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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT Area C

Tell, as another month draws to a close and the sky is dark and pouring rain, what better activity could I be taking part in than writing another report! I will need to cram in a few issues into this report as I will be away from April 30th until May 16th. I will not have email nor cell coverage during that time. For technical questions you can call the Strathcona Regional District office at 250-830-6700 and have your call directed to the appropriate person.

Urgent Ferry news

I would like to first thank the people who did send in letters due to my request to write to the Minister, Blair Lekstrom, regarding taking the ferries back into the Ministry of Transportation. I would have liked to have seen many, many more letters since we are all effected by the ferries. I hope people will not stop the letter writing campaign.

A NEW REQUEST: Please address all letters to the Minister blair.lekstrom.mla@ leg.bc.ca, but also to the Premier Designate, Christy Clark Premier@gov.bc.ca, and also please copy me. The Premier needs to have a clear picture of how these fares effect families and how they effect job creation. Please work those points into your letters... maybe even into the title so she will pick up on it as the emails come in.

The reason I ask these things of you is that I went to Victoria last Wednesday and Thursday to meet with the Minister. We had a great meeting. I presented copies of all of the emails that I had received along with a brief that I wrote explaining what I want him to do and why. We met for 30 minutes with his staff present and then he asked them to leave and we had 20 minutes of private one on one conversation. I have had a long association with Blair as he used to be in local government (Mayor of Dawson Creek and on UBCM Executive with me). So we had a really open discussion and it all boiled down to him saying that he felt having the ferries under Highways makes perfect sense and he supports that. His challenge is convincing the Cabinet that the experiment with BCFS has failed for the minor routes and it is time to fix it.

So, that is our task, folks! We must convince the Premier and the Cabinet members to support Blair in his capacity as Minister of Highways. So, if there are any other Cabinet members that you know or any other MLA's (Liberals) that you know, now is the time to contact them and give them your pitch. I will be doing the same. You can go to the BC Government web page and get all of the names of the Executive and their emails: http://www.gov.bc.ca/premier/

cabinet_ministers/. Flood them with input on "how this effects families and job creation". Those are the Premier's priorities.

Public Hearing - April 27th

By the time you read this, the public hearing for the dry land sort at Gowlland Harbour will have taken place. I have mentioned this in previous articles and I hope we will have a good turn out. This issue has been before our Board for many years and is now before the community for input. After the public hearing the issue will go to the Board for a determination, probably at the end of May. I will keep you informed in a future report after May 16th when I return.

Gowlland Harbour Views (Schellinck) proposal

This proposal came before the Electoral Area Services committee once again at our last meeting. Due to the complexity of the issue, many suggestions / recommendations came forward along with a recommendation from staff to go to first and second reading at the upcoming Board meeting.

We directed staff to go back and change the wording in the proposed OCP amendments to make it stronger and more clear for any future proposals that might come forward for Silviculture lands. I have been in conversation with staff since then to learn that they are having serious difficulties with the wording as proposed and we spent a great deal of time coming to some proposed wording that might accomplish this goal. I also made a motion to insure that the Quadra Island Conservancy will be referred on the proposal and the development agreement with regard to any covenants that might need to be put in place or reviewed. I will be asking that this be referred back to staff at the Board level this Thursday, to be brought back at the June Committee meeting. I am doing everything

that I can as your Director to make sure that what comes before you is as complete a package as can possibly be presented so that you will have all of the info needed to make a decision on the proposal.

Heriot Bay sewer proposal

This report has been a long time in the making, but it is finally ready for release. We made a motion at the last Board meeting to hold a public forum with the effected property owners regarding the engineering study results. The study looked at two options: a stand alone community sewage system in Heriot Bay with its own treatment plant and outfall and a community collection system that would then be piped to the Quathiaski Cove plant for treatment. The details will be presented at the meeting, but I can tell you that both options are very expensive and, failing to obtain some sort of senior government grant, are probably not practical. Come to the meeting for the details.

Internet Committee

My apologies to everyone who expressed an interest in this idea. There just hasn't been an opportunity to get together due to the sheer volume of work at the SRD and in the community. I hope we can still put this together at some point. I am still pursuing this at the SRD level with staff.

Except for the period between April 30th and May 16th, 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@xplornet.ca, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, VOP 1N0... Lots of choices.

Please note my new email address.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Abram Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area C), SRD

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DAY TO DAY

Friday, April 29

- Big Mouth plays the HBI

Sunday, May 1

- Quadra Singers Silent Auction, Q.C.C.

Monday, May 2

- Voting for the federal election, all day, Q.C.C.
- Transition Education\Social Well Being 7:30 p.m. Upper Realm, Q. Cove

Wednesday, May 4

- Hand-drum jam, 7:45 p.m. Upper Realm, Q. Cove

Saturday, May 6

- Gypsy Swing with the Pablo Doherty Trio, Herons 9 pm \$10 incl. drink

Saturday, May 7

- Quadra Children's Centre Garage Sale
- Kids for Kids with Cancer, adventure race, 11 am 2 pm QCC

Sunday, May 8

- Mothers' Day Breakfast Buffet, Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge, 8-11 am
- Buddhist Meditation, 10 a.m. Upper Realm, Q. Cove

Sunday, May 15

- Sixth Annual Broomsweep, at Rebecca Spit 10a.m. - noon

Friday, May 20

- Sydney Williams CD Release, Quadra Legion 9 pm, tickets \$10

Saturday, May 28

- MAY DAY!!!!!!

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THE REGULARS

MONDAY

Parent & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm Low Impact, 8:30 am, QCC Yoga with Josephine, Room 3, QCC, 10 am -12 noon Karate, 4 pm, QCC Sing for Pure Joy! Room 3, QCC, 3 - 4:30 pm, *All welcome*. Alcoholics Anonymous, Quadra Children's Centre 7 pm Movie Night at the HBI (unless there's a Canucks game!) FREE 1st Monday - Quadra writers group, 7 - 9 pm 285-3656

TUESDAY

Intermediate Yoga Flow with Megan, Vitalis 9-11 am & 5 -6:30 pm Quadra Children's Song Circle, Room 3, QCC3 - 4 pm Caregivers Support Group 10 am QCC Intermediate Yoga Flow with Megan, Vitalis 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:30 pm Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30 pm, Sept 21-Apr 26 Vinyl Night with Mo at the HBI Pub 7 - 9 pm

WEDNESDAY

Yoga with Carol Foort 9:30 am, QCC
Parent and Babes 11 am QCC
Climbing Wall Teens 4:00 pm QCC
Yoga with Carol Foort 6:15 pm, QCC
Climbing Wall Family 6:30 p. QCC
U of Q! HBI Pub, 7 pm, free
Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15 pm
1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2 pm
Lifedrawing sessions, Firesign Studio, 7 - 9:30 pm Nancy, 285-3390

THURSDAY

Gentle Yoga Flow with Marnie, Vitalis 9 am - 11 am Parents & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm Karate 4:00 pm QCC Climbing Wall Kids 2:30 pm QCC

Intermediate Yoga Flow with Megan, Vitalis 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7 pm Drop in games and wing night, Legion, 7:00 pm.

FRIDAY

Friday Karaoke with Big Bad Blake 9:00. It's free! Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 pm Quadra Children's Centre

SATURDAY

Legion Meat Draw 5pm, Steak Dinner 6:30 pm Open Mic with Mo, HBI, 9 pm

SUNDAY

Centre for Spiritual Living Celebration, Willow Point Hall, 10:30 am Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30 am Quadra Sunday Painters, 11 am - 2 pm, 285-3390 United Church-11 am, first Sun. of month-12 noon, 285-3163. Buddhist meditation, Upper Realm, 10 am. Country Music Jam with Steve Trayler in the HBI Pub 3:00 pm

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NEXT DEADLINE MONDAY, MAY 9

ISLAND FORUM

An open letter from a concerned citizen

I am appalled at the cemetery's secret deal with God to move heaven to Quadra. They, and by they I mean any person who volunteers for a committee that I'm too 'busy' to join, have assured us that since the people in heaven are all dead they won't be a drain on our resources, but they haven't shown us any statistics to back this up. They haven't shown us anything. What was wrong with wherever the hell heaven was before? God wants to move it for a reason and it sure isn't for our benefit. What right does the cemetery committee have to enter into negotiations with God without a public process? I demand that we fill the Community Centre up with people so that I can call my neighbours idiots.

In the document I haven't read yet it says that part of the deal is that everybody on Quadra at the time of the deal gets a free pass into heaven. There is so much wrong with this I don't even know where to start. I don't know about you but all my friends and relatives that have passed on are probably in hell. A free pass to heaven means I'll never see them again. What about the Buddhists and the Hindus? Sure, I make fun of them over coffee, but they're useful for my argument... so I ask you: Did anyone on the committee think about them when they made this decision? What kind of opt out clause is in this deal. Who are we to deny some one from coming back as a cockroach?

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If it's too long it WILL be chopped! Please be concise A bigger cause of worry is what the free pass will mean to our crime rate. As our majesty Harper has pointed out, crime is the most important issue (next to making money on the backs of the poor and the environment) and crime can only be beaten by beating people. If people knew for sure they would get into heaven they'd all go on killing sprees. Give anybody but me an inch and they'll take your wallet.

Did they pause to consider what will happen to house prices when it gets out that Quadra is heaven on earth. None of our children will be able to afford to live here. My daughter sure can't afford to live here since I threw her out of our second property and sold it to an American for ten times what I paid for it. This is clearly all Jim Abrams fault. Even though he has nothing to do with the cemetery committee and has no more pull with God than any of the rest of us, his job as my elected official, especially as I never vote, is to keep Quadra exactly the way I want it.

Even if this issue doesn't bother you, you have to understand that this is just the thin edge of the wedge. Let a committee get away with this and pretty soon you'll wake up and library will be in a different place.

Dear Editor

During this election campaign there has been much talk about various parties forming coalitions. I don't understand why nobody has mentioned Stephen Harper's coalition made up of the Reform/Alliance party and the Conservatives. Remember when they got together they spoke of how their parties had previously split the right wing vote, and how their new arrangement would allow them a better chance of forming government. Mr. Harper even removed the word "Progressive" from the Conservative party name reinforcing their move further to the right.

John Milne Merville, B.C.

Supporting Families

During this election campaign and prior to it, the current Government of Canada claims it spends \$5.6B annually on early learning and child care. But most of that goes directly to parents as a Universal Child Care Benefit. This taxable family allowance benefit pays for, on average, about three days of child care per month and does nothing to create much needed quality child care spaces across Canada.

As such, early learning and child care continues to be a public issue affecting millions of Canadian children and their families, yet our current public discourse on a national level fails to address the importance of children's safety, their positive development or the needs of real Canadian families.

The Government of Canada needs to take advantage of the vast early learning research we have and apply it to a pan-Canadian system that offers quality early learning and child care to all Canadian families who require it. It would be refreshing to see future public policy based on the development of high quality child care spaces and all that entails rather than a political ideology that does not reflect the real needs of children and families.

We live in a society that has national standards for light bulbs but none for child care. We pay front page attention to the issues of puppy mills but give only cursory glances to the care and well-being of children while their parents are contributing to Canada's economy. This is simply wrong. The time has come to put children first by supporting families and investing where early learning research and good practice tell us will reap the most success: quality early learning and child care.

Dee McPhee

Early Childhood Educators of BC

Campbell River/Quadra Branch

Dear Sir,

I do not want Mr. John Duncan to be my Member of Parliament. One of my reasons is that he did not support my initiative on Jet Skis. In 1996 I surveyed the residents of Quadra Island about jet-ski use in the fresh water lakes and salt-water harbours of our island. 80% of those who replied did not want Jet Skis using these waters. I have made about six attempts to talk to M. Duncan about this but I could not get to see him. Later, at an all candidate meeting he said it must have been a problem with his secretary. That was that, he did not follow up and try to contact me, after all he did become the MP.

He does not represent me and I doubt he represent the 80% of Quadra people who do not want Jet Skis in our local waters. Remember the picture of his conservative colleague Stockwell Day on a Jet Ski?

The present law recently passed by this Government where Mr. Duncan is a Minister is defective. Drivers of Jet Skis do not require any liability insurance (similar to car insurance), and although Personal Water Crafts are the most dangerous of all power boats the new law is insane in my view, read this:

http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2008-120/page-10.html#h-10

19. No person who is under 12 years of age shall operate, and no person shall allow a person who is under 12 years of age to operate, a pleasure craft, other than a personal watercraft, propelled by a motor with an engine power greater than 7.5 kW, unless the person is accompanied and directly supervised in the pleasure craft by a person who is 16 years of age or older.

It sounds to me that a 12 year old, legally underaged child (who cannot be sued), can wizz around in a Kawasaki ULTRA 300LX (1,040.6 lbs.) 11 feet long machine.

Please vote against Mr. John Duncan.

George Barabás

THE EDITOR NOTES

There is Nothing 'conservative' about Harper

Once upon a time it was the <u>Progressive</u> Conservative Party of Canada that were the arch-rivals of the Liberal Party of Canada. Along with the NDP, and now the Bloc & Greens, proud traditions were built and reflected in the values and members of these political parties.

Many people vote purely along party lines, largely due to these long-standing traditions, that for some, are so deeply rooted as to be family affairs.

Unfortunately, while proud P.C. supporters may still be loyally casting their votes for the Harper conservatives, the current iteration of that party has strayed a long way from the roots that earned that trust in the first place.

To put it bluntly there is nothing conservative about Stephen Harper.

Far from wisely managing federal finances, nurturing family values, conserving resources and safe-guarding freedoms; the Harper Government, as he so vainly decreed *our* Government of Canada be termed, has put our country on a fast track to becoming a corporate-run dictatorship.

Ordering vastly over-priced fighter planes to wage war while fattening 'defence' contractors pockets is not a conservative value. If we actually did conserve our energy there would be no need to bomb and terrorize civilians, and see our honourable service men and women die in a decadelong war for oil.

Building concentration-camp-style prisons at a time of declining crime rates is also

not a conservative value. It makes private profiteering out of our justice system and feeds a culture of aggression and mistrust.

Turning thousands of square miles of northern Boreal forest wilderness into a massive pit of industrial destruction and endangering the Pacific coast to pump tar-sands oil to China in exchange for plastic crap is also not a conservative value. Reducing consumption, conserving these invaluable natural assets and doing more with less like our parents and grandparents did is.

Running multi-billion dollar deficits and cutting corporate taxes, while allowing infrastructure to decay and education to languish is also not a conservative value. Prudent accounting, investing in our children and youth while ensuring everyone, including hugely profitable companies pay their share is.

No, Stephen Harper is not a true conservative, nor is his minion John Duncan and neither deserve your proud, hard-won vote. Harper would take Canada a long way from the 'true north strong and free' and instead would see us further sold out to debt, U.S.-corporate servitude and endless, empty consumerism. If you're old enough to know exactly who Joe is, then you're wise enough to know that Harper can not be trusted with our country and way of life.

We can do better. Take it from me, I have watched and listened to Mr. Duncan represent Stephen Harper more times than most and I assure you we can do a lot better.

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Let There Be Light!

So said the Scot, turned American industrialist, richest man in the world in his day at age 30, and later philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. He required these words be posted at the entrance of libraries that received his grants.

In total, Carnegie donated \$2, 556, 660 to build 125 library buildings in Canada by 1910. A sum that would be in the billions today. In that regard, he should still have a large influence in the institutional memory of libraries in Canada.

He favoured small communities over large, and architectural proposals that were reflections of the community. Many "Carnegie libraries" are community civic treasures to this day.

"I am proud of the fair and comprehensive process that was undertaken to find the best location for the greatest number of people" So said Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) Board of Trustees Chair Ronna-Rae Leonard, as quoted in the April 2, press release. Fair and comprehensive process? Really?

"Fair" would be for the VIRL to vote to postpone the approval until true community involvement is brought to the "process". "Fair " it should be since the library will remain a Quadra public resource, and our tax dollars. Is this new "convenient location" a convenient first step in the VIRL entirely closing a Quadra library branch some day in the future?

They undervalue the Quadra Island community. In fact, they did not even factor Quadra Island library branch users in to their "comprehensive" model.

Yes, the existing library is deficient. But how about an island solution with a beautiful facility worthy of the cultural significance of and importance of a library?

A library is not a cinder block windowless industrialized testament to economics, on an island that beckons the imagination in every direction.

A library should reflect the community and spirit of the people.

Could the Quadra community participate in creating a library that is worthy of being the literary soul of the community? Could it be built with assistance of local artisans and crafts people using local materials? Could it reflect the skill, love and talent of said community as a gift to the importance of ideas and learning to future generations? Could such a library have open beams, Quadra wood, passive and active solar design, best green practices in waste treatment and naturally lit spaces?

Could a location be found that also includes the needs of those without wheels in the Heriot Bay and that come off boats from the outer islands? Or, should this location be, as it is now, renting in a retail mall, impacting our valued existing book seller?

"Let There Be Light"! How was the "process" really determined? What is the rent and lease terms you will be paying? Couldn't this money go to a mortgage on a community owned library that in the long run would be in the best interests of more than just the landlord of Cove Centre?

Let's starts again. There is little harm in a "fair and comprehensive" process. How about a real Quadra based planning process involving the community in a community library serving the needs of the Quadra Islanders and those that access the library from outer islands?

Scott Partridge

In the Spirit of Co-operation

Now that our "Transition Town" initiative is off the ground and running, I would like to suggest a collaboration with some already established island initiatives in order to streamline efforts and weed out redundancy.

For instance, mutual benefit can be had by combining the Feral Cat Association's ongoing project to rid the island of invasive felines with the hot meals for shutins project, our precious island ecology, soil fertility and the tourist industry.

In this co-operative scenario, the feline invaders would be efficiently harvested by enthusiastic volunteers. The meat would add high quality protein and variety to the hot meals for shut-ins, the bones for soup for the existing community lunch initiative, the offal would be turned into fertilizer and distributed by Steve's Free Fertilizers, and those lovely pelts would be transformed by our many talented island artisans into one-of-a-kind fashion items to be sold at our very own markets and stores, for the shopping pleasure of summer visitors.

That folks, is just one example of what we could accomplish when we start to think co-operatively. I have already gone ahead and hand-crafted several examples of beautiful fashion items from the surprisingly healthy feline pelts. They will be displayed at the Transition Island Fair that is planned for mid June. Watch for the posters.

Luise Grav

Centennial Black-Eye

Despite significant public opposition, BC Parks has issued a Park Use Permit to allow Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, a high end resort to run exclusive horse tours in the remote Bedwell Valley of Strathcona Park. This is a decision that is not in the public interest and demonstrates that the current Liberal government has once again put commercial interests ahead of those of the people. The decision represents the further privatization of the oldest provincial park in British Columbia - in its centennial vear.

The issue is complex and involves a park system that is being starved from the top and being forced to resort to private solutions to maintain public trails and facilities. Friends of Stathcona Park have proposed a volunteer solution to trail maintenance at no cost to BC Parks. For more details contact Bob St. John with Friends of Strathcona Park at 250-890-0780

Sincerely, Dave Ingram Courtenay, BC

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Gypsy Swing with the Pablo Doherty Trio!

This Vancouver band has an authentic style of gypsy-swing all to their own. Fueled by the driving rhythm section the band encompasses soul as they create a sense of realness between themselves, their music and the audience. Feel the passion within, the gypsy-swing, as the Trio takes to the stage. Come get your swing on!! Pablo Doherty from Gadjo is accompanied by Steve Charles a freelance guitar player of several styles who also work in music production for a theatre company. As well as Patrick Metzner who is a terrific upright bass players who's bands include, Headwater. At Herons, Heriot Bay Inn, Quadra Island. Friday, May 6. doors open 9:00pm. \$10.00 inc drink ticket. Make it a night, add a room. www.heriotbayinn.com, 250-285-3322.

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Discover Quadra 2011

It's "Open House" for Quadra Island! Put June 11 and 12 on your calendar, to visit tourism and hospitality businesses on the island. Accommodation, dining, and tour businesses will open their doors for visitors, and show you what they have to offer. It's a great chance to celebrate island hospitality and see what is available for you and your guests.

Businesses interested in participating should contact Susan at swilson@gicable.com or 285-2556 for information. Registration deadline March 31.

Home Business Open House

Everyone welcome at the Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge on Saturday, May 7th, 1:30-4:30pm for a home-based business open house event. For more info, or to book a space, please contact Katrina @250-337-1980. Lot's of products available!!

Alcoholic Anonymous

~ Quadra Island Chapter has moved their 8 pm friday meeting from Cape Mudge United Church to Quadra Children's Center. Everyone Welcome. call 250-285-3152

Children's Centre's Garage Sale

Last Chance to donate to Quadra Children's Center's Annual Garages Sale. We are taking donations until May 6th @5pm – No clothing please. For more info call 285-3511

Newcomers to Quadra Island Welcome

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Dept. Of Thanks

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all the people who donated plants and baking to our annual plant and bake sale. A big thank you to the garden club for all the plants they donate year after year. winner of the draws where

1st was won by Daphne Young the lounger chair2nd was won by Daphne Dery a beautiful plant3rd was won by Donna Aucoin the Easter basket

A huge Thank You to the Quadra Fire Department and the RCMP members who attended the cabin/trailer fire on our property at 699 Cramer in Heriot Bay and for helping my Brother James and his friend Carrie Batta. Also a special thanks to our neighbour Sheldon May for calling 911, sending photos, keeping us informed and keeping an eye on the property. In case we have missed anyone else who helped we would also extend our thanks for being great neighbours.

Your sincerely, Norm and Debby Skelton

Quadra Links would like to thank the people and businesses that have become founding members of the Quadra Island Golf Club. Your response to this limited offering for the first 100 founding memberships has been outstanding! There are still founding memberships available for this wonderful community project which will be a boon to our island and benefit young and old alike.

Applications for this Limited Founding Membership opportunity are available at:

Heriot Bay Inn (front desk)

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Urgent Ferry Action Request

I would like to first thank the people who did send in letters due to my request to write to the Minister, Blair Lekstrom, regarding taking the ferries back into the Ministry of Transportation. I would have liked to have seen many, many more letters since we are all effected by the ferries. I hope people will not stop the letter writing campaign.

A NEW REQUEST: Please address all letters to the Minister blair.lekstrom.mla@ leg.bc.ca, but also to the Premier Designate, Christy Clark Premier@gov.bc.ca, and also please copy me. The Premier needs to have a clear picture of how these fares effect families and how they effect job creation. Please work those points into your letters... maybe even into the title so she will pick up on it as the emails come in.

The reason I ask these things of you is that I went to Victoria last Wednesday and Thursday to meet with the Minister. We had a great meeting. I presented copies of all of the emails that I had received along with a brief that I wrote explaining what I want him to do and why. We met for 30 minutes with his staff present and then he asked them to leave and we had 20 minutes of private one on one conversation. I have had a long association with Blair as he used to be in local government (Mayor of Dawson Creek and on UBCM Executive with me). So we had a really open discussion and it all boiled down to him saying that he felt having the ferries under Highways makes perfect sense and he supports that. His challenge is convincing the Cabinet that the experiment with BCFS has failed for the minor routes and it is time to fix it.

So, that is our task, folks! We must convince the Premier and the Cabinet members to support Blair in his capacity as Minister of Highways. So, if there are any other Cabinet members that you know or any other MLA's (Liberals) that you know, now is the time to contact them and give them your pitch. I will be doing the same. You can go to the BC Government web page and get all of the names of the Executive and their emails: http://www.gov.bc.ca/premier/cabinet_ministers/. Flood them with input on "how this effects families and job creation". Those are the Premier's priorities. - Jim Abram

Island Voices

Island Voices Chamber Choir presents "By Special Request" 8 pm Saturday April 30 at the Maritime Heritage Centre, Campbell River.

Tickets at the Visitor Info Centre, Campbell River, info: Anne 250-287-4236, www.islandvoiceschamberchoir.bc.ca

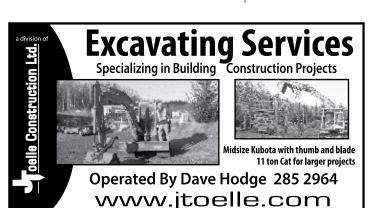
The concert will also be presented at 8 pm on Friday April 29 at Comox United Church.

Dancestreams

With 25 years experience, Dancestreams Youth Dance Company is accustomed to seeing a host of talented young dancers passing through, but for Artistic Director Patricia MacKenzie who has been with the Company since 1994, the experience never gets old.

Dancestreams is unique among dance companies- not only does it draw the most talented and focused of professionally-minded dancers, but they hail from studios and communities throughout Vancouver Island, coming together just one day per week. During the week, they each continue to train in their home studios, and on Sundays they all travel to Parksville for six hours of intensive classes, rehearsals and workshops designed to complement and enhance the regular training.

This season, Dancestreams is proud to welcome a Campbell River dancer in the name of twelve year old Beatrix Bellosillo, a pupil at Urban Dance Connection. "Beatrix is incredibly talented, focused and internally driven and in spite of her young age, has been given some challenging roles this season," noted director MacKenzie. Bea and the rest of the eleven member Dancestreams company will perform at the Tidemark Theatre on Sat. Apr. 30th at 7:30 pm. They will be joined by guest artists from Urban Dance Connection. This will be a wonderful evening of original contemporary dance in a wide range of stylesperfect for the whole family, and particularly inspirational for youth of all ages. More information about Dancestreams or the spring Anniversary Tour: www.dancestreams.ca





Quadra Children's Centre

Annual Garage Sale!

May 7th 10 am -2 pm. Lots of wonderful items donated by the community! For more info call 285-3511

Free VHS Video Exchange

There is a free VHS video exchange in the Upper realm public space in Q Cove. Bring your old VHS videos (or DVDs) abd borrow free VHS video films for your own private viewing. We have a good selection of around 300 titles. We are open Wednesdays through Saturdays, usually in the afternoon. Call Steve Moore at 250-285-3323 for more information.



Soil Transformation Workshop -

Saturday May 14th, 2011, 10am to 1pm

Horticulturists Ryan Nassichuk and Jessica Hammersmark will be leading demonstrations and discussions of practical techniques for transforming weeds and lawn into productive vegetable gardens. Register by calling 250-202-2326, or e-mail nassichuk@gmail.com

Quadra Island Farmers Market & Bazaar

welcomes everyone to this years community market. The market is located behind the Credit Union in Quathiaski Cove and takes place every Saturday (rain or shine) between 10am and 2pm from May 7th to Sept. 10th.

We would like to welcome all our regular vendors as well as any new ones who would like to join in. We would especially like to see more locally grown produce. But keep all your arts and crafts coming. Tourists and locals love them

We will continue on with a first come first serve basis and the gate will open at 8am for set up. Market parking is accessed from Green Road. Please note the main Credit Union parking lot is available for Credit Union customers only.

To set up a table is still only \$5.00. Children under 16 it is \$1.00 a table. They must sell their own articles though. Local community and charitable organizations will not be charged.

Visitors welcome! Come and enjoy our local market. This is where it's happening on Saturdays on Quadra Island. Arts, crafts, food, produce, music, entertainers, and souvenirs galore!

We strongly discourage dogs at the market. If you have no choice make sure it is on a leash and of course pick up after your pet and don't let them too near the booths.

Thanks for your interest and cooperation. Contacts are:

Stella 250-285-3184 --Naomi 250-285-2979 -quadramarket@gmail.com

Cortes Museum:

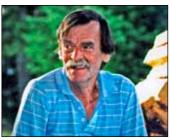
Spring is bursting out all over on beautiful Mitlenatch Island -- cruise aboard MISTY ISLES to this wildlife sanctuary in the middle of the Salish Sea. Walk meadows ablaze with Death Camas, Columbia and Chocolate Lilies plus Sea Blush, Monkey Flowers & Field Chickweed. Search for owl pellets as you hike the trails in this marine park. Watch territorial & nesting activities of many gulls, cormorants, pigeon guillemots & oyster catchers (black birds with pink gumboots & carrot beaks). Ride a zodiac around Mitlenatch to experience noisy seabird cliff rookeries, impressive Steller & California sea lions. Keep a lookout for eagles, river otters, dolphins & orcas. Skipper/ naturalist Mike Moore and wife Samantha have a wealth of information & stories about this gem in the gulf. Sponsored by CORTES MUSEUM, this day trip leaves Cortes Bay at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 14, returning about 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$115, taxes included. Quadra residents can catch the 9:05 ferry from Heriot Bay to Cortes. Shuttle service both ways is available between the ferry & Cortes Bay. Pack your lunch, binoculars & an extra pair of shoes. Dress for the weather (hat, sunscreen & wind breaker jacket). Home made cookies & tea served on board MISTY ISLES. For details & registration phone Lynne (250-935-6472) or e-mail Cortes Museum at: cimas@twincomm.

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Quadra Theatre Votes!

The plot thickens! Quadra Theatre is moving ahead and is looking for enthusiastic members for its first Management Group. The Group will be selected at our meeting on May 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Heriot Bay Inn Bay View Rm. Positions are available for Chair, Coordinator - Production, Assistant Coordinator -Production, Coordinator-Marketing and Communications, Treasurer, and Secretary. Voting membership is \$2 per person. You can join at the May 11th meeting. Questions: (www. quadratheatre.wordpress.com) or email Lisa at (ueylisa@gicable. com) Also, we are looking for a great group name. Post your ideas on the website! Win 2 tickets to our first production!



Thank You re: John Bell

Many thanks to the people of Quadra Island for their wonderful support during John's illness and passing. Thanks for all the cards, phone calls, hugs, your thoughts and prayers. What an awesome community we live in!

There will be a memorial to celebrate John's life, on April 30 at the Quadra Community Centre at 2:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring any pictures, stories and memories of John. Coffee, tea and snacks to follow.

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May Day 2011

Spring is erupting around us, so May Day is soon at hand. Mark Saturday, May 28th on the calendar and plan to be at the Spit at 10 a.m. for the parade. New to Quadra? Check out this traditional family event ingrained in our community psyche since the early pioneers had the first picnic in 1898. There will be the May Pole dance, May Queen ceremony, races, concession, grade 6 picnic, face painting, fort building, sail boat races and picnicking with family and friends. Each year there is a theme to which costumes and floats are related. We need a theme for 2011, and the theme suggestion boxes are out in the food stores, school and QCC. If you would like to get involved, please phone the QCC at 285 3243. Maybe you would like to organize a bright new shiny activity to the day's events...

Growing More Food on Quadra.

Pasture wanted.

The recent Quadra as a Transition Island meeting has stimulated renewed interest in Quadra Circle's Garden Sharing Registry. This successful venture was allowed to lapse 2 years ago when it seemed less necessary because the Community Garden was started. Now the Community Garden is just about full and the need to grow food is becoming more pressing. Also many people would prefer space nearer their homes.

The plan is simple. Those who have gardens they are unable to use because of age, disability or lack of time are matched up with someone who wants to grow food but has no suitable land. The food is shared with the owner of the land. This plan could easily be extended to include farm or pasture land, raising chickens

We currently have someone urgently looking for sheep pasture in exchange for meat or wool, south of Heriot Bay. She has portable fencing. As little as half an acre would help.

If you are interested either way or would like to help organize please contact Mary at 285 3084.

We are counting on you

We are counting on you to make a difference in our community!

Brooke Somers is working in our community as a 2011 Census Crew Leader. Starting in April 2011, she will be looking for enumerators in and around Quadra Island in preparation for the 2011 Census.

Enumerators conduct interviews in person and by telephone, and the job pays \$14.72 per hour. Work starts in May and goes until July. Jobs are available in both rural and urban areas. Paid training is provided.

Census work is challenging and never boring. You meet some great people and the work changes from day to day - it truly is a team effort. If you are over the age of 18 and computer literate, enjoy working with people and are willing to work flexible hours, we would encourage you to take part in this exciting 2011 Census process.

If you are interested in joining our team, or if you would like more information, go online at www.census2011.gc.ca and click on "census jobs". Applications will be accepted on-line.

Alternative Schooling

At the Education & Social Well-Being Committee of the Transitional Island group, there was a brief discussion on some very creative ideas to further our children's education: A gardening course where kids would grow their own food, A History of Quadra Island with supervised educational hikes, Art & Music courses like water colours and hand-drumming, Creative Writing & Story-Telling & Chess (which is already happening). If held after school, both schoolers and home schoolers could attend. Classes could be held at a central location like the Community Centre or the elementary school. If you like the idea, come to the next meeting of the Education/Social Well Being Committee at Spirit Books in Q. Cove on Monday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. or volunteer to teach a course by calling Steve at 285-3323 or Sheldon at 285-3626 P.S. Proposals for Social Well-Being will also come up at the meeting.



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At the Good ol HBI

Help wanted; The Heriot Bay Inn is seeking employees for summer positions: line cook, dishwasher, diningroom servers, housekeeping, night auditor.

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Canucks Hockey Games supersede HBI events. Events may be a little late or early because we're watching hockey on the HBI's 8' screen and 3 tv's. Beef or veggie burger, fries AND a beer only \$9.95 game nights. Go Canucks!

Sundays; Country Jam with Steve Trayler 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Saturdays; Open Mike with Mo 9:00 pm to midnight. Music abounds in the HBI Pub. Come out, join the band or the audience! Karaoke fun has moved to Thursdays!

Friday April 29, Quadra's own Big Mouth to play the HBI Pub. Reggae, rock, funk, metal, a little bit of something for everyone.

UofQ: Expand your brain. HBI Pub. May 4; Inclusive Teaching. Evolution of community education with Sheldon Etheridge. May 11; Scuba diving in our amazing ocean with Sarah Gregg-Granger and Aaron Sopracillo. UofQ, the school of endless possibilities. Wednesdays 7 pm.

Friday May 6, Gypsy swing dance with Pablo Doherty in Herons. Get in the spring swing at this not to be missed event. 10.00 at the door. Includes a drink ticket. 19+. Get your groove on at the good old HBI!

Saturday May 7. Taurus persons tend to be strongly hedonistic, cool folk. They live primarily through the pleasures of their senses. The more solid and pragmatic sign in the zodiac. Celebrate your sign at the HBI Taurus party! Cake and prizes!

The Heriot Bay Inn welcomes Chef Catherine Berg to our awesome team! Chef Catherine will be preparing a Mothers Day delight with a beautiful brunch buffet Sunday, May 8. 8:00 am to 2:00 pm \$29.00. Children pay their age to 15 years.

Friday May 13, Duffy is in the house. Duffy Live plays the good old HBI. Classic rock to dance the night away.

Saturday June 11. Dinner concert with Valdy in Herons at the HBI. Join Valdy in this intimate setting with a delicious three course set menu. \$50.00+tx. 6:00pm seating. Reservations only. 250-285-3322. Seats are filling up, call now.

Quadra Cultural Committee Sends Thanks

With the jazzy, lighthearted Infinitus String Trio, Quadra Recreation's Cultural Committee has just ended another season of successful performances. Every single concert was memorable in its own way: from the youthful award-winning Czech choir Viva la Bella to the flawless Gryphon Trio; the exotic flare and energy of the Denis Chang Quartet and the delicate perfectionism of Reside and Dawson's flute and piano; and the phenomenal musicianship of Quebec's Quartango: the concerts once again brought pleasure and joy to many.

It takes a community of committed volunteers to mount a concert series, and thanks go to the following people who have contributed their time and/or personal resources: Margaret and Chris Rose, Gavin and Mary McIntosh, Susan Wilson, Annabelle Cameron, George Murdoch, Tony Simard, Heather Vanderest, Ken Roxborough, Lesley Matthews, Wendy Richardson, Hannah Lewandowski, Paul Puddy, Gwen Puddy, Marie Sheran, Jean Aston, Carol Foort, Linda Lessard, Celeste Kragen, Carol Woolsey, Mary Ellen Wilkins, Pat Lowes, Marna Disbrow, Christina Munck, Joyce Baker, Ellen and Alex Hartford, Aroma Café for coffee, and Hummingbird, Quadra Crafts, and The Music Plant for selling tickets.

We couldn't continue without the financial backing of the Strathcona Regional District (thanks Jim for sponsoring our application every year!), and the BC Touring Council. We are also grateful to individuals in the community who contribute generously to our cause, ensuring the continuation of complimentary tickets to community members, and to our business sponsors. Thanks are also due this year to Lois Taylor who worked hard to reschedule a Heriot Bay Inn event that was in direct conflict with one of our performances.

Thanks also to the Board of Quadra Recreation and Sandy and Sonya (goodbye, Sonya!) who are always there to help us keep on track. And last but not least, a standing O to Louella Baker who cheerfully picks up the many, many frayed threads and knits them together. To all our community members who come and enjoy, and who take an interest with their comments and feedback – get ready for another great season next year!

Sincerely, Helen Moats

Chef Catherine Berg Joins the Heriot Bay Inn

With the herald of tulips and blossoms, a talented chef has joined the team at the Heriot Bay Inn. Catherine Berg cites her French Culinary Degree from the Dubrelle French Culinary School as one of the influences on her cooking. "I have had a great deal of international cooking exposure; I am particularly influenced by Northern Italian cuisine and the Provence region of Southern France. As well, I have trained in Thai and Malaysian cooking, and these influences seep into my cooking".

Catherine enjoys fusing the flavours she knows and loves with local fare. "I love local seafood. I am looking forward to utilizing it as much as possible in our new menu." New menu? Well, it's in the works, and it will be worth the wait. Expect the exciting new menu in May.

When asked about signature dishes patrons can look forward to, Catherine replied "We will showcase seafood, and housemade desserts, also, I am on a quest for the perfect burger. Right now I am in discussions with several bakeries and bread artisans to find the perfect bun."

Among other experiences, Catherine lived and ran a cooking school on Hornby Island. The island lifestyle and sense of community is something which attracted her to working on Quadra Island. "I am impressed by the iconic nature of the Heriot Bay Inn. It is a cornerstone of the community, and I am honoured to have been chosen as the chef of the Heriot Bay Inn", she said. "I



am impressed by the local talent in the kitchen, they're great, and eager to learn", she added. The Heriot Bay Inn sends a note of thanks to Elizabeth, Chris and the kitchen staff for running all that is involved in preparing delicious meals at high standard over the winter. Good job!

Ms. Berg looks forward to integrating into the community and "meeting foodies like me". She is also looking forward to using local produce as it becomes available. Catherine enjoys working with local charities and "donating my services as much as possible". She has Island spirit and a whole lot of creative passion, come on down to the Inn and enjoy her inspired creations!



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Guide to the Discovery Islands – A Talk by Jeanette Taylor



The Museum at Campbell River is pleased to offer a talk by renowned local historian Jeanette Taylor on Thursday, April 28, from 6:30pm-8 pm. Taylor will talk about some of the outstanding places people can visit along the inner coast of North Vancouver Island, from Kingcome Inlet to the Discovery Islands. Included will be a look into Bute Inlet, Desolation Sound and the Broughton Islands. As always, Taylor will spice the talk with fascinating stories about the old Halliday Farm at Kingcome Inlet, Quadra Island's Lucky Jim Mine (a place that still captivates people with talk of gold) and the dozen or so petroglyphs on the beach below Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge. Also included will be a description of the many kayak routes people can follow, to Desolation Sound and off the north shore of Quadra Island in Kanish Bay and Small Inlet. The talk will be an excellent opportunity to begin planning some special trips for the summer tourist, or for locals to get out and explore their own backyard! For those interested in getting out on the water this summer, the talk will serve as an introduction to the Museum's Summer Historic Boat Tours, offered by the Columbia III and Discovery Marine Safaris. Information on those trips can be found on the museum's website at www.crmuseum.ca. The cost for the talk is \$6.00. Please call the Museum at 287-3103 to reserve a seat.

Quadra Island Seniors--Br. 91-B.C.O.A.P.O.

We hope that everyone had a Happy Easter Holiday. Now that winter is leaving (we hope). Make sure all your burning is done, before restrictions for fire protection is in place. Wednesday activities are doing very well, Armchair Aerobics with Ann Lawrence are at 10:00 am,

Carpet Bowling with Chris Dyson at 11:00 am, bring snacks to have with Coffee or Tea, if you wish we have playing cards and pool tables too.

On Wed. May 4th at our General Meeting starting at 10:30 am Jeanne Schweitzer will instruct the members on changes in the C.P.R. Program.

Come at 10:00 a:m and have a chat over Coffee and Book browse over mags and books Peter Gregg sets out on a table. Soon we will be looking after the Tourist Information Booth, by the Credit Union, and meeting the many Tourists who visit our beautiful Discovery Islands.

For membership with our busy group, contact Christine @ 2207or Ruth @3801.

Quathiaski Cove Road and Rudder Road Intersection

Over the last few months the Detachment has received complaints from various community members regarding motorists and cysclists failing to stop at the stop sign located at the bottom of Quathiaski Cove Road leading to the Ferry terminal. Due to the amount of heavy traffic at ferry arrival and departure times, this intersection has the potential to be the scene of a serious crash. The risk of a serious crash increases considerably when vehicles and cyclists are failing to stop at the intersection. The Detachment would like to remind all drivers and cyclists of the requirement to come to a complete stop at the stop sign and to proceed only when safe to do so. While Detachment Members do not want to be fining any drivers or cyclists, everyone is reminded that provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act prescribe a fine of \$167.00 for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Should anyone have any questions or concerns please contact or come by the Detachment.



Quadra Singers Concert And Silent Auction Fundraiser May 1

Quadra Island's community choir will perform Sing into Spring Sunday, May 1 at the Quadra Community Centre, and a silent auction fundraiser will raise money for future choir outreach.

"Our silent auction has a great list of items to bid on, to help us build a funding base for future choir outreach and community choral workshops," says Quadra Singers Society president Darcy Mitchell.

Silent auction items include:

- An evening of music given by a cellist and pianist
- An introduction to the game of Mah Jong
- Potted eight-foot Full Moon maple tree
- Full-day guided fishing tour
- · Set of two stainless steel wiener roasters
- Piano lessons
- Gift basket of appetizers, wine and more
- Romantic dinner for two by the ocean
- · Local organic veggies and berries delivered
- Three-hour digital photography tutorial
- Gift certificates for: NIMBUS Paddle, optometry, massage therapy and more
- One keepsake book, professionally laid out and coil bound (up to 20 pictures)
- Four new ladies' watches, mimicking Rolex, Bulgari and Cartier
- · Beautiful pottery bowl created by Earthlight
- Quadra Voce sings for your special event (birthday, anniversary)
- Pimp Your Pad services: organize, de-clutter and add style to your home

More than 220 people attended Quadra Singers' December concert, and fundraising through Friends of Quadra Singers last year raised enough money to build much-needed choral risers, now available for community use on Quadra.

"Building on the success of our December concert, Quadra Singers will perform several songs linked by a water theme. Sing into Spring will also feature flute solos and a short set by quartet Quadra Voce," says choir director Linda Cannon.

As part of its spring session, Quadra Singers performed at a fundraiser for North Island Survivors Healing Society and will also perform at Quadra Elementary and at care homes in Campbell River.

Advance tickets for Sing into Spring (\$10 adults) are available on Quadra Island at Hummingbird Arts and Supply, Book Bonanza and Quadra Crafts. Tickets will also be available at the door (\$12 adults).

People can follow Quadra Singers news on Facebook or receive a copy of Notes, the Quadra Singers newsletter via email by contacting quadrasingers@gmail.com.

Quadra Island Senior Housing Society

Our Coffee House which was held on April 16th/11 at Q.I.C.C., was a huge success.

While Val Barr and Tucker Dinnes welcoming everyone at the door.

John Toelle organized a tremendous Musical evening, with our fabulous M.C. Julie Douglas introducing everyone starting with, Jeanne Schweitzer, performing a beautiful dance with huge golden wings. Following a night of music starting with Smooth Edge, who played an array of guitars, & a mandolin with singers Lois Taylor and Diana McKerracher, joining in with many lively tunes, by guitarists, Kent ONeill, Duffy Frank, & Mo Davenport. Following also with comedy & Guitarists John Toelle & Richard Christie, and on guitar and singing Rick Bockner, and the highlite of the night on guitar Rodrigo Figueroa, who charmed everyone with his romantic tunes.

Coffee, Teas and a selection of Baking provided, by Quadra Seniors and the Legion Womans Auxiliary, was served by Karen Gair, Linda Bell, Hillary Hanson.

We would like to Thank wholeheartedly all the Bakers and workers, who helped in the kitchen, to provide the tasty desserts.

Tucker Dinnes presented with appreciation, Thank-You letters to all the Trades, who helped with the building of our first two Senior Duplexes, who are now being lived in, so Seniors can stay on beautiful Quadra Island.

The Royal Canadian Legion-Br. 154, President Thomas Vaniderstine, Leonard Lamb, Poppy Chairman, & Carol Ann Terreberry, Deputy Zone Manager, presented a \$3000.00 Cheque to Q.I.S.H.S. Ken Duncan, to help with costs, of the buildings. A Special Thank-you to

Michael Foort- Stage Manager, Tony Simard-Stage Lighting, George Murdoch- Sound.

A successful Silent auction was held, with donations provided by Quadra Island & Campbell River Businesses, and many supporters. This display was layed out with the help of Jeanne Stoppard, Ruth Amiabel, Robin Beaton & Mia Frisholz.

The following businesses and supporters gratefully donated goods to our silent auction

Yellow Dog foods, customers and friends; Peoples Drugs(Quadra); Humming Bird Office Supply; Bonanza Books; Fermentations; Island Marine Supply; Quadra Petro Canada Station; Artist Rhonda Richmond; Quadra Taxis; Roy Dahlnas Excavating; Ilse Tech Auto; Café Aroma; Whiskey Point Lodge; Taku Resort; Vitalis; Artist Ann McLean; James Pottery; Gabriella Romano; Ruth & Martin Amiabel; Walcan Seafood; Kathy McLeod; Stacey & Rod Stewart; Val Barr; Jill Sampsons; Eleanor Kane; Artist Elena Mason; Rejuvanation through Bodyworks-Lori Hewitt; Viken Waste Management; Lawyer Pat Field; Moxies Restaurant; Superstore; General Paints; Joeys Only Restaurant; Zellers; Canada Tire; Staples; Shoppers Drugs; Merecroft A& W; Canton Restaurant; Music Plant. Tru Valu Stores.

The Q.I.S.H.S Board. --who consist of Pres. Jeanne Stoppard, Sec. Val Barr,

Treas. Tucker Dinnes, Directors Bob Lasby, Kurt Hagen & Ruth Amiabel, would like to Thank all who helped this event become so successful.

A Huge Thank-You is extended to Philip Stone who always does a great job printing our Q.I S.H.S. Articles.



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Campbell River the only stop in BC for pop rocker Melanie Doane



"There's no place like home" sings Juno Award winning singer-songwriter Melanie Doane on "Ruby Slippers", the opening track from her new album 'The Emerald City', just released last month. While a Wizard of Oz theme is apparent, Melanie isn't channelling her inner Dorothy on this fresh set of poprock gems. "The Émerald City is an image we all know," says Doane. "It means different things to different people, but ultimately it's the only image I know of that embodies disenchantment and hope at the same time. It's the shattering of something you believe in, but somehow optimism remains. That's where I'm coming from with these songs."

Doane is also coming from back east just to perform for the North Island at the Tidemark Theatre on Friday, April 29 at 7:30. "The Tidemark and 99.7 The River are thrilled to be able to bring her to town," says the Tidemark's Gord Jaques, "She has gone through a lot of changes recently and her new album is a reflection of those. Melanie is one of those artists that we west coasters hear all the time; we just don't recognize the name."

Get your tickets now for Melanie Doane, Apr. 29, 7:30 pm at the Tidemark Theatre. Tickets are only \$27Adults, \$22 members, \$15 Students and \$5 eyeGO (grades 9-12) and are available at the Tidemark Ticket Centre 10 am to 4 pm, Tue. through Sat. or Charge-by-Phone at 287-PINK (7465) or 1-800-994-0555. Tickets are also available On-Line at www.tidemarktheatre.com

Quadra Feral Cat Group gears up for kitten and fundraising season

With kitten season around the corner, the Quadra Feral Cat Group urges cat owners to join them in their efforts to reduce the numbers of unwanted cats and kittens this

Cat rescue organizations and volunteers need the help of the entire community to control the cat population and prevent cat homelessness, and all year round, the Quadra Feral Cat Group does its best to remind people of the importance of getting adult cats fixed. If your household finds itself with kittens this year, please make sure they end up spayed or neutered so we're not adding to the problem of more unwanted cats.

Surgery rates for feral cats and kittens have increased by up to 60 per cent, and the Quadra Feral Cat Group (QFCG) is also busy fundraising to cover the cost of vet bills.

QFCG will run the concession at the May 1 Quadra Singers concert, and volunteers will be at the Saturday market on Quadra again this year, to raise money for spaying and neutering homeless cats and to encourage people to get pet cats fixed. Now a registered charity, the Quadra Feral Cat Group is able to give tax receipts for donations.

As part of an international effort to reduce cat overpopulation, the Quadra Feral Cat Group hopes Free Feral Cat Spay Day on April 27 in the United States and South Africa will inspire more veterinarians to offer low-cost spay/neuter services. Low-cost programs strengthen the relationship between the public and the veterinary community and can reduce cat euthanasia rates at animal shelters.

QFCG has fixed more than 125 cats since they began their efforts to reduce the number of homeless cats on Quadra in March 2009. QFCG welcomes volunteers, particularly a foster and adoption coordinator, and thanks the community, local veterinarians and foster homes for continued support.

Quadra Feral Cat Group can be reached via telephone at 250-285-3942 or by email at quadraferalcats@yahoo.com. Donations can be made directly to the group, via PayPal, through Tru Value Spirit Board points at both Heriot Bay and Quathiaski Cove stores, at the Quadra Coastal Community Credit Union or in change cans on local store counters.

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Free Firewood

Spring is here. We're all out of dry firewood for now. However, if you want some very wet wood to chop up for next year, give us a call. We also need community volunteers to chop up free firewood for the winter of 2011/2012. Come join us every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon behind the Quadra Community Centre. Together, we can help keep all Quadra Islanders warm and cozy next winter and work up an appetite for the noon Community Lunch. Bring an axe or we can provide one. Call Steve Moore for more information at 285-3323. P.S. Many thanks to Von and his brother & luke & Alan & Paul & Tom & Leon Trotsky for their help last week.

Make up or Mayhem

Rivercity Player final production will also be their entry into the Theatre BC's North Island Zone Festival production on May 27th in Port Alberni, where the players have an opportunity to go on to Mainstage, the top Provincial Drama Competition. This hair raising suspense thriller promises to keep audiences on their seats to the very end!! This chilling mystery thriller by Ira Levin (Rosemary's Baby, Deathtrap, Stepford Wives, Boys from Brazil) explores the thin line between fantasy and reality, madness and murder.

Veronica's Room takes place on one evening in Boston in 1973, when an elderly couple invite a young couple to the home where they live as caretakers. They explain that the young woman looks exactly like Veronica, a girl who grew up in the house but was fatally stricken with tuberculosis in the 1930's. As one invitation leads to another, deceit and delusion build toward a horrific climax.

Directed by Gail Tisdale Starring Jana MacFarlane, Heidi Ridgway, Tim Myerscough and David Tayler. Show runs May 12-14, and 19-21, with 7:30 pm show start time and a Matinee on Sunday May 15th start time 2 pm.

Rivercity Players is also offering a Make up Workshop this Saturday from 5:30 to 8 pm. The workshop will focus on drastic age character changes. Get ready to see what you will look like in 10, 20 or even 30 years! The cost is \$40 for non-members which includes your \$20 membership to Rivercity Players!

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Glow (CD. Release)

May 20th at the Quadra Legion, Sydney Williams releases her second full length album (Glow). Doors are open at 9 pm, and starting off the entertainment is Cameron Gunn.

Tickets are available for \$10 at Humming Bird, Quadra Crafts and The Music Plant in Campbell River. Tickets can also be bought at the door.

Sydney's new CD can be purchased at the show. Come have a good time, dance a little, and enjoy a great show.

Hand Drum Jam

There is a hand-drum jam happening every Wednesday night at 7:45 p.m. in the Upper Realm in Q. Cove. Beginners are welcome. This is a drum jam designed to take the drummers into a blissful stream of "ONE DRUM" consciousness. Some basic instruction is also offered to beginners. First time attenders are free. Otherwise a \$5 donation is requested to help pay for rent & tea & sometimes cookies, etc. Call Steve Moore at 285-3323 for more information.



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WRITER'S BLOCK



Marmalade and Licorice

By Jean Thomas Aston

Rain comes down in persistent blowing waves.

Darkening shadows hover as day turns to evening.

From obscure forest depths comes a plaintive call---"Mew..".

Repeated over and over in heart-rending cries.

Oh, no, I think, one of Quadra's feral cats has found us.

Eventually the calls become louder as the little one ventures closer.

By this time we've seen a rush of orange and white,

As the kitten makes his way cautiously but steadily to the house, Gets chased away by Huey, the fluffy orange and white cat,

Comes back.

Hides under the firewood stacked by the door: "Mew, mew.."

Where is he? Well hidden.

Padme, the Malamute puppy is curious, noses around the firewood. A flash of orange and white is followed by the dog, playfully chasing.

I don't need to worry.

This kitten doesn't stand a chance.

The animals won't let it near.

I go back to my endless tasks.

But a while later: "Mew mew."

The kitten is atop the wood pile, looking in the window,

A scrawny frail pitiful waif.

"That little kitten really wants to be adopted," Gabe says.

Somehow a bowl of food finds its way atop the firewood.

Did I put it there? Couldn't ignore those heart-tugs.

In the morning the food is gone, and so is the kitten.

But soon that now-familiar mew is heard.

A while later I look out the window to see -

No, I don't believe it – the kitten and the puppy, together.

The kitten is nuzzling the puppy, noses touching,

Rubbing up against the big furry dog,

Who continues to sniff it curiously.

Yet when I come out, the kitten runs away,

When I am at a safe distance.

I shake my head.

How can this creature display such courage

On the one hand

And such timidity

On the other?

While snoozing in the window seat.

I hear a familiar sound: light crunching.

Padme has led the kitten inside the house,

Right past me, and to Huey's food dish.

What cheek! The kitten has a bodyguard!

Later, I see them both eating from Padme's dish,

Heads down, tails up.

Several weeks later: now the kitten (Isaac, his name)

Is healthy and happy,

Plays chase games with the pup

Then settles comfortably down

In her warm, luxurious fur.

Orange and white mixed with charcoal:

Marmalade and licorice.

Simon's Fishing Trip

by Sandra Doran

imon was a half breed, a result of Mandy's last desperate dash for freedom. He'd inherited his dad's good looks: short, bristly russet locks and big brown eyes that would melt the coldest heart. He had a trim muscular body, long legs and could run for miles. The only thing he seemed to have inherited from his mother was her intelligence, or distinct lack of same. He had no ability to figure things out ahead of time, and he never learned from experience. Granddad doted on Simon while Grandma was fonder of Mandy than she was of her own grandchildren.

Grandma never liked Simon much. I suspect he reminded her of a lost breeding season and subsequent loss of income. Granddad, on the other hand, was taken with him from the start. The other puppies were quietly given away, but Grandma relented and let Granddad keep the runt of the litter. While Mandy's ears were so long, she constantly tripped over them, Simon's were short and flapped over most of the time. As soon as he heard Granddad's voice, they perked right up. Their attraction was mutual, and Simon became Granddad's constant sidekick, which meant he became part of the crew of Cleo, Granddad's troller.

Simon was not a great fisher. It was my first summer on the boat with Granddad and my first real paying job. It was going great until Simon arrived. Every morning we were up before the sun to drive to the government docks at Deep Bay where Cleo was kept. Simon and I were both still half asleep. Once onboard, my first job was to avoid the sandbar and then to take us out to the fishing grounds while Granddad sorted out the gear. Simon continued to snooze until the lines were in the water and the poles down.

In those days we didn't have exotic things such as fish finders. We relied on our eyes and Granddad's years of experience to tell us where the fish might be. One of the surest signs was birds dive-bombing a section of the Sound. As we got closer, Simon's nose would start to sniff the air, his ears would perk up, and he would stretch as he got to his feet. After surveying the scene briefly, he would spot an unsuspecting gull and, before anyone could stop him, catapult himself off the back deck, legs whirling like pistons, feet scratching the air for a good grip. The gull would screech and fly off just as Simon plunged into the chuck.

No matter how many times it happened, the confused look on Simon's face as he realized the gull was gone and he was wet, never changed. He would look back to the boat and you could almost see the question bubble over his head. "Where'd de bird go?" Simon would swim dejectedly back and Granddad would curse as he hauled the dog back onboard only for both to go through the same ordeal a half hour later. Finally Granddad would shut him in the cabin where, after whining for a bit, Simon would put his head down on his front paws and fall into an exhausted sleep.

After a week of this, Granddad at last convinced Grandma to let Simon stay home. That plan lasted one day. He sat under the kitchen table and whined until Grandma put him out on the porch. There he scratched the door and cried. She tied him up in the back garden and he howled. The neighbours complained. Mandy wouldn't come out from under the bed and Grandma was fit to be tied. There was no tea waiting our return, and I thought it prudent to take my book and escape to the beach.

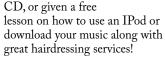
TAKE FIVE WITH TUCKER

SPOTLIGHT:

BOB CAMERON - STRANDED HAIR DESIGN

ob Cameron, or "Bobeeeee" as he is known

to a chosen few, opened his hair salon "Stranded" in Quathiaski Cove in September 2009. The salon is a small friendly space which is casual but professional and is located at the Cove Plaza. If you have ever been a client of Bob's you may have been gifted a personally mixed music



Born and raised in Campbell River, Bob and his extended family had a cabin at the Village Bay lakes which they frequented often. When he moved with his family to Vancouver around the age of 12, Bob said that he came to Quadra any chance he could, being drawn back to what he loves; beachcombing and swimming. Bob moved to Quadra Island permanently in 2002.

Bob worked as a chef at the Gateway Café in Heriot Bay and also as the Deli/Bakery manager at the Heriot Bay store. He was convinced to look into hairdressing as an occupation by Korinna Rose after she noticed how much he liked people and thought that his artistic and creative nature would be a good fit for hairdressing. The community played a huge role in enabling Bob to become a hairdresser! Bob said his friends and colleagues helped him to find a place to live in Courtenay while taking his training; he was able to cook on the weekends to help with finances and everyone encouraged him to attain his goal.



Hairdressing is closely linked to cooking, creativity, and painting in Bob's opinion. (Especially color and design) Being self employed allows Bob to create his own standards, and having a small shop nurtures solid relationships with his clients. As a small business owner Bob faces some of the same challenges as other small businesses including the slow period during the winter. Bob decided this year to start implementing new systems and an idea to address next years slow period. Bob has an open attitude of learning and growing with his business and dealing with the challenges.

Stranded provides mobile hairdressing services and you don't always need an appointment. Part of Bob's business philosophy includes being available to his clients in his casual, friendly salon. In the summer Bob likes to provide services to our out of town guests too, including toning and highlights, conditioning gloss treatments as well as children's cuts. There are also new product lines coming soon! Stranded Hair Design provides professional, courteous service at a reasonable price—if you need a haircut, color, or just want some pampering, pop in!

Tucker's Top 5!

What is your favorite color? Blue

What do you like to do when you are not working? Painting

Who are the most important people in your life? My friends

Do you have any pets? No, unless you count the deer in my yard as

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Still in business, expanding and growing. My ideas include an idea for a salon/gallery and/ or a partnership with another business.

Coaching Self Care

How do you feel about looking after yourself? Do you struggle with making yourself a priority, looking after your physical, emotional, and spiritual needs? If you do you are not alone. A lot of us take care of others needs first, leaving ourselves at the bottom of the list. That is ok and quite noble as long as we are not left off the "list" too often. Taking care of our families and significant others is important but if we neglect our own needs too long, we will eventually run out of the energy we need to meet any need, not just our own.

Self care is the core essence of any life. Research shows that people who take care of themselves create health, wealth, love and life satisfaction; even when they have tremendous challenges to overcome. Self care is using your ability to direct and manage your health and well being in all aspects of your life. To create what you want for your life, you will need to take charge of and responsibility for your thoughts, life choices and actions. You must be the expert in your own life; the one and only person directing your life. Sometimes we mix up "self care" and "selfishness". For those of us who need to make a distinction between selfish and self care, the following comes from Dr. Margaret Paul:

Selfish

-We expect others to give themselves up for us.

-We make others responsible for our feelings of pain and joy.

By Tucker Dinnes

-We get angry at others for doing what they want instead of doing what we want them to do.

-We believe we are entitled to special treatment, such as not having to wait in line, etc;

Self Care

-We take care of our own feelings, desires and needs rather than expecting others to take care of us.

-We support others in doing what brings them joy, even when they are not doing what we want them

-We show caring toward others for the joy it gives us, rather than out of fear, obligation or guilt.

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Halibut Fishery Exposes Harper's Drive To Privatize Natural Resources

Discovery Islander

Editor,

Management of public resources is a primary function of government. As a showcase of the values of our current federal government, privatization of the Pacific halibut fishery is an election issue that all Canadians should be concerned about. This is an alarming model for managing a public resource, especially if more of the same is intended.

Perpetual fishing rights for 88% of the allowable Pacific halibut catch now belongs to a few private quota holders and a very inadequate 12% is allocated for public access. This is a division of the safely allowable catch and is not a conservation issue. The privately held quota was originally gifted to 435 commercial fishers, but no linkage was made to require that quota holders actually fish. Yes, these quotas were given away for free, forever. "Slipper skippers" can lease out their quota, will it to their descendants, or sell it to processors or speculators, or anybody. Sales of halibut quota concentrates ownership in fewer hands. Who will own our halibut in ten years? 100 years? The majority of halibut quota is now leased, with only about 150 original quota holders actually fishing their quota, and the going rate is upwards of \$ 4 per pound. Consumers are finding halibut expensive to buy because \$ 4 or more per pound of their purchase price is going to nonfishing quota holders.

Sharing the commons is difficult, but privatization is not the answer. Revenues from public resources ought to be directed back to the public trust. Fees paid for fishing should be directed to Fisheries and Oceans for fisheries management. The Harper Conservative government has disregarded the public interest, which has been voiced loudly in many west coast community meetings in recent months. North Vancouver Island MP John Duncan flagrantly dodges this issue, which is very prominent in his constituency. Fisheries Minister Gail Shea has sided with the private interests and announced that this year recreational anglers will have their halibut allowance cut back to stay within the 12% ceiling and, worse, anglers are being asked to participate in a program to buy more of our halibut fishing experience from those privileged quota holders. Sport anglers consider buying or leasing our own fish back from fish lords to be very distasteful, it isn't going to happen. Buying or trading sport caught fish has been illegal until now. Simply adjusting the commercial allocation from 88% to 80% would allow traditional recreational fishing, a move within the power of the Minister. Better, she could estimate the annual public requirement and let the

commercial interests divide the rest, which would give a similar result with better predictability for the future. Better still, the resource and it's revenue should be returned to the public domain and managed for the greater public good.

Commercial halibut fishermen deserve to be acknowledged for the improvements they have made in recent years especially in catch and by-catch monitoring with required video cameras. However, they take this too far in rationalizing their gifted quota, as though they have been given perpetual property rights in exchange for investing in sustainable fishing practices. If the federal and provincial governments support such an idea, we should expect other resource extractors to line up to be next to make investments in infrastructure in order to gain public resources. Commercial fishers will seek ownership of every other species of fish, and shellfish, etc, and then ,who will be next? Would we give our give National Parks to hotel chains? Give the trees to forest companies? Give watersheds to General Electric for hydro? Give our water to Coca-Cola? Expect resales of Canadian sovereignty to be brokered on Wall St to international shareholders.

The Pacific halibut policy is unfair and minimizes the benefits to Canada. It impairs hundreds of thousands of anglers for the benefit of, perhaps, hundreds of privileged individuals. It is also unfair to commercial fishermen because fishing has been separated from the quota licence and the real profits. (East coast fishermen, on the other hand, rightly insist that commercial quota goes only to active fishermen, not to processors, or speculators, and DFO has stated agreement with that principle there.) It is Illogical, because the best social and economic use of halibut is sportfishing, which, as an economic generator, dwarfs commercial fishing, especially on a per pound basis in which quota is measured. Sportfishers even contribute more to the public purse in licence fees than the commercial fleet does. Illogical, too, as summed up in academic analysis that says quota leasing is bad for the commercial fleet, "limiting efficiency, stifling innovation, and causing financial hardship" (The Elephant in the Room, Pinkerton and Edwards, 2009).

I think most Canadians would agree that it is just plain wrong to give away public resources, as has been done to our heritage of wild Pacific halibut. Ask your local candidate if he or she will stand against privatization of public resources.

Rick Hackinen fishing guide, Quadra Island, BC



After the giant pumpkin seeds are planted, what next to consider for the Fall Fair? There are so many options, categories to enter abound like zucchini in August!

As well as vegetables and flowers (details in April 15 issue of the Discovery Islander), there are Animal Categories. Chickens, waterfowl, turkeys, rabbits, cavies, and other small critters all have categories of competition. Look out in your backyard... If there are some birds wandering around out there, chances are you can enter them in the Fall Fair!

Chickens are standard or bantam, so there are best hen and rooster in both sizes, as well as oddest, funniest, tamest, and prettiest bird. If it's ducks that you love and have in your backyard, or geese, or turkeys, these all have their own areas of competition. Closer to the Fall Fair (Sunday September 4) watch for an article on "how to get your bird ready for competition".

Cavies is the official category for guinea pigs: break out the creativity, because one of the ways you can enter a guinea pig at the fall fair is in the best dressed category! Other classes to enter with your cavy: best overall and most informative display.

The "Other Small Critters" category is for all those cute little rodents and other small pets. Five classes to enter with your "other small pet", including Most Unusual, Funniest, and Best Overall.

Other furry pets can be entered in the Pet Parade, showing off their special skills and outfits, for a chance to win a ribbon!

For those who are not inclined to animal husbandry or growing a green thumb, there are categories for you to enter too!



Just so you're in the know, there are multiple areas to enter within each of the following categories. All categories and many more important details will be in the official Fall Fair Catalogue, available in print and online within a month. But the Fall Fair committee is so excited about there being so many ways to get involved that they want to share this with you now!

The Canning, Preserving and Honey category offers home preserve makers the opportunity to enter a variety of their best creations.

Love to bake? Bake up a storm and enter it in the fall fair! Enter in the artisan breads, yeasted breads, sweet breads, quick breads, pies, cakes or cookies categories.

Creatives, take note: enter your handmade jewelry, paper based creations (everything from cards to papier mache lands here), pottery, fine woodworking, metal work, painting, drawing, tie-dye, and even decorated gumboots.

The Needle Arts include crochet, embroidery, felting, knitting, quilting, sewing, spinning and weaving. Three-D structures, collections, pressed flowers are among the areas to enter in the Hobby Crafts category.

Island photographers will want to enter in the Photography category; creative inventors should consider the Up-Cycled and Human Powered Inventions categories. Outdoor Exhibits includes whimsy in the garden, driftwood sculpture and backyard carving, as well as birdhouses and lawn ornaments.

There is something for everyone to enter in this year's Quadra Island Fall Fair, and as each entry costs a mere .50 cents, it's one of the best deals around! The Fall Fair is going to be an event to remember, so start growing, sewing, planning and canning for September 4, 2011!

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Only one unit left available for Rent to Independent Island Seniors 65 years of age plus. Interested - inquire now. \$650 per month plus utilities. Contact Jeanne Stoppard at 285 2835 evenings for more info.

SERVICES

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Capture your family memories, special occasion or document a project or industrial site with award-wining photography.
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OUTDOORS

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\$17,000 or best offer. 1600 sq ft 2 storey floathouse. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, master bedroom is 700+sq ft, workshop, the large deck needs repair, house can be moved on shore. Call Roger 250 203-3635

REAL ESTATE

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