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## 1st Islands Agricultural Show Report

### Trip 'Down Island' Leads to New Idea - Local Farm Store



The first annual Islands Agriculture Show was held on February 3rd and 4th at the Cowichan Exhibition Park near Duncan, and it was definitely worth the early wake-up and the long foggy drive to be there. The goal of the IAS was to provide a unique opportunity to showcase, celebrate and grow the agriculture industry on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. As farmers we seldom get the chance to share our experiences with other farmers - we set our own goals, devour library books and magazines on the latest horticultural practices, and plan our gardens, cooped up in the remotest areas of the Island. Although cooperative work between small-scale growers would be extremely beneficial in helping us make a living, most of us are simply too busy to organize and attend meetings. So when a friend told us about the Agricultural Show, we simply had to go.

When we arrived at the fair and saw tractors of every vintage, information booths on chicken rearing, market gardening, livestock feed, 4H clubs, how

to get Organically Certified and where to get pasture lime, we knew we were in the right place. We felt a bit lost until we saw the older couples with that weathered look and younger people with the healthy glow that only working outside provides. With much anticipation we registered for the promising seminars and opened our ears and listened. There was a range of information offered such as the Ministry of Agriculture helping participants starting new agricultural business, renewable agri-energy, and expert advice on how to regain control over crop pests. The talks were extremely enlightening and motivating. We heard from Kevin Koopmans, a Community Economic Developer who spoke to us about the concept of Incubator Farms - making it possible for farming dreams to come true for young people who don't have the land or money to get started. A passionate Gwen Simpson, owner of the award-winning "Inspired Market Gardens", taught us about the important link between storytelling and sales, and, at a later seminar, gave us a sobering look at profit margins on a small farm - it's all about counting and costing, EVERYTHING.

There was an excellent seminar by Dr John Fast, sought-after inspirational speaker. His psychological approach to succession planning for a family farm and the importance of being an adult about it resonated with a lot of us who had or had not given it much thought before. Jaymie Collins, an experienced agent in sales and the general manager of Vancouver Island Produce, wrapped the conference up with an informative presentation on how to approach retailers. He quoted a friend who once told him: "Getting farmers to work together is like trying to herd cats", yet he insisted that as small-time farmers with a limited supply of produce, the key to competing with big corporations is just that, team work. And looking around, seeing all of us gathered in one place, it sure felt like the seeds of something important were being sown, especially when, at the end of this seminar, a group of small-scale cattle farmers agreed on the potential of working together to offer retailers Island-grown, grass-fed beef.

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# Ferry Schedules

## 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	† 7:50 am
**11:05 am	9:50 am
1:05 pm	11:50 am
3:05 pm	**1:50 pm
5:05 pm	3:50 pm
6:45 pm	5:50 pm

### Leave Cortes Island

† 7:50 am	† 9:05 am
9:50 am	**11:05 am
11:50 am	1:05 pm
**1:50 pm	3:05 pm
3:50 pm	5:05 pm
5:50 pm	6:45 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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For me, as the owner of Open Bay Farm, what I learned during the IAS applies directly to what I have been planning and thinking about for a few months now. I have been thinking about my footprint in this world as I'm sure many of us on Quadra have. Buy Local, Think Global is the by-line we often see and by abiding by this we might improve our imprint on this world, and definitely improve the quality of life of our community. With this in mind, I would like to offer farmers on Quadra Island an opportunity to build and grow their market. I would love to see more growers do what they love, and actually make some money with it. Currently, my store, Cubby in the Cove, is a craft store, but I have decided to change direction and sell locally grown fresh and processed foods and creations made on local farms. The store will follow the 100 mile diet concept and serve both the local

farmers and general population of Quadra in offering quality products. We live in an age of convenience, and although we as consumers may have good intentions, most of us don't have the time to drive around looking for local foods and products. My vision for the store is to have a one-stop shop for those who wish to make ethical choices when it comes to their purchasing power.

We would love to share with others and we have assembled the information we gleaned at the IAS into a binder for other farmers to peruse. We also invite farmers to come and talk to us about their marketing ideas. We will be at Cubby in the Cove on Fridays and Saturdays or you can email us at [mimi@openbayfarm.ca](mailto:mimi@openbayfarm.ca). Anna Niedzwiecka and M Smienk.

By Mimi Smienk



## INVITATION TO TENDER #0203-2012

## FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR QUADRA ISLAND BRANCH

Vancouver Island Regional Library is seeking Tenders from qualified janitorial service contractors to offer janitorial service to the New Quadra Island Branch Library located at 654 Harper Road, Quathiaski Cove, Quadra Island, BC. The Quadra Island Branch is approximately 3,200 sq. ft. in total size.

Tenders must be delivered to the Purchasing Department, Vancouver Island Regional Library, Central Services, 6250 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6M9 prior to 3:00 p.m., Local Time, Friday March 9th, 2012 the "closing date and time".

A site visit to view the area of work is mandatory. The mandatory site visit is scheduled at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 24th at 654 Harper Road, Quathiaski Cove, Quadra Island. Bidders not attending the site visit will not be allowed to submit a Tender.

Invitation to Tender documents are available by contacting Elisa Balderson, Purchasing Phone: (250) 729-2307 or email: [ebalderson@virl.bc.ca](mailto:ebalderson@virl.bc.ca). Please state Tender Number and provide your Name, Phone number and Email address.

The lowest or any Bid will not necessarily be accepted. The Vancouver Island Regional Library reserves the right to accept the Tender which it deems most advantageous.

# 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  
 Karate, 4:30 pm, QCC  
 Sing for Pure Joy! Room 3, QCC, 3 - 4:30 pm, *All welcome.*  
 Weight Watchers, QCC, 6 pm - 7 pm  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Quadra Children's Centre 7 pm  
 Mandy's Movielicious night in the HBI Pub 9:00  
**1st Monday** - Quadra writers group, 7 - 9 pm 285-3656

### TUESDAY

Spinners 10:00 am – 12:00 QCC  
 Quadra Children's Song Circle, Room 3, QCC3 - 4 pm  
 Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:00 pm  
 Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30 pm, Sept 21-Apr 26

### WEDNESDAY

Parent and Babies 11 am QCC  
 Food Bank 1-2:00 p.m. (1st & 3rd Wed of every month) QCC  
 UofQ Pub education from your Neighbours. HBI pub 7:00 pm  
 Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15 pm  
**1st & 3rd Wednesday** Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2 pm

### THURSDAY

Parents & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm  
 Karate 4:00 pm QCC  
 Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7 pm  
 Drop in games and wing night, Legion, 7:00 pm.  
 Sound Spirit Kirtan - QCC - 7-8pm - By Donation

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

"Fun Ride" Easy to Moderate bike ride 10:30 am Aroma Cafe  
 Quadra Legion Meat Draw 5pm  
 Open mic with Mo. 9:00pm HBI pub

### SUNDAY

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.

## DAY TO DAY

### Saturday, February 18

- Hayley Shepard - "A Beautiful Burden" 7:30 pm QICC

### Monday, February 20

- "Connecting the generations" Open Meeting 10 am QCC Room 1

### Friday, February 24

- Blackberry Wood - HBI Pub 9 pm

### Saturday, February 25th

- Salmon farming critic Don Staniford at Q.C.C. at 7:30 pm - Sierra Quadra

### Monday, February 27

- Deadline Day for the Discovery Islander - all new submissions by 7 pm Please  
 - Transition Island General Meeting, QCC Room 3 7 - 9 pm

### Tuesday, February 28

- Quadra Island Conservancy and Stewardship Society AGM 7:30 pm QCC

### Friday, March 2

- Kinfo - HBI Pub music 9pm

### Wednesday, March 7

- Free Money, 11:30 a.m., Seminar Room, Q.C.C.

### Saturday, March 10

- Steven Page, singer-songwriter, guitarist QCC 8:00 pm






### Tuesday March 27

- Quadra Island Cemetery AGM; 8:00pm at the Quadra Legion

### Wednesday, March 28

- Learn to Play- Play to Learn Workshop 6:30 – 8:30 at the Literacy Centre, Quadra Elementary

**NEXT DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

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**NEXT DEADLINE**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

# ISLAND FORUM

## No Relocation Without Consultation

I'm writing about the Library  
letter in the last D.I.

Over the years I've learned two  
important lessons about public  
affairs. First is the importance of  
adhering to **Proper Process**. It's  
a lesson learned long ago and it's  
served me unfailingly. Adherence  
to proper process in the Quadra  
Library issue would have quickly  
focused on the matter of location.

At that point the benefits as well  
as drawbacks for both Quadra's  
two communities could have  
been openly discussed. Quadra  
Islanders were denied that  
opportunity, partly because  
nobody from Quadra Island had  
a seat on the Library Board. A  
seat there [on the VIRL Board] is  
probably not generally necessary,  
but at that critical moment it was  
vital to have someone present  
who knew, and would represent,  
Islander's views.

Another thing I suspect  
contributed to the storm was  
because the Library Board  
perceived relocation from  
Heriot Bay to Q Cove as simply  
a "*Quadra Island Library*" matter  
- to them, a non-issue. Others  
clearly saw that determining  
the library's location was a  
"Community Planning and  
Library" issue, calling for open  
consultation between this  
Community and the Library  
Board. Once location issues were

settled, further management  
would be the Board's  
responsibility alone.

Any member of the Library  
Board, it's Chair, or Brenda Leigh  
(the delegated representative  
for Quadra at the time) or even  
just one member of staff - could  
have paid attention to the  
Library's own Mission Statement.  
There could have been the  
"Collaboration & Partnership"  
and "Leadership ... and Open  
Communication, Teamwork and  
Cooperation" it speaks of. The  
whole sorry fiasco need never  
have happened.

About the comment "the 'new'  
library's a great gift". How can it  
be a "gift" when taxpayers pay for  
it? When the Library's Board's  
financial manager told me the cost  
of the proposed "new" library  
would be around \$4.00/year, I  
got a warning signal. I cringed  
when it dawned on me he hadn't  
mentioned the \$4.00/year would  
be added to everyone's taxes in  
the area served by Vancouver  
Island Regional Library, up  
and down the whole length of  
Vancouver Island. He said nothing  
about having some 40 libraries  
in the system. Or, when they're  
replaced or renovated, that \$4.00  
when multiplied by 40 becomes  
\$160 added to our taxes. Costs  
usually escalate, so it may easily  
exceed that.

I queried the accountant about  
this later. He confirmed the  
maths, but thought \$4.00 was  
so small an amount, concern  
about others paying our library  
costs was unimportant. I think  
it's unethical to compel folks in  
Kyuquot & Sooke etc. to pay for  
our library and vice versa.

Also, the cumulative amount  
of each \$4.00/year collected  
throughout the Library Board's  
whole Vancouver Island taxation  
area, is important.

OH - I almost forgot, the other  
thing I have learned is: when it  
comes to government, be ever  
vigilant.

Noel Lax

### Wedding Ring Found

52 people have asked me or  
Danielle if I found my wedding  
ring. Yes, I have. A little girl  
found it at the Q.C.C. and told  
her mum and the mum phoned  
me.

I would like to thank everyone  
for your sympathetic concern  
about my lost wedding ring.  
People have been genuinely  
delighted when I tell them I  
found my ring. The response  
has been and is truly amazing.

I am very pleased to be living in  
a caring, loving community that  
values Love and the Symbols  
of Love so highly. Thank you  
again.

Steve Moore

### Dear Editor,

recently the carcass of a dead  
ram was dragged to the corner  
of a hobby-farmer's property  
and left behind to rot.

Any real farmer would know  
how dangerous this action was.

The influx of predators and  
carrion-eaters had one senior  
citizen so frightened that she  
could not leave her home. As  
usual, no thought was given to  
the concern of the neighbours.  
Other witnesses have  
mentioned sightings of fearless  
and unusual predator behaviour  
in other neighbourhoods.

Our island is a symbiotic unit.  
How will the thoughtless  
actions of this person change  
our paradise?

Louella's Ghost

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# BC Ferries & Biodiesel Fuels

Thirty-one out of 36 vessels owned by BCF are using a B5 diesel fuel, which is a blend of 5 per cent canola-based biodiesel, making BCF one of the largest consumers of biodiesel in British Columbia. The company states that this strategy “helps us reduce our fleet emissions.” This is undoubtedly a true statement for BCF, but at what expense is this really to the environment as a whole? An independent study by Nobel Laureate, Paul Crutzen, has found that most biofuels produce more greenhouse gases than the fossil fuels they replace due to the emissions of Nitrous oxide being seriously underestimated. According to EPA, Nitrogen oxide gases are 310 times more effective in trapping global heat than carbon dioxide. Also since the energy content of pure biodiesel is 9% less than that of petroleum based diesel, to compensate results in more fuel consumption.

The US National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) states that energy security is the number one driving force behind the US biofuels program, with the primary goal to reduce dependence on foreign oil imports. The United States spends about \$6 billion a year on federal support for biofuel production through tax credits, tariffs, and other programs. Canada currently exports 85% of the canola oil it produces and the US is our largest customer. The model for the development of biofuels includes a wide diversity of methodologies, some bad, some good. One could only hope that government subsidies and tax incentives stay focussed on the more promising technologies such as wood debris conversion to cellulosic ethanol.

However, there is no stopping of the Biofuel Industry now. It has a strong lobbied foothold, and its life and existence is now about jobs and the potential to strengthen rural economies. Agriculture lands are switching from food to fuel, helped by government subsidies, higher prices with larger net profits then can be attainable from growing wheat. This gives political enthusiasm for growing biofuels and makes it a feel-good diversion from steps that would really make a difference, such as significantly higher efficiency standards. According to the David Suzuki

Foundation web site “Substituting just 10 per cent of fossil fuels to biofuels for all our vehicles would require about 40 per cent of the entire cropland in Europe and North America. That is simply not sustainable.”

Also, by employing biofuels, we are indirectly supporting deforestation, promoting soil erosion, decreasing biodiversity, adversely impacting global water resources while consuming limited nitrate fertilizers. The problem is that instead of finding ways to use less or no herbicides and a lot less fuel and synthetic fertilizers, we are promoting a crop that is very difficult to grow organically. Most importantly, by supporting biofuels we are harmfully affecting the supply and demand factors on world food price. Biofuel production was accountable for a 30% of the increase in food prices in just one year (2008). World Health has estimated that 1 billion people are starving, and that poor nutrition plays a role in at least half of the 10.9 million child deaths each year (30,000 children died each day in 2011).

The hot topic for the ferry industry is the upcoming International Maritime Organization (IMO) regulations concerning low sulphur fuel, which will come into force in 2015. Many ferry companies are looking for alternatives as there will be a lack of 0.1% sulphur fuels causing higher fuel costs or penalties if companies do not comply. An alternative BCF will be looking at is increasing biodiesel fuel usage 4 fold, with alternatives such as B20 biodiesel fuel, a strategy Washington State Ferries is presently undertaking.

The question to answer; is the trend to introduce stronger biodiesel fuels in the best interest of the Ferry User who is now paying 13 cents on every ticket purchase price (Quadra vehicle & passenger) for biodiesel. In the Commissioners' new role, I personally hope to see enforced a mandatory requirement that all Ferry Providers must report their fuel sources, complete with a review of the social and environmental impact from these choices. Armed with this information, I have full confidence in the Commissioner to do the right thing.

C.F. Konkle

email; emc3.lftr@gmail.com

## What do I think? A good question!

Dear Mr. George Barabas,

I did not fill out your survey. I tried. Unfortunately it was nearly impossible for me to accurately portray my views on the subject because of the survey's construction. Specifically, the complex wording and structure, vague and overly general questions, items that could be misinterpreted, questions that contained a “right” answer and double-barrelled items all added to this problem. Surveys can be very powerful tools. In this case, I fear that your prejudice (having land that directly faces the property in question) has clouded your ability to create an effective, impartial and valuable survey.

I, too, am planning on surveying the island soon regarding a much different issue. As the first part of my process in creating a survey, I conducted a Google search for “making effective surveys” which readily provided me with valuable information on the common pitfalls when creating survey questions. The following links provided a good starting point:

<http://www.custominsight.com/articles/effective-survey-questions.asp>

<http://www.esurveyspro.com/article-online-survey-design-questions.aspx>

It is no doubt very frustrating to put in so much effort, time, and money into your survey and not have it recognized. I would suggest, though, that perhaps Dan Bowen is not to blame for it's lack of recognition, despite the convenience of his roll as “Scapegoat #1”.

Please do not lose hope in due process, I have still been able to make my opinions known to the Regional District in a way that they recognize. I would encourage anyone that feels unheard to also contact our Regional Director Jim Abram (his contact info is available in every issue of the DI).

Sincerely,

Sarah Puddy

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# CORTES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Noba Anderson

**F**or supporting documentation for issues in this article, visit my Regional Director's page at [www.cortesland.com](http://www.cortesland.com).

## Island Timberlands

- On January 23rd I took a small delegation to meet with Island Timberlands and presented them with a binder of Cortes-generated information, including your letters, preceded by a summary of the input gathered at a prior community meeting. IT expressed a willingness to consider land purchase proposals but they do value both land and timber at a higher price than most. IT also agreed to a joint follow-up meeting in February between the Cortes delegation and petition representatives to discuss operational level issues. Your input will make the basis for our suggestions at this second meeting and we will report back to the community afterward.

Some of the Island Timberlands forest lands proposed for 2012 harvest are of 'provincial ecological significance' and house old growth douglas fir stands that are very rare with less than 1% remaining in the endangered 'Coastal Western Hemlock - Very Dry Maritime' biogeoclimatic zone. One usually only finds individual fir veterans making intact stands very rare, and whole stand clusters as found on Cortes, truly provincially significant. These lands also contain red and blue listed species and plant communities as well as many sensitive ecosystems.

MLA Claire Trevena and I have written to the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Forests requesting their support and stating that "We are actively looking for solutions to what could become a divisive and confrontational situation which would provoke international activism, civil disobedience and subsequently substantial media attention." I have also written the Strathcona Regional District Board requesting their support in finding a resolution to this escalating situation.

## Garbage Transportation

- On Cortes, we have always paid for the transport of our garbage off island (now to the tune of over \$50,000 per year), whereas just about every other community in the region does not pay transport once garbage arrives at a 'transfer station' such as our recycling centre. For over two years, I have been advocating at the board that we equalize this discrepancy and make this regional service fair. At the last Solid Waste board meeting it was decided to make this change which, as well as benefiting the region in other ways, will save the Cortes taxpayer \$50,000 per year!!!!

## Highspeed

- I spoke with MLA Claire Trevena about our lack of high-speed internet access on Cortes again given that this issue is now one of her top priorities. I have sent her a synopsis of the current Cortes situation. She is compiling information from North Island communities and we will make a concerted effort on this front in the next short while. There is also a detailed SRD staff report on the status of Cortes and Quadra internet service on this week's committee agendas, and attached to this article on line.

## Klahoose Gorge Shellfish

- The Strathcona Regional District's 4 electoral area directors voted unanimously to approve of the Klahoose Shellfish Limited Partnership's deep water shellfish application in Gorge Harbour at the January SRD board meeting. Klahoose now has all their required licensing and I wish them all the very best in their operations, and indeed to their Nation's economic development activities.

Submissions to the SRD public hearing were split. Most, if not all, the submissions received from Gorge waterfront property owners were in opposition. Obviously, further work is required to improve the dynamic in this small basin. Most of the other submissions from Cortes residents were supportive. Other Gorge aquaculture operators have indicated a willingness to sign a similar operational agreement to the one signed by Island Sea Farms, and I commit to following up on this matter. There was also interest expressed about enacting a Gorge-specific noise bylaw, which would be applicable to, and funded by, water licensees and property owners alike. This too I commit to following up.

## Grant-In-Aid

- Although these grants comprise a relatively small part of the overall Cortes SRD budget, it directly supports so much Cortes not-for-profit community activity that serves so many of you. This year's spring deadline for GIA submissions is April 2nd. Please mail or email your submissions to me for May fund disbursements. Forms are available on the Regional Director's page at [www.cortesland.com](http://www.cortesland.com), or by phone request.

## Radio Show

- I am now hosting a radio show 'People's Place in Politics' aired live alternate Tuesdays at 11 am and repeated Saturdays at 2 pm. Each show has two main components, an update of regional district issues and a feature chat with a guest that represents some facet of Cortes political life. Victoria Smith will

join me this week for a conversation about Cortes Radio, the first in a series with local organizations that make the backbone of local governance.

## Ferries

- I'd like to thank Bob Tracy and Uschi Koebberling for joining the Ferry Advisory Committee. Also, the BC Ferry Commissioner submitted his final report to the Provincial government in January after his community consultations, including Cortes. A link to that as well as the Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs response is on my webpage.

## SRD Budget

- It is budget time again at the Regional District and this year's community consultation will be held within the next few weeks, so keep an eye out for that date soon. Shall we continue to contribute to the parks acquisition reserve? Do you want to better fund bylaw enforcement? Are you happy with how we spend your half million dollars each year?

The Regional Solid Waste Plan is coming to Cortes for community consultation on April 12th. The draft can be found for your review at [www.cswm.ca/plan](http://www.cswm.ca/plan).

## Roads

- I spoke recently again with Highways expressing our request for a centre line as well as for a posted 40km/hr speed limit and associated signage on either side of Beasley Rd in Manson's. The area manager will soon visit Cortes to review these issues with me and others interested. We still do have a commitment for two crosswalks in Manson's before late spring.

## Phone Service

- On the issue of loosing phone service when the power is out, Rob Hazlett from Telus recently wrote the following: "I have had several of my technicians involved in diagnosing the problem and we have now included some of our national and manufacturer support people in finding a solution. We have a couple of possible issues we are exploring and I will inform everyone as we get closer to resolving this."

North Island 911 - Representatives from five Regional Districts jointly form the board that is the North Island 911 Corporation which manages the funds for the 911 service in this area. I have been recently appointed to sit on the 911 board on behalf of the Strathcona Regional District.

As always, you are welcome to contact me:  
250-935-0320, [director@cortesland.com](mailto:director@cortesland.com)  
Noba Anderson



# REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Area C

by Jim Abram

**W**riting my report is a bit more difficult than usual at this time. As we all know a number of our island friends, family and neighbours have died in this past year. I came home from meetings in Vancouver on Saturday night only to receive notice on Sunday that yet another of my friends has died. As many of you may have heard by now, my good friend Al Luoma passed away on Sunday morning. Al was one of the long time residents of Granite Bay and a son and grandson to some of the earlier founding Luomas of that area. He had a previous reputation of being one of the "wild ones" of the island and may have been in the earlier years. In the past many years that I have known Al, he has proven to be one of the most gentle people I know. He was as honest as the day is long and as true of a friend as anyone could ask. He loved animals and the outdoors with a passion. He has run the Granite Bay Park wharf and ramp for the regional district since we opened it and has done a remarkable job of keeping it up. I am going to miss him, as will many others.

This report may be fairly scattered and I hope you will forgive me for that. I am sitting in my hotel room in Richmond preparing for meetings of the Pacific Coast Marine planning group all day tomorrow. I guess there is only one way to get on with it and that is to just jump in and start somewhere.

## DI Items - Clarifications

First of all, I would like to take a look at the last issue of the DI and make a few comments on some of the content.

**On page 2** there was a notice entitled "Homelessness Coalition.... etc." This initiative came out of a grant that was to be given to the SRD in some manner. After discussion at the Board, all directors agreed to just put it into a project that was already underway in Campbell River. Upon further thought, I considered asking for our portion, based on assessment, to be given to our Community Kitchen and our Food Bank, since they work in a related field to homelessness. I am still having staff explore this option and see if it is possible. If it is, then we will have a fairly nice infusion of cash into two of our very worthwhile programs. I know there are other programs and maybe they will also benefit. We'll see.

**On page 5**, there was a letter, "Changing our Community Plan and Bylaws by a Contract... etc". This is not the case. It talks about the letter by Dan Bowen, the agent for the developer of the Gowlland Views proposal, from the previous issue. I have no intention of dealing with Mr. Bowen's letter or the comments therein. However, the author is correct in his statement about 100% support of the SRD for the proposal moving on to

1st and 2nd reading, not 100% support of the proposal. This is the process that needs to happen to get it before the public so it can be dealt with.

The major flaw in the letter is suggesting that the OCP and bylaws can be changed by contract. The contract that is being referred to is the Development Agreement, which usually happens after public hearing and third reading but before final adoption. I insisted that this process was flawed and I want the development agreement settled PRIOR to the public hearing so that the public will have every last tiny little detail of the proposal before them before they make up their minds on the proposal. This was an attempt to give you MORE information, not an attempt to twist the system. This way, you will know what you are really looking at in the final design of the proposal before the board votes on anything. This is for the benefit of the community, not the developer. So please understand the intent.

All advertising for this public hearing will be at the full extent of our ability as local government. Everyone will know. There will be no "subverting the normal process". The normal process will be enhanced if anything.

There are more items in the issue that deserve correcting, but you have probably had enough of that for now.. I know I have! So I will move on to some of the other things that have been going on.

## Ferry Commissioner Meeting in Victoria

I travelled to Victoria with 13 other Chairs of coastal regional districts and the Islands' Trust to meet with the Ferry Commissioner to discuss his report and recommendations. We were pleased with a few of them but had some serious questions about others. One that stood out was having local government tax, on our property taxes, to pay the Ferry Service additional money so that we could then lower the fare at the ticket booth! So... they will take our money at the booth and then take it again on our property taxes!?!?! That was just one example.

So, let's just say that what we have been hearing from communities for many years and what he heard directly from them was not entirely reflected in his report. So our next step is to meet once again with the Minister and the Premier to try and get our fares lowered, the system put back in Highways so that we are all treated equally regarding transportation and to get rid of the Coastal Ferry Act. I will be talking to the Minister personally tomorrow in addition to our group meeting later this month.



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## Meeting with Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation on Quadra

We had a great meeting on Quadra with Minister Pat Bell and his assistant about a week ago. I arranged the meeting to take place with the President of the Chamber of Commerce, and with Spirit of the West Adventures so as to showcase our tourism industry, potential, and real life problems. Then we had a good discussion about connectivity and high speed internet, since his portfolio is Jobs, Tourism and Innovation. I then took him for a tour of the proposed Quathiaske Cove Local Area Plan proposal so he could see the "innovation" that we have worked so hard to work into our community planning which will create jobs, encourage innovation and create various styles of housing for all generations. He was quite impressed.

I received a call from him a few days ago to tell me that he had already followed up with the forestry company that is potentially going to cause a great deal of damage to our tourism operators. He has spoken to the top person in the forest company and instructed them to deal directly with the forester in charge to iron out the problems. So, I believe our time was well spent.

## Meeting with Minister responsible for Connectivity

I will be going to Victoria once again to meet with Minister Margaret McDiarmid, who is responsible for Labour and Connectivity, on the 20th. I intend to give her the business case for connecting our entire island to high speed fiber optic and to also increase reliable cell coverage to all of our island and the outer islands. This will include wireless internet where there is no chance of fiber optic. She will work closely with Network BC and with Telus on our problems.

## Meeting with Regional Director of Telus

I will once again be meeting with the Regional Director of Telus for our area on the 27th in Victoria. I have now provided him with a complete set of maps and a written business case outlining the possible build-out for Quadra Island under the current OCP and bylaws. This gives him an idea of what our potential is for them to acquire customers. The SRD was very helpful in dropping everything and getting our GIS technician and our planners to work on this steady for a number of days. So when you question the value of our planning department, remember items like this. They did an exceptional job. Now when I meet with Telus I will have hard facts for them to bring to their superiors. I will also be asking them exactly what it is that they need to see on our survey. I don't want to go to all of the trouble to do a survey and give them useless information. I will fill you in after the meeting.

I have a whole list of other projects that I am working on but I think this is about as much steam as I have left for the night. I still have preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

So, that is about it for this report. Please feel free to contact me (but not on weekends!) by email at [jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca), by phone at 250-285-3355, fax at 250-285-3533 or send mail to Box 278, Quathiaske Cove, V0P 1N0.

I look forward to hearing feedback, so please feel free. Then I will know someone is reading my reports!

Respectfully,

Jim Abram

Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland  
Inlets, Area C

Strathcona Regional District

## YES FOLKS - ONCE AGAIN IT'S TIME FOR:

## Things Found In Recycling This Month

Another holiday season has come and gone and even those households which saved up a big load have likely made a trip to our busy little depot. Thankfully no live mammals have been left behind since the last writing. There has been a lot more garbage and old food left on the ground, stuffed in the bins and tossed over the fence lately though. Frankly, if one is going to go to the trouble to pack trash to the depot, it would be smart to make sure Superstore receipts (for instance) with account numbers on them or mail with names and addresses have been removed. Some users get pretty vocal when they see this garbage left behind. While it might not be polite or even appropriate, unfortunate phone calls from a grumpy goose might result if personal information is left in a public area.

Let me also repeat, there are times when we have full bins and no trucks available to replace our full bins with empty ones. When this happens, please return another day rather than leaving recycling on the ground.

Another thing which bears repeating is that ceramic kitchenware, food-soiled or waxed cardboard, plastic bags and all tetra-paks except fruit juice are garbage or recycled in town.

### OK, now for the list.

Rubber hot water bottle  
Latex gloves  
Fish filleting knife  
Auto centre consol  
Huge bag of old Christmas lights  
Christmas wrap by the ton  
Old frying pans  
Coffee maker  
Toilet brush set  
Toothbrushes  
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# NEWS AND EVENTS

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## Quadra Island Cemetery AGM

Tuesday March 27th, 2012;  
8:00pm at the Quadra Legion

## Buddhist Meditation

February 18, 2012, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Children's Centre, West Road, Quadra Island

This is an opportunity to practice for both new and experienced meditators.

Instruction in sitting and walking meditation and Buddhist teachings will be available.

Contact Don McEachern at 250 285 2193 or [dmceach@telus.net](mailto:dmceach@telus.net)

## NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE DI is Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>

Send in your submissions [news@discoveryislands.ca](mailto:news@discoveryislands.ca) fax: 250-285-2236 or drop it off at Hummingbird or our office at 701 Cape Mudge Rd.

## QICSS AGM Reminder

The Quadra Island Conservancy and Stewardship Society will be holding its annual general meeting 7:30 pm Feb 28 at the Quadra Community Centre. Anyone who is interested in the Morte Lake area or in preserving other special areas on Quadra should attend.

If you would like to get involved as a steward or as a helper, call Ken Roxburgh at 285-2580. Or come to our AGM and learn more about our current work and future plans.

## Alcoholic Anonymous

~ Quadra Island Chapter meets 8 pm Friday at Quadra Children's Centre, West Road. Everyone Welcome. Call 250-202-6049

## 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.

## Buddhist Meditation

Geshe YongDong gave a great workshop on "Tibetan Prayer Flags" last week. And his energy is still in the room at Spirit Books in the Upper Realm at Q. Cove.

So consider making weekly group meditations a part of your life. We meditate every Sunday for 40 minutes starting at 10 a.m. in Spirit Books, Upper Realm, Q. Cove.

We break for tea and resume to read and discuss a book called "Eight Mindful Steps to Happiness." The meeting is over before Noon.

The meditation is free or by donation to cover tea, cookies, rent, etc. Call Steve or Danielle at 285-3323 for more information.

## Free Firewood


Free Firewood is available every Wednesday at 1 p.m. right after the Community Lunch.

Just drive your vehicle or a friend's pick-up truck to the rear doors of the Quadra Community Centre at 1 p.m. We will meet you there and help you load up.


If you can't come at this time or cannot find a vehicle, call Steve Moore at 285-3323 for an alternative arrangement. In some cases, we can deliver.

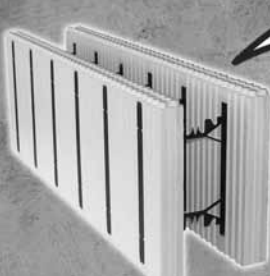
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## Hayley Shephard – “A Beautiful Burden”

Vancouver Island based wilderness guide and expedition leader, Hayley Shephard set out to attempt the first ever solo sea kayak expedition around the remote Sub-Antarctic Island of South Georgia. An exceptionally isolated, storm thrashed island, South Georgia stands alone in the path of relentless storms and savage winds of the Southern Ocean.

‘A Beautiful Burden’ combines art with adventure, joy with fear, danger and beauty, risk and survival. Entertaining storytelling, stunning images and captivating video, stylishly merge the imperative tale of the albatross and one woman’s dream to kayak alone around a treacherously spectacular island to help save a magnificent bird.

As an author, adventurer and expedition leader Hayley Shephard has led a life of adventure throughout the world. Sharing her adventures and the lessons they hold is Hayley’s passion. She inspires and motivates every audience with her enthusiasm and energy.

Join Sierra Quadra on Saturday, February 18th at the Community Centre for this excellent presentation. Doors will be open at 7pm with the presentation starting at 7:30. Copies of Hayley’s new novel –South Solo: Kayaking to Save the Albatross will be on sale. Refreshments are available.



## Learn the Power of Positive Parenting

Triple P Seminars are a series of 3 presentations providing an introduction and overview to the basics of positive parenting for any interested parents. Each presentation lasts approximately 1.5 hours, including time for discussion. Parents learn how to use positive parenting to encourage their children to learn the skills and competencies they need for health, development, and well-being. It starts Monday February 20th with the theme, “The Power of Positive Parenting”. The next sessions are, March 19th – “Raising Confident, Competent Children” and April 23rd – “Raising Resilient Children”. Sessions are from 6:00-8:30. To register contact Laurie at C.R. Family Services 250 287 2421; for information on Triple P contact Kristiina at C.R. Public Health 250 850 2110.

### Free VHS/DVD Videos

Some new used VHS/DVD videos just came in. Anyone can borrow 2 or 3 videos for free. In addition to returning them, you can also donate some of your old VHS/DVD videos to the collection if you wish. Now we have around 300 selections to choose from, including lots of kid’s videos, comedies and drama.

The videos are located just outside Spirit Books at the top of the Stairs in the Upper Realm at Q. Cove. If the front door is open, come on up and check out the movies.

If Spirit Book Store is open, any child 12 years old or younger can have a free Kid’s book of their choice. Proof of age is not required. The idea is to encourage the love of books at a young age. Screens don’t need that kind of encouragement.

Books do. Call Steve Moore for more info at 285-3323.

## Quadra Literacy News

The Learn to Play – Play to Learn Workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 6:30 - 8:30 in the Literacy Centre at Quadra Elementary. This make and take workshop is based on Susan Munzer’s story baskets and felt board stories. There will be a demonstration of the many ways to tell a story and participants will make a felt board and felt characters to dramatize a story with their little ones. This workshop will be of interest to parents, grandparents, caregivers and early childhood educators. Childcare is provided. The materials for the workshop are supplied, so please preregister at the Literacy Centre (across the hall from the Kindergarten class at Quadra Elementary) or email robin.quadraliteracy@gmail.com.

## Congratulations Raffle Winners!

Quadra Children’s Centre would like to congratulate our raffle prize winners: Peggy Whittingham (1st & 4th prize) Melanie Zylstra (2nd prize) and Marilynn Burnett (3rd prize)! We would like to thank Tru Value Foods and Beach Acres Resort for their extremely generous donations of the wonderful prizes, which helped to make this a very successful fundraiser. Thanks also go to all of the folks who sold and purchased tickets, we raised a total of \$2,100.00! We always appreciate the community support we receive, a heartfelt THANKS TO ALL!



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## Salmon Farming Critic Comes to Quadra

Don Staniford, one of the most eloquent, informed and powerful critics of the salmon farming industry, will be at Quadra's Community Centre on Saturday, February 25th at 7:30 pm to present his views on an industry that he deems to be environmentally dangerous and ecologically unsustainable.

Fresh from combatting a lawsuit filed against him by Mainstream Canada for comments the corporation considered defamatory, Staniford will be describing this legal battle, justifying his views and enlarging on his criticism of the industry.

Staniford, a close associate of Alexandra Morton, is no stranger to environmental activism. He has been a vociferous critic of the salmon farming industry while in BC, and before that, an anti-salmon farming activist in Europe. Shortly after his presentation on Quadra, he will be leaving for Norway to carry on his battle at the headquarters of the international industry.

The evening promises to be informative, stimulating and provocative. Staniford is considered to be an environmental hero by some, known and supported worldwide for his indomitable spirit, fearless energy, insightful perspectives and unflinching commentary.

Doors open at 7:00 pm for this 7:30 pm February 25th event sponsored by Sierra Quadra. Admission by donation and refreshments will be available.

Don Staniford will be a guest on *Around the Point* Saturday, February 18 at 1 pm and repeated 10 am Tuesday, February 21 on Cortes Radio CKTZ 89.5 FM

## FRIDAY FLICKS

### The Whistleblower

USA 2010  
(Rated R for sex, violence, profanity)

February 24 QCC

Doors 7:30pm – Showtime 7:45 Adm: \$5, stu/snr \$4

Subject matter is disturbing.

Many films these days scoop the headlines for their subject matter. Such a film is *The Whistleblower*. The movie is based on the experiences of Kathryn Bolkovac, a cop from Lincoln, Neb., who in 1999 accepted a contract to work for the U.N. in Bosnia. Kathy shipped off to Sarajevo to head the Gender Office, working with local cops to investigate rape, domestic abuse and human trafficking.

Rachel Weisz excels as Kathryn Bolkovac, the Nebraska cop and single mom who thought the work gig in Bosnia would solve her financial problems at home. She arrives in Sarajevo to aid the local police, then finds that the cops, the diplomats and even U.N. employees are a major part of the problem. She finds allies in Madeleine Rees (Vanessa Redgrave), head of the U.N. Human Rights Commission, and Jan Van Der Velde (David Strathairn), an internal-affairs investigator. But corruption is rife and it seems impossible to stem the flow of the lucrative trade in human life.

Rachel Weisz's performance holds the viewer every step of the way. Her Kathy is fueled by a high-octane mix of human decency and fearless initiative. This is hard-hitting material, but it sheds light on a subject too long ignored. Shot over 36 days in Bucharest, Romania.

## Transition Island

The next general meeting for the Quadra Transition Initiative is going to be **February 27, 2012 from 7pm to 9pm – Quadra Community Centre Room 3.**

Everyone interested in building a truly sustainable community welcome.

## Free Money

Free Money needs your help. Free Money is available 6 months a year from November to April, usually on the first Wednesday of the month, just before Community Lunch. We have just enough money for March 7. However, we have almost no money for April 4th.

Please, please make a donation to the Free Money Association Account in our local Coastal Credit Union. We need about \$500 by April 1. Every cent goes to Quadra residents in need.

The generosity of Quadra Islanders is truly a miracle. Think of the Community Lunch, the Food Bank, Free Firewood, Free Chimney Sweeps and much more. We haven't missed a Free Money Distribution in five years, despite the fact that three of these years we have been in an economic recession.

However, Free Money is still available at 11:30 a.m., just before the Community Lunch, on Wednesday, March 7th in the downstairs seminar room at the Quadra Community Centre.

Individuals are welcome to take one book of their choice containing a \$10 bill. Family members (or people supporting others) can take two books, each containing a \$10 bill. Dog and cat food are also available.

For more information, call Steve Moore at 285-3323

## Hand-Drum Jam

Got a drum in the closet at home. Maybe it's time to bring it back to life.

Come drum in a circle with us! There is a high energy hand-drum Jam in Spirit Books at the Upper Realm every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

We are currently doing African, Latin, Funk and free style drumming. Some instruction is provided but mostly we are just drumming up a storm and getting a natural drummer's high.

Beginners are welcome. Drums can be provided. Drop-in fee is just \$5. First time attendees are free. Call Steve at 285-3323 for more info.



### VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY – DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

The Vancouver Island Regional Library's Quadra Island branch is currently accepting bids for items of furniture currently surplus to requirement. Closed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., March 2, 2012. Please address the envelope to the attention of the Library Manager, Vancouver Island Regional Library, 1240 Shoppers Row, Campbell River, V9W 2C8. Please drop by the Quadra Island branch (Heriot Bay) during open hours to view the items for sale. Those with winning bids will be contacted after March 2 and must pick up the items between Monday, March 12 and Friday, March 16 by appointment.



## Cape Mudge House Fire - Police Seeking Information

At approximately 4:00 AM on January 31, 2012 Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department and Quadra Island RCMP attended to a house fire located on Weway Road at the Cape Mudge First Nation on Quadra Island. The house, which was fortunately unoccupied at the time, sustained major fire damage to the roof, upper floor, main floor, as well as significant smoke and water damage to the remainder of the structure. Investigation has determined that the fire was deliberately set and the origin of the fire was identified as the exterior front porch.

A red, plastic jerry can was located near the scene of the fire. Tied to the jerry can is a unique multi coloured rope.

The Quadra Island RCMP are requesting the public's assistance with this serious crime and are asking that if anyone witnessed this arson, can identify the jerry can, or has any information that they contact the Quadra Island RCMP at (250) 285-3631 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.



## VIMA Double Nominee - Francesca Belcourt

The nominations for the 2012 Vancouver Island Music Awards were announced on Thursday 9th February at a press conference at Long and McQuade in Victoria. We are thrilled to report Singer/Songwriter and recent Carihi graduate Francesca Belcourt received 2 nominations. One for 'Youth Artist of the Year' and the other for 'Music Video of the Year' for her song 'Through Hoops'. (which was filmed and directed by Quadra Island videographer Michael Henry) The award ceremony will take place in Victoria on April 21st.

Francesca was born in London, UK, but emigrated with her parents to Canada at only one year old and was raised on Cortes Island. Here she studied piano with musician and teacher Mr. Bruce Hipkin and made her debut recording at 9 years old on a song on his album 'Out of my mind'. When she was 14 Francesca and her family moved to Campbell River for more educational opportunities. It was here her parents gave her her first acoustic guitar and she started writing her own original songs. Soon after she bought her first ukelele which quickly became her instrument of choice. Far from typical teenage fare she wrote lyrical, imaginative stories with whimsical but catchy tunes which have strangely broad appeal. Her natural creativity was immediately spotted by Carihi teacher and musician Mr. Bill Young who generously set a music tech/recording program especially for her. With his guidance and the recording savvy of Campbell River's Brice Tabish, Francesca produced her debut CD 'Hungry for



photo credit: Michael Henry

Butterflies'. (available on itunes <http://itunes.apple.com/ca/album/hungry-for-butterflies/id401552472>) She was still only 16 years old. Francesca also caught the eye of MTV host Jonnie Penn who picked up her song 'The Weather Boy' for his show 'The Buried Life' (series 2, episode 8) while on location in British Columbia. The same popular song was also used for a theatre ad for the online newspaper 'the Vancouver Observer' who wrote an article (feb, 2011) on Francesca calling her 'the freshest talent on the west coast'. Soon after she was a featured guest on CJSF's 90.1 fm live show 'Melodies in Mind' (Feb 22, 2011)

Since graduating Francesca has been immersing herself full-time into her musical career. She has been experimenting with and recording some innovative electronic songs, one of which 'Through Hoops' received the 'Music Video of the Year' nomination. She has also recently been recruited by Vancouver Hop Hop Band 'the Indigo Kids' with whom she has some exciting upcoming gigs. With over 50 self-penned songs under her belt she hopes to have new EP recordings (both acoustic and electronic) available soon.

You can watch the nominated music video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74Cmj5pXPA>

You can see Francesca live at these upcoming local events:

Tues. 14th Feb. 2012 - featured guest on 'Melodies in Mind' CJSF 90.1 fm 8pm

Fri. 17th Feb. 2012 - Fat Teddy's Bar & Grill - Mount Washington. Opening solo & with 'the Indigo Kids'

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# The Fish Came Back

Chum and coho salmon were back in the streams last fall and Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society (QISES) volunteers were walking the stream banks counting the fish. Sixteen volunteers walked various sections of Drew, Hyacinthe, Open Bay, Village Bay, Granite and McKercher Creeks at least once and sometimes twice a week over a period of two months. Besides counting salmon, observers took note of stream flow, fish obstructions, presence of predators, stream bank integrity, water temperature, water clarity and any other information related to successful salmon spawning. Numbers of live and dead fish were totalled along with an estimate of how many fish were new each time. And finally, one tally sheet was filled out for each stream, with an estimated total number of fish coming into that particular watercourse. This information was sent to Department of Fisheries and Oceans for their records.

The final numbers are as follows: Drew Creek - 0; Hyacinthe Creek - 2323; Open Bay Creek - 1633; Village Bay Creek - 3153; Granite Creek - 657; McKercher Creek - 60. Almost all were chum salmon. Coho numbers were very low except in Village Bay Creek where almost 800 coho entered the lake system. Let me stress that these are not absolute numbers, but a good estimate of returning salmon – a snapshot of what is happening in each stream. For example, in Drew Creek some coho may have entered under cover of darkness and moved swiftly upstream without being seen. High flows are critical for fish getting up some of the smaller streams, and timing may have been wrong for seeing them.

In addition, our counting fence was active at the outlet of Village Bay Lakes. The

fence was manned by observers twice per day to count salmon and allow passage into the lake system. This is a huge commitment of volunteer time, and we were fortunate to contract local resident Lauren Miller for part of the work. The final numbers going through the fence were 796 coho and 144 chum. Although more accurate than weekly stream counts, this is still not an absolute total, since the fence was tampered with a couple times at the beginning of the season. The number of coho entering the lakes system was down from approximately 1300 observed in fall of 2010.

There are several other creeks on Quadra that the Society would like to monitor, but this will require further volunteer stream walkers. We would be very happy to bring new observers up to speed on the process before the next counting season of October 2012. I'd like to thank all of the volunteers who spent many hours in all kinds of weather, faithfully counting fish and filling out forms week after week. As well, a big thank you to the landowners who generously allowed us to carry out the stream walks on their land. Hopefully, our streams will remain in good shape and the salmon will continue to come back year after year.

Janis McLean for Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society

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The cozy, relaxed atmosphere of the HBI's Fireside Lounge is the perfect venue to enjoy an evening of sunny jazz. Jazzalele will be performing at the Heriot Bay Inn Saturday March 10 at 7 pm. \$15 at the door for the evening performance.



Jazzalele is Anna Lyman, Mexican-American Jazzista and recording artist, and Steve Sutton, a Victoria-based bassist and ukulele player. Anna is a festival favourite, and when she's not onstage she enjoys teaching voice and ukulele.

To sample what you'll hear Saturday, March 10, visit [www.jazzalele.com](http://www.jazzalele.com)

It's a weekend to revel in the ukulele, because Sunday you can learn or expand your ukulele knowledge at one of three workshops. "The voice of the ukulele will bring you happiness and delight your friends" according to instructor Anna Lyman. Never played or just beginning to play the uke? The beginner's workshop will teach you simple chords and how to easily move from one chord to another, and there will be some ukuleles available to borrow.

The intermediate workshop will help you get more excitement and pleasure out of your ukulele, including making bigger sounds with smaller efforts, the Hawaiian turnaround, and an introduction to the Hawaiian Triplet strum.

The advanced workshop is aimed at "Extreme ukulele for experienced players" and will include chord melody techniques, fingerpicking tabs, and moveable chords among other techniques. For more details about the workshops, check the events page at [heriotbayinn.com](http://heriotbayinn.com).

Workshops are \$20 each; please reserve in advance by calling the Inn at 250.285.3322.

## There Is A Celebrity Boat In Heriot Bay

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The *Cape Perry* rescued 13 of 17 crew making headlines on the rescue.

The bomb was not reported missing as the USA did not want the Russians to know.

The broken arrow story and the rescue prompted the Canadian fishing company to hire Walt Disney to make cartoon characters telling of the rescue and Sammy the seal became a icon for the company.

62 Years later the *Cape Perry* now *Miss Terri* is being refitted for duties as a packer but may be chartered to protest the proposed tankers in her old territory near the proposed tanker route.



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# At the HBI

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Shari Ulrich, Barney Bentall, Tom Taylor are SOLD OUT. Reserve your seats now for VALDY and a delicious three course meal in Herons. Saturday March 7. \$55.00. Seating at 6:00pm., reserve now! 285-3322

Oscars at the HBI? Oh yeah. Red carpet wear (Quadra style) at the red carpet hour: Sunday February 26. Games, prizes and drink specials. Start at 4:30. So much fun!

Jazzalele Uke Duo - Anna Lyman, Steve Sutton in the Fireside Lounge Saturday March 3. 7:00pm, \$15.00. Ukulele lessons on Sunday. Beginner, intermediate or advanced, \$20.00. Check out our [www.heriotbayinn.com](http://www.heriotbayinn.com) for details. Hear their amazing music at [www.jazzalele.com](http://www.jazzalele.com)

It's non-stop learning at the U of Q, oh except Reading Break that is... Coming sessions include: March 7th, 7pm: Brent Swain; Pioneer designer of frameless origami steel sailboats. (Curious and want to do some homework before class? Brent's book is for sale at Sidelines at the Heriot Bay Inn.) March 14th, 7pm: Billy Dubois; On Firewood. Stocking up and heating your house well with the right wood.





## Winter Market at the Community Centre

Our Market is still going strong! Have you checked us out yet? It is a great place to catch up with friends over coffee, tea or lunch.

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First Pressing entertaining you, from 10 til noon. Thank you for supporting your Island people! See you There!

Tables are \$10.00 each. Set up time is 8am. quadra.michele@gmail.com or Michele@285-3747.

Market days in March are Saturday, March 3rd, 10am-2pm and Saturday, March 17th, 10am-2pm.

## Transition Island/ Quadra Circle Public Meeting "Connecting the generations"

Q. Circle is dedicated to enhancing the lives of seniors on Quadra. The Transition Movement is working towards sustainability on Quadra in a future when we will have to be more and more self sufficient as the rising price of oil makes transport, energy etc increasingly expensive. Recognising that the different generations have so much to give each other, the Social Well Being Group of Transition Island and Q Circle are getting together to look at possible ways to be mutually supportive. Such ideas as a surrogate grandparent or mentoring program connecting children and seniors with no relatives on Quadra, friendly visiting or phoning from young to shut in elderly people, teaching or mentoring of young by old to keep the old skills alive, have all been suggested. We invite anyone interested to come and brainstorm with us.

Feb 20 2012 Family Day (in Alberta!) at 10 am Community Centre. Room 1.

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Join DI editor Philip Stone Saturdays at 1 pm, repeated Tuesdays at 10 am on CKTZ 89.5 Cortes Community Radio for a round up of news on the Discovery Islands and further afield. This week's guest Don Staniford on salmon farming.

If you have a news story idea or would like help recording your own item, interview, music etc... on Quadra Island contact Philip Stone at 250-285-2234 or email [news@discoveryislands.ca](mailto:news@discoveryislands.ca) See you on the radio!

## Quadra Unplugged

Every Friday Night, there is a strictly acoustic jam, mainly involving guitars, singing, hand drums and flutes, etc.

The music ranges from blues to folk to pop tunes and even funk. Some of the evening also has original songs written by Quadra Islanders.

Come sharpen your group musical skills in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. It's the first step before going on stage or performing at a local music festival.

The time is 7:30 p.m. every Friday at Spirit Books upstairs in the Upper Realm at Q. Cove. There is a \$5 drop-in fee. Call Tim at 285-2314 or Pat at 285-2807 for more info.

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# Barenaked Lady? Steven Page Solo Concert on Quadra



Are you ready for a different sort of solitude? Steven Page, the legendary singer-songwriter, guitarist and co-founder of the six-time-Juno-award-winning, Grammy-nominated, Canadian band, The Barenaked Ladies, is giving a solo concert on Quadra Island, Saturday, March 10th at 8:00 pm, at the Quadra Community Centre. Tickets are \$20, available at Hummingbird Office and Art Supply on Quadra and at the Music Plant in Campbell River.

Known for his intelligent, heart-felt lyrics and his up-beat song writing, this son of a drummer and father of three, has been expressing his unique personality and cutting sense of humour with a big voice for the past thirty years. Since re-directing his career in 2009, he has been playing solo acoustic shows, sometimes with cellist Kevin Fox, sometimes with the Art of Time Ensemble and sometimes with a full back-up band. Page

continues to compose new material, available on his most recently recorded solo album, "Page One," released in 2010. This mix of power-pop, disco, big band Jazz and folk he describes as "...a genre-hopping tribute to the music I love, and the music I grew up with." He credits singer-songwriter Stephen Duffy as his song-writing hero and as co-writer, as well as singer-songwriter Craig Northey on some of the songs on this album.

Describing one of Page's latest concert offerings Connie Phillips, writing for [blogcritics.org/music](http://blogcritics.org/music) wrote: "In the near two hours Page performed, he delivered a good chunk of the new album; treated us to a few well-chosen covers; and, yes, spattered in some of those classics. But one thing was evidently clear from note one: this night wasn't going to be a heart-warming stroll down memory lane, it was about fresh starts and a new lease. With the strong voice

and crystal clear tone that drew me to this artist years ago, he sang of facing life's changes head on."

Eclectic and deeply engaged in his personal musical journey, Page was just nominated for a Genie Award for his 2012 song "A Different Sort of Solitude" which he wrote and composed for the new Kevin Tierney film "French Immersion." This year also sees Page composing music (the third time) for the Stratford Theatre, for their 2012 production of "Cymbeline." Other recent events include touring with the Goo Goo Dolls on their Canadian tour and joining The Art of Time Ensemble, for their program "Take This Waltz," an exploration of the waltz throughout the last 150 years.

Steven Page's discography includes 13 full-length recordings from his 20+ years with the Barenaked Ladies and more recently: The Vanity Project 2005, A Singer Must Die (with the Art of Time Ensemble) 2010, Page One 2010, and A Different Sort of Solitude 2012. About "Page One" John Lammers, of the Post Standard, Syracuse, N.Y. wrote: "... the new record is great. A gorgeous-sounding grownup record that grows more engaging as you unravel the lyrics. It's a big leap forward from the BNL days. Truly one of the best discs of this year."

Feel like you're in the mood? Get your tickets early to hear Steven Page, as it will be a sell-out concert for sure! Tickets are \$20 advance at Hummingbird Office and Art Supply in Q. Cove, and at the Music Plant in Campbell River. For more information, visit [stevenpage.com](http://stevenpage.com) or call 250-285-2580.



## Quadra Seniors

Our Branch will be sending members to Black Creek-Br.126- Halbe Hall, on Fri. Feb. 17th, to witness the presentation of their hall ownership from the B.C. School Board.

Also on Wed. March 14th/12 the North Island Regional Meeting will be hosted by Cumberland Br. 51. Meeting time starts at 11:00 a.m, lunch cost is \$5.00, which must be given to Christine Dyson, so we can guarantee to the hosts how many will be attending. At our next meeting Wed. March 7th/12, our guest speaker will be a Pharmacist from Peoples Drugs Store, educating our members on prescriptions. For Wednesdays Activities & membership in our active group contact Christine Dyson @2207, if transportation is needed to any activity contact Ruth Amiabel

## Bakers Needed

The Community Kitchen Lunch is in need of volunteers to do baking, and folks, remember that the Community Kitchen Lunch is (as always) by donation. We need your donations and volunteer support to help keep this community program as fabulous as it is. To get involved, phone Q.C.C. at 285-3243.

## New Role at Museum

Lesia Davis is pleased to announce the appointment of Sandra Parrish as Associate Director of the Museum at Campbell River effective February 1, 2012.



"Sandra has contributed to impressive milestones during her 27 years at the Museum and has always excelled at new challenges," says Ms. Davis.

In 1996, Sandra was appointed as Collections and Exhibits Manager. She has also overseen the management of building security and maintenance, and been responsible for the overall management of the Haig-Brown House as a BC Heritage site. In addition to this, she will now be the lead contact for all our contractors and will oversee a coordinated volunteer program.

"While the search is on for a new Executive Director, Sandra is the ideal person to take on this new role," says Ms. Davis.

"As an organization, we believe in promotion from within. I am confident that Sandra will continue to make successful contributions and will provide operational stability as the Museum goes through its next stages."

## Help Tequila Mockingbird Make Their Record

Clapping hands, stomping feet and soaring voices were heard coming from the HBI when The Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra played for a packed house on Friday, January 20th and as part of Winter Fest at the Gorge Hall on Cortes the following Saturday. Now after close to two weeks of pre production near to Village Bay Lake, the band is fundraising to be able to make a new record this winter. Over the past 4 years, it has been a dream of TMO to invest time into

creating a full-length album. This is their first opportunity to do so.

For more details and to show your support please follow the link to the Indiegogo website and pass it along to your friends and family.

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# A New Declaration

by Derrick Jensen

We hold these truths to be self-evident:

That the real, physical world is the source of our own lives, and the lives of others. A weakened planet is less capable of supporting life, human or otherwise.

Thus the health of the real world is primary, more important than any social or economic system, because all social or economic systems are dependent upon a living planet.

It is self-evident that to value a social system that harms the planet's capacity to support life over life itself is to be out of touch with physical reality.

That any way of life based on the use of nonrenewable resources is by definition not sustainable.

That any way of life based on the hyper-exploitation of renewable resources is by definition not sustainable: if, for example, fewer salmon return every year, eventually there will be none. This means that for a way of life to be sustainable, it must not harm native communities: native prairies, native forests, native fisheries, and so on.

That the real world is interdependent, such that harm done to rivers harms those humans and nonhumans whose lives depend on these rivers, harms forests and prairies and wetlands surrounding these rivers, harms the oceans into which these rivers flow. Harm done to mountains harms the rivers flowing through them. Harm done to oceans harms everyone directly or indirectly connected to them.

That you cannot argue with physics. If you burn carbon-based fuels, this carbon will go into the air, and have effects in the real world.

That creating and releasing poisons into the world will poison humans and nonhumans.

That no one, no matter how rich or powerful, should be allowed to create poisons for which there is no antidote.

That no one, no matter how rich or powerful, should be allowed to create messes that cannot be cleaned up.

That no one, no matter how rich or powerful, should be allowed to destroy places humans or nonhumans need to survive.

That no one, no matter how rich or powerful, should be allowed to drive human cultures or nonhuman species extinct.

That reality trumps all belief systems: what you believe is not nearly so important as what is real.

That on a finite planet you cannot have an economy based on or requiring growth. At least you cannot have one and expect to either have a planet or a future.

That the current way of life is not sustainable, and will collapse. The only real questions are what will be left of the world after that collapse, and how bad things will be for the humans and nonhumans who come after. We hold it as self-evident that we should do all that we can to make sure that as much of the real, physical world remains intact until the collapse of the current system, and that humans and nonhumans should be as prepared as possible for this collapse.

That the health of local economies are more important than the health of a global economy.

That a global economy should not be allowed to harm local economies or land bases.

That corporations are not living beings. They are certainly not human beings.

That corporations do not in any real sense exist. They are legal fictions. Limited liability corporations are institutions created explicitly to separate humans from the effects of their actions—making them, by definition, inhuman and inhumane. To the

degree that we desire to live in a human and humane world—and, really, to the degree that we wish to survive—limited liability corporations need to be eliminated.

That the health of human and nonhuman communities is more important than the profits of corporations.

We hold it as self-evident, as the Declaration of Independence states, "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends [Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness], it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it. . . ." Further, we hold it as self-evident that it would be more precise to say that it is not the Right of the People, nor even their responsibility, but instead something more like breathing—something that if we fail to do we die.

If we as a People fail to rid our communities of destructive institutions, those institutions will destroy our communities. And if we in our communities cannot provide meaningful and nondestructive ways for people to gain food, clothing, and shelter then we must recognize it's not just specific destructive institutions but the entire economic system that is pushing the natural world past breaking points. Capitalism is killing the planet. Industrial civilization is killing the planet.

Once we've recognized the destructiveness of capitalism and industrial civilization—both of which are based on systematically converting a living planet into dead commodities—we've no choice, unless we wish to sign our own and our children's death warrants, but to fight for all we're worth and in every way we can to overturn it.

*This article originally appeared in the Occupied Wall Street Journal our thanks to the publishers for permission to reprint it here.*

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# MLA Calls for Responsible Logging on Cortes Island

CAMPBELL RIVER - Local politicians are joining forces to try to prevent logging of old growth and sensitive ecosystems on Cortes Island.

North Island MLA, Claire Trevena, and Cortes Island Regional Director, Noba Anderson, are calling on the provincial government to help stop the logging of stands of old growth douglas fir.

Much of the community on Cortes Island is concerned about plans by Island Timberlands to log in old growth and areas of "provincial ecological significance."

"Stands such as these are extremely rare, and the clusters of trees found on Cortes is truly important for the province," said Trevena. "We hope that the government realises the value of them remaining and works with us to persuade the company to protect them. We recognize the need for forestry, but it should be done responsibly."

Trevena and Anderson have written to the Minister of Environment and Minister of

Forests and Natural Resource Management asking for their assistance.

"I have met with Island Timberlands and will again this month. We are receiving very mixed messages from them about the details of their imminent logging plans on the island, and we want clarity" said Anderson. "Many residents are dedicated to the protection and responsible use of these lands, and are willing to go to great measure to ensure this outcome."

The stands are important as less than 1% old growth douglas fir remains in the endangered coastal 'Dry Maritime' biogeoclimatic sub-zone on the gulf islands and south-eastern Vancouver Island. The lands also contain red and blue listed species and plant communities.

The proposal to log the lands, which are owned by Island Timberlands, is gaining international attention. Trevena and Anderson are hoping an amicable solution can be found to the problem.

## Elizabeth (Betty) Hunt

It is with regret, we announce the passing of Betty Hunt. On January 17th, at the age of 93, she quietly slipped away in her Nursing Home in Surrey, B.C.

She was the Daughter of J.D. and Hilda Clayton who came from Bella Coola and purchased the old Pidcock home in Quathiaki Cove in the 1930's. She lived in the Cove for almost 60 years. Her husband Sam was a well known fisherman and they had a waterfront home right in the middle of the Cove. She loved her garden, painting, and music, but mostly her friends & family. She will be greatly missed!!

Her surviving family are: Daughter in-law Anita Hunt and her children Joan & David. A niece Wendy and her husband Ray Livingston & daughter Sue. 2 other Grandsons Ian & Tony Bell. Great grandchildren Eli & Stephanie. Great, Great Grandchildren Braydon, Caleb, and Taylor.

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