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History and nature await you! The Cortes Island Museum is offering two dates to explore Desolation Sound aboard the schooner rigged *Misty Isles*, August 11th and 25th, 2011. Much of Desolation Sound is in a marine park and is abundant in wildlife. Dolphins, porpoises, seals, and a variety of birds are often sighted in this pristine part of the coast. The area is also famous for its spectacular mountains and fjords which rise up out of the sea. As well as natural beauty, it is also the focal point of some of the area's most fascinating maritime history as the anchorage for British and Spanish explorers who first charted this area in the late 1700s.

Skipper/naturalist Mike Moore will provide background highlights on the Age of Exploration and the rich marine features of the area, from birds and mammals to the dramatic topography.

Desolation Sound tops the list as a destination for boaters from all over the Pacific Northwest. Part of the attraction is the dramatic mountain scenery and the myriad of islands in the marine park. Another draw is the water temperature, which can reach 20 degrees Celsius in the summer. "This is a fjord land that rivals any in the world", says Moore "and I don't know of another place where one can swim in ocean temperatures so warm, right under the snow capped peaks." Mike promises a leisurely exploration of the area and, given enough wind, the opportunity to help hoist sail. The relaxed pace of *Misty Isles* allows participants to sit outside for a cup of tea while enjoying the stunning scenery.

***Misty Isles* will depart from Cortes Bay at 10:30 am and returns at about 5:00 pm** in conjunction with the ferry schedule. The cost for the trip is \$115 (HST included).

Participants from off island should catch the 8:30am ferry from Campbell River to Quadra Island which connects to the 9:05am ferry from Heriot Bay to Cortes Island where you can walk on. When you arrive in Whaletown a shuttle service is provided to Cortes Bay. The shuttle will return participants to catch the 5:50pm ferry off Cortes Island that evening.

Make sure to dress for the weather, bring your binoculars and camera as well as a lunch and don't forget your bathing suit – if the weather's hot there could be a chance for a cool dip off *Misty Isles*.

For more information or to register please call the Cortes Museum (250-935-6340), email timas@twincomm.ca or visit the Museum.

Photo: The Misty Isles underway among the Discovery Islands

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VALUABLE CONNOISSEUR HEIRLOOM PERSIAN: ORIENTAL CARPETS LARGE WOOL AND SILKS.



AUCTION: SUNDAY AUGUST 7 AT 2:00 PM

VIEW FROM 1:00PM

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Campbell River - Quadra Island

Crossing Time: 10 minutes

Leave Quadra Island

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

Leave Campbell River

6:40 am	3:30 pm
†7:30 am	4:30 pm
8:30 am	5:25 pm
9:30 am	6:15 pm
**10:30 am	7:30 pm
11:30 am	8:30 pm
12:30 pm	9:30 pm
1:30 pm	10:30 pm
2:30 pm	*11:30 pm

Quadra Island - Cortes Island

Crossing Time: 45 minutes

Leave Quadra Island

† 9:05 am
**11:05 am
1:05 pm
3:05 pm
5:05 pm
6:45 pm

Leave Cortes Island

† 7:50 am
9:50 am
11:50 am
**1:50 pm
3:50 pm
5:50 pm

* - Fridays and Saturdays only.

† - Daily except Sundays.

** - Tuesday sailings are for Dangerous Cargo - No passengers.

Avoid Line-Ups

Peak local traffic are during morning and evening commutes. On Monday and Thursday Quadra - CR 9 am sailings, Cortes Island traffic has priority.

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ISLAND CALENDAR

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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
 Caregivers Support Group 9:30 am - 12 pm QCC
 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
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
 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

Parent and Babes 11 am QCC
 "The Pack Ride" Moderate to Vigorous bike ride 6:15pm Yak Shack
 Climbing Wall Family 6:30 p. QCC
 U Of Q, a one hour class in the HBI pub. 9:00 pm
 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
 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.
 Krazy Karaoke in the HBI Pub. 9:00pmish

FRIDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 pm Quadra Children's Centre
 Fridays – Live bands in the HBI Pub 9:00 pm

SATURDAY

Quadra Farmers' Market 10 am to 2 pm behind Credit Union, Q Cove
 "Fun Ride" Easy to Moderate bike ride 10:30 am Aroma Cafe
 Gypsy Moma sessions by donation 1-4pm Studio 6, Upper Realm, Q Cove
 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.
 Live Music at The Landing 4 to 7 pm Featuring The Blue Kats
 Dinner Jazz in Herons 6:00 to 9:00 pm

DAY TO DAY

Friday, August 5

- Betty Frank's birthday bash, Quadra Legion pot luck 5:30 pm music with Duffy & Jim Theiven later - cowperson outfits especially welcome!
 - Live music with 'Limbo Babies' HBI Pub at 9 pm

Sunday August 7

- Dinner Jazz with Barry Hodgson at Herons at the HBI, 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Wednesday, August 10

- U of Q - Burlesque, The Art of the Tease with Kari Overton HBI Pub 9 pm.

Friday, August 12

- Live music with Quadra's own 'Big Mouth' HBI Pub at 9 pm

Monday, August 15






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NEXT DEADLINE
MONDAY, AUGUST 15

ISLAND FORUM

From The Vir1 Board Of Trustees Quadra Island Library

TO: The Editor

RE: Quadra Island Library

On Thursday, July 14, Vancouver
Island Regional Library
representatives met with MLA
Claire Trevena. We met at my
request to speak with her about
the Board of Trustees' decision
to provide a larger library with
expanded services at Quathiaski
Cove.

A 2009 study of our 38 library
branches identified many
building deficiencies, some
more serious than others. In
2010, following a facilities
master planning process,
the Board approved a set
of recommendations and
established a minimum size for
future branches, to bring them
more in line with the average
BC library standards. The
Board also resolved to maintain
libraries in existing geographic
locations, and Quadra Islanders
can rest assured a VIRL branch
is there to stay.

The VIRL Board is made up of
38 elected officials from Haida
Gwaii to Sidney, and Bella

Coola on the Central Coast.
Decisions are made relying
on input from these elected
officials, who always voice their
views strongly and effectively.

Strathcona Regional District
has long advocated priority
redevelopment of its libraries,
and the Board included
Quadra Island in the first
round of redevelopment plans.
Unfortunately, the Regional
District was unable to provide a
building, and we followed public
requirements for due process in
spending tax dollars to rent or
lease a facility.

The only site available for a
timely re-location with the
planned expansion of library
services was in Quathiaski
Cove. This location also reflects
public assent by the current
zoning and is reinforced by the
developing Village Plan. The
library improvements will be
paid for by the 410,000 citizens
throughout the VIRL region.
Remote islanders can continue

to use our Books by Mail
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personalized service.

Although not everyone will be
satisfied, we are confident the
new site will accommodate a
stronger library to support a
stronger community on Quadra
Island.

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Fish Farm Scenario

We have all noticed recently how Greig Seafoods and Marine Harvest have been sponsoring many activities around the communities of Vancouver Island. They recently donated salmon to a barbecue in Campbell River and on Canada Day to the celebration on Quadra Island. This is good PR people will think what a great company. Creating employment. Involved in the community. Providing a food product. Wow!

Right now these companies are working on their image to create the shiny side up they need you to see. I think we all sense that when money is being spent to sell the image there is something else going on. So let's look at the other side of the coin.

Generally open net fish farming is a dirty business. Thousands of growing fish are contained in a small area with sea water of the local environment circulating through. Because of the crowding any disease can spread quickly killing some or all of the fish. It is common practice to use antibiotics in the feed or have the fish injected with the antibiotic. This causes two problems. The end product may

contain traces of antibiotics. The second is that the residue disease that survives the antibiotics can be a resistant strain that cannot be controlled by the antibiotic and when transmitted to wild fish can overwhelm the natural defenses of the host. At this time there is a very dangerous virus present called infectious salmon anemia (ISA) on the east coast which if imported here through fish farm practices could mutate and annihilate wild fish stocks including herring.

There are other problems. Sea lice which are a natural parasite of wild salmon infect the fish in the sea pens. In turn this produces clouds of lava stage and young sea lice which infect small salmon (fingerling's) which gather around the fish farms when migrating out from the rivers. Large numbers of smolts are killed. To control the problem of sea lice on their fish, farms use chemicals in the fish food. One of these chemicals is called Slice and is a poison that acts like the pills you give your cat or dog to control fleas. This is not a nice chemical and the farmed fish you eat may contain traces of it.

Fish feces and other food

debris tend to build up under the fish lot pens. For this reason fish farms like to locate in areas of good water flow in order to flush these wastes away. Water moves fast in and around narrow passages. This is also the highway for wild adult fish returning to spawn and immature salmon migrating from the river systems. Since fish farms are often located here contamination of wild stocks do occur.

The food for fish farms must be high in protein. In order to supply the protein there is a high demand for small fish like herring. These fish are being harvested around the world in large quantities to feed the industry. Overfishing of these species is reducing the food available to tuna, dolphins, whales and salmon, to mention a few also including poor people who depend on them for food.

Because of the close ties between the BC Government and the fish farm industry fish farms were allowed in the ocean and to be regulated by the department of agriculture. The Feds which normally control the marine environment, allocated the responsibility to the Province.

Alexandra Morton mounted a law suit which challenged the validity of this arrangement and won. Fish farms must now be regulated by Federal fisheries.

Federal fisheries over the last year has been amending the fisheries act under the direction of the then Minister of Fisheries Gail Shea. Gail Shea made her way up via the aquaculture industry. The fish farm industrial lobby have been active in making sure that regulations do not curtail or inhibit their expansion, in the process regulations that protect wild fish and the ecology are watered down. This whole scenario is setting the stage for a colossal failure of wild fish stocks and the marine ecology.

The biologists are saying it. The scientists are saying it. The people are saying it. It has happened elsewhere.

It is my hope that the government will wake up before this happens. If it doesn't the fish farms and the provincial and federal governments may be looking at the mother of all class action law suits.

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MONEY - M-B-T-Q?

Not more than 40 years ago, the largest denomination of money was most commonly Million (with an "M"). In trying to wrap their heads around a number this large, people used to say: "if you counted loonies at the rate of one per second, for 10 hours per day, it would take nearly a month to count to a million." (28 days to be exact)

Perhaps a better measure these days would be to look at the cars & trucks being driven on Quadra Island – many of them cost \$40,000 or more. Twenty-five (25) such vehicles = one million dollars.

A few years later, the US government began measuring in terms of Billions (with a "B"). One of my friends, who was fairly high up in the US Navy bureaucracy, used to say: "a billion dollars here and a billion dollars there, and pretty soon you are talking about a lot of money". The US Navy hardly used the word million anymore. Many military and space vehicles now cost more than a billion dollars each. Even our cars and trucks can be used to quantify a billion – it takes only 25,000 to equal the "B" number in dollars. Our loonie counter would now have to spend a lifetime (77 years) to count the billion.

CEOs and participants in professional sports have had annual salaries measured in millions for many years now, so millions are now "chump change".

Since the great financial meltdown of 2008-2009, the governments in North America began buying "troubled assets" and indulging in "quantitative easing" (printing money) to the degree that billions were no longer adequate to describe the money being spent. A thousand billion is now a better measure, so we now have Trillions (with a "T").

Where does that leave the average senior citizen with an annual income of under \$30,000? Perhaps wondering how long it will take to start measuring in the "Q" word – Quadrillion.

Something to think about in your spare time –
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Filed with the DI

Dear Jim Abram,

Re: Q. Cove Recycle Centre

I was about to call London Drugs to see if they will take my collection of Styrofoam, when I read the article on our Recycle Centre in the 'Gumbout'.

Firstly I would like to express my appreciation for our facilities which has enabled me to keep my non-recyclable garbage to one bag per year.

The addition of a container(s) for Styrofoam would be a great asset, especially when the collection station is relatively close to Campbell River. How about it?

Thank you for all your great work here and your patience as we learn the Do's and Don'ts of recycling. I think we set a very good example for other communities.

Yours truly

John Walton

Re: "Concerned fellow dog owner"

Okay, Okay, enough is enough! This dog and his owner have been sufficiently bad mouthed, maligned and slandered. The owner has taken full responsibility for his dogs actions. He has admitted it was his fault, (not the dog's) and has paid for all the damages incurred. He has apologized to one and all, and taken steps, including neutering, to ensure that it will not happen again. This is not a dangerous, mean or vicious dog. In fact, he has a really nice temperament, and is very social around other dogs, including my own. So, before you go berating someone in public, I suggest all of you get your facts straight!

As far as publishing the whereabouts of problem dogs, I would think you would be better off publishing the whereabouts of problem people! It is usually not the dog's fault. If you are a person that is wary or afraid of dogs, remember that dogs can sense this. They pick up on your body language and voice and your discomfort will make them uncomfortable too! So, show them that you mean them no harm. And, if you pass by them a lot, carry some treats in your pocket and make friends with them! And your problems will be over!

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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

Newcomers to Quadra Island Welcome

New to Quadra? The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce and local businesses welcome you with a gift bag. Please contact Judy at 285-2150.

What's On at the Landing

Sunday Afternoons Live Music on the deck 4 to 7 pm. Featuring The Blue Kats and Friends, come and Jam with the best.

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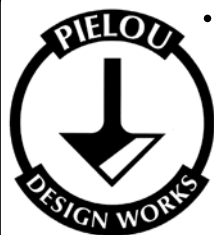
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Legion Br 154

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Pot luck @ 5:30 music to follow by Julie, Duffy and Jim Theiven. Dress in your best cowperson outfit and come on out.

Free Mason Bees

Did you have trouble getting your fruit trees pollinated this year?

Thanks to a grants from the Coastal Community Credit Union Scholarship program Mason Bees and Mason Bee houses will be offered next year.

If you have questions or are interested in having a house, please email genoa.alger@gmail.com .

"Fresh Views" Painting Exhibit in Herons

New paintings and some favorites by Nanci Cook of Firesign Studio will be on display Herons at the Heriot Bay Inn until August 29. Fresh landscapes and seascapes reside with bold poppies, people and fish throughout the month of August in the restaurant and lounge.

Please come to the artist reception **Tuesday August 23 in the Fireside Lounge in the Heriot Bay Inn from 4-6 pm.** Refreshments will be provided. Contact Nanci 250-285-3390 or www.firesignartanddesign.com/gallery

Well known watercolourist and inspirational teacher Marilyn Timms, SFCA, will teach a 5-day plein air painting workshop in water media at Firesign Studio August 22-26 for students of all skill levels. Daily rates available, please inquire. www.firesignartanddesign.com

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Thursdays
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with Blake



Dinner Jazz with Barry Hodgson

Sunday, August 7, 6-9 pm, reservations recommended

Herons is open every day
8 am-10 pm

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Herons/Inn 285.3322 Pub: 285.3539

RCMP Report

Found! Men's silver mountain bike behind the Petro-Canada car wash on Heriot Bay Road. If this is yours please contact Constable MACLEAN at the Quadra Island RCMP quoting file number 2011-353.

Personnel Update. After three years of service with the Quadra Island RCMP, Constable Peter GAIGER is transferring from the Island to the Lower Mainland. From the Detachment and community members, Constable GAIGER and his family are wished well at their next posting. As Constable GAIGER transfers, the Detachment welcomes his replacement from Nootka Sound Detachment, Constable Chad MURRAY, who is very excited and happy to be on Quadra Island.

If you have information about a crime and wish to remain anonymous, please remember that Crimestoppers may be contacted at 1-800-222-TIPS

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THANKS CORTES!

And keep it coming

We've been hearing lots of great news from Cortes Island in the Discovery Islander and would love to hear more. Every edition over 500 copies of the DI circulate on your fair island. We have friends and family on Cortes and know your community is active with all sorts of great activities and events.

Keep it coming. Email is as easy from Whaletown as Timbuktu send us your stories: news@discoveryislands.ca or pop it in the mail to Box 280 Quathiaski Cove.

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

NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE DI

is Monday August 15th

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DI Chamber Corner Business Expo

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce our **first annual Business Expo**. The Expo will take place at **Quadra Community Centre on October 22.**

The Expo is an excellent opportunity for the community to learn more about the Discovery Island Chamber members and their businesses. Public admission is absolutely free.

The Expo is exclusive to Discovery Islands Chamber members and is an excellent opportunity for our business members to promote and connect with the community and other businesses.

We are offering 4 booth sizes to 41 of our business members and the community kitchen is available for our food members. Included with the booth rental are complimentary workshops "Focusing on Businesses" and a business card ad in the Expo's promotion flyer.

The River 99.7 FM will be promoting the Expo and will be on location to broadcast our event to the Comox Valley to North Island.

To ensure your booth, **visit the chamber's website for application form and additional Expo info.** Application closing date is **September 22, 2011.**

www.discoveryislands.ca/chamber/ca

Video & Social Media - CTO

Our year three Community Tourism Opportunities program with Tourism BC is in full swing. This year we are working on a social media campaign and producing a series of promotional videos showcasing the Quadra Island community and local businesses.

Tourism BC & the SRD are matching Chamber members investment in the video production - leveraging our local buy-in.

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Limbo Babies. rhythm and roots. Yes, there will be limbo dancing! Prizes too! Friday August 5. Then there's BIG MOUTH, don't miss their rockin reggae and funky metal tunes! Friday August 12. 9:00 HBI pub.

Heriot Bay Inn: Saturdays; Open mike with Mo 9:00pm to midnight. Thursday nights; it's karaoke crazy. Music is in the air at HBI Pub.

Barry Hodgson performs at Dinner Jazz in Heron's: Sunday August 7, 6:00 to 9:00. Enjoy great music, oceanside view, fantastic food and a nice glass of wine on the dining deck. Open until 10:00pm every night. Reservations highly recommended. 285-3322.

UofQ, August 3rd; Logging stories and slide show of the Bute, Arne Liseth. August 10th; Burlesque, the art of the tease, Kari Overton.

Slightly mischievous summer nightschool. Wednesdays in the HBI pub. Come early have dinner and get a good seat!

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The HBI Martini Original Recipe contest is on it's second round! Tess, Juanita and Chef-tac-u-lar Catherine compete. You be the judge. Taste their martinis, all 3 for \$10.00. Ballots available at 8:00pm. Join Monday night host-awe-som-ness Ryan. Monday August 15. Great sips of fun!

Rock n' Roll bingo. Hosted by Mr. Ryan Webb the bingo bro. Monday August 8. 9:00pmish. HBI pub. Loads of laughs and prizes too! Make it an evening, come for dinner.

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MLA Report

As I write this, we are in the final days of the HST referendum campaign. To many it must seem to have been going on forever; the outcome is anticipated by everyone.

I was very public in my support for the tax to be rescinded. My 'yes' vote was not only because the HST is an unfair tax, or that it takes away provincial control over our tax system, or that those that benefit most from it are the corporations not consumers.

Beyond those reasons, I voted in favour of getting rid of the tax was because of the way it was brought in without consultation after the Liberals were deceitful about it during the last provincial election and because of the continued manipulation of the playing field by the Liberal government. We've now all heard of the untendered contracts to sell the people of BC on the tax. We've seen months of taxpayer-funded commercials telling us that it is good for us. Further, we've even been offered a bribe – the promised reduction in the rate by 2014 – a promise made without any details being provided.

But this is not the way tax policy should be developed or implemented. We should not be having a referendum on a significant revenue stream. We should look towards California to be aware of the dangers of setting tax policy through initiatives and referenda: a state which is broke and cannot provide basic public services.

If there is anything positive to come from the exercise we have gone through in the last two years is the realization that we need an honest and open discussion about fair taxation and other revenue available to a government to provide the services our society needs to function and to thrive.

Many people gripe about taxes, but without them, and without money coming to the government through stumpage, crown leases, and resource rents we would not have any infrastructure – whether that be roads, hospitals, teachers or conservation officers: all paid for by the public purse.

Unfortunately for the last ten years we have seen taxes go down while fees and bills for public services rise. MSP has been going up 6 percent a year; we are paying more for our 100 year old provincial parks which are now operated by private organisations; hydro bills are sky-rocketing; ferry fares are unsustainable. So while a person's tax bill may be lower each April, other costs to each of us are much greater.

But we need to ensure society's infrastructure is secure – and we have to pay for it. We regularly see emergency room closures at Port Hardy hospital: that's because VIHA, and by extension the Ministry of Health, will not provide the money for staffing. Radiologists across Vancouver Island called for a mobile MRI

for the North Island; that was turned down by VIHA because, again, it says there's no money.

There is an acute shortage, from Campbell River north, of speech therapists, occupational therapists and others who can help children with special needs. It's not because they are not being trained, it is that the budget for the Ministry of Children and Family Development is flat for the next three years. On the 100th anniversary of our provincial parks we see 10 full time rangers for the whole province, and a budget continually being cut. Across the constituency I hear complaints about the roads, but there's no money for those, nor for our ferries.

As MLA I take these issues on and argue with the government for a cut of the pie for the North Island: but the philosophy I am faced with is that there is no money and so if the service is going to be provided it will likely come from the private sector. Frankly that is not good enough. We have a communal and community responsibility to ensure that services are there so our children have an excellent education, so essential health services are accessible to all of us, so everyone has a basic standard of living, so that there is a safety net in place for the vulnerable and so people can have equality of opportunity.

I am spending the summer travelling around the constituency, meeting with people and trying to find solutions to their problems and community needs. And as the critic for the Ministry of Children and Family Development I am busy advocating for children, young people and their families across the province. I am also involved in the selection process for the Representative for Children and Youth, and hope that a speedy,

unanimous, resolution is found by the bi-partisan committee. It is no secret that the opposition is strongly in favour of the present representative's reappointment.

I will be taking a couple of weeks off in August, but apart from that can be found through email at Claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca, on Facebook (Claire Trevena), @clairetrevena on Twitter, or by the old fashioned contact: phone at 250 287 5100, or toll free 1 866 387 5100.

I always look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Claire

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New Shed at Community Garden



Thanks to Jim Abram who arranged for a grant-in-aid from the Strathcona Regional District, the Old Farm Community Garden has been able to finish off the tool shed. There are now walls, a new roof, interior shelving and exterior paint. Michael Redican (left) and Pat Charlesworth were the primary construction guys on this project, aided by about ten other community gardeners.

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Naming and Claiming:

The Creation of Bute Inlet - Cortes Island Museum Exhibit

— a review by Marcel Creurer

Carved deep into the wild coastal mountains of British Columbia, the mist-shrouded Bute Inlet is considered one of the grandest fjords in the world. Its unsurpassed wilderness, abundant wildlife and stunning coastal scenery are legendary. But, stunning as these may be, there is more to this magnificent area than its vistas and its mystique.

Guest artist/curator of the Cortes Island Museum, Judith Williams has condensed the history of the area, combining it with its spectacular geology and geography to create an exhibit of true beauty and depth, whose principal aim is to aid in the discovery of a respectful future plan for this magnificent wilderness and marine site.

As you scratch beneath the surface of the exhibit, the meaning of the title, Naming and Claiming, becomes more apparent. Each landscape feature acquired its native, explorer, incomer and entrepreneur-derived names for different reasons, and each designation illuminates a sequence of attitudes toward the Inlet's geography. Traditional names were used to describe the unique nature of a specific area: e.g. – the Homalco village of Xwemalhlwu can be translated as Swift Water, an appropriate and cautionary description of the wild flow of the Homalco watercourse at that point; Xwe7xw, the Homalco name for the highest mountain in BC, was called Mystery Mountain by early settlers, and then officially designated Mount Waddington in for Alfred Waddington. Bute Inlet is a name given to the fiord by Captain George Vancouver to honour John Stuart, the Third Earl of Bute, whose son James Stuart was aboard the Discovery.

The exhibit includes:

- A large scale, hand-painted map on scrolled canvas created by Ms. Williams with the help of map maker, Dave Leversee, accurately depicts the geography of the inlet showing the massive drainage system from Mt. Waddington and the Homathko Ice field that feeds the inlet water. It also shows the First Nation and settler village sites;
 - Explorations of the area, starting with members of Captain Vancouver's Pacific Northwest expeditions, and leading up to the more recent studies done by Plutonic Power Corp;
 - Early settlement; complete with photos, stories and diaries of trappers, explorers and adventurers featuring float camps, hunting, trapping - and pet cougars!
 - Gold and the Chilcotin War – Alfred Waddington's attempt to build a wagon road from the Pacific to the Caribou gold fields; includes a survivor's account of the massacre;
 - Mystery is an important part of life; explore the murky middle ground of history in the realm of creative non-fiction through stories about Bute wax, that strange waxy-like substance which periodically appears on the waters of Bute Inlet – not everything can be explained;
 - Enlarged photographs of 13100 foot Mt. Waddington with its magnificent glaciers that stands guard over the area.
 - Of special interest is a display called The Glacier Museum. Sheaves of translucent paper containing stories, ideas and research material sit in a tray on an old antique desk; patrons are invited to interact with the material by reading through it and rearranging it at will. A glassed wall cabinet contains small jars of water samples taken from 12 Bute Inlet watercourses. This is surrounded by small paintings created using water from Bute, and contrasted with others using water samples from as far away as Venice, Italy.
- This excellent exhibit holds special appeal for photographers, sports fishermen, hikers, kayakers, mountain climbers, wildlife enthusiasts, experienced backcountry users, loggers, and dreamers- anyone who today frequents this incredible paradise, or aspires to do so. From October 2011 to January 2012 the exhibit, with its accompanying catalogue, will be featured at the Campbell River & District Museum.

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Historic Tours Continue!

The Museum at Campbell River's Summer Historic Boat Tours continues on August 7 with a trip through Desolation Sound, followed on August 14 by the only trip of the year to circumnavigate Quadra Island. On Aug. 7, from 4pm-8pm, the Desolation Sound trip will swing by Mitlenatch Island, travel through Desolation Sound, then head up Waddington Channel between East and West Redonda Island.

From there, the boat will pass by Toba Inlet, continue on through Pryce Channel to Sutil Channel, following along the shores of Read and Cortes Island before rounding Cape Mudge and returning to Campbell River. The cost for this tour is \$125.00 and includes on-board historic interpretation and a light picnic lunch.

Then on August 14, from 4 pm-8 pm, the tour will travel around Quadra Island, the giant island of the Discovery islands. Quadra has an amazing and colourful history, you don't want to miss this one! The cost is also \$125.00 and includes on-board historic interpretation and a light lunch.

These historic trips are offered through a partnership between the Museum and Discovery Marine Safaris. Please call the Museum at 287-3103 to register. Different trips are being offered every Sunday throughout the summer. Check the website at www.crmuseum.ca for more information.



Quathiaski Cove, Quadra Island, circa 1912

Wilderness Living Skills

Cortes Skills Centre presents a month of "Wilderness Living Skills" during August. Topics and skill-building activities to be covered: connecting with the land-base; team work; past-times development; sharpening of the senses; right-livelihood development; conservation issues; ecology; emergency preparedness. Join James Novak for Wilderness Survival 101. learn about your basic needs in the wilderness of Coastal BC and the materials you'll find there. Hands-on exercises and discussion about: shelter, safe water collecting, fire-making techniques and food gathering. August 6th, 1-4pm, \$10.

On August 13, 1-3pm, for \$10, join Sarah Downey as she guides us through the forests and fields of Cortes Island for plant identification. We'll gather and prepare some plants and learn how they can be used in our lives. For more info or to register, contact Coreen: cortesliteracy@twincomm.ca or 935-0152.

Round Maurelle Island

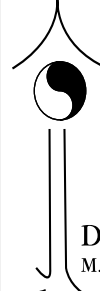
Rip tides swirl and thunder through narrow passages in Desolation Sound. The Cortes Island Museum is sponsoring a trip aboard *Misty Isles* to circumnavigate historic Maurelle Island on Monday, August 15th, 2011. Only certain tides during the summer permit for this unique opportunity.

Misty Isles will depart from the Whaletown public dock at 10:00 am and returns at about 5:30 pm in conjunction with the ferry schedule. The cost for the trip is \$115 (HST included). When you arrive in Whaletown a shuttle service is provided to the public dock. The shuttle will return participants to catch the 5:50 pm ferry off Cortes Island that evening. For more information or to register please call the Cortes Museum (250-935-6340), email cimas@twincomm.ca or drop by the Museum.

Draft Quathiaski Cove Village Plan

Regional District staff will be on hand at the Quadra Island Farmers Market and Bazaar on Saturday, August 13th from 10am - 2pm to discuss the Draft Quathiaski Cove Village Plan and answer any questions the public may have. Copies of the plan can be accessed from the Strathcona Regional District website at www.strathconard.ca. For more information please contact Aniko Nelson, Lead Planner at 250-830-6708 or via email at anelson@strathconard.ca.

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Quadra Cat Rescue is putting out a call for temporary kitten foster homes.

The volunteer group is aware of a number of mother cats with fending for themselves and their kittens. The group is seeking temporary foster homes to keep the kittens safe until they're big enough to be spayed or neutered and put up for adoption.

Anyone interested in assisting is asked to contact Quadra Cat Rescue at 250-285-CATS (2287) or by email at quadracatrescue@yahoo.com. Quadra Cat Rescue volunteers can also be reached at Quadra's Saturday market.

Quadra Cat Rescue works to control the cat population and reduce the number of unwanted cats on Quadra Island by trapping, spaying and neutering feral cats. When foster homes are available, Quadra Cat Rescue also fosters strays and tames kittens born to feral mothers to prepare them for an adoptive home.

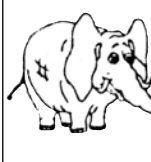
Officially registered as the Canadian charity Quadra Feral Cat Group, Quadra Cat Rescue urges pet owners to spay and neuter cats. The group is grateful for the community's continued support that has helped sterilize more than 140 felines since March 2009. More than 40 previously homeless Quadra cats and kittens have been adopted as pets.

As a registered charity, the group is able to give tax receipts for donations. Donations can be made directly to the group, via PayPal through the Quadra Cat Rescue website, through Tru Value Spirit Board points at both Heriot Bay and Quathiaski Cove stores, at the Quadra Coastal Community Credit Union or by depositing cash or cheques in "Change for change" cans on local store counters. All monies raised fund cat and kitten sterilization.

Quadra Cat Rescue welcomes volunteers, particularly people interested in trapping, transporting and fostering cats and kittens. People interested in adopting are encouraged to visit the group's website www.quadracats.com or call 250-285-2287.

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

Well it looks like summer's finally here, but after August, we are into Fall! On Wed. Sept 7th/11 at 11:00 am we are having our Annual Potluck Picnic at Rebecca Spit, if it is good weather otherwise we will have our Picnic indoors at the Legion Hall.

Ann Lawrence will soon be having Armchair aerobics on Wed. at 10:00 am – ph. 3325, Chris Dyson will also have Carpet bowling @ 11:15 am these activities will definitely start on the 2nd Wed. in Sept.

While travelling Vancouver Island in July, I noticed a very uncaring issue, at the Big Box stores, Campbell River stores supply Electric carts, which are for people with handicaps and disabilities, especially Seniors, but while having to shop in Courtenay, Duncan, & Colwood, Victoria, there was no electric carts available. Duncan & Colwood supplied manual wheelchairs, only. Have you ever tried shopping in a wheelchair, where you would need four hands to turn the wheels and hold a basket? I find this very selfish of these stores, who do not all have electric carts, for Seniors or people with disabilities.

Home Care does not help with Shopping any longer, or taking disabled people to the Doctor or Pharmacies. In the paper, I see the Prov. Govt. have appointed a Manager to oversee, keeping Seniors in their own homes, by having more Homecare, which we did have, in the first place, but have been cutting back services like cooking meals, tidying the home, and shopping and driving to appts, in the past years.

Why do they have to pay a big salary to someone, to organize some services for disabled people when we already had the services before the cutbacks? Seniors who need hip surgeries and many other operations, have paid taxes for years, which helped build every road and highway, Schools, Hospitals, Ferrys, bridges etc. The Majority of Seniors are on fixed incomes. How about giving them a break, and be more considerate? After all, one thing I know for sure is, that we are all getting older and there is not a darn thing you can do to prevent it. If the Big Box stores spend money for electric carts, they can deduct the cost, off their taxes, and maybe more people with disabilities would shop at their stores.

For membership in the Quadra Island Seniors, call Chris @ 2207 or Ruth @ 3801.

We also have a driving committee.

Ferry Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to hold public meeting on Quadra Island Sept. 26th at 7:00 pm

This is your chance, Quadra Island, outer islands and Cortes Island! If you don't show up for this meeting then you are missing your prime opportunity to get BC Ferries back into the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, scrap the Coastal Ferry Act, get rid of the Board of Directors, the outrageously over-paid management, and even the Commissioner (with no disrespect intended to the commissioner). **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!** Cancel all other plans and meetings and be there. The Community Centre needs to be standing room only. This is the man that will encourage the Minister to lower our ferry rates and get ferries back under the wing of Transportation and Highways. You are the people, here at home, who will convince him that all of the above is the right way to go!

I will be meeting with the Commissioner on August 8th in Victoria, along with nine other Regional District Chairs, representing about 63% of the population of BC. It will be a special meeting to discuss all of the above items that I have mentioned. After that, our group of Chairs will be having a special meeting with the Premier, Christy Clark, and Minister Blair Lekstrom while at the UBCM convention in Vancouver. We will also be putting forward an Emergency Resolution to the 2,000 delegates at the convention asking for the ferry system to be part of the highways system.

I will be at the UBCM convention on the night of the meeting on Quadra with the Commissioner, so unfortunately will not be able to attend. What I am asking in my absence is for islanders to show the Commissioner, and consequently the Minister, that we have had enough. We as a community are dying, as are other coastal communities. We can no longer allow this failed experiment to continue. We are losing families and businesses are struggling and closing.

He needs to hear that if the ferry system was treated just as the rest of the highway system, such as all of the roads in BC, all of the major bridges in BC, all of the inland fresh water ferries, the West Coast Express, the Canada Line and the Sky Train, then we would realize huge savings.

With the greatest respect for my community.

Jim Abram
Director, Area C

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If you are in one of the many amazing volunteer groups on Quadra Island and would like to show islanders what your group is doing, why not book a community service table? Share accurate information about what your group is up to, person-to-person, with the whole island at once! Find like-minded islanders who may want to join you in your quest, plus instill a wider appreciation of what your group is up to. The best part: community service tables are free! Contact Emily Whitfield for more info: 285.2034.

The Fall Fair has space for vendors and businesses also! If you are an artist or crafter who would like to show and sell your wares, we cordially invite you to consider setting up your tent and table at the Fall Fair. Artists and vendors, please contact Annik Dumouchel (285.2845). A minimal charge of \$15 gets you a whole lot of square feet to vend; it's the same fee for business awareness tables too. A business awareness table is, well, exactly that. Show what amazing things you are creating; sell your goods; raise your community profile. From small and home-based to island hallmarks, all are invited to have a presence at the First Annual Fall Fair. Emily is your gal for info and signing up... 285-2034.

Registration forms for all tables are available at Hummingbird, Quadra Crafts, the Community Centre and the Farmer's Market

Upcycled & Creative

If you have a creative passion, chances are there is a category for you to enter your work in the Fall Fair. We are looking forward to seeing the eclectic array of our talented island.... we are hoping everyone will enter something! Have you done something inspired with that old doo-dad? Check out UpCycled categories, and the myriad of other HobbyCraft possibilities in the Fall Fair Catalogue (available online at quadraisland.ca). Be inspired to participate!

Questions?

If you have questions about the Fair, or are perhaps wondering how you can get involved and volunteer (hint hint), come on down to the Farmer's Market and visit our booth... Or you can give Sioux Hartle a call: 250.285.2516 or call any of the numbers in the catalogue and they'll hook you up to what you're looking for. You can support the Fair by donating your time, your tent, buying a square on the Chicken Poo Bingo board or buying a raffle ticket (raffle tickets, available at the market, Hummingbird and Quadra Crafts). Otherwise, see you on Sunday September 4th at the Fall Fair!

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT *Area C*

by Jim Abram

What an absolutely gorgeous day for BC Day and the beginning of August. Let's hope it starts a trend!

This will be a fairly short report, but I will try to hit some of the highlights.

Ferry Commissioner coming to Quadra - Mark it on your calendar !

I hope that most of you have seen the urgent notice that I posted regarding the upcoming visit by the Ferry Commissioner and the Deputy Ferry Commissioner on September 26th at 7 pm at the Community Centre (yes, I know it is a long way off, but how time flies). This is our opportunity to impress upon the Commissioner how ferry fares are effecting families, jobs and the economy and the survival of our communities.

I know that many of you will be cynical about the impact we will have on the Commissioner. I know I always have that thought run through my head and my being every time some sort of consultation process comes up. What you need to understand is that the Commissioner is being sent out here to hear what the community has to say. He will want to hear about certain things. He will have a mandate from Government. What we all need to understand is, that does not matter a bit. If we all give him our heartfelt stories about the impact of ferry fares on families along with some solid numbers regarding jobs and the economy, he will be forced to report out on those comments. His mandate will be altered by public pressure. I have worked through this process more times than I care to remember. Governments come to the public with a set agenda under the guise of consultation. Government gets the riot act read to them and they are forced to convey that report to their masters. The Government agenda

changes. The Government is forced to listen. It is a long-standing "play" that keeps getting enacted over and over again. It can be considered consultation by exhaustion. Tenacity prevails. This is not the time to tire of their process. It is time to use it to our advantage. All partisan politics aside, we, are the government. It just takes a lot of work and time and dogged determination on our part to make substantive change. Don't give up. Don't feel powerless. That is the government's wish. Don't buy it. Beat it.!!! Be there. Be part of the victory. Help save our communities.

As I said before, in the posted notice, I will be at the UBCM convention meeting with the Premier and the Minister on this very topic and I will be meeting with the Commissioner on August 8th, along with the Chairs of all the coastal regional districts and the Islands Trust, on this same topic. So I am counting on this community to come out in droves and fill the Community Centre and the Commissioners head with the facts: ferry fares are killing our communities. I trust that you will put on a show that will be remembered for a long time to come. I hate to miss the meeting, but I will be doing my part at even higher levels and together, we can win this battle, like so many others: attacking it from all sides at all levels at the same time!

Schellinck proposal

I know that there are mixed feelings in the community regarding this proposal. I have done my part to try to make the proposal as clear as possible, through staff, so that it can be presented to the community with no hidden pieces. I have been told by individuals on the one hand, to get on with it and on the other hand, to not move it forward. As has been explained in the

past, everyone has the right to apply to amend an Official Community Plan. If the application is accepted, which it was, then it needs to go through a public process to say yea or nay. It is time for this proposal to go to a public hearing and let the public tell us at the SRD what you want to do with it: pass it, deny it, amend it ??? That is up to the community at this point.

The proposal was given 1st and 2nd reading at the Board meeting last Thursday as the necessary step to getting to a public hearing. It will not proceed to a public hearing, at my request, until it has the entire Master Development Agreement attached to it for all to see. There will be no "unknowns" as far as permitted uses or any restrictions or how the enforcement will be carried out in the case of an infraction by the developers or subsequent owners. It will all be presented to you and you will tell the directors at the hearing what you think.

I hope that you all understand that this is the process that needs to be followed and that you will be totally included in it. The hearing will not be in the immediate future as I understand it, since the details of the Master Agreement will take some time to work out. So stay tuned.

Meeting with Chief and Council

We had our meeting with the Cape Mudge Band Council (Chief, three councillors, legal advisor and two staff). I believe nine of our SRD board members were able to attend. The meeting was about way more than the scallop farm lease on the east side of Quadra. It was about a changing landscape as far as First Nations rights and title are concerned and it was about how the Band feels about all levels of government and where they feel they, and we, fit in.

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Certainly, the scallop farm was discussed, but with no resolution. I am not going to go into any more detail than this since the Chief's final words after some healthy discussion were, "I like to listen and then go away and think about what we have talked about for a few weeks or so before I make any decisions." Out of respect for the Chief and his method of doing things, I am not going to say any more until we have had a subsequent meeting, so as not to presume what he might have to say about anything. That will need to come from him and then I will convey it to you.

I think I am going to stop here, since I have other work to do outdoors. 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, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices.

Please note my new email address. I am still getting emails at the old address which is no longer active as of today.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

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

Summer fun for youth!

Looking for some great adventures for your teen this summer? The City of Campbell River Recreation and Culture Department has some great road trips planned to get them off the couch and out in the fresh air for some extreme fun!

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WRITER'S BLOCK

*To err is...
generally not advisable*

If failure really does teach us more than success, why do we so rarely hear anyone boast about fouling things up? None of us is going to get to the finish line without making mistakes along the way; perfection, unfortunately, is not an option. But while we've all been told that we should learn from our mistakes, we seem to have lost, or forgotten, or perhaps never had, effective ways of allowing us to do so. Not that we haven't created an impressive list of strategies for coping with error, ranging from denial through blame to a complete unwillingness to try anything that might result in failure.

In a recent CBC radio interview, two authors of books on the social importance of mistakes made a few points that deserve consideration. First, no one gets better by being praised. Most of us have a fairly well developed flattery-detection system. We usually know when we're doing well, and when we're not. Self-esteem grows, the authors assert, not by being told that everything we do is great, but by making mistakes, understanding those mistakes, and moving on. Second, organizations improve by encouraging mistakes – or, in other words, experimentation and change – and creating a culture in which the group takes responsibility for finding ways of making things better. Granted, there are some situations where we really want to minimize error: surgery and air traffic control spring to mind. Even in these cases, if the possibility of error is not acknowledged, steps can't be taken to minimize the consequences.

It all sounds terribly civilized. In the context of a small, rather enclosed, community, however, error can assume a kind of complexity that might not occur in places where personal, family, social, community, and professional lives are less interdependent. As we all know, in small rural communities, all aspects of our lives tend to slop over into other dimensions. Unless one is rigorously private and avoids involvement in any community activity (and of course some do), it is almost impossible to keep anything in its original

compartment. From some perspectives, this is a good thing. We're probably less inclined to snap at a clerk who is slow, or the two guys who stop their trucks in the middle of the road to chat, if they are connected to us in four different ways. (Not that there are any slow clerks on Quadra.) In the quest to avoid interpersonal mistakes, people in small places are, often, nice to each other, because there are consequences if they're not. They support each other in projects of common concern, because the concerns are truly in common. Unfortunately, it also works the other way: grievances, conspiracies, disputes and errors in one sphere have a habit of trailing around after us like whining puppies, refusing to either shut up or go home.

I sometimes wonder how much of our attitude toward mistakes, and our seeming inability to acknowledge and learn from them, stems from our move en masse from farms to cities. The one sphere of life in which I have no difficulty whatsoever in acknowledging, and learning from, my mistakes, is in the garden. There are probably several reasons for this: for one, the problems are often the result of forces beyond my control or at least forces that carry no personal animosity. Despite what I might claim, I don't really believe that slugs have sworn a vendetta against me and my lettuce. But another reason is that, unlike most of life that is on a one-way track to whole new sets of hazards and problems, haunted by the impossibility of going back and making amends, and the almost infinite potential for mucking entirely new things up, the same garden will be there again next year. The problems will be similar, the lessons will be relevant, and the result of learning those lessons will be clear: next time, I hope, the tomatoes will not succumb to late blight. And there is absolutely no chance that I will serve on a committee, or attend a community meeting, with a slug.

by Darcy Mitchell

PASSAGES

Rod Clark

Our dear friend, Rod Clark, passed away Sunday, July 31st, at home accompanied by his wife, Marcy, and a friend.

A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date.

Thank you for all the support, prayers, kindness and generosity of this community.

Mary Vioila 'Vi' Wheeler

September 21, 1919
to July 30, 2011

She is survived by her daughter Sharon Brereton, son-in-law John and grandson Justin; Son David Wheeler, daughter-in-law Samantha, granddaughters Emily, Jullianna and Aria. She is also survived by one brother Eric and numerous nieces and nephews who adored their "Auntie Vi" and who always knew there was a safe haven, good meals and lots of fun when they descended upon her home in Toronto.

Vi was born in St John's Newfoundland, received her RN with post graduate studies in OR from Grace Hospital, St Johns. She was fond of saying she immigrated to Canada in 1947. Her nursing career spanned many decades and several hospitals and clinics in Toronto until she retired. Vi was an avid tennis player, golfer and until she moved to BC she swam every day and skated outdoors in the winter. She loved to travel and was always game for a "road trip" no matter where or when. At the tender age of 75 Vi and her 76 year old husband Cec packed up their home in Toronto and moved to Quadra Island, in order to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed her life on Quadra becoming a member of the Quadra Seniors and The Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Vi passed quietly at Yucalta Lodge with her daughter Sharon by her side. By request there will be no service but at a later date her family will take her ashes back to Newfoundland to be buried in the family plot

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Garth Akin

Lived on Quadra Island from 1973 to 1980. He passed away on June 14, 2011. Quadra was a special place to him, and his children (Sheilagh, Nathaniel and Galan) are planning a casual celebration of his life, to take place on Quadra on Saturday, August 13th.

Anyone who knew garth is welcome to attend. Please contact Galan Akin 778-885-9598 in Vancouver, or Candace Holmes 250-285-3818 on Quadra for more info.

Farewell Quadra Island.

Our family is leaving this glorious Island after spending a fantastic 3 years here.

It will be with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to friends and community members who we had the great pleasure of knowing during our time here. This will not be goodbye; however, will be a "see you later" as we know we'll be back for vacations and will see friends visit us in our new home.

Quadra was, and will always be, a special place for all of us and the community warmth is second to none. We'd love to thank everyone personally for all the wonderful things they've done for our family, but we would surely leave someone out in error, so we say a global


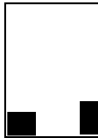
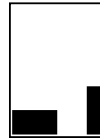



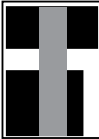


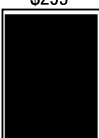
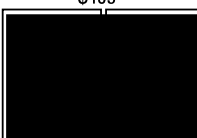
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