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## I S L A N D E R



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## It's BC Trail Day on Saturday June 4!

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CELEBRATE** BC Trail Day on Saturday June 4 by enjoying Quadra's amazing trail system. BC Trail Day is part of a larger international celebration. Quadra is particularly fortunate to have an amazing trail system built and maintained over many decades by the Trail Committee. The Trail Committee dates back to the 1980s. Building the Morte Lake trail in 1986, with the assistance of Forestry and government grants, was a milestone in

the development of Quadra's trail system, which grew to include other trails on Crown land using old logging roads. As the system has expanded, so has the volunteer base. Over the last three years, more than 2,000 hours have been devoted each year by 50 to 60 volunteers to maintain and improve the trails. The Quadra trail system has now developed to include a network of mountain bike trails and paths to access rock climbing routes. *Story continues on p2*



## COVER STORY

*continued...* The Quadra Island Outdoor Club began 10 years ago, taking advantage of this great trail infrastructure and the amazing forests, lakes and views we have. Normally there is a trip each week throughout the year. Information about the Club and its offering is available at [qioutdoorclub.org](http://qioutdoorclub.org).

There are many ways for you to participate in supporting and enjoying our trails. Volunteers to help with the maintenance of the trail system are always appreciated by the Trail Committee and the community at large. If you are interested in volunteering to work on trails, you could contact John at 250.285.3897.

Another possibility is to join the Outdoor Club for a hike on Saturday, June 4. We will have a variety of hikes, at different levels of difficulty, available for you to join. You do not need to be a member of the Club to participate. We particularly encourage those who are new to the trail system to join us for an outing. We will be meeting at the southwest corner of the Community Centre parking lot at 10am. Because of Covid we are unable to offer carpooling. If possible, please RSVP to [qioutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:qioutdoorclub@gmail.com) about your plans to participate.

An alternative option is to get a trail map from Aroma Café or Robin at 250.204.0748 and venture out on your own, whenever that is convenient for you. Although the winter clean-up is still a work in progress on some trails, most trails are well maintained and easy to follow on your own or with your friends. And always remember to leave the places you pass through as beautiful as you found them.

– Debbie Quigg,  
Quadra Island Outdoor Club

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## NEWS & EVENTS

### World Premiere on Quadra

**HOW OFTEN DO YOU** get an opportunity to attend a world premiere? While it's not exactly the red carpet and spotlights, Quadra Island Chamber Music enthusiasts will be the first to hear two brand new compositions during Festival week. Our artistic director and accomplished cellist, Philip Hansen, created one of the pieces himself, and will also be the first person to perform an original work by Robert Brooks.

The Brooks' work is a moving piece entitled *Stolen Sisters*, which will be performed on Wednesday July 20 at the Quadra Island United Church at Cape Mudge.

"Robert Brooks is the composer of *Stolen Sisters*, written for solo cello. He is American and resides in Mexico City where he composes and teaches. He is quite astute and sensitive about issues surrounding indigenous peoples," says Phil.

"As for my piece, I have longed to write a lively duet for violin and cello for my great friend and colleague Erin Furbee. We will play it together at the Southend Farm and Winery concert. The work is full of strong Brazilian rhythms which I've studied these last several years living down here. The nature of the piece is one of pure fun, with strong melodic motifs that I've created."

Phil's duet with Erin will be

performed Friday July 22.

Visit our website [quadrafestival.ca](http://quadrafestival.ca) for more information. Tickets will be available only on our website starting June 1. All provincial protocol regarding Covid at that time will be strictly followed.

### Tennis and Pickleball

**THE TENNIS AND** Pickleball Committee welcomes all levels of players to a Saturday morning Drop-In at Blenkin Park Tennis Courts starting Saturday June 4, from 9am to noon. Some equipment will be available. Come to meet new people, learn the games, get your exercise and have some fun! Call Louella or Ken at 250.285.2580 for information.

### Trout Derby

**QUADRA ISLAND'S 57TH** Annual Trout Derby/BC Family Fishing Weekend, June 18 and 19 at Village Bay Lake! Must be registered by Sunday noon and final weigh-in at 3pm. Great family fun with awesome prizes. Adults \$20. Youth 15 and under \$10. No fishing licence required.



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**THE QUADRA FARMERS' MARKET** and Bazaar is happy to be providing a seasonal way for community to support community. Come by for some live music, handmade chocolates, home baking, sewing, early produce and plants and beautiful artwork! In the field behind the bank from 10 to 2. We are open for May Day!

Music: May 28 Cameron and Tommy Younger and band are in the band tent; and June 4 Mary Ellen will be playing for you. See you there!

– Lisa Bernstein

*Above: A handmade chocolate from L.B. Sweet-Goods is an affordable luxury – does one call out to you?*

## Big Day for Birding

**THE BIG DAY** is an annual international event in which people all over the world count the number of species of birds they can identify in their area. Last year 51,816 participants reported 7,234 species from 192 countries... pretty impressive! This year we

had poor spring weather on the official day, but a number of keen birders still got out and counted birds on Quadra. The results are:

### BACKYARD

Connie Cochrane & Jack Seigel – 32  
Margo Wood – 17  
Heather St John – 16

### UNMOTORIZED / YOUTH

James P – 15

A happy note: We have learned that a chickadee family is setting up home in the birdhouse that James won last year – good news!

### OPEN

Terri Martin & Stacey Larsen – 68  
Bill Frank, Barb Frank & Billie DuBois – 67  
Mark Zimmerman & George Deagle – 52  
Eamon Riordan-Short – 38

Thanks to everyone who took part in the event! If you would like to see the species lists, please contact Kathryn at kamanry@gmail.com

## Studio Tour Honours William van Orden

**THE STUDIO TOUR ARTISTS** are very graciously honouring William van Orden this year. I had said we would open the shop/studio for a weekend, and this is the obvious time to do this. So... June 4 and 5, from 10am to 4pm, any and all are welcome to come and browse. We will not be selling any fish items at this time. Thanks again to the studio tour group.

– Barb van Orden

## Quadra Singers AGM

**QUADRA SINGERS AND** prospective singers are invited to the Quadra Singers AGM. Date: Thursday June 16 at 6 pm. Place: Susan Bain's home at 259 Animal Farm Road, Quadra Island.

This is a chance to socialize with other choir members. The meeting will start at 6pm and won't take long. After that we will visit and hear about what is planned for the Fall 2022 session. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and whatever you'd like to drink. We are delighted to welcome Thom Knutson as our new conductor and welcome back Joyce Baker as accompanist! We are a friendly group and the ability to read music is not required, so consider joining us this fall. Please RSVP to joanvarley@openbay1.ca if you plan to attend.

## At the Legion

**THE LEGION** and kitchen are now open Wednesday to Sunday at 3pm, serving up exceptional burgers and more. On Sunday May 29 from 5 to 8pm it's open mic with Dylan and friends! Come support the return of live music. Bring your friends and instruments. On Friday June 3, come one, come all to a house music dance party. Music will be provided by Qdubz, 4Yrs2L8 and the Funky Love Junky, along with live art. Make sure to bring your dancing shoes. Shout out to the hard working staff, Emma, Jenna, Sandra and Sophie, you women are the best and we love you!

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We welcome items for publica-  
tion on subjects of interest to the  
Discovery Islands community.  
Here are a few guidelines:

- **300 words** is an ideal length for community announcements.
- Articles do not need to be sent as attachments. Simply **send the text in the body of your email**.
- **Canadian spelling** is preferred.
- **Please use the title** of your item in the email subject line. We get a lot of items called 'DI Article'.
- Remember to **include credits and captions** for photos & artwork.

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### NEXT DEADLINE

7pm Monday, June 6  
for publication on  
Friday, June 10, 2022

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### QI Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

**THE WEATHER** up to the May  
Long weekend has not been very  
helpful in keeping our planned  
outings on schedule. But when  
the sun comes out, everything is  
beautiful and green. Trips have  
been re-scheduled for better  
weather whenever possible.  
The summer schedule is under  
construction, with limited trip  
details available, but here are the  
upcoming, confirmed outings:

**1 JUNE, WEDNESDAY** Kayak to  
the Bretons and beyond

**4 JUNE, SATURDAY** Multiple  
hikes celebrating BC Trail Day

**8 JUNE, WEDNESDAY** Hike to  
Ripple Rock

**15 JUNE, WEDNESDAY** Hike to  
Mine Lake Bluff

The new schedule is available on  
the webpage by visiting <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-summer-2022/>

In addition to our usual hiking  
and kayaking outings, we are  
looking forward to hosting BC  
Trails Day to celebrate Quadra's  
excellent trail system and  
encourage others to enjoy it as  
well. Anyone is welcome to join  
us for a hike on Saturday, June  
4 at 10am in the Community  
Centre parking lot. Further  
details are available from the BC  
Trail Day article in this issue of  
the Discovery Islander or the  
[qioutdoorclub.org](http://qioutdoorclub.org) webpage.

For more information about  
the Quadra Island Outdoor Club,  
you can email to [qioutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:qioutdoorclub@gmail.com)



### Kay Dubois Scholarship May 31

#### THE QUADRA LEGION

Ladies Auxiliary is accepting  
applications for the Kay Dubois  
Memorial Scholarship from  
students entering their first year  
of post-secondary education.

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be based on academic and  
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date is May 31, 2022.

### Fresh Local Food

**FIND OUT WHERE** you can get  
the best or Quadra's home-grown  
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foods. You can stock your freezer  
from here on the island. Enjoy  
preserves made in Quadra  
kitchens... or buy the makings to  
create your own. The source of  
all this goodness is to be found  
on the Quadra Island Food Guide  
website. Check it out at [www.qifoodguide.ca](http://www.qifoodguide.ca)

### Support the Ukraine Fundraiser

**ON JUNE 5** between 11am and  
3pm there will be a car-boot  
sale, a bake sale, a hot dog sale,  
and silent auction at the Coastal  
Community Credit Union site.  
An information table will be  
set up at the Saturday markets  
leading up to June 5th. Sign up  
there to donate to the bake sale  
and silent auction. Register for  
the car boot sale there as well.

The Coastal Credit Union,  
Quadra will take your donation:  
**SUPPORT THE UKRAINE.**

Contact Nina Skilton at  
250.285.2745 or Jan Gladish  
at 250.204.7158 for more  
information.

### Ride Share Survey

**GAS PRICES ARE UP**, so let's  
start ride sharing! Ride sharing  
reduces air pollution, ferry wait  
times, and increases community  
connection.

What is ride sharing? It is  
essentially carpooling. A driver  
offers a seat in their car to other  
community members seeking a  
ride to a similar destination.

The ICAN Transportation  
Team is considering creating  
infrastructure for ride sharing  
as an alternative mode of  
transportation for getting around  
Quadra Island, as well as for trips  
to Vancouver Island.

The Transportation Team  
developed the Ride Sharing  
Survey to gauge the interest  
of Quadra residents, Cortes  
residents and the Surge Narrows  
Community about participating  
in ride sharing on Quadra Island.

Find the links for your  
community at <https://www.quadraican.ca/2022/05/02/ride-share-interest-survey/>.

Paper copies can be found  
at the 'Friday's for the Future'  
table outside of the Quathiaski  
Cove TruValue during the day  
on Fridays, and dropped off at  
Inspirations until June 9.  
— Aaryn Perreault-Laird for the  
ICAN Transportation Team

### DI Submissions

The Discovery Islander  
welcomes written submissions  
of interest to the Discovery  
Islands community:  
news, events, opinion and  
musings are fair game.

Please keep your item to a  
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## Read Island Land Returned to Local First Nation

**HOMALCO FIRST NATION** has cause to celebrate following a historic land transfer agreement that saw a 47-acre property on Read Island, British Columbia, transferred to the Nation.

The former property owners, including Eileen Sowerby, Helen Turbett and the late Suzanne Cook, officially “gifted” the Read Island property to Homalco earlier this year. The legal transfer includes several important agreements intended to preserve the property’s natural landscape.

“Homalco First Nation is proud to see the return of a portion of our territory on Read Island,” said Homalco First Nation Chief Darren Blaney. “We’re grateful to have worked with Eileen and Helen through this process and are excited to work with our community to explore opportunities for cultural, recreational, and spiritual uses of the land.”

The Read Island property currently houses a 25-year-old cabin, surrounded by naturally regenerated forest. The land transfer demonstrates an important step toward reconciliation and Homalco’s

management of its territory.

“Colonialists have not done a very good job of protecting the land. It has not been passed on with, as Roderick Haig-Brown said, ‘unimpaired potentialities,’” said Sowerby, one of three former landowners of the Read Island property. “So, our small group decided to officially transfer this property back to those who have been caretakers of this land for thousands of years.”

At a community celebration held May 12 at the Homalco Community Hall, Homalco



honoured the former Read Island property owners with a special blanket ceremony, where Chief & Council also gifted Sowerby and Turbett with cedar hats woven by shishalh (Sechelt) Nation member and artist Shy Watters.

—Homalco First Nation

## QI Studio Tour

**AFTER A TWO YEAR BREAK** the artists are preparing to welcome you again to the Kick-Off Weekend on June 4 and 5, 2022.

This year the Studio Tour is paying tribute to the work and legacy of William Van Orden who departed in 2021. William did molding, casting and painting of the sea creatures of the Pacific North West. His work has been recognized by many as being among the finest replicas of our diverse marine life. William’s family have graciously offered to open his studio for the tour weekend. The work will not be for sale.

The Studio Tour is a wonderful way to explore Quadra Island and discover the beauty that lies within many driveways that aren’t always open to the public. Painters, printmakers, sculptors, potters, fabric artists, glass artists and more will have their work on display and many will be offering demonstrations of their techniques. In addition to the many studios, there are artist

displays, a food concession – presented by Kameleon Restaurant – a group show and washroom facilities at the community centre. Your purchase of a ticket enters you in a chance to win one of many art prizes!

Tickets for the weekend tour are \$5 and will be available at Inspirations, Copper Coast Gallery and Gifts, Quadra resorts, Campbell River Art Gallery and Comox Valley Art Gallery as well as the Quadra Community Centre (during the tour weekend).

After the June Kick-Off weekend visitors are still invited to take a self-directed tour of many studios on the island. Free maps and guides are available on the ferry and around the island. Come to Quadra Island and Discover the Arts!

**SEE PAGE 15 FOR MAY DAY 2022 INFO!**

Come on out to Rebecca Spit on Saturday May 28 and “Seas the Day!”

## WHAT’S HAPPENING at the Quadra Community Centre May 27 to June 10, 2022

**THIS WEEKEND: May 27 & 28**

**FRIDAY:** 12pm Smart Recovery (to join contact Jude: smartrecovery@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY:** 10am MAY DAY at Rebecca Spit, Parade starts at 10am!

**THIS WEEK: May 30 – June 3**

**MONDAY:** 10am Yoga with Josephine; 10am Parents & Tots; 1pm Quadra Circle Ping Pong; 1:30pm Caregivers

**TUESDAY:** 7pm Adult Figure drawing lessons and 8pm Life Drawing with Sophie

**WEDNESDAY:** 10am Yoga with Trinity; 1:30pm Quadra Circle Mosaics

**FRIDAY:** 12pm Smart Recovery (to join contact Jude: smartrecovery@gmail.com)

**NEXT WEEKEND: June 4 & 5**

**SATURDAY:** 10am – 5pm Studio Tour

**SUNDAY:** 10am – 5pm Studio Tour

**NEXT WEEK: June 6 – 10**

**MONDAY:** 10am Parents and Tots, 10am Yoga with Josephine, 1pm Quadra Circle Ping Pong

**TUESDAY:** 9:30am Quadra Quilters

**WEDNESDAY:** 10am Baby Clinic; 10am Yoga with Trinity, 1:30pm Q Circle Mosaics

**FRIDAY:** 12pm Smart Recovery (to join contact Jude: smartrecovery@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY May 28 is MAY DAY at Rebecca Spit! The parade starts at 10am. See the full schedule on pages 10 and 11 in Issue 780. More details in THIS issue on page 15!**

QCC is the place for all things community! Anything from community groups and clubs, yoga, ballet, painting, folk dancing, singing, workshops, birthday parties, playing to learning... and SO much more!

Thank you for all of your support! For any more info phone 250.285.3243.

You can also check out the on-line calendar at [www.quadrarec.bc.ca](http://www.quadrarec.bc.ca)



Photo: Don Mothershead

## What Price Golf, Indeed

**I WOULD LIKE TO** commend G. Murdoch for his insightful letter, "What Price Golf?", in the May 13 issue of the Discovery Islander. I agree that the original Quadra Links group should have considered the questionable financial viability of such a project over ten years ago, before even starting it.

But now that Quadra Links has paid their mortgage with the sale of the subdivision properties at Fir Crest, I see no reason why they need more development, particularly if the many, many volunteers – listed by Les Rombough in "QI Golf Course Tribute to Volunteers" in the same issue – continue helping out. The timing and content of this



letter implies that the new Quadra Links proposal for an RV development has the support of this long list of Quadra Islanders. But does it?

Do all those volunteers agree to further over-crowding of our roads and ferries with RVs heading to the Quadra Links facility which, according to Murdoch, has already been cleared and numbered, before receiving approval? And does their insistence on a postponement of the public hearing until November suggest a political motive?

– J. Baker

## Fibre Optics, No Thanks

**THIS NON-ISSUE** is getting out of hand. Does Quadra need fibre optic cable internet and tv services to our homes? Definitely not! It's the exact opposite of what humans need and crave.

Who are all the people 'fighting' for this? Is it just our regional director? Why is he supporting City West, a private corporation, so fervently?

For myself, I am happiest when the power is out, my phone is dead, and my friends and neighbours come find me unannounced. Let's consider how the definition of "connection" has changed over time, and how we have strayed. Turn off your screen(s), I know it's hard to do, and go chat someone up in the real world. Don't be afraid of face to face conversation, it's great for you!

– Joshua Jakabosky



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## Next Steps

**THE QUADRA ISLAND** golf course is a significant recreational asset, created for the enjoyment of both island residents and visitors. The public process to rezone the property took years, with significant input from the public and regional district. The project was improved by that process. The same process was used in the creation of the Fir Crest subdivision. Public input led to a park and a trail system that is an asset enjoyed year around by walkers and bikers. The same process, submitted by the same community-minded group, is currently taking place with the proposed RV site.

The public hearing date for the proposed RV park at the golf course has been set for November 23, 2022. It will be held at the community hall at 7pm. There will be several

steps to be taken before we get to that stage.

First, we are planning to have a public meeting at the proposed site. We expect this to be scheduled for late July or early August. It is important for our community to have the opportunity to see the site for themselves and understand the facts before making a personal decision to support or oppose the project, rather than basing their decision on misinformation and rumor. We are considering significant changes and are prepared to listen to suggestions that will improve the proposal.

Second, we will incorporate the necessary changes and ask the regional district to amend our current application. The result will be a revised bylaw that is complete prior to the public hearing.

Every business on Quadra Island evolves within changing circumstances. Every owner is always looking for ways to improve their business. It is no different for Quadra Links Ltd. The public process is designed to review projects and make decisions on their merits. It was not intended to be a forum to divide our community or question the integrity of the applicant. Whatever the decision may be, we will respect the outcome.

– Board of Directors,  
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**It was great to have a couple of sunny days and now we are back to overcast with a few breaks! Let's hope for a sunny Mayday!**

I am going to repeat something I wrote last issue due to its importance. If you want high speed internet, please read it and follow the simple instructions that will take you about three minutes to do. Here it is:

**NOTE: THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM** in this report!.... Connected Coast Initiative... Act now!

As you all know, we have been fighting to bring connectivity to Area C for more than 20 years. So it finally is a reality and people are being asked (a number of times) to please sign up for the "Drop in", which is just your expression of interest to have the service of fibre cable to your home. It is absolutely free, carries no obligation and lets the company (City West) know that Quadra and area needs the service. They are tallying the numbers and percentages and they need 90% in order to proceed. We are sitting at around 50% so we are not even close at this time. We need your help! If we don't approach that 90% number they will not come to Quadra. That means that if you have not signed up, you may be depriving the rest of the island from receiving fast, reliable service for internet and TV. I repeat: You do not need to do any more than sign up. They will install the cable to your house for free, but will not connect you until you decide you want to connect, if you do. Otherwise it will just sit in the box on the side of your house being an extra incentive to buyers if you ever decide to sell your house.

If you don't sign up none of us will get this internet opportunity! Simple! If you don't sign up when (if) they do come here, then when you change your mind and want to hook up, it will not be free. So do it now. Even if you don't want it, think of your neighbours and your community!!! They need your support in reaching that 90% mark.

Please, please go to: [citywest.ca/dropping-in](http://citywest.ca/dropping-in) and fill out the form or call 1.800.442.8664 if you have any problems or questions. It is about four lines long and takes less than five minutes.

This has become an essential service for most people and City West's speeds are incredible and prices are great!

If you know of anyone who has not signed up, please convince them of the importance of this action. No cost, no obligation!

### A NOTE FROM YOUR ISLAND PARAMEDICS

I received the following note from the Paramedics on Face Book and have taken some (continuing) steps to try and rectify the situation. The issue is that BC Ambulance is hindering the process of having after hour sailings of our ferry. Everyone has been blaming the Ferry Service (and it has been due to lack of staff on the odd occasion) but it is mainly that the BC Ambulance Service will not approve the sailings so that BCFS can dispatch the ferry. Here is the note:

"It has continued to be very difficult for your Quadra Island paramedics to get patients off Quadra Island during the hours that the ferry does not run. Please, if you are feeling unwell during the evening, don't wait until 2am to call 911! By all means continue to call 911 for your medical emergency: we will be there for you, but there may be a possible wait until the first ferry runs in the morning before we can get you to the hospital, regardless of what your emergency may be.

"There have been many years of discussions about this less-than ideal situation, but solutions are few and far between and have not gone past the discussion stage. Until the PEOPLE of QUADRA ISLAND make having access to emergency ferry service after hours a reality, it will remain a wishful pipe dream. Please make more noise until we are heard. Thank you,  
Your local Island paramedics"

I met with Mark Collins, CEO of BC Ferries, here on Quadra last Friday and he is all for having the ferry sail as necessary. He has asked me to attend a meeting with BC Ambulance to see if we can get our ferry back to the service level that we used to enjoy. Of course I agreed. He will be setting the meeting up asap. Hopefully we can make this work as the CCG has now let us know that they will not be sending a vessel over here for medical evacuations since they are a marine based safety service, not tasked for upland evacuations! Helicopters are also mostly out of the picture due to night flights, weather conditions and various other concerns including cost. So our best bet is to put our energy into the reinstatement of the after hour ferry sailings for ambulances. If you do decide to write on this topic, please send your comments to the BC Emergency Health Services, 1.250.953.3298 (Administration office – ask for Leanne Heppel or Neil Lilley), cc the Minister of Health, Adrian Dix, HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca, and [adrian.dix@gov.bc.ca](mailto:adrian.dix@gov.bc.ca), and please cc me also. The more the merrier!

### WATER SYSTEM FOR QUATHIASKI COVE

As many of you are aware, the densification that we envisioned for the Cove area in our Local Area Plan that was inserted into our OCP about 5 years ago, has been held up on a regular basis by Island Health (formerly VIHA). We have done the preliminary studies  
*continued next page...*



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and now they want more. It is unfortunate because at our Board meeting this Wednesday we will be applying for some grant money that has come available but we won't qualify due to not having the next step of our investigation completed. But we will qualify for funding towards the Q. Cove sewage treatment plant replacement and will apply for that.

So, rather than wait, I decided to approach the Chief of the Cape Mudge Band to see if there might be a possibility of a reciprocal partnership with them. We supply sewer service to them (which they are in need of) and they supply water service from their massive new water supply system (which we need). He was going to bring it to his council and see what the possibility might be. This would be the quickest, easiest way to provide services to two areas. I am very hopeful.

#### IN CONCLUSION

As usual, I still have many other topics to talk about but I also have two hefty agendas to read and digest and I am still reading the letters regarding the Schellinck Public hearing from April 20th. It's not that I am a slow reader, but there were over 2,000 pages to read prior to our decision which is slated to come forward on June 15th. I hope that you enjoy the spring weather and have a wonderful Mayday after two years without (due to Covid).

Please email me rather than the other choices. Also feel free to contact me between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends or holidays, folks!) at 285-3333, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at [jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca) or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0...

Respectfully submitted,

– Jim Abram, Director, Discovery Islands-Mainland inlets, Area C, Strathcona Regional District

## Twist and Shout for a Great Cause!

**BREAK OUT YOUR GO-GO** boots and poodle skirts, Quadra Circle is throwing a Sensational Retro Dance Party on Saturday June 18 at the Quadra Community Centre! You can rock out to the best hits from the 1950s, 60s, and 70s with a live performance by Vancouver Island's Kenny and the Cruisers, and help Quadra Island seniors at the same time.

"It's been a tough few years," says event organizer and Better at Home Coordinator Kristene Perron, "and Quadra Circle has been on the front lines, making sure island seniors are safe and cared for. Now we need help to keep providing essential services and programs."

Quadra Circle's Better at Home program has taken on more than 75 clients since its launch at the height of the pandemic and provided more than 900 services. Senior's Activities at the Quadra Legion adapted quickly to offer classes and social events via Zoom. And a small army of volunteer drivers has delivered meals and prescriptions, driven seniors to medical appointments, and provided a lifeline to the most vulnerable and isolated.

"It's time to celebrate!" Perron says. Along with fabulous live music, the fundraising dance party will have a cash bar, 50/50 raffle draws, and door prizes. Tickets are \$20 and are available at Inspirations, Quadra Circle, or by eTransfer at [retrodancetickets@gmail.com](mailto:retrodancetickets@gmail.com). Doors open at 6:30pm, Saturday June 18th and music plays from 7 to 10pm. All ages are welcome. Dress up from your favourite dance decade and you might win a prize!

All proceeds from the dance go to Quadra Circle and the many valuable services and programs they offer Quadra Island seniors. For more details and a full list of the generous community partners for this event, or to donate, visit [www.quadracircle.ca/event](http://www.quadracircle.ca/event)

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Debris will be disposed of for free as part of the FireSmart Community Chipper program offered through the 2022 Community Resiliency Investment grant. The wood chips will be disposed on the island in collaboration with Quadra ICAN and the Quadra Island Garden Club. No sign-up is required but if you feel your driveway may be hard to locate, then please let us know and we'll put you on a special list. Please note:

- No rocks, no nails, no roots and no treated lumber.
- Ideally all the 'butt ends' of branches should be pointed the same way so they can be fed efficiently into the chipper.
- Tree trimmings must be under 16cms in diameter and 10m length maximum.
- No invasive species such as Scotch Broom, English Holly, Giant Hogweed and Knotweed.
- The contractor reserves the right not to pickup any piles that they feel do not meet these rules.
- Do not block traffic by piling debris on the road.
- Any debris brought to the end of driveways after 9am on June 19 may not be picked up.
- Wood chips cannot be returned to residents as they are considered fuel under the FireSmart principles.
- As long as these rules are respected, there is no limit as to the amount of wood debris that will be chipped.

Questions or comments, please contact: Shaun Koopman, SRD Protective Services Coordinator, 250.830.6702

## Cone Zone Season Has Arrived

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1. Slow down before reaching a Cone Zone and obey the posted speed limit.
2. When entering a roadside work zone pay attention and avoid distractions. Leave your phone alone.
3. Pay attention to temporary road signs, traffic cones and directions given by a traffic control person. It's the law.
4. Plan ahead. Listen to traffic reports before and during your drive – and where possible – adjust your route to avoid work zones.
5. When driving near work vehicles with flashing amber, red and blue lights, always Slow Down and Move Over. If the posted speed limit is greater than 80 kmh, slow to 70kmh. If the posted speed is less than 80kmh, slow to 40 kmh. In both situations, move over if it's safe to do so.

The price to be paid for unsafe driving in a Cone Zone can be high. Tickets to drivers can range from \$196 for disobeying a flag person to \$368 for using an electronic device

while driving. The economic and social costs resulting from loss of life or serious injury are even greater.

For more information about how to drive safely in roadside work zones, visit [ConeZoneBC.com](http://ConeZoneBC.com)

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Leave Quathiaski Cove	Leave Campbell River
6:15 am	6:40 am
<sup>†</sup> 7:05 am	<sup>†</sup> 7:30 am
8:00 am	8:30 am
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10:00 am	<sup>**</sup> 10:30 am
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12:00 pm	12:30 pm
1:00 pm	1:30 pm
2:00 pm	2:30 pm
3:05 pm	3:30 pm
<sup>**</sup> 4:00 pm	4:30 pm
5:00 pm	<sup>††</sup> 5:25 pm
5:50 pm	<sup>††</sup> 6:15 pm
7:00 pm	7:30 pm
8:00 pm	8:30 pm
9:00 pm	9:30 pm
10:00 pm	10:30 pm
<sup>††</sup> 11:00 pm	<sup>**</sup> 11:30 pm

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## Medical Assistance in Dying

**CANADA'S MEDICAL ASSISTANCE** in dying (MAiD) first came into effect in June 2016. It continues to evolve, with the latest changes coming into effect in March 2021, and more expected in March 2023. The law "seeks to respect personal autonomy for those seeking access to MAiD, while at the same time protecting vulnerable people and the equality rights of all Canadians".



In BC, physicians and nurse practitioners can be trained to provide MAiD, if they choose to do so. To be eligible to receive MAiD, a person must qualify for government funded health services in their area (visitors to Canada not eligible), be at least 18 and mentally competent, have a grievous and irremediable medical condition, request the service of their own free will, and give informed consent.

To be considered as having a grievous and irremediable medical condition, a person must have a serious illness, disease or disability (excluding a mental illness), be in an advanced state of decline that cannot be reversed, and must experience unbearable physical or mental suffering from their illness, disease, disability or state of decline that cannot be relieved under conditions that he or she considers acceptable.

The person seeking MAiD does not need to have a fatal or terminal condition to be eligible. He or she must have received all of the

information needed to make the decision, including a medical diagnosis, available forms of treatment, and available options to relieve suffering, including palliative care. For those whose natural death is not reasonably foreseeable, more safeguards are put in place, including an assessment period that must take a minimum of 90 days, though this could be shortened, if necessary.

If a mental illness is the only medical condition leading a person to consider MAiD, they are not eligible at this time. This exclusion will remain in effect until March 2023.

MAiD is "a complex and deeply personal issue." There was heated debate before legalization which continues today over the expansion of MAiD to include youth, those with mental illnesses and disabilities, and whether it can be part of an advance care plan.

Some believe all Canadians should have the right to have autonomy and control over their own death, for which MAiD is essential. Many who consent to MAiD choose to die naturally; just knowing their suffering can be relieved, if it becomes unbearable, provides peace of mind. Others, with no access to MAiD, may end their life prematurely while it is still possible for them to do so. For some, the ability to die without prolonged decline and suffering and with loved ones present, provides for a meaningful and rich experience, a heartwarming memory for those left behind.

Others argue we do not provide adequate palliative care to those facing death, in which case MAiD becomes the only option to relieve suffering. There is concern that it is premature to begin providing MAiD for those with mental illness when there is simply so much work for Canada to do when it comes to improving mental health care. In a health care system burdened by resource constraints and burn-out, especially during the pandemic, there is concern that MAiD becomes motivated by economy and convenience, rather than care.

In Canada 2.5% of all deaths are by MAiD, and in Belgium and the Netherlands, which have been providing assisted dying for decades, 4%. Here on Vancouver Island the percentage is 7.5%. Clearly this is a relevant topic for each of us, and one we could learn more about.

Way to Go is a once a month gathering of folks in which we talk about death, dying, and grief, educate ourselves about current and alternative approaches, and strive to make death truly a part of life in our community. Any questions or comments can be sent to QuadraWayToGo@gmail.com.

– Margaret Verschuur

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## Being Us

**OUR ENVIRONMENTAL problems are the result of a fundamental disconnection between our understanding of reality and what it seems to be.**

In other words, we are discovering that the world doesn't work the way we have thought it works, and that we now have to make major adjustments in how we individually and collectively behave.

Of course, we have always been doing this, both as individuals and as cultures. Our personal experiences, registered through consciousness, adjust our basic sense of reality, and cultures are always undergoing similar changes. Fundamentally new understandings totally remake us. As the media guru, Marshall McLuhan, said in one of his intriguingly aphoristic reversals, "If I hadn't believed it, I wouldn't have seen it." Consider history.

During the Middle Ages, the Sun was thought to move around a flat Earth that was the centre of Creation, and authorized Christian beliefs were the measure of all truth. The only continents that could exist were Greater Europe, Africa and Asia because they corresponded to the Holy Trinity. Humanity was in a heaven-or-hell struggle against the forces of Satanic evil. Individuality was only relevant for the saving of souls. The shift to "man the measure of all things" in the Renaissance challenged this paradigm. Then the evolving empiricism of the 17th century wrecked the old religious sense of reality by inventing a new one. Science and the Industrial Revolution then refined this reality almost as dramatically as did the Agricultural Revolution of some 12,000 years earlier – agriculture changed our relationship with nature from being passive recipients of its generosity to being active regulators and controllers of it. In the past century, as technological innovations have accelerated, our sense of reality has again been dramatically altered. Change always creates confusion. So, what is reality?

Reality seems to be created by consciousness. When the 17th century rational philosopher Descartes tried to clarify the mystery of consciousness, he got as far as "Cogito ergo sum" – "I think, therefore I am." He could doubt everything, but he could not doubt that he was doubting. However, this explained neither consciousness nor the reality that is the consequence of being conscious – two problems that have frustrated

modern science's pride in answering such difficult questions.

The assumption science makes is that we live in a material, objective world that can be understood by rational, empirical inquiry. But the consciousness that we use to understand this reality is neither material nor objective. Consciousness can't be studied by any scientific method because we can't get outside it to conduct the necessary examination. No matter what we do, it always remains subjective. Where does it come from and where does it go? Theologians and philosophers have made many heroic attempts to answer these fundamental questions, which science cannot. Illuminating insights are now being proposed by neuroscientists, and one of the most recent and interesting ones comes from Anil Seth in his book, *Being You: A New Science of Consciousness*.

Seth, a British professor of Cognitive and Computational Neuroscience at the University of Sussex, defines consciousness as "any kind of subjective experience, whatsoever", and describes it as a "controlled hallucination." In other words, it's not fixed, final or objective. It varies by person, by culture and over time. He describes the brain as a "prediction machine" that is continually using sensory input to minimize errors about what will happen next. This process constructs a cohesive reality with the semblance of order and structure that we each need for our physical, psychological and social survival. "Reality" is the "controlled hallucination" that works for us.

The sensory input that creates "our perceptual experiences of the world are internal constructions shaped by the idiosyncrasies of our personal biology and history." The result, Seth explains, is that, "We perceive the world not as it is, but as it is useful to us." Our individual needs and uses vary, so our individual realities vary.

As social beings, we also adjust our perception of the world to conform to a "reality" that we can share with others. This process of reciprocal influence is largely how we define ourselves and how we agree on a common reality. Disagreements do occur as a normal part of the evolutionary process. In times of change, however, these disagreements are amplified in both number and degree. And the faster the change, the greater and more disruptive are the disconnections. Thus, reality gets confusing.

The burgeoning evidence of a global environmental crisis is now forcing a change in our previous sense of reality. Our individual

and collective "controlled hallucination" is being dramatically altered again. Earth is not just an objectively defined scientific idea, but our only real home in the vastness of a hostile universe. Biological processes and ecological principles are replacing the importance of industrial production and capitalist economics. The awesome complexity and intelligence of the natural world, which once seemed composed of merely remote species, is becoming alive and vital to our sense of survival. The atmosphere is not just the impersonal air that we have thoughtlessly breathed, but a dynamic regulator of our weather, climate, security and lifestyles. The oceans are not just water with "marine product", but living places that are vital to our health and wellbeing. Forests are not just a casual distribution of trees, but ordered and organic communities of intricate and sophisticated co-operation that have been evolving their communication systems for 500 million years.

The aspect of reality that we call nature, instead of being an abstract and detached object, is becoming very alive and extremely personal in our "controlled hallucination." Even though some of us may be unaware of this reality-altering change in consciousness, it is already occurring. Ready or not, it will profoundly reshape everything we think and do – even for us on our little island in the wholeness of things.

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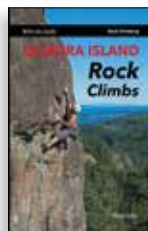
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## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### Calling All Musicians

**ON SATURDAY JUNE 18** at the Quadra Island Legion there will be a music jam and fundraiser for Frank Doherty to help him with his medical bills. Frank needs a complete jaw, tongue and teeth replacement due to cancer. Frank Doherty has won a very long difficult battle of tongue cancer. He made it through numerous surgeries, chemo, radiation, hospitalizations, tube feeding to now only eating blender/liquid food.

Frank is one of those very rare people that are just good to the core. He has helped many people in any community he has lived in, worked for many, undercharged for much of his stone mason skills, encouraged and taught people how to do stone work on their own. The

medical system has a minimum two year wait for Frank to get dental surgery to replace jaw bone and receive teeth so the poor guy can eat some food, like the rest of us!



There will be a silent auction, raffles, 50/50 draw, and more. We would love for you to join with us to help Frank – and it's also a great chance to jam with your fellow musicians.

If you require more information and to let me know if you are coming,

please call Judi at 250.204.4876. Hope we will see you there for a fun day!

### Making Ends Meet

**LAST WEEK IN OTTAWA**, the Liberals and Conservatives teamed up to vote down an NDP proposal to stop giving billions of taxpayer dollars to profitable oil and gas companies and instead reinvest that money in Canadians struggling to make ends meet.

In the last year, big oil and gas companies have made record profits – Imperial Oil made its largest profit in thirty years and Cenovus' profits increased sevenfold. Yet, families across the country are getting gouged at the pumps and are struggling to pay the bills – gas prices have surged past 2 dollars per litre.

"British Columbians are already worried about being able to pay the bills – and costs are still rising," said NDP MP Rachel Blaney (North Island – Powell River). "Canadians need more money in their pockets now. What the NDP proposed would have redistributed public money away from profitable oil and gas companies into renewable energy and put between \$500 and \$1000 into people's pockets."

The NDP's motion called on the government to cancel all fossil fuel subsidies by the end of this year – including the new Carbon Capture Tax Credit – and reinvest this money to help people with growing costs and renewable energy. New Democrats also urged the Liberal government to double the GST tax credit and increase the Canada Child Benefit, putting money into 12 million families' pockets.

"Canadians should not have to sacrifice seeing loved ones because of unaffordable gas prices or cut back on groceries just to pay the bills," said NDP MP Gord Johns (Courtenay – Alberni). "The Liberals, with the support of the Conservatives, keep helping big oil and gas companies, not British Columbians. New Democrats know Canadians deserve better, and we will keep fighting for Canadians to have the support they need to make ends meet."

– Rachel Blaney, MP,  
North Island Powell River



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## The Time Has Come

**SEVEN YEARS, TWO KIDS**, and one pandemic later, the time has come for Rafiki to set sail again. Time to leave our home/jobs/school/friends/life as we know it behind and start anew. Aboard a small vessel that will be our home for the next four months, we are setting out to explore the coast that we call home and see what we can see.

Loaded to the gills with provisions, and among them tucked only the most necessary of possessions, we cast off from the Heriot Bay government wharf on May 10 in Rafiki, our BC-built Fortune 30 cutter-rig sailboat.

Some may recall a similar story from several years ago, when we sailed our then-new (to us) boat down to Victoria, up to Calvert Island and back again to Quadra. Our route this summer will be similar, but our experience will be (and so far has been) vastly different. back then we had only ourselves and our two-way dynamic to navigate; now we have added two more humans to the mix, both with their own unabashed opinions on just about everything – yet both double-whammied with an inherent sense of adventure.

Our departure day was pleasant enough, with winds sufficiently strong to have our sails raised and our motor stilled before crossing the tip of the spit. Our original destination was Shark Spit, but on arriving there we could see we'd be sitting ducks in a mounting wind. We opted instead to slip into Gorge Harbour and wait out the worst of the wind there. A couple days were passed exploring the shore and basking in a hot tub overlooking our boat at anchor before the wind finally let up enough (seemingly) to make our move south.

We crept out of the Gorge on a foggy Thursday morning, our sights set on Cape Lazo and Comox just behind it. Well, that southeaster had its sights set on us and soon gave us more trouble than we bargained for.

Rafiki is an ungainly boat when it comes to upwind sailing, and fully loaded she fared no better. A solid twelve hours of battering wind and inconsistent waves left three-quarters of our crew riddled with the queasies, aching to round the cape it seemed like we would never reach.

But reach it we did, and we scraped past the buoys into Comox Harbour for two nights of comfort at the public wharf. It was neat to bring the kids by boat to a place they recognized, to experience an alternative



mode of travel, and also to get them into the spirit of things (ice cream has been promised at every opportunity) before whisking them off to the wild north coast.

Comox soon disappeared behind us as we cruised down baynes sound to Deep Bay. Gurgling sea lions and spring sky light shows over calm waters faded into a blissfully still night – our first so far. We slipped off the next morning to cruise across to Lasqueti Island. Alongside a pair of humpback whales, we slipped into False Bay, sighting orcas on the horizon. No sooner had we dropped anchor and settled than the orcas crossed

the mouth of the bay, spending the next few hours making manoeuvres by the dark dozen.

We holed up in False Bay to wait out a storm, then had a long downwind jaunt to Gibsons – 40 miles in a day! The kids stayed there with their grandparents, and Aaron and I crossed down to Vancouver alone. Finally graced with good weather, we spent the long weekend anchored in False Creek, enjoying the city by way of the water and indulging in all the tasty foods that we just can't get at home!

The pinnacle of the weekend was my cousins' weddings – a blend of western and East Indian culture that included two ceremonies in a day! Everyone was awash in happiness and love, and fun and to-die-for food (so much food!) was had by all.

Next up: we cross to the Gulf Islands to explore some new shores, new communities, and to say hello to my grandma. Here's hoping for more sun!

– Elysia Toporowski

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**THE ADS LOOKING FOR** seasonal workers are finally here and filled an entire column in the last issue of the Discovery Islander. Help Wanted: cooks, housekeepers, wait staff, carpenter's helpers, grocery clerks and kayak guides. But gearing up for the tourist season can be a challenge. Even though the corona virus has been declared under control for now, we don't really know when the next wave will hit. You may find seasonal workers to fill positions, but just where are they going to live? Regardless, this island has to prepare for the inevitable onslaught of visitors who have spent the last three years getting bored and

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depressed and are now genuinely stir crazy and ready to hopelessly jam up our already oversubscribed ferry.

So before the pogy runs out or the taxman discovers you're not really eligible for those CERB payments, it's time to ... find a job. If general slavery doesn't appeal to you, I have robbed ideas from my husband's book (Almost Paradise) so you can ponder potential employment opportunities that I feel would better suit islanders' entrepreneurial spirit. These exceptional money making gems were originally drafted for Salt Springers and are now adapted for Quadra Island dwellers.

1. Buddhist Payer Flag Service ... flag sales, installation, maintenance, repair and laundry. This can be a home based business or a mobile set up on the side of the road.

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3. Unofficial Boat Greeter at Heriot Bay ... pretend you're the wharfinger and help weekend sailors tie up their boats, collect the fee and then slink off to the pub.

4. Snoring Museum ... feature recordings of the rich and famous and royalty. Provide quadrasonic sound with Dolby. Create special live interactive exhibits. Admission by donation. Your biggest money maker will be supplying the take home earplugs.

5. Garage Sale Security Service ... cobble together a mock army surplus tank to ensure orderly parking and prevent patrons from driving onto lawns and through the flower beds. Solve the early bird problem by providing a mixed breed team of dogs to deal with these interlopers ... permanently. Those annoying patrons who think that the price on the sale items is just an opening bid for some kind of protracted bargaining will be swiftly

escorted off the property. Charge an hourly rate or a percentage of the take.

6. Write a trashy novel ... an expose of island life behind the wool curtain (wool? that's Salt Spring). Spice it liberally with steamy, salacious anecdotes about your friends and family. If it's a hit, use some of the profits to fight the libel suits. If it fails, have your mail forwarded to the Yukon.

7. Tool Recycling ... if your snow shovel handle or rake handle or hoe or spade or axe handle snaps off ... don't buy a new one! Simply cut out the broken section and attach what's left back into the hole. Then sell them to altitude challenged individuals as pre shrunk, pre owned, pre tested, custom fitted broken implements.

8. Quadra Island Extreme Makeovers Co. Ltd. ... this initial investment may give you the best return. All that's required are scissors, a clean comb, a towel, lawn chair and access to the Salvation Army Thrift store in Campbell River for those new duds. There's no shortage of potential customers. You can start by practising on Biker Dan - a real diamond in the rough - who is more than willing to be the first as long as you provide the booze. Bonus income: moonlight as a barber.

And for those who are looking for a name for your new venture or want to freshen up your existing business, here are some suggestions. The Lumbar Mill, chiropractic clinic; The Pie-Eyed Piper, neighbourhood pub; Mahatma Grannies, millinery shop; Sure 'n' Begonia, Irish flower shop; The Knit-Wits, a craft supply store; and Dear Abbé, an advice column for lovesick clerics.

If none of these suggestions appeal to you, well, good luck with the job hunt!

- Claire Hefermen

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## Time to "Seas the Day" on Saturday May 28th!

**THE MAY DAY THEME THIS YEAR IS: "SEAS THE DAY!"** Join your friends and neighbours in a big community picnic at Rebecca Spit on Saturday May 28. Celebrate the coming of spring and summer with colour, costumes, floats, and music - the more zany and bizarre the better! Let your imaginations soar and unveil your creativity! The best way to get to the end of the Spit is on a float! Don't forget to pack your own special picnic lunch (no concession this year). You could even win a prize for best looking picnic!

### REMINDERS:

- Please leave all chairs around the centre circle free and clear for seniors and people with mobility issues.
- Children and younger folks, please sit down in front of the chairs or stand behind.

### • PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME

- Please **PICK UP** any litter, pack out garbage and all float decorations, and **NO SCOTCH BROOM** on floats please!

Let's keep May Day happy and safe for everyone by being aware others and of any potential dangers, and by acting accordingly. Parents, we need your help with this!

### WE HAVE NEW MAY DAY SPEECH WINNERS!

Saskia Schevers (*right*) won first place and will give her speech on the stage at Rebecca Spit on May Day! Mo Lenahan (*left*) won second place.

These two came out and supported each other wonderfully and cheered each other on while giving their speeches; KUDOS to them!

**MAY DAY HAS ALWAYS BEEN** about family and community and Quadra's kids. It's amazing to see that children who have grown up here often return to May Day as adults with their own families. They have learned, via the unique and special experiences growing up here, what the true importance of an accepting and connected community really is. This generation of Quadra's kids has something new to teach us all about acceptance - and thus we have a slight shift this year from the title "May Queen" to "May Day Monarch." This shift is best described in this portion the wonderful speech of this year's second place speech winner: Mo Lenahan.

So, without further ado, here's a highlight from the speech for

you all to enjoy: "Today we're changing history and leaving the 'Queen' behind to introduce the 'Monarch'. I like Monarch because it reminds me of the butterfly and reflects on change: how it transforms from a caterpillar to a cocoon to a beautiful and free butterfly. I can relate because I've transformed into the confident person I am now.

"What May Day means to me is a day where I can express myself freely and I hope you can be yourself today as well. So, let's all enjoy one other's company and "seas the day!"



**8:30am**  
Gates open for parade entries

**9 to 10am**  
Shuttle starts at the HBI (Thanks to Spirit of the West!)

**10am**  
Parade starts at Rebecca Spit

**11am**  
Official ceremonies

**12 Noon-ish**  
Box Lunch auction

**12:30-ish**  
Afternoon entertainment begins

**12:30-ish**  
Foot races begin

**1 to 3pm**  
Driftwood Sculptures  
(No forts please!)

**1:30pm**  
Sailing races begin  
(Weather dependent)

**2 to 3pm**  
Shuttle back to the HBI  
(Please bring your own infant and child car seats, and masks for the shuttle)

**MAY DAY** is a volunteer-powered, non-commercial community event first held

on Quadra in 1898. MAY DAY is organized by the Quadra Island Community Centre/Recreation Society. The Quadra Island Recreation Society Board of Directors thanks the many dozens of people who contribute to the event in big and little ways and wishes everyone a happy, joy filled, sunny day!

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## Heriot Bay Tides

DATE	TIME PDT	M.	FT.
<b>27</b>	03:52	4.6	15.1
Friday	11:03	1.3	4.3
	17:55	4.2	13.8
	22:57	3.1	10.2
<b>28</b>	04:19	4.5	14.8
Saturday	11:36	1.1	3.6
	18:47	4.5	14.8
	23:54	3.4	11.2
<b>29</b>	04:44	4.4	14.4
Sunday	12:07	0.9	3.0
	19:33	4.7	15.4
<b>30</b>	00:47	3.6	11.8
Monday	05:09	4.3	14.1
	12:38	0.8	2.6
	20:15	4.8	15.7
<b>31</b>	01:38	3.7	12.1
Tuesday	05:34	4.2	13.8
	13:10	0.8	2.6
	20:56	4.9	16.1
<b>June 1</b>	02:27	3.8	12.5
Wed.	06:01	4.1	13.5
	13:44	0.8	2.6
	21:35	4.9	16.1
<b>2</b>	03:18	3.8	12.5
Thursday	06:30	4.0	13.1
	14:20	0.9	3.0
	22:15	4.8	15.7
<b>3</b>	04:13	3.8	12.5
Friday	07:05	3.9	12.8
	14:58	1.0	3.3
	22:55	4.7	15.4
<b>4</b>	05:15	3.7	12.1
Saturday	07:47	3.8	12.5
	15:38	1.2	3.9
	23:37	4.7	15.4
<b>5</b>	06:17	3.5	11.5
Sunday	08:40	3.6	11.8
	16:21	1.4	4.6
<b>6</b>	00:19	4.6	15.1
Monday	07:13	3.2	10.5
	09:58	3.4	11.2
	17:09	1.6	5.2
<b>7</b>	00:59	4.6	15.1
Tuesday	08:01	2.9	9.5
	11:55	3.2	10.5
	18:02	2.0	6.6
<b>8</b>	01:35	4.6	15.1
Wed.	08:42	2.5	8.2
	13:41	3.3	10.8
	19:02	2.3	7.5
<b>9</b>	02:08	4.6	15.1
Thursday	09:19	2.1	6.9
	15:09	3.5	11.5
	20:09	2.7	8.9
<b>10</b>	02:37	4.6	15.1
Friday	09:54	1.6	5.2
	16:27	3.8	12.5
	21:15	3.1	10.2

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