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The North Pole has confirmed that Santa will arrive at Noon Saturday, with land transport courtesy of the Quadra Fire Department, to visit with children and pose for photos.

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Friday Nov. 19 4 PM to 9 PM / Saturday Nov. 20 10 AM to 3 PM, Santa arrives at noon

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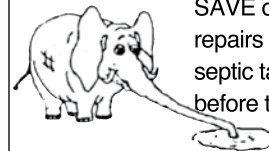
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## DAY TO DAY

### Friday, November 19 & Saturday, November 20

Quadra Christmas Craft Fair

Friday 4 PM to 9 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM

Santa arrives at Noon Saturday

### Sunday, November 21

Folk'n Love at Folk Night with host John Toelle and special guest guitar-virtuoso Rodrigo, 8-10 pm in Herons. \$8 sliding scale.

### Tuesday, November 23

"How to Communicate When Language is a Barrier"

Facilitated by Thanh Tazumi and Kathie Landry

9am to Noon, Robron Centre - Library

FREE, 250.830.0171 or [info@crmlsa.ca](mailto:info@crmlsa.ca)

### Wednesday, November 24

Book launch, slide show and talk with Ian Douglas & Boomer Jerritt

Quadra Island Community Centre, 7pm

### Friday November 26

Banff Mountain Film Festival, Tidemark Theatre CR 7pm Tix 287-7465

Blackberry Wood in Herons. \$10 includes drink ticket. 19+ only.

### Friday, November 26 & Sunday, November 28

ISLAND VOICES CHAMBER CHOIR

presents "A Winter Night's Journey"

Maritime Heritage Centre, Campbell River 8 pm Fri Nov 26, Comox

United Church 7 pm Sun Nov 28

Tickets at the Visitor Info Centre, Campbell River;

### Saturday, November 27

HBI Speaker Series presents Helen Piddington, 6:30 pm, HBI

Banff Mountain Film Festival, Quadra Community Centre 7pm Tix 287-7465

### Saturday December 4

Legion Christmas Craft Fair Legion Hall 10:00 am

Kula Kirtan Quadra Community Centre, 7-9 pm

### Sunday December 12.

Small business owners: Big Small Office Christmas Cocktail Party. Join business colleagues in the fireside lounge of Herons \$25pp includes appeys and special cocktail of choice. 285.3322.

NEXT DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

## THE REGULARS

### MONDAY

Parent & Tots, QCC, 9:30am - 12pm

Low Impact, 8:30am, QCC

Karate, 4 pm, QCC

Sing for Pure Joy! Room 3, QCC, 3 - 4:30pm, All welcome.

Yoga with Josephine, Room 3, QCC, 7 - 9pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, Quadra Children's Centre 7pm

**1st Monday** - Quadra writers group, 7 - 9pm 285-3656

### TUESDAY

Yoga Flow with Marnie, HBI, 9:30 - 11:00 am \$10 BYOMat!

Quadra Children's Song Circle, Room 3, QCC3 - 4pm

Caregivers Support Group 10 a.m. QCC

Folk dance 7:30 QCC

Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:30pm

Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30, Sept 21-Apr 26

### WEDNESDAY

Yoga with Carol Foort 9:30 am, QCC

Parent and Babes 11 a.m. QCC

Climbing Wall Teens 4:00 p.m. QCC

Yoga with Carol Foort 6:15pm, QCC

Climbing Wall Family 6:30 p.m. QCC

U of Q! HBI Pub, 7pm, free

Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15pm

**1st & 3rd Wednesday** Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2pm

Lifedrawing sessions, Firesign Studio, 7 - 9:30pm Nancy, 285-3390

### THURSDAY

Parents & Tots, QCC, 9:30am - 12pm

Karate 4:00 p.m. QCC

Climbing Wall Kids 2:30 p.m. QCC

Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7pm

Drop in games and wing night, Legion, 7:00pm.

Karaoke rules! HBI pub 9:00pm (or after the hocky game)

### FRIDAY

Blake-a-licious pub games, prizes and fun at the HBI, 9pm

### SATURDAY

Legion Meat Draw 5pm, Steak Dinner 6:30pm

Open Mic with Mo, HBI, 9pm

### SUNDAY

Centre for Spiritual Living Celebration, CR-CC, 10:30am

Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30am

Quadra Sunday Painters, 11am - 2pm, 285-3390

Quadra Island United Church, 11 am, Sept 12-June 26.

Buddhist meditation, QCC, 10am.

Island Calendar is a list of on island events. Please submit separately for the **Island Calendar and News & Events** or indicate in your submission if you would like your event placed in both. **Following the text order exactly as above for email submissions is appreciated** (month, date, day, title, place and time), use the title as your email subject. Current advertisers welcome to submit events but not-for-profit items will be given priority. Thank you for understanding.



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**NEXT DEADLINE**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

# ISLAND FORUM

## Dear Friends,

After a remarkable and rewarding  
13 years, Drawing Room Art  
Works and in the last 4 years  
as DRAW Gallery, regretfully  
announce our relocation effective  
December 1st, 2010.

As many of you know, for the  
past few years, I have diligently  
balanced a demanding full-time  
position in the corporate world  
with the substantial responsibilities  
here at DRAW. Now there is  
an opportunity to relocate to  
larger premises, and, have made  
the difficult decision to close the  
gallery on Quadra Island and  
move to Port Alberni. It is my  
intention, that DRAW Gallery  
will continue as an artGallery  
Online, and, after a brief hiatus, to  
continue to present new works and  
video Interviews with the artists in  
their studios.

It was extremely hard making  
the decision to relocate and I am  
grateful to all of you who have  
supported me along the way. It  
is hard to let go of a dream but  
exciting to look forward to the  
possibility of pursuing other  
dreams, more outings and relaxing  
time with my family and more  
time to paint!

I can never fully express my  
gratitude to this community for  
its overwhelming support. With  
a belief more than ever in the  
viability of Quadra Island as  
home to a vibrant, internationally  
relevant community art scene. I  
hope above all that the Gallery's  
success has helped to affirm that  
potential. We are indebted to the  
other galleries and shop owners for  
their collegiality, professionalism,  
and commitment to their support.  
Of course, no commercial gallery  
can survive without avid collectors,  
and I have been so fortunate to  
work with an amazing community  
of intelligent, passionate people.  
These individuals deserve so much  
credit for substantially raising  
the bar on Quadra--for zealously  
participating, for educating  
themselves, and for enthusiastically  
supporting excellent artists  
both within and outside this  
community.

Most important, I want to publicly  
express my deepest gratitude to  
all the artists who have been such  
an integral part of our lives for the  
past few years. Beyond providing  
us with a first class program, they  
have generously shared their time,  
their ideas, and their friendship.  
They have made it incredibly easy  
for us to realize our mission of  
furthering their careers. Every  
one of them has made huge  
strides professionally during this  
time and I have every confidence  
that all of these extraordinary  
artists will continue to do great  
things. Special thanks also go  
to all our volunteers, for their  
uncompromising commitment,  
who have enriched our lives and  
helped in various aspects of the  
gallery's operation.

In closing, I want to reiterate  
that this art community has  
so much to offer and so much  
potential for continued growth  
and significance. I hope that  
any void we might be leaving  
will be quickly filled by another  
promising new gallery, and that  
this rich community will give  
them the same generous support  
and encouragement they gave  
us. Please do come and check in  
with art@drawgallery.com and add  
your name to our mailing list to  
receive the next eFlyer. I still have  
so many more things to share and  
I don't want to let go of you all.

Thank you one and all.

Astrid Johnston,

Drawing Room Art Works'  
DRAW Gallery



## Politics and Reality

J. David Cox's letter in the last  
D.I. deserves support. Politicians  
and corporate executives mislead us.  
These few in power each claim an  
annual salary of at least 1\$million,  
if not many times more. They  
control our resources, environment,  
and economy. Most people on  
Earth must fight and work hard  
to maintain a middle class life, lest  
they slip into the ever-increasing  
lower class. Meanwhile, the  
privileged few tell us over and  
over that they 'earn' their huge  
incomes. Yeah, sure...if you believe  
that Mickey Mouse is God! Our  
politicians and executives pocket  
our profits. For example, The CEO  
of BC Hydro recently raised our  
hydro rates, way up, so that he "...  
could receive a salary comparable  
to other CEO salaries, as he was  
making only \$120,000 per year...."  
(CBC, May, 2010). Seriously,  
with seven billion hungry people  
on Earth, the American Dream  
is in fact becoming the Final  
Solution...e.g., BP's recent oil spill.  
Not only North America, but every  
country these days, is chasing the  
dream. The next environmental  
disaster will be 1,000 times worse  
than the BP spill if it happens near  
a dense population area such as  
China, Japan, Indonesia, India, or  
New York.

Politicians should lead us, but,  
heck, they don't even control  
corporate corruption. For example,  
my cell phone company told me  
"...we'll give you a phone service  
within our relationship with you...."  
Meaning: they'll hike up their  
charges whenever they even suspect  
that I can afford to pay them more  
than I agreed to pay them. In fact I  
terminated my cell phone service, it  
was such a criminal, blatant rip-off.

Suggestions for politicians:  
Clamp down and don't allow  
anyone to receive more than a basic  
middle-class income of \$60,000  
per year. Don't allow anyone to  
own more than one house, one  
reliable car, one set of middle-class  
possessions, and one controlled,  
uniform retirement income. No...  
this is not Communism. It is  
survival of humanity. Redistribute  
our wealth among those who

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would benefit most from it, so that humanity might then survive long enough to cure disease, environmental destruction, and failing energy sources. Politicians should live middle class lives and "...lead by example..." as John D. Walton said (D.I. Issue 484). Dismantle the corporations before they further devastate and/or annihilate humanity. Guide us strongly into alternative power sources; especially into solar power, which is humanity's ultimate solution to environmental, energy, and some social problems.

Every politician and corporate executive these days who can simply write their own name neatly and give a reasonable 15-minute speech, demands, and always seems to receive, one million dollars per year salary minimum. Whenever I pay my monthly bills to various corporations, I feel enslaved. Many employers make extreme profits from their employees... more enslavement. Furthermore; if by some remote chance your employer and the corporations don't break your spirit and/or enslave you; look up, up...up there...see them? The government vultures hover silently above us all, diligently waiting to tax our bones clean.

I suspect that a realistic Canadian political party, if one could be found, would easily sweep into power and stay there for a long, long time. I further suspect that a realistic Canadian government would become the pride of Canada's and the world's educated, democratic, and working peoples, and be closely copied by other countries. Will this ever happen? Can we realign our society sufficiently? Time will tell. Meanwhile, enjoy life. Our Discovery Islands are ideal rocks from which to observe our dynamic world surviving among parasitic politicians and corporate monsters.

David Jected

Quadra Island

## Just How Complex is Abiding by the O.C.P.?

A young fighter returned to his corner at the bell. His manager said you're doing great, you about have him beaten. The fighter responded, "You better keep an eye on the referee, someone's beating the crap out of me."

Quadra residents concerned about the proposed Gowlland View subdivision perhaps need to keep an eye on the referee.

Any impartial person who has read the staff report prepared for the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) board would be excused for questioning the objectives of the report.

To suggest, "the approval for this application may be viewed as consistent with the objectives of the OCP [Official Community

Plan]", could make one wonder if the author was smoking something without a label. The Quadra Island OCP document is not ambiguous. Perhaps the SRD lead planner did not have time to read the document before reporting the proponent's interpretation to the SRD board. The proposed Gowlland Views development in reality is in complete contrast to the Quadra Island OCP for such land use.

Of equal concern are the following opinions forming part of the report. "The proponent has retained as much of the harvestable timber as possible on the land, with the exception of some 'blow down' area that occurs as a result of extreme weather and storm events." It then goes on to say, "The proposal will retain much of the forested area that is currently present." After having made the questionable observation that the 'blow down' having been removed leaves "a cleared area near the centre of the area proposed for strata lot development."

The lead planner may have shot past the truth in a Lamborghini at some time, but the reality is the property was clear cut several years ago, retaining only immediate foreshore trees.

The accumulation of mathematics for areas set aside for parks and open space needs clarification, as it is claimed parks, park buffer, green belts, common open space and conservation covenant areas total from 38.87ha to 41.87ha and that is without accounting for 3,000 to 5,000 feet of greenway tracks. There seems to be very little space remaining from around a total area of 52ha for 46 residential lots and 2.1ha of commercial development.

It is likely the area claimed to be provided for parks and open space is clouded by blending in open areas of residential lots outside building envelopes, which of course is misleading.

The smell test, apart from stinking like Moby Dick died under the house, could make any concerned observer believe a conclusion has already been reached – it is only a matter of grooming the path that reached that conclusion.

The regional director's commentary in the August 27th Discovery Islander is unlikely to overwhelm most readers with confidence on his position on the issue. Quote, "I realise that this is all getting very complex. Just try and imagine being on my end of this! It is like a juggler trying to keep six balls in the air at once ... no, make that flaming swords!" Stay with the balls Jim, unless they are already gone.

There seems to be an unscrupulous suppression of facts in dealing with this contentious issue. Members of the community are suckers for the truth, perhaps the SRD could give that a go.

A.J. Elwood

## NEWS AND EVENTS

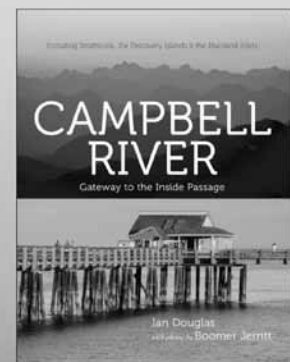
### Vijnana Yoga Workshop

Join us for a Vijnana Yoga Workshop on Saturday, December 4th from 1 - 4 pm in Room 3 of the Quadra Community Centre. Vijnana Yoga can be translated as the intuitive sheath, the wisdom or higher aspect of ourselves. Vijnana yoga is a classical form of practice that combines the traditional method of hatha and raja yoga with progressive energy techniques and anatomical understandings, in order to awaken more fully.

Elizabeth Claire Burr is a certified Vijnana teacher who has led retreats, classes and kirtan in Vancouver and on Cortes Island at Hollyhock Retreat Center. She is a gifted listener and inspired learner who is blessed to have received teachings from many great masters.

The workshop is open to everyone with no experience necessary. The Cost is \$45.00 and pre-registration is required. To register please email Bridget at walshe.bridget@gmail.com or phone her at 285-2954.

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## It's a Beatles Christmas at the Tidemark

The Fab Fourever: A Tribute To The Beatles to perform a special pre-christmas concert at the Tidemark Theatre, Campbell River, Saturday, November 20, 2010.

The Fab Fourever are Vancouver's premier Beatles tribute band who meticulously bring to life the songs from the early days through The Ed Sullivan Show, Shea Stadium, Sgt. Pepper, and Let It Be, eras. The show features authentic costumes and instruments that span the Beatles career. During their four years together, The Fab Fourever have thrilled audiences throughout Western Canada and Alberta. The show provides a rare opportunity for individuals and families to come together in celebration of the music that continues to influence generation after generation.

## Time to Sign up for the 2011 Studio Tour

All Quadra artists are invited to register for the next edition of the Quadra Island Studio Tour, which will take place on June 4th and 5th, 2011. This will be the 9th annual tour and promises to be another memorable and enjoyable experience for the participating artists as well as the hundreds of visitors and locals who attend. If you, like most artists, need a deadline to work toward for motivation, this is the opportunity you've been waiting for. Artists may exhibit their work at their own studio or at the Community Centre. Application forms are available at Hummingbird Art and Office Supply or by e-mailing [studiotour@quadraislandarts.com](mailto:studiotour@quadraislandarts.com). The deadline for applying is January 15 but do it now and start working! For more information call 285-3101.

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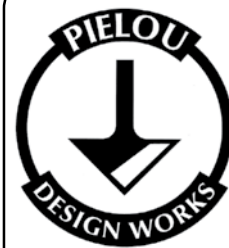
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# NEWS AND EVENTS

## Legion Thanks

Quadra Branch #154 of The Royal Canadian Legion would like to express their sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who worked so hard in making our November 11 Remembrance Service possible. To the veterans who honourably served, "lest we forget".

## Free Firewood

Free Firewood is available for elders on fixed income and/or with serious health issues, unemployed workers, folks on Gov't assistance, single parents, new residents who are renting a house with an empty wood shed, and anyone suffering from the cold because they are currently receiving the lowest minimum wage in all of Canada, i.e., B.C.'s eight dollars an hour and/or suffering from the increased cost of B.C. hydro. If you have a vehicle, we can fill it up with dry wood. No vehicle, no problem, we can deliver. Just call Steve at 285-3323 or Allen at 285-3544. If you got the cash, Steve can refer you to local wood suppliers. And contributions to this community effort can be made by putting money in the Free Wood Association account at the local Coastal Credit Union at Q. Cove next time you go to the bank.

## Legion Christmas Craft Fair

Will be hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday December 4. Legion Hall starting at 10:00 am.

## Kula Kirtan

Move into December with the melodic chants of Kula Kirtan in Room 3 at the Quadra Community Centre on December 4th from 7 - 9 pm. Kirtan is a form of devotional yoga, involving call and response chanting in Sanskrit. Kula Kirtan is Hannu Huuskonen (vocals, mandola, banjo), Elizabeth Clair Burr (vocals, tamboura, harmonium) and friends! The group is from Cortes Island and has produced one CD so far.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 to go the musicians. Please email Bridget at [walshe.bridget@gmail.com](mailto:walshe.bridget@gmail.com) or phone her at 285-2954 for more information.

## QUILT & GARDEN TOUR

With the November winds howling and the last of the autumn leaves blowing off the trees, the Quilt and Garden Tour of June 2010 now seems but a distant memory. In fact, it takes this long to sort out all of the final details. Once all of our expenses have been paid, we are proud to say that we made \$4,000. Of this sum, \$2,400 goes to the Quadra Island Recreation Society to complete the wiring for the Community Centre generator and \$1,600 goes to the Quadra Quilters Guild to help them fund their annual sewing marathon when they make colorful quilts for Ronald McDonald House and Children's Hospital in Vancouver.

Thanks again to all of the gardeners and quilters who made this weekend event possible and thank-you to all of you who supported our efforts and helped us raise these funds for our community.

The next Quilt and Garden Tour will not take place until 2012 so you have lots of time to get your garden ready for the next big show. We are always looking for new people to share their gardens for this worthy cause.

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& concert movies

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## Speaker Series

Saturday, Nov. 27  
Helen Piddington



## Heron's is open every day

8 am-8 pm Sun-Thurs, 8 am-9 pm Fri and Sat.

## Dance with Blackberry Wood

Friday, Nov. 26 at Herons, \$10 includes drink ticket

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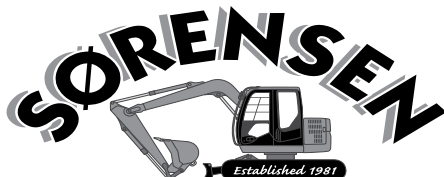
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## Things Found In Recycling This Month

In the weeks since Labour Day, the depot has been a lot cleaner than during the summer months. There is a trend though to do that fall clean-up which results in the usual assortment of interesting items stuffed into the bins or left on the ground. Please remember littering is subject to a \$2000 fine.

As usual, only items which cannot be recycled on Quadra (or possibly anywhere for that matter) are listed.

Bedpan  
Typewriter  
Toaster coffee maker (in three different bins)  
Two 1 gal unopened martini mix  
Alpine wristwatch  
Yoga for Beauty CD  
Blades from food processor  
Needles (this is so wrong on so many levels)  
Big blue toboggan  
Swim flipper – just one  
Children's rubber boot – just one :~D  
Lawn sprinkler  
Inkjet printer  
Thousands of plant pots

Again, there were many more items, but too many to list. Please remember, only clean cardboard in the bins. Remove all Styrofoam inserts and plastic wrapping. Multilayered, coated cardboard is not returnable. Pizza boxes, coffee cups and food containers which have food stuck on them are not acceptable. Tetrapacs for soy products, dairy products and soups and stock are not returnable here. Cardboard milk cartons are coated and so not recyclable here. Please flatten all boxes before putting them in the bins. Thanks to all those who ask questions and care about recycling on Quadra.

## Halloween

Halloween Fire works were spectacular this year and we were blessed with a few minutes of calm, dry air, just in time for the show. Rain and wind picked up shortly after the last ka-boom. Appreciations to the donors, Jim Abram and the Regional District, Isletech Auto, Quadrate Ventures, Discovery Forestry, All Clear Septic, Viken Waste Management, Cindy Reveley and Quadra Recreation. Phoenix Firesigns hasn't missed a Halloween in 25 years. Thanks, Doug Edwards, Christi Edwards, Rod McLean, McKenna McLean, Mike Stoughton, Sarah Bible, Jaimie Eley, Pat Manery and Dave Vinette for the expert Fireworks display.

Inside the Community Centre, Halloween Fun Night, under the leadership of Audrey Neri, scariness abounded thanks to the crazy imaginations, costumes and antics of Cally Overton, Julie Watson, Taylor Faryon, Lena, Ray Raidler, Mandy Hart, Julie Glaspy, Lunabelle Loiseau, Andy, Greg Ross, Janet, Jane West, Candace Holmes, Sioux Hartle, Alvin Power, Jody MacMurray, Anette, Nolan and Ylva Grundvig. Lastly, thanks to Jill Gates for the touch up cleaning job at the end of the night.

We are booking events and classes for 2011 now and the Winter/Spring recreation brochure will be out the first week of January. If you want to present a workshop or teach an on going class, now is the time to phone, 285 3243 or email [quadrarec@gicable.com](mailto:quadrarec@gicable.com) Office hours are 8-2 Monday to Friday.

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

Our Remembrance Day Meeting, brought memories back for our older folks. Some of us who were very young about 10 yrs old in the 40's, can remember going to the Saturday matinee at the Theatre, and if you brought an aluminum pot or pan we would get in to the show for free. The aluminum would be used to build airplanes. Many of us who were older had more serious memories, being enlisted and some injured. Will people ever learn to get along?

At our meeting we discussed many interesting issues like ,Senior Housing, our Computer club. On other Wednesdays, we have our exercise group with Ann Lawrence at 10:00 a:m & Carpet Bowling at 11:15 a:m with Chris Dyson. We are planning a Christmas Trip to Kitty Coleman Gardens, to hear Caroling & see Xmas lights among the plants & trees. also a train trip will be planned to Chemainus to stay overnite and attend Chemainus Theatre & luncheon, and return the next day by train to Courtenay.

The Election Committee notified us all of members who will have their names stand for positions on the Executive for 2011. Elections will take place on Wed.Dec. 1/10. Please attend to support the nominees. Our Christmas Luncheon will take place on Mon. Dec. 6th/10,@11:15 a:m, at the Coast Discovery Inn in Campbell River, we are all excited about the planning by the Xmas Committee. Make

sure your name is on the list call Judy Hagen @285-2150-for guests tickets. Memberships are now available for 2011, come to the Dec.1st meet and see our Treasurer Chris Dyson. If you plan to walk on Sundays with Peter Gregg & our group, meet at 11:00 a:m at the Rebecca Spit Launch Ramp, or catch up at the big Parking Lot.

## Kids Get Cooking With Recreation and Culture

Register your mini chef for Parks, Recreation and Culture's Kids in the Kitchen Program. On the menu for this cooking series is homemade manicotti, taco lasagna, eggs benedict and chow mein.

Not only will your child learn to make these items from scratch, Instructor Mrs. K will also teach them about basic kitchen safety and nutrition.

This very popular course costs only \$38 (and includes food - what a deal!), and runs Mondays from 3 to 4:30 pm, between November 22 and December 13.

Please pre-register your child at the Sportsplex or Community Centre. For more details for this program or any other youth activities please check out the City of Campbell River Parks, Recreation & Culture Recreation Guide or call the Sportsplex, 923-7911 or Community Centre, 286-1161. You can also see the guide on line at [www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca). Just follow the links for 'residents' or use the search bar.

## Gordon Ramsay chef appearing as special guest chef at Heriot Bay Inn

We all love a great story, and the story of Tyler Shedden is one such story. Tyler grew up at the Heriot Bay Inn on Quadra Island. His parents owned the Heriot Bay Inn, and by the age of 13 he was working on the dock and washing dishes in the kitchen. Working in the kitchen sparked a passion in Tyler. As he grew, so did his skills, and in a few short years he had worked his way to the head chef position at the Heriot Bay Inn.



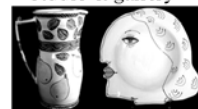
From Quadra Island he went on to study culinary arts in Vancouver and work his way through a variety of increasingly complex and classy chef positions, until today finds him the executive sous chef of Gordon Ramsay at the London in New York City.

The Gordon Ramsay at the London has a very significant Michelin two star rating, putting it an elite company of high-end dining experiences. The culinary prowess of Tyler Shedden is coming home to the Heriot Bay Inn! December 23 experience a memorable meal created by Tyler and the Herons at the Heriot Bay Inn team. Much merriment will be had during the four course dinner with perfect wine pairings. Celebrate fine dining this Christmas season at the Heriot Bay Inn, reserve seats now for this sparkling evening. Seats are \$85 each, including wine pairings (+tx), or \$69 without wine pairings. Call the Heriot Bay Inn for more info and reservations: 250.285.3322.

## Thanks Beard!!!

The Quadra Island Fire Department would like to thank Beard Construction for donating the manpower and materials to complete a concrete pad at Firehall #1 on which we will display our original QIFD firetruck.

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# Quadra Philippines Connection News

At the same time as a cheque makes its way to the two Quadra sponsored preschool /daycares in the Philippines, letters and drawings from the teachers and children have arrived for us in the mail. The following is news from Josie Killa, teacher of the Basao Dilag daycare as well as an accounting for the year 2010 for the Quadra Philippines Connection.

## Dear Carol Foort and Quadra Island Community,

Sweet greetings! How are you now? I always wish for your good health, happy life and peaceful mind. Here I am again to send you my letter for this month of

October. The most important reason is to say "I thank-you!" Thank-you for choosing our barrio to support a daycare centre for our children. My pupils and I are doing fine. I am so happy that during the past month none of my pupils contracted the worst situation of dengue fever. It was declared by the Department of Health that we have a "Dengue Calamity" here in our country. When I visited my grandfather in the hospital recently, the nurses told me that most of the patients were there because of dengue.

Here in our town our animals, particularly the pigs have been experiencing something we call "panno". It means pigs are getting sick and dying. Hundreds of pigs have died including one of my piglets. Of course many of us are sad, but happy that this disease is

not contracted by humans since a human life cannot be replaced.

In regard to our country situation, I am disappointed for what is happening now. Most of our commodities/products like sugar, cooking oil and detergents have had their prices become higher and higher. Our president, Benigno Aguino III said during his campaign that his program would be "no corruption" and that he would help our people/farmers to improve their lives. But most of us have really been feeling the crisis we are having here, especially for our daily needs. In short, those most affected have been the farmers.

Fortunately, with our climate, the rains have begun which is positive since parents have planted their rice/palay in their rice fields and vegetables and legumes in their backyard gardens.

The children have been enjoying coming to preschool. I am so happy for the parents' feedback.

They have become more independent, love coloring and singing and have even been using water colors as you will see with their enclosed paintings of trees, birds, butterflies, fruits and vegetables like squash, okra and eggplant, as well as their houses and prints of their hands which they enjoyed making.

Again, on behalf of the Basao Daycare Centre I would like to express our gratitude to all of you. Thank-you for being there, for offering my honorarium as well as materials and supplies. I will never stop wishing that your journey through this world will be touched by kindness, inspired by wisdom, graced with understanding and kept safe from harm. Regards to all of you there. More power to you!

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Contributions for Christmas Bonuses to IAT teachers and Staff,	
Supplies for Past Daycares and Typhoon Relief Fund	\$2,000.00
Contribution for IAT Costa Rica Youth Development Centre	\$300.00
Donation to Quadra Children's Centre	\$200.00
<b>Total Donations:</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>

<b>Surplus for 2011:</b>	<b>\$1038.15</b>
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## Banff Mountain Film Festival

The best of the Banff Mountain Film festival will be making its annual stop in Campbell River and on Quadra Island next weekend.

Included in what looks to be one of the most exciting line ups yet is: The Asgard Project which won Best Film on Climbing. The Asgard Project follows Leo Houlding's ambitious project to make a first free ascent on the North Tower of the incredible Mt Asgard on Baffin Island deep in the Arctic and cap it off with a wingsuit BASE jump from the top!

The Banff Mountain Film festival World Tour plays in Campbell River at the Tidemark Theatre at 7 pm, Friday November 26 and the following night at the Quadra Island Community Centre, 7 pm

Saturday, November 27. These are two completely different shows. Tickets for both screenings are \$25 adults, \$20 youth, students & seniors, available by calling the Tidemark at 250-287-7465 or at the door.





## A Message From Quadra Legion's Service Officer

The Quadra Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is an integral part of our Community. The work accomplished by the Legion Executive and the numerous behind the scene volunteers has a direct and positive impact on the well-being of our community. We are a community service organization.

The money raised at Saturday Legion Meat draws supports non profit organizations on Quadra. The majority of the money raised on Quadra and stays on Quadra. The groups that the Legion has supported are wide and varied but generally include Quadra Elementary School lunch program, a legacy from John Pollard, Quadra's community Canada Day celebration, the Quadra Island Food Bank, an annual Quadra Elementary student academic award, Quadra Elementary School Earthquake kits and the Quadra Island Cemetery memorial board. Whenever a person on Quadra Island suffers a traumatic loss or family crisis, the Legion is available for a Casino night to raise funds for those in need. When the Fire Hall was being built, the Legion accessed funds to facilitate the purchase of appliances for the new hall. We have assisted the local BC Ambulance Service and the Campbell River Hospital Foundation. At Christmas time the Quadra Legion supports the Salvation Army and the Knights of Columbus Hamper fund.

The money raised by the Legion's annual Poppy Campaign also stays on Quadra Island and is used to support Veteran's in need. In the recent past, the Poppy Fund has purchased medical equipment to improve and assist Veterans in their daily life, to support the Quadra Seniors Housing project and to the Quadra Island Cemetery to repair Veteran graves and memorials.

The Legion Poppy Fund works with Quadra Elementary and promotes a literary and poster contest. The literary contest includes essays and poems and the poster contest includes colour and black and white posters. The top winner from each category is forwarded to North Vancouver Island Zone for further judging. The Zone winners are forwarded to BC/Yukon Command for entry at the provincial level.

We are actively recruiting new members to fill the gap left by our Veterans that are aging and passing. Membership is open to anyone who is willing to adopt the Legions aims and objectives. If you have any questions regarding membership or are interested in becoming a member of the Quadra Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, call Carol Ann Terreberry at 250-285-2609.

Sincerely,

Len Lamb

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## Campbell River and Area Celebrated in New Coffee-Table Book

Join author Ian Douglas and photographer Boomer Jerritt as they launch their new book, *Campbell River: Gateway to the Inside Passage* (\$34.95, Harbour Publishing), with a series of events in November and December.

**Douglas and Jerritt will launch their book at the Museum at Campbell River on Tuesday, November 16 at 7pm.** Admission to the event is free, and there will be a reception and book signing. **On Wednesday, November 24 at 7pm,** Book Bonanza will host a slide show and talk with the authors--focussing on the Discovery Islands--**at the Quadra Island Community Centre.** And the authors will also be at **Coho Books (1074 Shoppers Row) to sign books on Saturday, December 11 from 12-2pm.**

Campbell River blends the city's fascinating history, independent spirit and contemporary life into an engaging story. The informative text by local writer Ian Douglas features the area's rich First Nations culture--which dates back over 12,000 years--and key pioneers along with modern-day artists, business people and community leaders.

Quadra Island resident and author Ian Douglas interviewed dozens of locals to bring to life the community of Campbell River and the surrounding islands, and award-winning photographer Boomer Jerritt skillfully illustrates the story with memorable photographs of the people, places and wildlife that make this part of Vancouver Island so unique. The result is a special coffee-table book that celebrates the beauty of the region, and the people--past and present--that have made the area the exceptional place it is today.

For more information about the events, please call the Museum at Campbell River at (250)-287-3103, Book Bonanza at (250) 285-3665 or Coho Books at (250) 287-2336.

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## Politics and Religion!

The educator Robert Hutchins noted, "Education is a kind of continuing dialogue, and a dialogue assumes different points of view." We learn and develop both ourselves and our community through respectful dialogue. The Museum at Campbell River will offer its final Evening Dialogue on Thursday, November 18, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Once again our popular host Michael McIvor will facilitate the evening. The topic is sure to be an intriguing one: "The Role of Politics in Religion". The last twenty-five years has seen a global rise in the political activism of religious groups to the point where they are having a major impact on both national and international affairs. The evening will explore why religion is taking an increasingly proactive and sometimes violent role in politics, and discuss the consequences. On the international level, the rise of Islamic fundamentalism causes deep concern in conservative Arab nations and forced a change in security priorities for many nations. Religion coupled with ethnic nationalism was at the root of conflicts in places as Bosnia, Chechnya and Kashmir, Nigeria and China. Christian fundamentalism is strongly influencing the policy development and initiatives of US political parties. There are movements to allow Sharia law to replace portions of civil law, such as divorce, in some countries including Canada. Here also in some provinces lobbying by religious groups has lead to public funds being spent on religious schools. Host Michael McIvor has had a varied career as a journalist and working in international development. He was a local news reporter in Vancouver and Toronto before joining the CBC as a national reporter. He is the former host of CBC's 'Man Alive' and 'The World at Six'. During his career at CBC he was Washington correspondent, Moscow bureau chief, and Senior European Correspondent. He left the CBC to work in international development assisting media in new democracies and post-conflict nations. He has worked for the UN, CIDA and a variety of international NGOs in a number of countries around the world. Michael is a co-founder and board member of Media & Democracy Group, a non-profit organization of Canadian journalists involved with international media development. Admission is free thanks to the generous sponsorship of Campbell River Restaurant Supplies Ltd. To reserve a seat please call the Museum at 287-3103



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## Happenings at the HBI

• Renowned printmaker and author of two coastal books **Helen Piddington is speaking in Herons at the HBI Saturday, November 27.** \$39/pp; set three-course menu. Seating 6pm, dinner 6:30. Please reserve in advance: 250-285-3322.

• **Have you checked out Blake-a-licious yet? It's Fridays to Dec 3 in the HBI Pub.** What is Blake-a-licious you say? It's interactive. It's entertaining. It's fun and there's tricycles and bingo involved. Plus there's rock movies on the big screen. More fun than a box of chocolates.

• **Afternoon Country Music Jam with Steve Trayler in the HBI Pub Sundays, 3 to 6 pm.** It's raining, so get yourself, your instrument of choice and your friends down to the "Hoe-Down at the Hibbie" Sunday afternoons.

• The foot-stompin' alt-country-gypsy-ragtime-circus party that is **Blackberry Wood is coming Friday November 26** to the HBI! They're going to fill Herons with their high energy explosion of fun... be sure to be there. \$10 includes drink ticket. 19+ only.

• **Folk'n Love at Folk Night with host John Toelle and special guest guitar-virtuoso Rodrigo Sunday November 21, 8-10 pm** in Herons. \$8 sliding scale. Dinner in Herons before the show? if enjoying dinner, folk night only \$5.

• Small business owners: invite yourself (and your staff) to the **Big Small Office Christmas Cocktail Party.** Join business colleagues in the **fireside lounge of Herons Sunday December 12.** \$25pp includes appeys and special cocktail of choice. Reserve now: 250.285.3322.

• **Christmas Revue** in Herons at the Heriot Bay Inn... it's the third annual dinner show featuring performances of a festive flavour and a classic Christmas buffet. **December 19, 6-9 pm.** \$29.95pp; \$19.95/under 12. Reserve now for this highly entertaining evening: 250.285.3322.

• Story telling brunch delight... North Island Survivors Healing Society presents a delicious **brunch with local storytellers** Annette Yourk, Judy O'Dell, Amanda Annett, Scott Low, Laurie North, John Walton, plus the Quadra Singers Quartet. \$29.95; **December 19; brunch at 10:30 am.**

• "the boys are back in town" and bringing their instruments with them: **Cameron Gunn, Johnny Quan & Cory McLean** with fukned-up acoustic sets. Hear them **9pm in the HBI Pub Thursday, December 23.**

• **Guest chef Tyler Shedden**, currently executive sous-chef with Gordon Ramsay in New York is at Herons one night only: An unforgettable four-course Dining Experience, **December 23**, \$85/pp including wine pairings; \$69 without wine. Reserve soon for this exquisite evening: 250.285.3322.



# REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Area C

by Jim Abram

November 19, 2010

Has it already been two weeks since my last report? The fall is just zooming by. Anyway, I want to bring you up to date on a few issues.

## Lightstation De-staffing attempt by Fed's

I am in the midst of writing presentations to the Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans on the de-staffing of BC's lightstations for delivery in Campbell River and a separate one for Ottawa this month. I will be going to the Senate hearings that will be held in Victoria, Nanaimo and Campbell River. They will be over by the time you read this. Then I will be going to Ottawa on November 29th for a Nov. 30th presentation to the full committee and then to the BC Caucus of Conservative Ministers, MP's and Senators on the next day. We have a strong Strathcona Regional District position on maintaining staffed lightstations, three of which are within our borders and two more which are very close by. The Union of BC Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have both endorsed our SRD resolution unanimously. I'll let you know how the meetings turn out.

## Woodlots and Dry-land sorts

Island Timberlands (Timber West) has applied for a rezoning of the existing dry land sort in north Gowlland Harbour. This use has been the topic of much discussion since 1991 and a number of memorandums of understanding have been put in place over the years between the regional district and the company to deal with the operational issues. Most recently meetings have taken place between myself and the woodlot owners and between the company and the woodlot owners to try to make sure that all operational issues are ironed out prior to going to the full rezoning process. The issue was before the committee last week and we felt that after reading the letters from both parties that we had received, that a few issues were still unsettled and should be dealt with one more time prior to giving the by law first and second reading. So we deferred the issue until the January committee meeting to give the woodlot owners time to deal with the company. The issue will be back on the agenda in January so I hope the meetings are productive between the parties.

## High-speed Committee

I put out a suggestion for any individuals that would be willing to help me in my never

ending attempt to spread high speed internet throughout the island, to contact me. I have had three generous offers from well qualified people. If there are others interested, please contact me and we should be able to get together at the beginning of January. I would love to meet sooner but I am booked solid until Christmas. So, let's plan on a meeting in the new year

## The Library

The Vancouver Island Regional Library Board (VIRL) is in charge of the libraries in this area. They set the budget, they set the priorities and they develop the capital plan. The SRD board has a representative on the board to bring our concerns forward. That director is Brenda Leigh of Area D, Oyster River - Buttle Lake. She has reported to our board recently that the Quadra and the Cortes libraries are both at the top of the list for replacement and that it is due to the conditions of the buildings not meeting the conditions required by the library board. There was a call for proposals advertised recently and as I am told by Brenda, it is now completed and there are a number of proposals that have been presented for the Quadra library in both Heriot Bay and in Quahiaski Cove. I have not seen the proposals and have only heard third hand about a couple of them. The reason I am bringing this up in my report is because it is an issue that affects our island communities; Quadra and the outer islands.

At some point the VIRL will need to make a decision on the proposals. It is my understanding that the current building is not an option. So, where will it be? I do not know and I do not want to see our community divided by a decision that will be made by another body than the one that I represent. I think it would be good to look at the proposals when they are available and see what makes the most sense. How can we best serve our community? I will keep you posted on what I hear at the board level.

Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at [jimabram@explornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@explornet.ca), or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices.

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Respectfully submitted,

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

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# REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Area B

by Noba Anderson

November 19, 2010

## Meetings about Meetings

In either a disparaging or complimentary tone, people have rightly called the now-regular bi-weekly Tuesday night gatherings 'meetings about meetings.' A diverse and intergenerational group has been meeting at 6 pm at Linnaea to share food, some music and then techniques and processes for fruitful community gathering, regardless of the topic. (Next meetings Nov 30th & Dec 14th) I want to compliment those that have participated and welcome others to do so. Many people have said, and I would agree, that we have been through some kind of very strange worm hole of community communication within the last year. We have been more fractious as of late than is regular for Cortes, and I commend this ever changing and expanding group of people who are grappling with how to shift this dynamic in support of more functional and pro-active community communication about important issues as they arise. Thank-you all!

## Official Community Plan Review

We are now approaching the final leg of the review of our official community plan, which started a year and a half ago. There have been many community meetings, surveys, and input opportunities and many have shared. 250+ copies of the OCP work book were picked up in October, so that means almost every household this time of year has one – and at some level is, at very least, taking information in. The next step is to review the first draft amended OCP, which the Focus team intends to present publicly in early December. I would strongly encourage constructive critique with an eye for improvement.

### SRD Budget Process & Community Meeting

Partially in response to community concerns about SRD tax spending and partly out of a desire to be fully transparent and genuinely seek your input about the spending of your property tax dollars, I requested of SRD staff that they host an open community budget presentation and discussion for Cortes, which they did. Thanks to the 20 or so people who attended. If you want to continue to follow the budget preparations between now and march, check in with the SRD website at [www.strathconard.ca](http://www.strathconard.ca). I have met with staff at the recycling centre and the board of the fire department to gather their input on budget priorities, and will be doing the same with organizations that have received 'grant-in-aid' funds. I am open to your input as we craft next year's budget.

## Riparian Area Regulations

The Provincial government has brought in new regulations regarding development in riparian areas adjacent to streams, lakes, wetlands etc. All work proposed to be undertaken within 30 meters of a fresh water-body will now require an assessment by a qualified environmental professional prior to that work being undertaken. In order to bring all the zoning bylaws throughout the rural areas within the SRD into compliance with these provincially-mandated changes, the same changes are being proposed region-wide. Usually any public hearing for a bylaw amendment that affects Cortes would be held on Cortes. However, given the relative straightforward nature of this change and our requirement by the province to do so, the SRD board decided to combine the Quadra and Cortes public hearing, frankly to save money. The public hearing is scheduled for December 8th at 7pm at the Quadra Community Centre. If you have a comment on this proposal and are not able to attend, you are encouraged to make written submission to the SRD. To get a copy of the bylaw please visit <http://srdws.strathconard.ca> or contact Aniko Nelson at 830-6708.

## Reflections 2 years into my 3 year term: the personal and the professional

My greatest pleasure is working with you – those of you who are dedicated to finding creative ways of pulling off projects for the long-term benefit of this place our home. My greatest pain is the energy that goes toward those few that find a way of complaining about and working against it seems whatever initiatives others create. I have near infinite time for people who are willing to offer forward ideas and put their positive energy behind them (thankfully most of you), and consequently less time for negativity. There is simply so much need for creativity, communication, collaboration and kindness. The world is changing so fast and even Cortes, which at times can seem like a little backwater exempt from the main flow of global chaos, needs to creatively respond.

I am acutely aware of the balance to be sought between being a leader and being your representative. The first requires clarity, decisiveness and a willingness to make judgment calls and decisions and to stand by them at the end of my term. The other calls for a much greater degree of consultation, listening and carrying that voice forward in whatever way is most appropriate.

Before I was asked to run for election, just over two years ago, I had little interest in regional district politics. Over the last two years, I have come to greatly appreciate the value per dollar that it returns for its services and believe it to be by far the most responsive and accountable level of government. The most compelling reason for this job, in my opinion, is to increase wherever reasonably possible local autonomy & local decision-making. To balance this with the value of a government that sits in Campbell River is a constant challenge. Although Cortes has put me through the ringer on many issues, I am grateful to serve you as best as I can while maintaining some degree of sanity.

In gratitude, Noba Anderson

## Shop Local!

The holiday season is fast approaching, and while it is a great time of joy and giving, it may also come with concerns about meeting expectations and the financial burden of buying gifts and hosting large groups of friends and family.

Local merchants welcome what can be a high point of the year for sales. But at the same time, the holidays can highlight an ongoing issue for Quadra & Cortes shopkeepers -- competition from Campbell River's big box stores, especially during hard economic times.

In many communities 'shop local' campaigns have been established to remind locals and visitors alike of the importance of spending within their own community. Numerous studies demonstrate the increased value of dollars spent with neighbourhood businesses, from the obvious -- their support of local charities and providing employment -- to the more esoteric, such as maintaining a community's unique character.

With this in mind two meetings were held this past summer with local business people to discuss launching a 'shop local' initiative on Quadra Island. The concept has the backing of the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce, which has been asked to continue to encourage dialogue around this project.

While this is certain to be an on-going work-in-progress, a few basic tools are essential, including generating some artwork to distribute to participating businesses, and continuing to network and gather ideas around the promotion of the campaign. With this in mind, we here at the Discovery Islander are making some suggested graphics available for free and wide-spread use. We welcome feedback to fine tune them but in the meantime invite any local businesses interested in using and distributing the logos to download them electronically from [www.quadraisland.ca/shoplocal](http://www.quadraisland.ca/shoplocal)





# WRITER'S BLOCK

by Goren Culbertson

## BRIDGE NIGHT

Mikhail takes the cards out of their boxes and tosses them on the table. He wanders over into the kitchen and opens the cupboard. Damn! His wife, Cassandra, has eaten all the nuts he had.... no, wait a second, they ate them together two nights ago when they watched the video. He files his squirrel joke back in his off-hand quip folder for another time and walks over to the fridge to look at the magnetic grocery notepad. Nuts are right there in the center of the list. He had even circled it. Now he's going to have to eat the crap that Christine brings, or eat nothing at all. Karma... Caramel...there's a joke there somewhere. Better have a snack now. Hold on, here's the cookies Cassandra made for the garden club. All set.

He sits back down at the table, rifles the cards. They've been playing with the same cards now for eight years. Time for some new cards, but not tonight. He shuffles the cards remembering a time when everyone he knew played bridge. Two of his friends got kicked out of university because of bridge. Funny, he thinks, that no one ever complained about bridge the way they do about all the crazes since. Dungeons and Dragons, video games and now texting... all the work of the devil and all are causes of worry for concerned parents. Maybe it was just timing. Bridge stopped being popular about the same time news channels decided it was time to stop reporting the news and started making it up. He wonders why people believe bad news more readily than good news. He makes a mental note to write his father and ask him. His father has been dead for three years now but Mikhail still writes him every week and posts the letters in the fireplace. Sometimes his father answers the letters and sometimes he doesn't. That's ok, he was like that when he was alive and Mikhail has no expectations that death will change his father's personality.

He deals out the cards, turns them over. North has very good cards. He moves the wine glass over. If North is the lucky chair then Juan should probably sit there. Not that any of them care who wins or loses but Juan's bidding system works better when he is holding good cards. Whose doesn't? A bike light turns into his driveway. Christine. Suddenly he's looking up the road of his life. He's seventeen and so full of himself that his body can't contain it and he's been exploding himself outward like grenade. Everyone has little pieces of Mick shrapnel inside them somewhere, mostly his parents but no ones been spared. Mikhail can see those adolescent eyes staring at him. Judging him.

Not for the last time he wonders about the measure of a life. He stands his life back to back with Gutenberg's. Gutenberg had one good idea in his seventy years, died poor and unrecognized. Mikhail hasn't had any good ideas, is fiscally comfortable and is at least as recognized as Gutenberg was in his lifetime. If history was the judge then Mikhail is reasonably certain Gutenberg would likely to be at least a head taller. If his hormone filled young self was the judge then he was sure he wouldn't have come up to Gutenberg's knee. He wondered who would win if Gutenberg was the judge. In the end the only judge that mattered was him, and right now he was too busy thinking about bridge.

Christine came through the door. "I brought fruit," she put it down on the kitchen table, "I'm tired of bringing that crap you like to eat. Oh, look, cookies!" Christine was a leggy, 47 year old, drop dead gorgeous red head, and while Mikhail berated himself for it, he loved to watch her peel off her riding clothes. Sadly, or perhaps thankfully, Christine had no imagination. While Mikhail's road of life was full of one-way streets, dead ends and rabbit warren alleyways he imagined that Christine's was a highway. This made her the most consistent if not the best bidder of the group.

Juan was sitting down almost before Mikhail knew he had come in. "I just bought six periscopes from that submarine movie on ebay. Oh, cookies! I bet Cassandra made these. Aren't they for the garden club meeting? I'd better have a couple more before she comes home. So how's Mikhail?" Mikhail knows enough by now not to ask but Christine can't help herself, "What are you going to do with the periscopes." Juan picks up the cards, "You know that big American ship that moors out in the Spit in June. He never lets anyone get within fifty feet of him. Takes his dogs into the park without a leash and lets them poop all over the place and never cleans it up. I found five other divers and we're going to swim out there at about eight o'clock and then all raise our periscopes. The guy will freak."

Juan had a brain that was incapable of moving in a straight line. Mikhail didn't know where Juan got his money and couldn't imagine an endeavor that Juan could do long enough to amass his fortune. When asked, Juan was vague about it. "Hey, I picked up those washers you need for that antique of yours," Paula said while putting the apple cider in the fridge. "Man, you would not believe the bathroom in Hazel's new addition. I think the tub cost more than my house. Periscopes are kind of heavy aren't they?" Paula, the rocketeer, was a plumber by trade and she built and fired off rockets by vocation. "He's got all those neutral buoyancy bladders he bought two years ago," said Christine picking up her hand.

Juan took the theft of his punch line in stride and opened with a club. And so it starts, thought Mikhail, as he picked up his cards. Another Friday night, not inventing a printing press. Another Friday night among friends, wasting the nonrenewable resource of his life. Another Friday night drifting away from the man his seventeen-year-old self thought he would become. Well, his seventeen-year-old self could kiss his ass. Two spades.

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	09:52	3.4	11.2
	14:57	4.4	14.4
	22:22	1.2	3.9
<b>20</b> Saturday	05:42	4.5	14.8
	10:39	3.6	11.8
	15:23	4.4	14.4
	22:52	1.0	3.3
<b>21</b> Sunday	06:20	4.7	15.4
	11:23	3.6	11.8
	15:53	4.4	14.4
	23:25	0.8	2.6
<b>22</b> Monday	06:59	4.8	15.7
	12:07	3.7	12.1
	16:27	4.4	14.4
<b>23</b> Tuesday	00:02	0.7	2.3
	07:39	4.9	16.1
	12:54	3.7	12.1
	17:08	4.4	14.4
<b>24</b> Wed.	00:43	0.6	2.0
	08:22	5.0	16.4
	13:46	3.7	12.1
	17:55	4.3	14.1
<b>25</b> Thursday	01:27	0.7	2.3
	09:06	5.0	16.4
	14:47	3.6	11.8
	18:49	4.1	13.5
<b>26</b> Friday	02:13	0.8	2.6
	09:52	5.0	16.4
	15:53	3.4	11.2
	19:51	3.9	12.8
<b>27</b> Saturday	03:01	1.1	3.6
	10:36	5.0	16.4
	16:58	3.1	10.2
	21:11	3.7	12.1
<b>28</b> Sunday	03:51	1.5	4.9
	11:19	5.0	16.4
	18:00	2.7	8.9
	22:52	3.6	11.8
<b>29</b> Monday	04:47	1.9	6.2
	11:59	4.9	16.1
	18:58	2.2	7.2
<b>30</b> Tuesday	00:34	3.6	11.8
	05:50	2.5	8.2
	12:37	4.9	16.1
	19:50	1.7	5.6
<b>01</b> Wed.	02:09	3.8	12.5
	07:04	2.9	9.5
	13:15	4.8	15.7
	20:38	1.3	4.3
<b>02</b> Thursday	03:33	4.2	13.8
	08:21	3.3	10.8
	13:53	4.8	15.7
	21:23	0.9	3.0
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