redneck vote.

Joe Bageant, a US author (Deer Hunting with Jesus - Dispatches from America's Class War) and blogger ([www.joebageant.com](http://www.joebageant.com)) recently posted an blog entry called Why Rednecks May Rule The World, from which I snipped the following: "We come in one size: extra large. We are sometimes insolent and often quick to fight. We love competitive spectacle such as NASCAR and paintball, and believe gun ownership is the eleventh commandment. We fry things nobody ever considered friable -- things like cupcakes, banana sandwiches and batter dipped artificial cheese ... even pickles. And most of all we are defiant and suspicious of authority, and people who are "uppity" (sophisticated) and "slick" (people who use words with more than three syllables). Two should be enough for anybody. And that is one of the reasons that, mystifying as it is to the outside world, John McCain's choice of the moose-shooting Alaskan woman with the pregnant unmarried teen daughter appeals to many redneck and working class Americans. We all understand that there is a political class which dominates in America, and that Sarah Palin for damned sure is not one of them. And the more she is attacked by liberal Democratic elements (translation: elite highly-educated big city people) the more America's working mooks will come to her defence. Her daughter had a baby out of wedlock? Big deal. What family has not? She is a Christian fundamentalist who believes God spat on his

beefy paws and made the world in seven days? So do at least 150 million other Americans. She snowmobiles and fishes and she is a looker to boot. She's a redneck."

Most importantly, as Joe later points out in the same blog entry, "We represent at least a third of all voters and no US president has ever been elected without our support. Consequently, rednecks have never had so many friends or so much attention as in 2008. Contrary to the stereotype, we are not all tobacco chawing, guffawing Southerners, but are scattered from coast to coast. Over 50% of us live in the "cultural south", which is to say places with white Southern Scots-Irish values -- redneck values. They include western Pennsylvania, central Missouri and southern Illinois, upstate Michigan and Minnesota, eastern Connecticut, northern New Hampshire ...so when you look at what pundits call the red state heartland, you are looking at the Republic of Redneckia." And as Bageant opines, to many Americans Palin is, in and of herself, an exciting counterpoint to a tired old WASPish Senator who forgets how many houses he owns. Not to mention a terrific balancer for those needing to hold their nose to vote for McCain...instead of a candidate as "different" as Obama.

Until a week ago I had relatively high confidence that, barring any major upheavals such as terrorist attack, natural disaster or divine intervention, Barack Obama would, by a relatively narrow margin, be elected the 44th President of the United States...and I certainly welcomed the potential of such a watershed event. Now, I'm not so certain. While polling data is notoriously unreliable, it is clear that Palin's nomination has pulled McCain out of a downward spiral very quickly, and she certainly holds a lot of attraction to a lot of disaffected voters, redneck or otherwise. I recently read an analysis of the McCain strategy that compared it to Nixon's selection of Spiro Agnew as a running mate. Agnew functioned as Nixon's attack dog during that memorable election 40 years ago - now Palin is using her reputation as a barracuda in a remarkably similar manner, as well as offsetting the weakness' of the principal candidate. The remaining 2008 US presidential campaign has media appeal like no other in history, with a fascinating cast of characters and occurring at a tremendously crucial juncture in our lives.

Meanwhile, Stephen Harper's campaign staff are rubbing their hands with glee - after all, no one is watching.

# "Hands-Off" Approach May Run Liberals Aground

by John Sprungman, Chair,  
Ferry Advisory Committee

One of the myths being perpetrated by the Liberal government is that is they are not really controlling BC Ferries.

The latest evidence of this was clearly presented at BCF's annual general meeting last week in Delta when everything the Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs (FACC) heard from BCF management and the Ferry Commissioners was in lock step with Minister of Transportation Kevin Falcon's response to the August 1 fuel surcharges.

"We're going to have to look at, talk to the communities about service levels, try and figure out ways we can run the system maybe a little more intelligently," Falcon told CKNW radio at the end of July. "We're going to have to have discussions about that to try and reduce costs, possibly reducing the number of trips to certain of the islands."

At another point in the interview, he said, "I think the fact of the matter is we are going to have to sit down with the ferry advisory boards and the communities and figure out, we're going to have to look at levels of service."

So the FACC immediately offered to meet with him and didn't even get the courtesy of a response. But it turns out that his comments were far from off-the-cuff.

At the AGM, there was a fancy pamphlet that presents BCF's 2008-2009 Business Plan. In a section called "Strategies and Tactics (to) Facilitate a Culture of Continuous Improvement," BCF says, "We will work collaboratively with Ferry Advisory Committees to facilitate adjustments to local service plans."

Under "Strategies and Tactics to achieve key financial targets, ensuring that sufficient capital and retained earnings are available to revitalize our fleet, facilities and infrastructure," BCF says, "We will maintain a strong relationship with the BC Ferries Commissioner and the BC Provincial Ministry of Transportation."

Under this heading, BCF says it will "develop and implement revised route service schedules where appropriate" and "assess potential Alternative Service Providers for designated ferry routes."

BCF is currently advertising for "expressions of interest" from private companies to take over the operation of the Quadra, Cortes and Tri-Island (Port McNeill, Sointula, Alert Bay) ferries. They are required to do this by the government's Coastal Ferry

Act, though none of the time-consuming work BCF has to do in the last five years to meet this requirement has produced a cost-effective alternative service provider on any route.

In the FACC's meetings with management at the AGM, we heard that BCF plans to provide FACs with an analysis of the levels of use of every sailing throughout the year and wants to look at how schedules can be changed or reduced some days of the week or some parts of the year to save on labour and fuel costs.

At an FACC meeting with Ministry of Transportation officials in May, they suggested we participate in an "innovation" workshop with the Ferry Commissioners, which we were willing to do. The Commissioners came to our meeting at the AGM with an outline for a workshop that would include "service redesign."

However, none of this will happen right away. In fact, BCF's plan is to wait until after the election in May so ferry service doesn't become a political issue. If the cost and level of ferry service isn't an election issue for every ferry-dependent voter, then the FAC Chairs don't know our own communities.

The FACC was adamant in our meetings that reducing service levels could not be considered without a commitment from the government, BC Ferries and the Ferry Commissioner that any savings would go to reducing fares on the affected routes.

Our mission as community representatives is get government to recognize that BC Ferries is essential transportation infrastructure that deserves the same level of support from the provincial treasury that highways and other transportation systems in BC receive.

Our message is that this government's user pay policy has already pushed ferry fares to levels that are harming our communities. That message is getting through in some places.

In an editorial published Sept. 1, the Vancouver Province wrote:

"When Gibsons' Mayor Barry Janyk asked B.C. Ferries' President David Hahn whether or not the company would join in a study on the effect of rising fares on ferry-dependent communities, he got a one-word answer: 'No!' As terse and blunt as this response was to those attending B.C. Ferries annual meeting in Delta last week, it spoke volumes about what is wrong with the province's coastal ferry system.

"Hahn is technically correct," the newspaper wrote, "in saying that any study into what ferry-dependent communities believe is the increasingly negative economic impact of higher ferry fares is 'a policy thing'--and therefore falls under the B.C. government's jurisdiction.

"However, Victoria has shown no interest whatsoever in a report from the B.C. Ferries Advisory Committee, which warned that rising fares are not only hurting coastal communities, but are threatening the viability of the ferry system. The committee, which represents ferry-dependent communities serviced by BC Ferries, wrote the report specifically for Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon.

"Falcon cool toward report on impact of ferry fares" was the way one editorial-page headline described the minister's response.

"Since the Campbell government dumped its responsibility for BC Ferries as a Crown corporation in 2003 and set it up effectively as a stand-alone authority, it has adopted a 'hands-off' position.

"That's why it has not only ignored the advisory committee report, it has shown no inclination to address the economic impacts on smaller communities that the study outlined.

"So," said The Province, "what we have here is BC Ferries and the BC government each saying 'not my problem' to the impacts of fast-rising ferry fares.

"When the travelling public demands accountability for this mess, both the BC Ferries' bureaucrats and the Liberal politicians in Victoria quickly run for cover.

"And our premier wonders why his Liberals are now running behind the NDP in public opinion polls?"

While the AGM was being held, the media reported that an Angus Reid Strategies poll found that 58% of British Columbians "believe it is time for a change of government in B.C." and only "29% believe the BC Liberals should be re-elected."

Clearly they have managed to discredit themselves with a larger portion of the population than just the residents who depend on BC Ferries. It's not hard to see how they've managed that. They have an agenda, and if you don't like it, too bad. Anyone who thinks they aren't pulling BCF's strings behind the scenes doesn't know sleight-of-hand when they see it.

## Making It Work

A week ago Monday, I was caught in an overload for the 1 p.m. sailing from Quathiaski Cove. As the last vehicle in Lane One on the hill, I watched while the second lot attendant directed people into Lane Two, and it was obvious that most of the drivers were confused or uncertain about where to go.

The attendant told me managing the traffic is very difficult when there is an overload and only one of them is on duty. He said he'd liked to see the hillside lane blocked off and used for pedestrians and bicycles only.

"At least that way everyone would stay in the order they arrived," he said. "I've been yelled at 50 times this summer because people get mad when they see cars that arrived after they did getting ahead of them."

This has been a problem ever since the second lane was constructed two years ago. People, especially visitors, don't know what to do when there's no attendant at the top of the hill. The sign, which is too small to be noticed unless you're stopped next to it, says, "When directed, use Lane Two when Lane One is full." That's really useful when there's no one there to direct traffic.

I was headed down to Tsawwassen for BC Ferries' AGM that day and I said I'd try to talk to someone about this ongoing problem.

So was I ever surprised when Corrine Storey, the Vice President of Terminal Operations, came up to me at the hotel and said she'd been to Cortes the week before to look at the Whaletown terminal.

"I got left behind in Quathiaski Cove coming back," she said, "and those lanes on the hill really aren't working, are they? I could see people were getting out of order. I talked to the lot attendant. We've got to fix that."

Very soon, I've been assured, we'll get the essential BCF personnel, including the terminal staff, and members of the FAC together in Quathiaski Cove to try to come up with a workable way to manage those lanes.

## Refitting the Refits

A similar serendipitous meeting helped bring about a switch in next year's refit schedules for the Cortes ferry which will see the 30-car MV Tachek replace the 24-car MV Tenaka for most of the summer.

At the opening of the new Quathiaski Cove terminal building in June, BCF's Chief Operating Officer Mike Corrigan and V-P for Engineering Mark Collins were present, and I was able to talk to them about the benefits to ferry users of having the Tachek in July and August instead of May and June.

Later that day, Mark took a roundtrip on the Tenaka. Capt. Jay Halladay, the senior master on the Cortes route, has been trying to get the Tachek for Cortes for several summers so he had all the operational reasons why it would be a good idea. After checking out the shipyard schedule and Transport Canada's refit requirements, Mark informed us that they could change the schedules.

In addition to being able to carry five or six more vehicles per trip, the Tachek also can take overheight vehicles in all four of its lanes. It has more freeboard than the Tenaka so the ramp support has to be raised at Heriot Bay and Whaletown, but the crew requirements are the same.

It should reduce the number of overloads and the need for extra sailings at the end of the day as well as accommodate more over-height trucks during the busiest time of the year for construction on Cortes.

## To Connect or NOT!

For the 13 people on Cortes who had to have blood drawn a second time because space was not saved for the Cortes Connection van on the 9 a.m. sailing Wednesday, Sept. 3, there is now a clear understanding of the importance of the van making the connecting ferry on days when it is carrying "chemistry" from the Cortes Health Centre.

Capt. Lynn Hagen, the Quadra senior master, and Capt. Jay Halladay, Cortes senior

master, have made their crews aware of the need for better communication when the Cortes ferry is running late and the Connection might be arriving at Quathiaski Cove at the last minute. The Connection drivers will also tell the Cortes crew when they know the ferry is running late and are carrying blood so the ship's captains can communicate with each other.

The Cortes Health Centre schedules all of its blood and urine tests on mornings the Connection is going to town. More than half the time, the Connection is carrying medically-important material. These time-sensitive samples must make it to the laboratory at Campbell River hospital on the connecting ferry or they are useless for testing purposes.

Everyone who lives on Quadra or Cortes is probably familiar with the Cortes Connection van which regularly travels from Whaletown on the 9:50 a.m. ferry and is supposed to have assured loading on 11 a.m. from Quathiaski Cove and on the 4:30 p.m. from Campbell River and the 5:05 p.m. from Heriot Bay.

The Connection is operated by Andrew Ferguson, whose late father Ken started the service 20 years ago. As a scheduled bus service, it picks up passengers around Cortes and brings them home with their shopping. It also takes Cortes Islanders into Campbell River when they are trying to catch a flight, and it brings arriving visitors back.

It is also a drop-off and pick-up service for islanders and typically does 30-40 stops in town, taking in everything from bank deposits to flat tires and bringing back anything that will fit in or on top of the van. Up to 2:30 p.m., a Cortesian can phone and have something picked up that will be back on the island at dinner time.

This is not only an extremely valuable service to people who need to fix something, it also reduces the number of emergency trips Cortesians would otherwise have to make which means fewer cars in the ferry lineups. It's surprising that no one on Quadra or in Campbell River provides a similar service for Quadra Islanders. Maybe the ferry fares have to get even higher to make it viable.

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Sunday	11:46	1.7	5.6
	18:16	4.5	14.8
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Monday	06:16	4.2	13.8
	12:24	1.9	6.2
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Saturday	10:57	4.3	14.1
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21	04:35	1.0	3.3
Sunday	12:12	4.3	14.1
	17:01	3.5	11.5
	21:46	4.3	14.1
22	05:34	1.1	3.6
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	18:33	3.6	11.8
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## Local Government Elections 2008

Local government elections will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2008 in the Strathcona Regional District. The home page notice board on the SRD website has details about nominations, voting places and mail ballot voting and information for potential candidates and for voters.

Some important dates for the election are:

- September 30, 2008: nomination period for candidates begins
- October 10, 2008 (at 4:00 p.m.): nomination period for candidates ends
- November 5 and 12, 2008: advanced voting opportunities
- November 15, 2008: general voting day

For more information please visit our website at  
<http://www.strathconard.ca>

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### SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 2008 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public Notice is given to the Electors of School District No. 72 (Campbell River) that a General Local Election will be held on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008 to elect the following for a three (3) year term (December 2008 to December 2011):

GREATER CAMPBELL RIVER AREA..... FIVE (5) Trustees  
SAYWARD VALLEY AREA..... ONE (1) Trustee  
QUADRA & OUTLYING ISLANDS AREAS..... ONE (1) Trustee

**NOMINATIONS** for qualified candidates will be received during the following times by the Chief Election Officer located at Campbell River City Hall, 301 St. Ann's Road, Campbell River, BC:

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday,  
excluding statutory holidays, from  
October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Nominations for qualified candidates will also be received at the Village of Sayward Office located at 601 Kelsey Way, Sayward, BC.

#### QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected and to hold office as a Trustee of School District No. 72 if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not disqualified by the School Act or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to, or holding office.

#### NOMINATIONS WILL BE NOT ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008

Those persons unable to deliver nominations in person may mail them or otherwise have them delivered or sent by facsimile transmission to the Attention of the Chief Election Officer by the October 10, 2008 deadline to (250) 286-5760. If sent by facsimile, the original must be received by October 17, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

**NOMINATION DOCUMENTS** are available at Campbell River City Hall, 301 St. Ann's Road, Campbell River, BC (Telephone (250) 286-5705 or (250) 286-5707) during business hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. (excluding statutory holidays) and the Village of Sayward Office, 601 Kelsey Way, Sayward, BC (Telephone (250) 282-5512).

**INTERESTED PERSONS** can obtain further information by contacting: W.T. (Bill) Halstead, Chief Election Officer, Ph: (250) 286-5705, Fax: (250) 286-5760, e-mail: [bill.halstead@campbellriver.ca](mailto:bill.halstead@campbellriver.ca) or Peter F. Wipper, Deputy Chief Election Officer, Ph: (250) 286-5707, Fax (250) 286-5760, e-mail: [peter.wipper@campbellriver.ca](mailto:peter.wipper@campbellriver.ca).

W. T. Halstead  
Chief Election Officer

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We're already recycling,  
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**But there's more we can do.**

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so we can start to build a truly  
sustainable future.



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Social Justice, Ecological Wisdom, Sustainable  
Economics, Respect for Diversity,  
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