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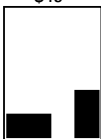
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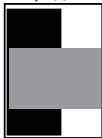
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Monday March 8, 7pm

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Friday, February 26

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Saturday, March 13th

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Ian McAllister

Sierra Quadra event

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Tuesday March 30th, 2010; 8:00pm at the Quadra Legion

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Sing for Pure Joy! Room 3, QCC, 3 - 4:30pm <i>All voices welcome.</i>	Quadra Children's Song Circle, Room 3, QCC 3 - 4pm	Community Lunch QCC, 12pm	Pilates, QCC 285- 2930 5 - 6pm	Legion Meat Draw 5pm, Steak Dinner 6:30pm  For links to the latest weather, tides, currents and marine weather forecast please visit <a href="http://Quadraland.ca">Quadraland.ca</a>	Family Worship Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30am
Island Calendar online:	Kidz Klub, Quadra Island Bible Church 3- 4:30 pm	Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15pm	Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7pm		Quadra Sunday Painters, 11am - 2pm, 285-3390
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**Next Deadline**  
**Monday, March 8th**

# ISLAND FORUM



## Where Credit is Due:

### The Q Cove Village Plan

There was a good turnout and a lot of enthusiasm at the first public meeting for the Cove Plan on Feb 10. This is a community driven process that promises to really reflect the visions and needs of Quadra Islanders. I would like to thank those of you who have been building this vision for several years, and the Regional District and Jim Abram for supporting a locally organized plan. It is an honour to be working with this community.

David Rousseau

## Dear Editor:

Could someone please explain to me why people are trying to create a lending library at the Quadra Community Centre. We already have an excellent public library on Quadra.

At a time when public libraries already are under assault from funding cuts by the BC Liberal government, it seems to me that further undermining our library system by introducing competition is not a constructive endeavour.

Sincerely,  
Michael McIvor

## Dear Islanders,

We know the pending aquaculture rezoning application as "the application for a scallop farm at Rebecca Spit". But it is far more than that.

The proposal is an application to rezone 211 acres (85.5 hectares) of the waters just south of Rebecca Spit to Aquaculture 2a.

The aquaculture zone is not species specific. If this rezoning application is successful, an aquaculture zone will be created and any of the above listed species can be grown. If for any reason the operators of the scallop farm decide not to continue with scallops, they can cultivate any of those species without going to another public hearing.

If the new aquaculture zone is created, it will be permanent. If the tenure is abandoned the area will not revert to its original zoning. Tenures can be sold or transferred. There

## Dear Editor:

I have great regard for Joy Inglis, so it is with considerable discomfort that I feel compelled to contest an assertion in her recent letter ("Scallop Scoop", DI 12 Feb).

Joy states: (the scallop farm...) "isn't really a threat to anybody".

The scallop farm's impact on the Rebecca Spit environs is a matter for the wider community, and the precedent set by permitting any aquaculture in Marine Zone AC2 is well recognized by my neighbours to the south.

Here, I reiterate my private interest:

The proposed permanent farmsite will extend south of upland IR #9 across my entire ocean frontage, impairing, I contend, my direct access to deepwater and thereby my riparian rights as upland owner - rights which are well established in law. Not only will this undermine my family's private enjoyment of our property, but the negative impact on our property's market value is likely to be severe.

I wish the Cape Mudge Band every prosperity. I only regret that the feeling apparently isn't mutual.

Peter Gellatly

## Dear Editor:

Several years ago at a May Day celebration, a very deserving island citizen was honored for his contributions to the community. He gave a speech thanking the Clandenning family for donating the land to the people of Quadra..... There was much to do about the generosity of the family....all very well.....but to me, there was a huge piece missing.

No one mentioned the First Nations people who once inhabited the spit.....who once called it their home .....who once harvested the clams and the eel grass roots, the sea asparagus, the seaweed..... who pulled their canoes up on the shore.....who launched their canoes.....the ones who created the vast middens that are now covered in grass...that few people know they are walking on. What about the people who built the lookout from where we can see all the way to Mittenach.....so they could watch for approaching canoes from the south.....how did the spit get from them to the Clandennings? What was that process like? Did they donate the land to the Clandennings? How about an appreciation for their generosity?

On that May Day I almost went up to the microphone to say what he forgot.....the people before should be honored as well.....I hesitated... said what I thought to some friends standing there.....they said "don't do it....he's a nice man, he just forgot.... you will make enemies."...So I didn't speak up that day.....But I will speak up this day.

The sign at the park entrance that Micheal Stanhke quotes as authority and precedence also forgot to mention the First Nations people's relationship to the jewel of our island. That sign was made by people of a colonialist mindset.....Do we want to perpetuate that?

Luise Grav

will forever be commercial/industrial aquaculture of some species at that site.

Our Official Community Plan, the statement of our values and objectives, defines our vision for Quadra Island. In 2006 an application was made to grow geoducks at this same site and also at Open Bay.

If the application for geoducks had proceeded to a public hearing, the applicants would have been applying for the same aquaculture zoning as the current applicants.

There are many other sites that are more suitable for shellfish aquaculture that do not violate our OCP, are not adjacent to settlement areas, and are not adjacent to a Provincial Park. There is no justifiable reason for this application at this site.

Sincerely yours,  
Jean Stahnke



I have to respond to the enormous amount of "NIMBY" attitudes displayed against the We Wai Kai proposed development and expansion of their scallop farm.

I am not against people having opinions on what they view or feel is best for their communities, but let's look at this from a different angle. There have been a few articles and letters referring to Paddy's Lagoon as well as Rebecca Spit as a place to cherish and enjoy. But how do people get there? They have to cross the land which is owned by the We Wai Kai First Nation.

For years people have been parking along the main road and walking through the campsite grounds all year long. It is not only people but their dogs and horses that cross through there. Is there not a fence there? Yes, and it was put up to keep trespassers out, but many of you still park and ignore the signs/fence and walk around to get to the campground paths. Why? Because it is a nice walking path that can extend a person(s) walk that day, is this right? So what if I wanted to come to your area of the island for a walk but had to go through your property to get to the beach on the other side, would you let me cross day after day, parking on your land and leaving my horse and dog feces? I would safely say you would call the police to charge me with trespassing or worse. Has this been done to the people who trespass through the Campsite? NO, but it could happen.

I am not saying the band would do this but the rules are there for it to happen. I do not want this to happen. I just want more respect from the Quadra Island people who now are saying the Band is ruining their precious park. Must you be reminded that before the white settlers came to Quadra Island the We Wai Kai people were already here and using the lands, lands that were taken away and reduced. If people truly want to preserve their parks and lands they must also respect the lands and rights that surround their park. Do not park on the road and trespass to get a longer walk, respect all people not just your own personal agendas, what would happen if a non-native development happened elsewhere on the island and the Band protested that? There would be an even bigger outcry from the island. This is another example of a larger group trying to suppress a minority, is that right?

So before people get carried away with stopping a development by a minority group, maybe they should look at what they can do to build better relationships with the Band and its members, because if the people who protest are the same people who are trespassing then they are hypocrites. Can we not put past these petty arguments that can seem racial on the surface? I would certainly hope so. For an island that claims to be very supportive and ecologically minded there are a lot of resentment and negative attitudes that go beyond just protecting the park.

I hope everybody looks into themselves and sees that everybody or group deserves to have the right to create a better future for themselves, and not be oppressed. To me this is similar to the prior oppression of First Nations people that happened many years ago, legislated by the government. Is history repeating itself with a different player?

Frank Assu

## Shellfish Shame!

During the short reprieve from the many rainy days of late, I wandered down to the neighbourhood beach where I was greeted by the warm sun, a gentle breeze, the tide rolling in and ...shellfish industry garbage everywhere!

Over the 30+ years I have been going down to this beach, there has been a steady increase in industry garbage, but today was record breaking! Baskets, barrels, a bucket, ropes, nets, styrofoam and vexar bags were everywhere, there was even a huge buoy labeled with the name of the nearby scallop farm who, when applying for expansion, went on public record to say they are low impact and never lose their equipment to the elements.

Obviously, the recent flooding creating extreme high tides have scoured the Vancouver Island shores, creek and river mouths clean and deposited the debris elsewhere. With the amount of ropes - long and short, thick and thin I picked up in a short distance, I wondered how boats (including ferries) manage to get through the maze without fouling their props. Unfortunately the styrofoam is a real environmental concern as it has now been reduced to single beads and will probably be ingested by fish and fowl alike who would mistake it for eggs, eventually leading to their demise. Filter feeders large and small are also at risk of starving to death once their bellies are full of styrofoam.

I keep asking myself how an industry who relies solely on the environment for their livelihood can treat Baynes Sound like a garbage dump? Why aren't they out scouring the shores to not only retrieve their equipment, but also to preserve the habitat they rely on? Why are they then surprised when there is opposition to their applications for expansion? By the way, I am not a N.I.M.B.Y., I am a traditional bottom culture oyster farmer and have operated a small family holding on Denman Island for 35 yrs. and am ashamed to be part of this industry. Every year I haul truck loads of industry garbage off the beaches that I have gathered piece by piece while walking my dogs and am disgusted with the attitude displayed by others in the business.

The water quality of Baynes Sound is in crisis from not only these plastics left to decompose and eventually make their way into the food chain, but also from oxygen depletion due to the overuse from the millions of suspended filter feeders depleting this finite resource. This coupled with the toxic heavy metals soon to be released from the development at Union Bay and proposed coal mine behind Buckley Bay will quite possibly cause Cadmium levels to increase so that NO global markets will accept our shellfish. Perhaps this will be the "silver lining" in these dark clouds looming on the horizon and Baynes Sound will eventually be free of shellfish industry garbage, and unfortunately- edible shellfish! Anybody want to buy an oyster lease?

.Edina Johnston  
Denman Island

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# REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT *Area C*

by Jim Abram

I only have a few items to update you on this report. They are, however, important ones, so please read on.

## Rebecca Spit road update

As I mentioned in my last report (see: Hows 'bout them potholes, eh? - ACTION REQUESTED!), I have been in contact with Ron Quilter, North Island Section Head, Parks and Protected Areas Division of Ministry of Environment, and his superior, Mr. Scott Benton, Executive Director for the Parks Branch of the Ministry of Environment, concerning the conditions at Rebecca Spit park. Both of these people have been very good to deal with over the many years I have been in local government and are willing to do what they can for us at Rebecca Spit. Concurrently, Paul Ryan, a long time Quadra Islander whom many of you know, was in contact with the operational supervisor for the park, Brent Blackman. Paul walks his dog at the park almost daily and was pretty fed up with the situation on the road, as was I. So, we were both unknowingly pursuing the same goal with various people. I managed to get a firm commitment from both Ron and Scott that Rebecca Spit will be dealt with immediately with a band-aid fix, and in the long term, a complete and proper rebuild of the road and possibly the boat ramp (depending on an inspection tour). Paul, in the meantime, gathered two local business people, Doug Peters and Bill Pirie, to discuss the donation of machine and operator time to help fix the road. He also got Brent Blackman for Parks to commit to some fuel costs and some fill for the road as a temporary fix. So we are all now working together and will meet on site this week on the 24th at 4pm to discuss what will actually be done and when.

I also spoke to Ron Quilter about the rumour regarding fire ring removal from the picnic area. He assured me that they have no intention of doing so and that he would insure that the contractor did not remove them either. The contractor would need permission from Ron to do so and he is not willing to do that. So, I think the rings will stay!

I am feeling quite relieved at the cooperation received to date from the Ministry and very appreciative to Paul for his help on this matter at the local level. It is great when someone "steps up to the plate" and assists me in getting what we need for the good of the community. I will still need your letters of support sent to Ron Quilter, at [ron.quilter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ron.quilter@gov.bc.ca). Please send a copy to me and to our MLA, Claire Trevena. The pressure has got to stay on them if we want this much needed work to be completed.



## Scallop farm rezoning near Rebecca Spit

While I am talking about the Spit, I will fill you in on the application by the Cape Mudge Band to rezone 85.5 hectares of water area for the rearing of scallops. This application extends into a portion of the Park, and extends past IR #9 to the area in front of the private properties at the south of the Reserve boundary. It was considered at the Electoral Areas Services Committee last week and will go to the Board on Feb. 23rd for the setting of a public hearing date. That date will be March 17th at 7pm at the Quadra Community Centre. If you have any concerns or comments about this application, the public hearing is your opportunity to voice those comments. The regional board will make its decision based on all of the input received and the agency referral comments. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Q. Cove Village planning process

We had a great public meeting on Wednesday, February 10th, at 7 p.m. at the Quadra Island Community Centre. It was very well attended. I started the presentation with an introduction to the process and the history of the project. We then were treated to a very informative presentation by the consultant who is running the process, David Rousseau. It was obvious from the questions and comments that there is a lot of interest in this initiative and I am very pleased with the direction that it is going. This is truly a "from the ground up" process and the public is playing a major part in it. The steering committee (refer to two reports prior to this one for the list) is meeting regularly and the questionnaires are coming in at a steady pace. You can get one at Hummingbird Office Supply or the Heriot Bay Inn and turn them in to Hummingbird. They are very short and only ask you some general questions about what you would like to see in the Cove. Fill one out!

The next public meeting will be on March 9th, 7pm, at the Community Centre. At this meeting you will learn more about the charrette process (the visioning and design workshop): what it is and when it will take place, and how you can have input. I hope you can all make the March 9th meeting.

## BC Ferries Closure plans

You will be receiving more on this by official notice from BC Ferries but I wanted to tell you what transpired this past week. I was party to a conference call with the staff at BC Ferries who are making the plans for the upcoming closure of Q. Cove terminal so they can replace the approach and ramp. The closure will take place from April 6th through April 10th. The contract has been issued and the plan is in the works. There will be a water taxi from Q. Cove to Campbell River during the regular schedule of sailings. They will have two boats available and will sail them roughly every 20 minutes. The pick up point will



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be at the bottom of the ramp at the Harbour Authority dock. On the Campbell River side it will be at the Coast Marina dock. There will be three staff present on the Q. Cove side for the full sailing day. Parking will be made available in the holding lanes on the Q. Cove side and in the Harbour Authority parking lot, free of charge. No one will be ticketed or towed during this closure.

On the Campbell River side, parking will be made available in the fenced compound for the entire period. Commuters and others will be able to leave their cars there as needed. Medical emergencies will be dealt with by water taxi and helicopter if necessary. Follow all of the usual methods during an emergency (911).

The talk was originally of having the Powell River Queen sail from Heriot Bay to Campbell River a few times a day. That depended on getting a special license to do so from Transport Canada. They were unable to obtain that license so the plan has changed. The Tachek and the Tenaka (both used on the Cortes run at different times of year) will both be used. One will sail from Cortes to Campbell River directly and the other will sail from Heriot Bay to Campbell River direct. There will be three round trip sailings per day. The plan as it stands is to have the Heriot Bay run take only commercial traffic and the Cortes run will operate on a first come, first served basis. There will be NO service between Quadra and Cortes island, not even a water taxi.

They were going to hold a public meeting on Quadra Island only, but I insisted that they would be wise to hold meetings both on Quadra and on Cortes and in the evening, so a maximum number of people can attend. They have agreed to that and just need to follow through on the commitment.

I hope this fills you on the details. This is all that I know at this time and I wanted to make sure that I shared the information with you at the first opportunity.

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 C), SRD

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## Quadra School Fundraiser - Mature Fish Compost

The Grade 3/4 class is raising funds for their year end trip to Strathcona Park Lodge. The class will be selling 30 L bags of mature fish compost for \$10 including GST. To place your order, please call Masumi @ 250 285 2770 or Donna @ 250 285 2015 or email [masumi@connected.bc.ca](mailto:masumi@connected.bc.ca).

Order deadline is Wednesday March 10th. Orders will be available for pick up on Saturday March 13th and Sunday March 14th in the Quadra school parking lot from 12-4pm.

Thanks for your support Quadra!

The Quadra Kids Program is looking for retired non-electronic devices for their spring break program. The children will be exploring the internal workings of household items such as toasters, irons, wind-up alarm clocks and blenders.... while developing their tool skills. Donations kindly accepted at the Children's Centre or please call Sue at home (285-2403) between 9am and 9pm if other arrangements are needed.

Thank-You Fellow Islanders!

## BIG Events With Youth Group

The Youth Group has some exciting activities planned for the month of February!! Spring is in the air and it's time to get outside. On Sunday February 28th we will be meeting at the Community Centre to explore some of the local trails on bikes! Quadra is a mecca for outdoor activities and its time to explore our surroundings. We will meet at 1 pm at Q.C.C. ON Feb 28th. Bring your own bike, helmets are recommended and burgers and hotdogs to follow. This activity is free of charge! Please call Lisa Murphy at (250)285-3914 for more information.

## Free Firewood

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## A Story With Two Ends

From the Alberta Tar Sands to the Great Bear Rainforest, award winning Canadian author and photographer Ian McAllister, will show how the world's second largest oil reserve is about to collide with BC's remarkable coastline.

Ian's twenty years of wildlife research and conservation work in BC's northern rainforest have produced some of the world's most spectacular images of rare wildlife behaviour - and his stories of living with wolves and Canada's largest grizzly bears provide insight into a world few people have witnessed.

Ian is one of Canada's most outspoken advocates for wildlife protection and his work has been featured in many of the world's top nature and science publications. McAllister is the author of the award winning *Last Wild Wolves* and Canada's Great Bear Rainforest and soon to be released *Salmon Bears*. He has been featured in BBC, National Geographic and Discovery Channel Documentaries and was awarded Time Magazine's "Leader for the 21 Century Award". Ian is a co-founder of the wildlife conservation group Pacific Wild.

Join Sierra Quadra on Saturday, March 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Centre for an unforgettable evening of exploration and adventure in Canada's Great Bear Rainforest and learn about the developments that threaten it.

## Buddhist Retreat

Buddhist retreat with Dharma teacher Robert Beatty at the Quadra Community Centre Fri. Mar. 19 (evening), Sat. Mar. 20 and Sun. Mar. 21. This is a non-residential retreat offering sitting and walking meditation, Dharma talks and conversations with the teacher. Registration is \$50.00. Donations to the teacher are welcome. Contact Don McEachern for details, 250 285 2193 or [dmceach@telus.net](mailto:dmceach@telus.net).

## Storyteller On Cortes

Inspired storyteller/facilitator/mediator Margo McLoughlin will be coming to Cortes Island for an open evening performance of *Jakata tales*; stories from Ancient India on the 26th of February 5:00 PM in the Tiber Bay room of Linnaea School. Margo will also be leading a workshop in storytelling as a vehicle for facilitating creative processes Saturday February 27th from 1 until 4:00 also in the Tiber Bay room at Linnaea. Cost is @20-30 sliding scale.

For information please email or call Diane at 935-6647.

## Jumpstart Your Creativity!

Firesign Studio hosts a fun as well as informative weekend of art making March 20-21 when Tracy Kobus leads students in "Creative Explorations" for artists who may be experiencing a creative block, or who want to explore further possibilities for painting or work in any media. In a supportive atmosphere and with an experienced and thoughtful instructor, you will have freedom to step out of the old, and begin to see something new!

Then, Norma Jackson will lead "Art is Life—Life is Art" March 29-April 2. Whether your artistic goal is to begin in acrylics, to refine your work or to go beyond current boundaries, Norma works with each participant to the next step in creativity. Contact Nanci Cook 285-3390, [www.firesignartanddesign.com](http://www.firesignartanddesign.com) for details

## Have Books Collecting Dust?

Wanted: Used books for the Campbell River Museum 5th Annual Used Book Sale and Fundraiser. Books can be dropped off at the Museum's entrance off 4th Ave until March 4, from Tuesday to Sunday, between noon and 5pm or by appointment - 250-287-3103. The sale will be on Saturday, March 6 from 10am to 4pm and Sunday March 7 from 12pm - 4pm. Not to be missed!

## Evening Yoga Tuesdays 6:30-8 pm

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Ann Toelle, RYT, West Road Yoga

To ensure the offering of this class please phone to register: 285-3065

## Things Found in Recycling in January

(that cannot be recycled here)

Two upright vacuum cleaners, complete with accessories  
Aluminium Downspout and siding  
Pots and pans - altogether a very large but not too lovely set  
Fifty pounds (total) tinfoil in various forms  
Barbecue briquettes - dumped on the ground - really?  
Computer hard drives  
Old tarps  
Televisions (two)  
Stuffed animals  
Propane bottles  
Thousands of plastic bags  
Coat hangers - too many to count  
Garbage bags full of household garbage  
Bread and pastries of all sorts - enough for free lunch for all  
Plastic dinosaur  
Stovepipe - and wire stovepipe

## At Your HBI

Movie Monday in the HBI Pub: in March we are watching Planet Earth, the National Geographic Movie Series. Movie starts at 8pm on the 8' projection screen. No cover charge. And Monday is Wing Night! 4.95/basket after 5pm.

Hal Douglas Trio is bringing their jazzy blues to the HBI Pub to the HBI Pub, Feb 26. See you on the dance floor! Share the stage and your talent Saturday evenings, at Open Mike Night with host Mo Davenport.

University of Quadra March 3: chainsaw maintenance & trouble-shooting with Billy Dubois. March 10: beginner guitar with Mo Davenport. Bring your guitar if you have one. Some guitars available. 7-9 pm, Wednesday evenings, HBI Pub. Knowledge is power: get some. No charge.

Games & Gigs Thursdays in the HBI Pub. Board & card games, your choice; plus gigs on the 8' screen. This week: Festival Express, "a backstage pass to the wildest & wooliest ride in the history of music".

February is the month of love! Win prizes for you and your loved ones in the Heart Art Island Invitational. Prizes awarded by draw: First - two nights, one bedroom cabin and dinner for 2 in Herons. Second - dinner for 2 in Herons. Third - \$20 HBI gift certificate. Get your art to the Heriot Bay Inn by 5pm on Feb 28th (name and contact on back of submission). Drop off at Sidelines Gifts at the HBI.

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## Quadra Island Author Launches New Novel

"Imagine a world where chipmunks are heroes and fire breathing dragons always keep their word; where giants live on clouds and fairies are nasty little creatures who care only for themselves... Imagine Wasilika."

Thus reads an excerpt from the back cover of Wasilika, a new novel written by Quadra Island author and teacher, Michael Redican. Wasilika, is being launched on Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 pm in the Quadra Community Centre.

A fantasy novel, Wasilika is a story about two sisters who find themselves transported to a world that is being terrorized by an evil tyrant. In order to help the Wasilikans the girls embark on a quest to find five magic buttons.

One of the unusual things about this novel, according to the author, is how it was written. "It started off as a short story about two girls who were in my grade 3/4 class last year. When I read the story to the class, everyone responded enthusiastically and demanded to be characters in a longer version. So I had each student pick a role they wanted – dragon, dolphin, fairy, princess, you name it – and away we went. Each week I wrote another chapter and read it aloud to them. By the end of the year we had ourselves a novel."

The book launch will feature short readings by some of the characters in the story as well as the author. In addition there will be the rare opportunity to pick up a copy of a novel that has been signed not only by the author but by a dragon, a wise beaver, a snake, a dog with healing powers, a most unpleasant tyrant, and a squirrel. Imagine Wasilika.

Note: Wasilika be available at Book Bonanza in Quathiaski Cove, Quadra Gifts in Heriot Bay and the The Heriot Bay Inn Gift Shop.

## Children and Taxes

When you're preparing to have children, likely the last thing on your mind is, "How does this affect my taxes?" What you may not know is that while having children increases costs in your household, it also opens the door to some additional tax benefits. Some of these benefits include child care expenses, children's fitness amount, and the Canada Child Tax Benefit.

The Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) is a monthly payment to eligible families to help with the costs of raising children. Certain criteria need to be met before the family is eligible for the CCTB, and the amount of the benefit is based upon the adjusted family net income. For example, in 2008, if you have one or two children, and your family income level is below \$107,726, you may be entitled to the CCTB. Typically you should apply for the CCTB as soon as possible after your child is born to take maximum advantage of this benefit.

For the children's fitness amount, each calendar year, you are entitled to claim up to \$500 per child for expenses in a prescribed program of physical activity. A prescribed program is defined as a supervised children's program, which is ongoing for more than eight weeks (with a minimum of one session per week), and involves significant physical activity.

Single parents or the lower income spouse is able to claim amounts you paid to have your children taken care of while you were carrying on a business, at work, or attending school. Common expenses include day nursery schools, daycare centres, amounts paid to caregivers, day camps and boarding schools.

Where the child requires medical attention, or suffers from a disability, there are some additional tax benefits. This includes the child disability benefit and the registered disability savings plan program that can assist these families.

Preparing for a child's education is very important, and you can start early by setting up a Registered Education Savings Program (RESP) for your child. It is a great tool for families start saving by putting a little bit away each year so that once the child is ready to further their education or training, the funds will be available. With a RESP, you may also be eligible for government grants such as the Canada Education Savings Grant, and the Canadian Learning Bond.

Submitted by Cheryl Jordan, Success By 6 Coordinator

## Joint Effort at Blenkin Park

The Community Trust Job Opportunities Program has funded a triple bottom line sustainability project on Quadra Island. Triple bottom line initiatives are deemed to be successful when the economic, environmental and social goals of a project work in concert with one another. The project has put displaced forestry workers from Quadra Island back to work on Quadra's Blenkin Memorial Park. The total grant was close to 120 000.00

- The forest surrounding the park and its buildings are safer due to the implementation of a fire abatement program which removed all of the dead and down timber.

- A large amount of scotch broom was removed (the equivalent of a football field.)

- The wood that was removed was cut up for Quadra Islands free firewood program and for its kindergarten located adjacent the park.

The project was a joint effort between the Strathcona Regional District, Strategic Forest Management and the Quadra Island Recreation Society.



## Rec. Society Update

QCC youth group celebrates Spring with a bike ride through Blenken Trails, followed by a barbecue of free burgers and hot dogs. Meet at QCC Sunday, February 28 at 1:00 with your bike and helmet. lisa\_rec\_society@yahoo.ca

Celebrate Sisterhood at the 21st Annual Quadra International Women's Day Potluck for women, Saturday March 6 at 6:00. Bring delicious food, plate and cutlery, your mother, sisters, daughters, girlfriends, joy and laughter.

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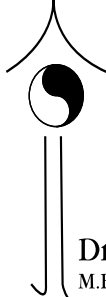
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Solutions in next issue

## FENNEL IS CRUNCHY



and slightly sweet, adding a refreshing contribution to the ever popular Mediterranean Cuisine. Most often associated with Italian cooking, be sure to add this to your selection of fresh vegetables from the autumn through early spring when it is readily available and at its best.

Fennel is composed of a white or pale green Bulb from which closely superimposed stalks are arranged. The stalks are topped with

feathery green leaves near which flowers grow and produce fennel seeds. The bulb, stalk, leaves and seeds are all edible. Fennel is closely related to parsley, carrots, dill and coriander.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

The can opener was invented 48 years after cans were introduced

# AGE NEWS

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## FOOD TRIVIA QUIZ

This cheese was developed as a cheaper substitute for Roquefort in the early 1900s. After the Second World War it was very successfully marketed throughout Europe and especially in Britain. It is now considered one of the world's best blue cheeses.

This cheese is:

- a) Cambazola b) Danablu c) Gorgonzola  
d) Maytag Blue e) Saga Blue.

**Last quiz answer – Artichoke**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Cucumbers are technically a fruit, as are avocados and tomatoes

Last issue's Brain Food solution

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## Senior Housing News

The biggest news is the receipt of a donation of \$17,500 from the Legacy Fund of Coastal Community Credit Union. This is a major vote of confidence in our project by the merger partner of the former Quadra Credit Union, and a substantial portion of the annual Legacy Fund payout. Many thanks to the local committee members and the board of directors of the credit union for making this decision. This brings the total raised to \$205,000 and ensures that with a modest mortgage we can finance construction of the first duplex and even think about the second one!

Mark your calendars for April 10 - the date of Gourmet Dinner QISHS fundraiser at the Heriot Bay Inn. A super meal is planned, with entertainment and a silent auction. More detail to follow. Also pencil in April 19 for our AGM, to take place at the Community Center at 7 PM. Come out to get a complete report of the year's wonderful progress toward the start of construction planned for MAY!

Progress continues by volunteer project manager John Toelle and his band of helpers. Cathy Lansdall is drafting the revised plans for our revised Development Permit from the Regional District. John has found an Engineer to inspect and approve progress - his name is Don Johnston and he is an ex-employee of Murray Johnson at his Q.Cove office.

If the RD staff stick to their time estimates, we should have approval in time for the May start.

## BEAT THE FEBRUARY BLAHS!

In February a group will be meeting on Wednesday evenings to study the book 'Happiness' by Matthieu Ricard, in-depth and encourage discussion and practice of what we learn. This well-researched book helps to identify those habits which promote a long term sense of well-being, those that detract from it, and how to progressively 'accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative'.

Copies of the book are available at Book Bonanza for \$17. The meetings are free, starting Wednesday, 10th of February at 7:15pm, and run for 10 weeks.

For location and further info call John at 285-2958.

## Watt's up in Emergency Services?

When the power goes out for a few hours, it's a nuisance, but most of us manage well enough. However, what happens in a major storm, an earthquake, wildfire or other disaster that knocks out the power for several days and requires some local residents to leave their homes? This could be a difficult and dangerous situation, but, with a little more help from the community, Quadra Islanders won't find themselves shivering in the dark.

Over the past two years, Quadra Emergency Social Services (ESS) has led a fund-raising campaign to buy a 50 kilowatt portable generator to light and heat the Community Centre or another Reception Centre location as needed. As ESS Liaison, Betty Doak, explains, "The purpose of a Reception Centre is to provide a safe place where persons evacuated from their homes can be directed. Here, evacuees will be offered food and drink, emotional support and short term child care, while arrangements are made to register evacuees, and provide Provincial Emergency Program vouchers to cover necessary transportation, food, lodging and clothing for the next 72 hours."

Organization and staffing of Reception Centres is the focus of the ESS program, which is supported by the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP). Quadra has eighty volunteers trained in ESS and many local businesses have also signed on as emergency suppliers.

The generator project is a joint undertaking of Quadra ESS and the Community Centre and the generator will be available to provide backup power for the Centre during power outages when there is no emergency. An estimated \$10,000 will be required for the transfer switch and wiring changes to the Centre. Quadra ESS is obtaining the generator. Based on specifications developed in consultation with local electricians, ten bids were received and the selected equipment, which has now been ordered, is a new Cummins 50 kilowatt generator on a used trailer. The generator cost will be \$32,000 and Phase 2 an additional \$4,000.

Phase 2 of the project includes getting a fuel tank large enough to supply the generator for 72 hours of operation, plus extension cords, portable lights and heaters to enable use of the generator at alternative locations if the Centre is not usable. Costs are being trimmed as much as possible and

and \$10,000 has come from local fund raising. We are very close to installation time and the wiring of the Centre has commenced."



The latest confirmed contribution to the generator fund is from the Coastal Community Credit Union Legacy Fund, under an application from the newly formed Discovery Island Emergency Preparedness Association (DIEPA). The Legacy Fund is also supporting an addition to the existing radio antenna at Fire Hall #1 on Quadra Island. The formation of DIEPA as a fund-raising body for emergency services - including fire, ambulance and police services - marks a new step in cooperation among first responders and emergency service providers. "Once the generator project is completed," says DIEPA president, Darcy Mitchell, "we can begin to look at other local priorities for emergency services."

While the generator fund is very close to the needed total, an unexpected grant reduction resulted in a \$3,000 shortfall in funding. The Strathcona Emergency Program has provided a supplemental contribution of \$1000, but the generator fund remains \$1000 short for the basic installation and another \$4,000 for completion of the project. The Community Centre is hoping to get an automatic transfer switch so there will be no delay when backup power is needed. Funds are also needed to help with this aspect of the project.

To make sure the lights (and heat) come on when Islanders need the Reception Centre, we need your help for the emergency generator fund. You can contribute by purchasing tickets (\$2 each, 3 for \$5) in the Emergency Program raffle that will be drawn on March 2. Tickets are available at Whiskey Point Resort, Heriot Bay Inn, Stranded Hair Design, Quadra Builders and from volunteers.

You may also contribute by donation to the Quadra Island Recreation Society, Box 10 Quathiaski Cove, VOP 1N0, which is able to issue receipts for income tax purposes. Please note that your contribution is for the Generator Fund. For more information, please contact Darcy Mitchell at 285-2739 or Frank Wallace, Treasurer, DIEPA, at 285-2297, or by email to DIEPA at [diepaquadra@gmail.com](mailto:diepaquadra@gmail.com).

this equipment will be added when funds are available.

Project coordinator Frank Wallace notes that, "Of the \$36,000 needed, ESS has received \$11,000 from the Strathcona Regional District, \$10,000 from the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program

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## Recognizing Excellence in Local Businesses and Volunteers for 2009

The DI Chamber would like your help in recognizing the many businesses and residents who have demonstrated outstanding community involvement during the past year.

The nominees will have demonstrated leadership, vision and the creation of growth in our community, and have been operating or living on Quadra for the past two years.

All nominees will be viewed by a panel of judges using a numerical point system. The judges have been selected from Quadra's long standing business professionals. The winners of both categories will be announced at 2010 Annual General Meeting in March.

For your nomination form, contact the Chamber's secretary @ [chamber@discoveryislands.ca](mailto:chamber@discoveryislands.ca) or our treasurer @ 250 285 2750.

2010 Campbell River Ferry & Heriot Bay Tru Value Advertising Racks

New racks are on their way for both locations and we will be now be offering slots for business cards as well as racking cards. This is an excellent opportunity to have your business displayed in these valuable advertising spots.

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Quadra Souvenir Pin

The DI Chamber would like your help on creating a new image for our souvenir pin. This is an excellent opportunity for a local artist to have its work recognized and displayed for the world to see.

Put your ideals on paper and email it to Chamber's secretary @ [chamber@discoveryislands.ca](mailto:chamber@discoveryislands.ca) or fax to our treasurer @ 250 285 2756.

The artwork should be 2cm x 2cm in size and should include "Quadra Island, BC" on it.

An Update on the Road at Rebecca Spit

For quite some time now we, your Chamber have been working very hard to ensure that Parks and Protected Areas Division and in [WWW.DISCOVERYISLANDER.CA](http://WWW.DISCOVERYISLANDER.CA)

particular our local Nootka Area Supervisor Brent Blackmun 'sit up and take note' of the atrocious state of the roadway leading out along Rebecca Spit Park. We are continuing to assert the pressure of the islands business community upon our local rep with Parks to ensure an improvement to the roadway be slated for upcoming work.

A recent response to our letters is quoted just below:

"...I understand that this specific project is nearer on the list of capital projects for Vancouver Island Region. The Rebecca Spit project remains on our forecasted plans for the 2011-12 funding cycle. However, we may be in a position to commit funds to initiate the required assessment and design work related to this project in 2010. The assessment and design phase is often a good time to review with the local community opportunities for partnerships and/or co-funding. BC Parks staff have recently met with other concerned residents on this same topic and are open to looking at ways to address the immediate maintenance concerns through a collaborative approach involving possible local contributors."

To echo Jim Abrams report last DI issue please ensure that you write in to our local reps.

"Thank you for your continued attention to the above topics!~ DICC"

## FREE MONEY

Free money is available on Wednesday, February 17 just before the community lunch from 11:30 a.m. to Noon. Many thanks to the weavers & knitters & Amped on Nutrition & Book Bonanza for providing funds for February & March. Looks like we'll have enough money to finish the season in April if we can obtain another \$500. Donations can be placed in the Free Money Association account in the Credit Union. Thanks again, Steve Moore 285-3323

## KIDZ KLUB

Kidz Klub is back at Quadra Island Bible Church. We will meet on Tuesdays this year, from 3 - 4:30 pm. Children in grades one to six are invited to join us at 1281 West Rd. for snacks, games, Bible lessons, crafts and singing. Everyone welcome! For more information call 250-285-2020.

## Quathiaski Cove Village

### Development Plan Second Public Meeting.

The second public meeting for this exciting project is scheduled for Tuesday March 9th at 7pm at the Community Centre, an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project and to meet and interact with the Steering Committee and the consultant, David Rousseau. David will be presenting his "palette" of tools that will be used at the 21/2 day "charrette" (planning workshop) starting March 18th. The planning is designed to be a community driven process and your input is requested.



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## Cacti or Succulent?

On Monday March 8, 7pm at the Community Centre, Bert Hendriksen, President of the Vancouver Island Cactus and Succulent Society will give a talk and power-point show. While we have both cacti and succulents native to British Columbia, they also grow in many other areas around the world - some hardly some sub-tropical. Cacti are native to North and South America and have prickly spines. Succulents are widespread around the world with some of the more interesting species native to South Africa. Can we grow Cacti and Succulents outdoors in our wet and cold climate? *Opuntia fragilis* is native as close to home as Mitlenatch Island and *Sedum* or stonecrop is a native succulent growing on our Quadra rock bluffs. Come to the meeting and meet an expert in the this interesting horticultural hobby.

For the show and tell table, bring some spring flowers: hellebores, Japanese plums, forced forsythia. Can anyone pick a bouquet of daffodils for the meeting? Share your extra seeds or seed catalogues. This is a good time of year to clean up the gardening magazines and share them with your friends. Drop ins welcome \$2 at the door or buy an annual membership.

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There are lots of us assembling! Please RSVP to help organizers be best prepared. There are things you can bring to help make our show effective. Call Anita 285-2656 or Helene 285-3779 or David@TricksterTheatre.com

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### OUR FEATURE FILM:

Blurring the boundary between sci-fi and documentary, *The Age of Stupid* peers back in time from a climate crisis-wracked 2055 to lament our current inaction on the mother of all conflicts: the war on Terra. Beginning with the Big Bang, *The Age of Stupid* hurls toward 2055 at light-speed, only to find Earth's once-mighty cities annihilated. From a drowned London to a buried Las Vegas and a burning Sydney, its imagery conjures up disturbing visions of humanity and hyper-consumption gone seriously awry.

Pete Postlethwaite plays an archivist who has assembled a global digital archive in a forbidding tower in the melted Arctic. A brilliant actor, Postlethwaite brings restraint and sadness to his part, which is the only fictional role in this experimental documentary. His archive, consisting of real footage and media feeds, as well as interviews with global-warming experts, tells the story in the film. By the time *The Age of Stupid's* flashbacks are over and the viewer is stuck in a ravaged 2055, the yearning for preventative action is palpable and powerful.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: Jamie Biggar is a youth environmentalist and researcher in BC. He is the Chair of the Sierra Club of BC, co-founder of Common Energy and goBeyond, and a research associate at the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance. Currently he is doing graduate research on post-Copenhagen climate movement strategy.

Jamie was one of the Canadian Youth Delegates to the Copenhagen Climate Summit. He focused on domestic citizen engagement and new media.

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This time we see how poorly a cantankerous high school teacher, who loses his job after losing his cool and wringing out a blackboard sponge over the head of an obnoxious student, copes with a frighteningly empty retirement.

Crusty, crafty, hyperactive and a bit of a ladies' man, the grey-bearded Josef Tkáloun can't abide the prospects of a quiet life with his wife of more than 40 years, Eliska. He takes a job in the bottle collection department of a local supermarket, hoping to keep in touch with the world.

Josef isn't the kind of elderly hero North American audiences expect. He's often impatient, selfish, unkind and deceitful, and he can't avoid meddling in the lives of others. He sets up a co-worker in the bottle department with a libidinous former colleague and manoeuvres another teacher into dating the prim, religious Helena.

When an automated bottle-packing machine arrives on the scene, Josef realizes his deeper need for fundamental change. He is forced to deal with the realities of his own neglected marriage, and sets up an extraordinary stunt in an effort to revive Eliska's dormant passion.

The attraction of this optimistic film is the way the action begins in inevitable bleakness - the stupidity of adolescents, the boredom of retirement, the loneliness of being single and the frustration of being married - and gradually exposes its many characters to the light.

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# Q Cove Village Plan. What Makes a Village Sustainable?

If there is one thing we can probably all agree on, it is the accelerating rate of change in the world today. Many will probably also agree that unpredictability increases with that change. Going back through some green building economics studies recently, I found one from 2003 that projected the benefit of low energy buildings in a future where oil might be \$55 a barrel by 2015! Oil is \$71 today and projected to be \$82 by next year, so I can toss those old studies- I once thought that 6 or 7 years wasn't old information!

Many things are said about sustainability, but really they all come down to thinking deeply about the future, what can be done now to be more ready for the future, and to make that future better. When it comes to village planning, there are a few key questions that can guide sustainability:

Σ Land- how much will the soil, groundwater vegetation and natural habitat be affected by the village? How healthy and productive will it be?

Σ Society and economy- will the social makeup and economic base be viable, strong and resilient when challenged by change?

Σ Resources and waste- will the consumption and waste be supportable decades from now?

So let's get practical. What do these considerations suggest that we can do today? Or how do we get to a more sustainable village from here? Here are a few examples of real solutions that are being used today.

Land-

Σ Careful separation of topsoil during clearing and excavation. Enhancement (e.g. adding compost) and reuse of that soil for gardens, esp. local food producing gardens.

Σ On-site storm water treatment and re-infiltration, using natural features like ponds. Preserving natural features like wetlands.

Σ Selection of plant materials that are locally adapted and will require minimum irrigation, pest control and other care.

Society and Economy-

Σ An intentional mix of housing types, prices

and rental and ownership to encourage diversity of ages, abilities and household makeup. Diverse communities are inherently more resilient.

Σ Policies to use local businesses for construction and operations, and design of homes for home-based business.

Resources and Waste-

Σ Planning a walk-able, complete community to minimize automobile dependency

Σ Building very energy efficient and water saving buildings

Σ Building very durable buildings using low-impact materials and recycled materials

Σ Using energy recovery and renewable energy utilities (solar, wind, tidal)

Σ Collecting rainwater and recycling water for approved uses

Σ Having an advanced and effective waste reduction and recycling program.

So let's get even more practical. How much do these things cost, and, what is their value? To answer that question, look carefully first at each of the examples above. Some may have some added up-front cost. But nearly all have longer term cost saving benefits: they also have numerous quality benefits, e.g the storm-water treatment system can be a beautiful part of the landscape.

It's possible to do cost-benefit calculations for some of these items. So, for example, I can show that adding more insulation to walls and using better windows than standard practice will pay back in 3 to 7 years. But remember where this article started; change is accelerating. So I don't have any real idea of where to peg energy or water or waste removal costs (and difficulties) 5 or 10 or especially 20 years out. All I can say is, it's going up, and probably faster than most of us expect. I could add the future value of producing some of your food locally as an example of a hard-to-measure benefit.

Planning for uncertainty is changing the understanding between developers/builders and buyers. Smart buyers want the benefits, and the long term value that comes with sustainable

elements like those above. And a recent poll shows that they are willing to pay several thousand dollars or 6 to 7% more to get a home that is well beyond standard practice. They understand that this investment will payback both in lower operating costs and better quality while they live in the home, and in better resale when they move. Many are also quite willing to look for a smaller home with the quality features that they value, trading off size against value.

So don't be too quick to conclude that more sustainable elements "cost too much". I suggest that you think ahead to what kind of a world you envision, and then ask what is the value.



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## TIME TO SWEEP THE BROOM AWAY

Hello Islanders, With the longer days and milder temperatures thoughts come round to buds springing forth and BROOM.

For all you energetic spring minded people and those that have allergies to all things with pollen **now** is the time to get out there and show the world what you are made of! Perhaps we can get some neighbourhood challenges or competitions going? Hmm... who can have the biggest stacks of broom on the roadside?

Broom busting makes for terrific cardio workouts and boy do you feel like you have done a days work after. Imagine the calories you will burn along with a super sense of satisfaction. No gym memberships needed just some gloves and safety glasses depending on your mode of destruction.

Some areas I have put names to as I walk/run our area. Milford road could be Milford Marauders, Animal Farm Aardvarks, Heriot Bay Hurricanes, Dahlnas Pit Dynamos, and maybe Golfers Grind, you get the idea. Our Community Centre is also working on broom removal. If everyone does some, we might have a designation as a broom free island in the not too distant future. One can only hope! Lets make broom a thing of the past! Happy broom picking to you!

M. Sjöholm

## Sing for Literacy Festival

Thank you to all the performers and participants who experienced the many ways that literacy can be fun and engaging. We saw how singing and reading together can build strong connections.

We are a fortunate community, a place where a class of young children can appear in a place like Cafe Aroma to present their songs and every patron in the cafe welcomes the children to join them to share their songbook and singing.

We are a fortunate community because we are moved by each other. Moved to participate and make a difference. This was evident at the Literacy Festival on Feb. 7. Diana McKerracher and Mary Dennison, with her multi-age Sing for Joy group, each involved the audience in song. Fiona Girard-Henry, and her accompanist Robert, offered some sweet jazz inspired pieces. The Fire Fighters, Paramedics and Police rocked with some exuberant variations styled on familiar songs. Following the songs, some played word games and every child chose a book to take home. Thank you to the performers and Barb Lee, Karen Abercrombie, Deb Hawkins, Mia Frishholz and Bob Lloyd for your assistance. A very special thank you to all who joined us. Keep singing! Keep reading!



## Quadra Island Seniors Branch 91-B.C.O.A.P.O.

At our next meeting on Wed. March 3rd/10' we will have Garden Specialist Val Barr, speaking at 10:30 a.m on an interesting topic, "Gardening with Wildlife". Come early at 10:00 a.m, to have a coffee, and chat, or book-browse with many books, brought by Peter Gregg & members.

Plans are well underway for our "St. Patricks Day" North Island Regional meeting on March 17th/10, starting at 11:00 a.m, at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, in Heriot Bay.

Lunch will cost \$5.00, come to our March 3rd meeting, and put your name on the list, or call Win Smirfitt at 3850, if you wish to attend.

We are also planning to send a Delegate to the Provincial B.C.O.A.P.O. Convention at Naramata, in the Grape Growing, Okanagan in June, where we will be discussing and voting on Resolutions, that will be sent to Provincial and Federal Govts. to aid Seniors, and make their lives more meaningful.

Many of us will be attending a Celebration of Life for long time member Florence Booth, on Sunday February 8th/2010, at 2:00 p.m, at the Legion Hall.

For Membership phone Muriel at 3216.

## Grant for Social Program for the Elderly

Coastal Community Credit Union's generous grant of \$1000 towards the funding of a social program for the Elderly and "Shut ins" is gratefully acknowledged.

Quadra Circle is working with the Heriot Bay Inn to establish a weekly event (on Mondays, probably 11-2 pm at the Inn), that would at a cost of about \$10 each (subsidised if necessary) provide a hot meal and an opportunity to socialise, or play board games. Transport will be arranged for those needing it. Not only could this give an opportunity for those isolated because of age or chronic illness to get out and socialise but in some cases could give a few hours respite to their caregivers.

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# Recital for the 'Birthday Boys'

The Quadra Island Recreation Society is delighted to announce that pianist Janina Fialkowska will be giving a recital on Saturday March 20th at 8p.m. at the Quadra Island Community Centre. Her Programme is entitled "Birthday Boys" and includes works by Frédéric Chopin and Robert Schumann, in honour of the 200th anniversary of their births; and includes some pieces by Mozart (It's his 254th!).

Born in Montreal to a Canadian mother and Polish father, Ms. Fialkowska began to study piano at the age of 4, proceeding to the École de Musique Vincent d'Indy where she earned both degrees of Baccalaureat and Maîtrise by age 17. In 1969 she won first prize in the Radio Canada Talent Festival and travelled to Paris to study, a year later entering the Juillard School of Music in New York. In 1974 she was a finalist in the Arthur Rubinstein Master Piano Competition in Israel, and became the incomparable Rubinstein's protégée, being launched into a highly successful career with his backing. She has performed with the most renowned orchestras and conductors in North America, Europe, Japan and Israel.

Ms. Fialkowska, the founding Director of "Piano Six", an organization which provided for six of Canada's foremost pianists to visit remote areas annually, played on Quadra Island under it's auspices in 2001. Acknowledged both for her musical achievements and her commitment to making music more accessible in Canada, she was appointed Officer of the Order of Canada in 2002.

In January 2002 she was diagnosed with a tumour in the muscle of her left arm. After surgery to remove this she had to undergo a delicate muscle transfer operation to allow her to continue her career. After 18 months of playing the Ravel and Prokofiev "concertos for the left hand" (which she had to transcribe for the right), she resumed her two handed career to great acclaim. A prominent English critic recently wrote "She's back and more characterful than ever---high class playing, deeply felt and demonstrably authentic."

Ms. Fialkowska has now resumed a grueling concert schedule, already this season with performances in the U.S, Canada, Ireland and Germany, and continuing in both North America and Europe. Her recent performance in Augsburg was described as "Stupendous---irresistibly virtuosic---with enormous applause. The whole audience was transported. Amazed,

we experienced what Chopin demands, how his difficult, rich and mysterious art still has such impact." Her recent recording of Chopin works was described as being "brilliant and highly virtuosic recordings---an unusual testimony to the art of perfect pianism." There is a very interesting website at [www.fialkowska.com](http://www.fialkowska.com) with interviews and articles.

This is a concert not to be missed. We are honoured to welcome such a wonderful player back to Quadra Island. Advance tickets are available for \$17 at Quadra Crafts and Hummingbird Office and Art Supply on Quadra Island, and at The Music Plant in Campbell River. Students 16 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be available at the door for \$20. For more information call 250 285 3084.



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Jaci McPhee, Anna Nickoloff and Bailey Hawkins of Quadra School have formed a Quadra Island History Club to search for clues from past lives. The girls, with their mentor historian Jeanette Taylor, are going to post articles and pictures about their discoveries on a new page on The Gumboot called Quadra Island History Ramblings.

On their first ramble, the club took Lisa Chason of Campbell River, the great granddaughter of three early settler families, to see the places where her family lived. Their first stop was the Walter and Mary Joyce homestead at Francisco Point, known locally as The Jones Farm. The place was granted to Lisa's great-grandfather in 1889 but nowadays it's home to caretaker Jim and his lively family of goats.

They passed by the Hughes family's old homestead on Heriot Bay Road, now belonging to Mo Davenport, where Lisa's great grandmother Mary (Hughes) Joyce was raised in a squared log house. For Lisa, however, the highlight of the day was a visit to the Kellerhals's farm in Hyacinthe Bay, homesteaded by the Leask family in 1889. 'Skookum Tom' Leask and his Haida wife Maggie died prematurely, leaving a young family. Henry, the eldest, tried to keep his siblings together on the farm for a year but they lived in such dire poverty the experience was disaster that ended with all but Henry being committed to an orphanage. Lisa's grandmother, who was six when she was orphaned, recalled her childhood in detail. Lisa wrote a book-length manuscript based on her grandmother's taped interviews, which she hopes to publish. To finally see the old place, beautifully restored and maintained by the Kellerhals, was a thrill for Lisa.

Jeanette and the History Girls have since had an outing to Cortes Island to see old homesteads and to give a slide show to the kids at Linneae School. Watch for postings about this trip on the History Ramblings page on The Gumboot, followed by stories about the lives of island children from the

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# REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT



by Noba Anderson

Area B

January could well have been the busiest month in my first political year, between budget preparations, proposed Cortes Hall service, phase 2 OCP prep, aquaculture meetings and the regular business. My 2010 articles so far were just about the Hall service and appeared in the Cortes Marketer. Here is a regular report with updates on various items.

## Official Community Plan Review Update

After almost a year of very Cortes-led OCP review preparatory work, we have now completed phase 1 which included: 'blue-sky' visioning, OCP community education, launch of the OCP website [www.cortescommunityplan.ca](http://www.cortescommunityplan.ca), research on past Cortes OCP review best practices re process, an elders and seniors inclusion process (ongoing throughout the spring), and data gathering on housing, water, and sustainability indicators.

We are now about to begin the real work of reviewing the OCP document itself. A hiring committee comprised of both Cortes OCP steering committee members and SRD staff has just selected FOCUS Consulting to help guide us through the review process. They have extensive experience in rural BC planning and are very excited to work with Cortes. They will be introduced in full very shortly. It will be a busy spring and I anticipate much participation in this OCP review – envisioning our future. Our Community Plan is the document from which future Cortes planning will flow and as such is a key document.

## Grant-in-Aid Funds

Many Cortes community organizations are financially tighter this year due to decreased funding, particularly the loss of Gaming Grant revenues. In response, the 2010 draft SRD budget recommends a near doubling to the Grant-In-Aid funds without an associated tax increase. I am asking this year that Grant-In-Aid applications be made a little earlier so that a more timely response can be made to the identified need. Please submit applications to me by April 5th.

## Recycling Centre

Last fall, I reported that the Cortes Recycling Centre would be undergoing some major renovations this winter including a new building for the recycling bays and a ring road around the dumpsters. As will have been apparent to anyone who visited the site over the last few months, this work has begun. However, after some initial estimates, it was determined that the amount budgeted in 2009 would not be sufficient to complete the project as envisioned. Additional funds have been provisionally approved in the 2010 solid waste management budget for this project, and full commitment to this project remains along with the intention to put the construction project up for local bid.

## Argosy

In early 2006, Argosy made application to the Province for a geoduck aquaculture license off the shore of Cortes between Squirrel Cove and Seaford. That year, representatives from Argosy and the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (MAL) gave a public presentation on Cortes and fielded questions about the application, which had generated much concern. According to staff at MAL, the Klahoose First Nation was not initially in support of the Argosy application, and so it did not receive timely approval. In 2009, the license was awarded by the Province after Klahoose, according to reps from both Argosy and MAL, bought 50% share in Argosy and became supporters of the application. In 2006, the Regional District planning department stated that rezoning would be required before this proposed geoduck operation could proceed. The Strathcona Regional District, Argosy and MAL are currently in communication about next steps.

## Whaletown Commons

The purchase of the Whaletown Commons property continues to be one of my top priorities, and although I am not at liberty to discuss details, progress has been made in the negotiations, and I remain hopeful that we will see this property in community hands. In the second week of March at the request of the Regional District, a team of surveyors will be working on the property to gather data for our purchase offer. Any new flagging or markers that you notice at that time is for our benefit, so please respect their work. I will report further on this just as soon as I can.

Please feel free to contact me about anything you have read here or about any other matter related to SRD business.

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# HALLIDAY'S VIEWPOINT

by *Steven Halliday*

## MASKING FOR TROUBLE

At the time of this writing the 2010 Winter Olympics are over halfway complete, and to date we have had 3 particularly notable incidents that have marred what look to be pleasantly memorable games.

First we had the horrible and regrettable accidental death of the athlete from Georgia, which was quickly followed up by the February 13th police street battles with hoodie clad "activists" in their rampage through downtown Vancouver. Finally, on the 20th we witnessed the most shocking event of all – in men's hockey most of Canada saw the unthinkable sound drubbing of Team Canada by Team USA, ending a 50 year streak by the boys in red. As historic a moment as this was, it is the images of the doofus's in hoodies rather than the men in skates that has stuck in my mind.

Such foolishness is nothing new – one has only to think back on any major international conference, summit or leadership meeting in the past decade or so to conjure up memories of thugs in (predominately) black clothing, hoods up and faces covered with a bandana. Any excuse will do for these severely socially-handicapped thugs to go out and yell obscenities, start fights with passerby's or those with conflicting views, and of course to destroy or deface public property until chased off or arrested by the police. It has become a standard operating tactic for these groups of individuals to affiliate with or insinuate themselves within a group of peaceful protestors as a cover, then breaking apart to do their mischief before fading back into the crowds. The police are extremely frustrated in their efforts by their inability to prove criminal behaviour due to lack of suspect identification (courtesy the hoodies and masks), nor can they use intelligence gathering to interdict the repeat offenders – again, due to lack of a crucial piece of information...the perp's identity.

I own a hoodie myself, though never wear it. Mine is a black heavy one with an interesting graphic from a past Comox Valley Musicfest, which I received from our daughter and son-in-law (who are festival management) as a reward for babysitting. I did try it on once or twice because it seemed perfect for cold weather, but I found I couldn't stand the unnatural weight of the hood on my shoulders or the impairment of peripheral vision the hood causes when worn. In fact, that lack of peripheral vision has been proven to me by several other hoodie wearers, generally but not always on bicycles, whose vision impairment is obvious as they wobble whilst trying to look

back over their shoulders. Even here on Quadra there are a few young men who insist on riding their bicycles, at night, with no lights or reflectors, dressed entirely in black and often in a hoodie. I once paused in an evening journey to tell a young kid how dangerous his attire and lack of lights was, but his indifference prompted me to tell him I'd pass on the message to his mother, which I did at the next opportunity. One thing I don't need on my conscience is an entirely preventable collision with an invisible hoodie-blinded cyclist.

Just a few weeks ago the Bank of Montreal in Campbell River was robbed by a hoodie wearing thief, who fortunately was captured a short time later. What wasn't much covered in the news was that the same culprit had earlier entered the

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Like most serial criminals, it is unlikely the true number of his victims will ever be known, but undoubtedly he will go down as the highest-profile criminal in Canada's history.

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Scotiabank with presumably the same intention, where an alert employee politely (and in proper accordance with policy) asked him to lower his hood. Rather than do so he immediately turned and left, thereby sparing the employees at Scotiabank the trauma that accompanies the majority of holdups. Many other businesses are now posting signs asking customers to remove hoods when entering, as it is a prudent policy in any business that is prone to holdup or theft and which wishes to protect the well being of its staff and customers.

In the UK and Australia they have taken it a step further, codifying the "lower hoodie" request into a bylaw or in some cases civil law requirement. This of course has generated a wave of protests from civil libertarians and hoodie aficionados in those countries, but the hood down position is one that the general public overwhelmingly approved in all instances. Hoodies long ago became synonymous with hooliganism in the UK,

and today's hot fashion item amongst our younger population in North America is rapidly gaining the same symbolism, massively helped along by the goons who performed for us in Vancouver on February 13th.

In New Zealand there is a similar no-hoodie law, and I found a coherent argument regarding the policy in the NZ News. The writer noted "A hoodie is just a piece of fabric. There's nothing menacing about it, and there's nothing menacing about the vast majority of people who wear them. And yet the staid, older middle classes have decreed that a hoodie represents a clear and present danger. They're banned in malls and shops around the country.

If we're going to insist that gang members and other louts have somehow taken ownership of the hoodie, and anyone else wearing one is trying to emulate their thug lifestyle, then guess what? That means none of us are allowed to wear red or blue either, because those are known gang colours around the world. Or pants – I'm pretty sure most criminals wear pants. Ipso facto, anyone wearing pants is either a criminal or trying to look like one. I'll take my tongue out of my cheek now and acknowledge that I understand the common sense of insisting hoods not be worn up while inside banks, petrol stations and the like, to deter potential robbers. But the overwhelming backlash against all hoodies and all hoodie-wearers just smacks of priggishness and prejudice."

He makes good points, but ignores the most obvious issue. No law has said you can't wear your hoodie; the laws/bylaws speak only to lowering the hood while entering enclosed public spaces and businesses that legitimately make the request. Hiding one's identity intentionally is cause for alarm under any circumstance other than Halloween – period. Be it priggish or prejudicial or both, it is also plain old prudent common sense. At least nobody is arguing for a ban on hoodies while operating any form of vehicle...yet. But when police spot a lout or louts in the streets wearing a mask of any kind (except on Halloween of course) it would be sensible that we permit them to insist on its removal. Yes, I know it's a case of a small few spoiling everything for everyone else, but as our urban societies grow and evolve the rules need to grow and evolve as well. Society has changed to be sure, but the assumption of sinister intent by a mask-wearer hasn't changed since the benefits of hiding one's identity – when up to no good – became obvious a couple of millennia ago.

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	15:54	4.2	13.8
	22:56	1.2	3.9
13	06:17	4.7	15.4
Saturday	11:59	3.2	10.5
	16:47	4.2	13.8
	23:33	1.3	4.3
14	06:42	4.8	15.7
Sunday	12:31	3.0	9.8
	17:38	4.2	13.8
15	00:08	1.5	4.9
Monday	07:06	4.7	15.4
	13:04	2.7	8.9
	18:26	4.2	13.8
16	00:41	1.8	5.9
Tuesday	07:29	4.7	15.4
	13:38	2.5	8.2
	19:14	4.1	13.5
17	01:15	2.0	6.6
Wed.	07:52	4.6	15.1
	14:14	2.2	7.2
	20:04	4.1	13.5
18	01:48	2.4	7.9
Thursday	08:13	4.6	15.1
	14:51	2.0	6.6
	20:59	4.0	13.1
19	02:23	2.7	8.9
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	22:04	3.9	12.8
20	03:02	3.1	10.2
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	23:24	3.9	12.8
21	03:48	3.4	11.2
Sunday	09:23	4.3	14.1
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	20:24	1.0	3.3
25	04:10	4.6	15.1
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