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One-of-a-kind evening at SouthEnd Farm Winery planned for Chamber Music Festival see page 8 for full details

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NEWS & EVENTS

Save The Date!

127th Annual May Day Celebration

Saturday, May 24th | Rebecca Spit

Join us for Quadra Island's beloved spring tradition! May Day is a creative, theme-based, volunteer-driven, and uniquely Quadra-style community picnic. Think: costumes, a colourful parade, fun for all ages, and a joyful celebration of spring at Rebecca Spit! Parade starts at 10 am (full event details to come in the next edition of the Discovery Islander).

We Need You!

It takes many hands to bring May Day to life. Grab your friends and sign up for a volunteer shift—connect with your community and have fun giving back! There are LOTS of ways to help, including car parking, parade marshalling, BBQ concession, equipment set-up and take-down, face painting, and more. Let's celebrate the power of community!

Want to help?

Contact the Quadra Island Community Centre:

Phone: 250-285-3243

Email: info@quadrarec.bc.ca

South Quadra Island
Fire Department

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 7pm

#1 Fire Hall

All welcome!



APRIL IN THE HBI PUB

Friday April 4	JOHN MICHAEL LIND & JAY GAVIN
Wednesday April 16	ROCK'N BINGO - 90'S NIGHT
Friday April 18	SOUTH ISLAND POD JAM SESSION
Saturday April 19	OPEN MIC WITH DAN JOHNSON
Thursday April 24	QUEER KARAOKE
Friday April 25	GO DOG GO
Sunday April 27	SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN THE PUB WITH HAL DOUGLAS

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ISLAND CALENDAR

DAY TO DAY

Friday, April 18

- South Island Pod Jam Session, HBI Pub N/C

Saturday, April 19

- Legion Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale, Quadra Legion, 10 am
- Jazz on the Rocks, Quadra Legion, 7-9pm \$10

Monday, April 21

- Quadra legion General Meeting, Quadra legion, 7-8pm

Tuesday, April 22

- Discovery Islands Affordable Housing Society AGM, QCC, 5:30-6:30pm
- Quadra Island Cemetery Society AGM, Quadra Legion 7pm, details page 10

Saturday, April 26

- Annual Quadra Garden Club Fundraiser QCC, 10-12pm

Sunday, April 27

- Quadra Island Sailblazers AGM, QCC, 4pm
- Quadra Island Co-op Curious Potluck & Discussion, QCC, 5-8pm

Monday, April 28

- General Voting Day - Federal Election, Polling Station: Quadra Island Community Centre

Wednesday, April 30

- South Quadra Island Fire Dept. Annual General Meeting, #1 Fire Hall, 7pm

Thursday, May 1

- Quadra Island Recreation Society AGM, QCC, 5-7pm

REGULARS

Sundays

- Meditation Group: Quadra Children's Centre, 10am

Mondays

- Pickleball, at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 10am-noon
- Badminton at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 7:30pm

Monday & Friday nights

- Open AA meeting, at Cape Mudge United Church, 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesdays

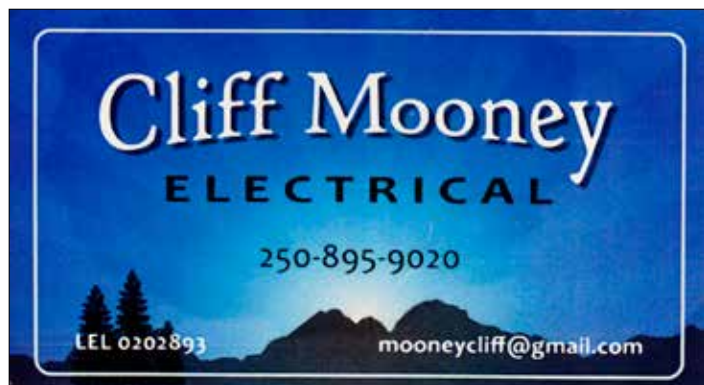
- Pickleball, at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 6-8pm
- Poker Night: Quadra Legion 7:30pm

Thursdays

- Pickleball, at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 6-7:30pm
- Badminton at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 7:30pm
- Shakespeare Discussion Group QCC Room 2

Saturdays

- Meat Draw: Quadra Legion 5 to 6:30pm



WHAT'S ON AT QCC



**Jump into the action at the Quadra Community Centre!
Come down, get involved and be part of YOUR
community!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING at QCC

April 18 to May 2, 2025

THIS WEEKEND: April 18-20

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 10 Spinners & Knitters; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com

SATURDAY: 10 Tai Chi with Nicki; 12-4 Meet the Candidate-Aaron Gunn

THIS WEEK: April 21-24

MONDAY: 8:30 am Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Yoga with Josephine; 1 Sing for Pure JOY; 1 Jewellery Making

TUESDAY: 8:30 Quadra Quilters Sewing Bee; 10:30 Balance and Core Strength; 5 Circuit Training with Nicki; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 11 Art IN Nature for Homeschoolers; 12 noon Community Kitchen Lunch; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong

THURSDAY: 9:45 Tai Chi with Nicki, 10 Parents and Tots Dance with Kate; 3 Art IN Nature with Elke; 5 Core Strength with Nicki; 7 All Candidates Meeting

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 10 Spinners and Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com

NEXT WEEKEND: April 25-27

SATURDAY: 9:30 Tai Chi with Nicki, 10 Garden Club Plant Sale; 2:30 Compassionate Community Talk with Jude

SUNDAY: 1 Outdoor Club Planning Meeting; 5 Co-Op Curious Learners

NEXT WEEK: April 28-May 1

MONDAY: 8:00am -10:00 pm Vote here!; 10 Yoga with Josephine; 1 Sing for Pure JOY; 1 Jewellery Making with Q.Circle; 2:30 Caregivers Support

TUESDAY: 10:30 Balance & Core Strength with Q.Circle; 5 Hatha Flow Yoga with Trinity, 5 Circuit Training with Nicki; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 11 Art in Nature for Homeschoolers; 12 noon Community Kitchen Lunch; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong

THURSDAY: 10 Parents and Tots Dance with Kate; 10 Tai Chi with Nicki; 3 Art in Nature with Elke; 5 QIRS AGM; 5 Core Strength with Nicki; **New 6:30 Sleep Yoga with Eden**

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com ; 2 Young Musicians Rehearsal; 6 Chi Gong 2 Young Musicians Rehearsal

For further info phone 250-285-3243. OR go to our website and to our Recreation Guide tab to view the guide there: <http://www.quadrarec.bc.ca> OR navigate to our new REC DESK calendar to see what's happening each day, (click on each activity in the calendar to expand its details): <https://quadrarec.recdesk.com/Community/Calendar>



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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We welcome items for publication on subjects of interest to the Discovery Islands community.

- **250-300 words** is a good length for community announcements.
- Send articles in the body of an email.
- **Canadian spelling** please: *centre, colour, jewellery* etc...
- **Please use the title of your item** in the email subject line.
- Remember to **include credits and captions** for photos & artwork.

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NEXT DEADLINE

7pm Monday, April 28
for publication on
Friday, May 2, 2025

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Spring at the Legion

Mark your calendars for this year's Easter Bake Sale and big plant sale.

These two popular Spring-time events are hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary and held at the Quadra Island Legion.

First up is the opportunity to pick up some tasty home-made treats at the Bake Sale on Saturday April 19. Doors open at 10 am and the event runs until noon.

Then, for the gardeners, the annual plant sale will be set up on the Legion's front lawn on Sunday May 4 from 10 am to noon.

Donations of plants for this event are welcomed and, to make it easy to contribute, the ladies have a team of volunteers willing to come to your garden and dig out any perennials you may want to split or to pick up your plants.

They would also welcome donations from gardeners who can spare a few extra vegetable starts.

To arrange a visit from the volunteer team please contact Barb at 250-285-3714.

Next DI Deadline

Monday, April 28th at 7pm
news@discoveryislands.ca

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or text *5555
on your cell phone

Update from the Community Food Co-op/Quadra Island Pantry

A huge "thank you!" to all who came to visit us at the Community Center on March 29th. What a great turnout.

A co-op is a community, and the community certainly stepped up. Your feedback through the survey and the amazing discussions we had will be invaluable in creating a co-op that will be truly yours.

For those who couldn't make it, or those who have more questions or suggestions, there are copies of the survey (and of course discussions) always available at the Island Pantry, where you can drop by to get the latest news (and rumors) from Deb.

Our steering committee can always use hands on deck, so anyone who is able to spare a few hours a week to help us make this happen would be very welcome. You can approach us through email (qipantrycoop@gmail.com) or in person at the Pantry.

We will do our best to keep everyone updated on our progress and will announce further outreach events as dates become available.

Thank you everyone.

Open AA Meetings

Monday and Friday nights, 7:30 to 8:30pm at Cape Mudge United Church at 29 Tekya, Cape Mudge. Everyone Welcome!

Meditation Group

WE MEET every Sunday at the Quadra Children's Centre at 10am for a 45 min sitting meditation on a cushion or chair, followed by a short break with tea and cookies.

There is a reading of a book based on Buddhist perspectives and meditation practices, and then a discussion on the text we read.

Everyone is welcome, a small donation is appreciated. For more info call Don at 250 285 2193 or Kai at 250 850 9245.

New to Quadra?

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce and local businesses welcome you with a gift bag.

Contact Carol Ann T. at:
carolannt@telus.net

Considering selling your home?

Get in touch today for a market evaluation and find out how working with a REALTOR™ can improve your home search or sale.

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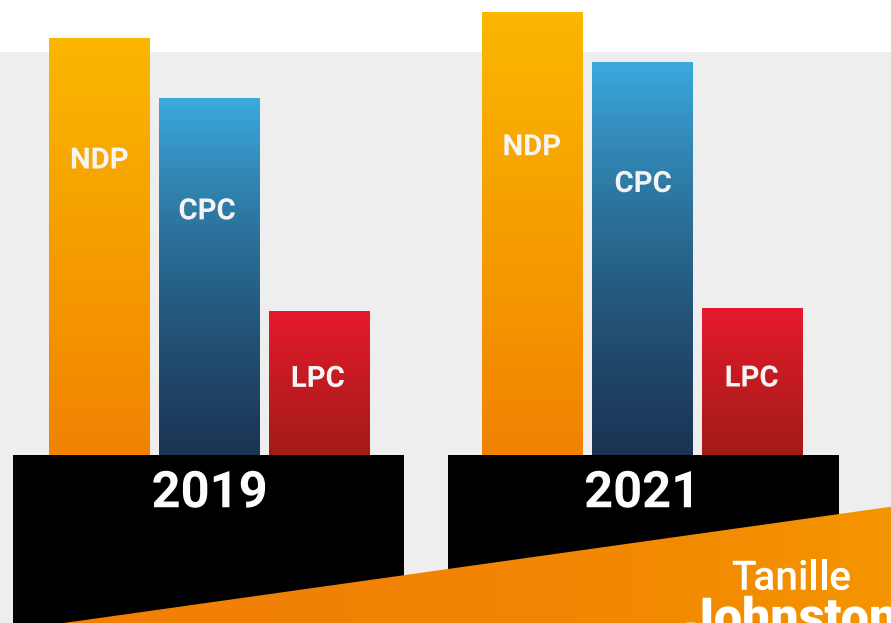
Here's the simple truth:

If you vote for a Liberal on the coast you'll end up electing a Conservative — and losing a strong NDP voice for everyday people.

In North Island—Powell River, **only Tanille Johnston and the NDP** can beat Pierre Poilievre and the Conservatives.

NORTH ISLAND— POWELL RIVER ELECTION RESULTS

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Quadra Cat Rescue Thanks Regional District for Support Reminds Residents to Fix Pets

Ten island cats will soon be fixed, thanks to funding provided by the Strathcona Regional District through Area C Director Robyn Mawhinney.

The grant timing is purr-fect because kitten season has begun. Quadra Cat Rescue volunteers are already dealing with six new arrivals and their mama, after an island resident noticed the felines fending for themselves.

Every year, kittens born on Quadra far outnumber local homes wanting pets. Please help by getting cats spayed or neutered before they're five months old. One unfixed pair of cats and their offspring can produce 500 kittens in three years.

Want help getting a pet to the vet? Quadra Cat Rescue offers a lower-cost spay neuter program for people in need. Just complete the form at www.quadracatrescue.com.

Also, please contact us about any stray cats so we can get them fixed too. Send email to quadracatrescue@yahoo.com or telephone 250-285-CATS (2287).

Please don't delay. Fixing cats before they reproduce reduces the workload for volunteers, who've been helping islanders and their cats since March 2009.

Support Quadra Cat Rescue:

- Volunteer to temporarily foster or become a neighbourhood monitor.
- Adopt an already-fixed adult cat from Quadra Cat Rescue to free up foster space.
- Sponsor a kitten's healthy start with \$400 for basic vet care (vaccination and neutering).
- Donate Tru Value Foods Spirit Board points (code is 280 at both stores)
- Donate to Quadra Cat Rescue (provide mailing address for tax receipts!):
- e-transfer via email to quadracatrescue@yahoo.com
- mail a cheque (Box 192 Heriot Bay, V0P 1H0)
- through Coastal Community Credit Union
- or use PayPal through the website (www.quadracatrescue.com).

Contact Quadra Cat Rescue by Facebook message, email to quadracatrescue@yahoo.com, or call us at 250-285-CATS (2287).

Quadra Co-op Moving Forward

Quadra Co-op Curious Potluck & Discussion Evening April 27th, 5-8pm, at the Quadra Community Centre.

- How can we move from a winter of learning to a summer of exploring possibilities?
- How can we turn our co-op research into action?

Please join us! Bring a dish that serves six. Everyone welcome! For more information please visit our website www.quadracoopcurious.ca or email quadracoopcurious@gmail.com

All Candidates Debate Rescheduled

Campbell River & District Chamber of Commerce All Candidates Debate for the North Island--Powell River Federal riding has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 4:30 to 6:30pm**, Tidemark Theatre, 1220 Shoppers Row, Campbell River, BC V9W 2C8

Doors open at the Tidemark at 4 pm and seating will be on a first come first serve basis.

The debate will be LIVE STREAMED on the Tidemark Theatre website and will air on Rogers Community TV on Thursday, April 24 at 9 pm, Friday April 25 at 7 pm and Saturday April 26 at 5 pm.

A recording of the debate will be available on the Campbell River & District Chamber of Commerce YouTube Channel April 23, 2025 by 6:00pm.

How Much Does it Cost to Put Something in the DI?

This is a question I often receive by email or phone so it's probably overdue to help clarify how the DI works in the actual paper!

Editorial items run free of charge. That's the service a community paper provides. That includes: news stories, events, thank you's, lost and found notes, essays and press releases from local organizations, etc...

Advertising that is paid space includes:

Display advertising like you see to the left, classified ads, legal notices, obituaries, help wanted, etc...

I hope that helps clear things up. As always we prefer to receive material by email, so please send yours to: news@discoveryislands.ca
– Editor

At The Legion

- Kitchen is now open Fridays-Sundays 5pm! Lee, is cooking delicious Burgers & more!!
- **Saturday, April 19th 7-9pm Jazz on the Rocks**, playing favourite jazz standards \$10
- **Monday, April 21st Legion General Meeting 7-8pm**
- **Saturday, April 26th 5pm, Trout Derby Fundraiser Event!** With Dinner & Prizes
- **Friday, May 2nd 7pm** We will gather to Celebrate the life of Jim Thievin
- **Saturday, May 3rd B I N G O!! 7-9:30 pm** proceeds going to the beach clean-up efforts
- **Saturday, May 10th Cove!!** Can't wait! Such a great local band and always a fantastic time
- **Friday, May 16th DJ Qdubz** is back for a great night of music
- **Saturday, May 31st Wharf Rats** are back!! Super fun band

QI Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

We are welcoming spring with hikes and planning for more:

23 APRIL, WED – hiking the Canyon Views and Elk Falls trails

29 APRIL, SUNDAY – the Summer Planning Meeting for Outdoor Club trips

7 MAY, WED – hiking to Trout Creek

By chance we have two hikes on Vancouver Island, both following two beautiful water ways. The end of April is the conclusion to our "winter" season.

On Sunday, April 29th we will hold our **summer planning meeting** at the Community Centre, in room 3 at 1:00 pm. This is the time to think of all the great destinations you would like to explore and visit through the spring, summer and early autumn.

This will include hiking, kayaking and multi-day camping on Quadra, Vancouver Island and other nearby destinations. It is also the time to renew your annual membership which expires at the end of April. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Details about Club outings are available at: <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-fall-winter-2024-25/> but will soon change to the summer link once we have built a schedule.

For more information about the Outdoor Club visit <https://qioutdoorclub.org/> or email to qioutdoorclub@gmail.com

Sailblazers' AGM

The Quadra Island Sailblazers' AGM is on April 27, at 4pm, generously hosted by Taku's Stonehouse!

Everyone is welcome to attend, as we are looking to grow the club this year! We had a great year last season, with sailors getting out on the boats weekly throughout the summer and beyond! In addition to getting out on the water, we are also looking for anyone that loves tinkering with boats, to help with the regular maintenance.

Please join us! Sailing: it's the most fun you can have while travelling at 5km / hr!

Any questions or for more information, please contact quadrasailblazers@gmail.com or visit www.quadraislandsailblazers.com

Quadra Literacy

Reducing the Digital Divide Solutions for Updating Aging Computers & Laptops

Functioning in today's world demands a smartphone, tablet or computer, but purchasing or replacing an outdated device can be out of reach for folks on low or fixed incomes. An added challenge for those with aging equipment is that Microsoft will no longer be supporting Windows 10 operating system after October 2025.

Quadra Literacy has partnered with BC Technology for Learning Society to provide refurbished PC laptops and desktops, equipped with Windows 11 and Microsoft Office or Libre, at a cost of \$175 or on a 'pay what you can' basis for low-income people.

In addition to providing laptops and computers, Quadra Literacy will track applicants' needs for affordable smartphones and tablets, with a plan to source and distribute these devices as well.

Paper application forms are available at the Library, Quadra Circle office and Quadra Circle Activity Centre (the Legion). Or complete the questionnaire on line at forms.gle/mdqqDdCW6SrA8ksQ9 or use this QR Code.



For more details, including ways to benefit or contribute, please email Kathie at quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com or call 250-285-3056 from 9-2 Monday, Tuesday or Friday.

Thank you to the Quadra Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and Decoda Literacy Solutions for financial support for this project.

Reminder from QI Cat Rescue:

Quadra Cat Rescue offers lower-cost spays and neuters for people who need assistance getting their cat or kitten fixed.

Please complete the form at www.quadracatrescue.com

Jazz on the Rocks

Jazz on the Rocks will be playing favourite Jazz Standards at the Quadra Legion April 19th from 7-9 pm. With Dave Blinzinger playing smooth sounds on saxophone, Hal Douglas grooving rhythmically on guitar and Marnie Younger's captivating vocals, a sophisticated evening of music awaits you! Tickets \$10 at the door.

Quadra Rec. AGM

The Quadra Island Recreation Society's Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 1, 2025, 5:00 - 7:00 pm,
Quadra Island Community Centre in the main hall – all welcome!

Your Submissions to the DI are Welcome!

We especially appreciate submissions
to be sent by email to:
news@discoveryislands.ca

Coming Up! Quadra Island Birding Big Day (part of the Global Big Day)



May 10, 2025

A full day of spotting birds on Quadra Island!

The idea is to see and record as many species as possible within the 24 hour period. This event is a part of a Global Big Day, when people will look for birds all around the world.

Mark your calendar and watch the next DI for more details!

(There will be prizes...)

Spring Plant Sale

A plant sale is being held at the Quadra Legion on Sunday, May 4 from 10 to noon.

It offers the opportunity to pick up perennials, veggie starts, annuals and house plants all well-suited to the local conditions.

It is an important annual fund-raising event hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary, which assists the work of the Legion and contributes to a number of charities and Quadra Island causes.

A group team is willing to gather any plant donations you may have and dig out any that you are able to share from your garden.

Please call Barb 285-3714 or email bill_barb@telus.net to arrange a team visit.

Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce invites you to...

QUADRA ISLAND All Candidates Meeting

for the Federal Election in the North Island – Powell River Riding

Thursday April 24²⁰²⁵

doors 6:30, meeting 7-9pm

at the Quadra Community Centre

Hear candidate views on local concerns and the big issues facing Canada

bring your questions, or email them in advance to admin@dicc.ca



PS: We'd love some help with setup beginning at 4 pm... drop us an email if you can help out. Thanks!

Funding For Students

A monetary award for students entering their first year of post-secondary education is offered by the Quadra Island Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Applications for the annual Kay Dubois Memorial Scholarship are now being accepted and should provide information on both the academic achievements and community activities of the student.

The scholarship fund has been assisting island students for almost 30 years. It has helped those seeking their degree and others opting for vocational training.

Email your application letter to HeidiRidgway@royalpage.ca or mail to Box 129, Heriot Bay V0P 1H before June 15 2025.

Quadra Island Festival of Chamber Music Bulk Pass Now Available includes Exclusive Winery Concert!

The much-loved 2025 Quadra Island Chamber Music Festival is set for June 23-27, with an unforgettable lineup of performances in spectacular settings. This year's program will transport audiences to the musical landscapes of France and Spain, with works by Piazzolla, Dvořák, Mozart, Boccherini, and Nino Rota.

Our concert at magical SouthEnd Winery—reserved exclusively for bundled pass holders—takes place on Thursday June 26. You'll hear well-known BC guitarist Alec Pearson perform in Piazzolla's History of the Tango as well as in the indefatigable Fandango by Boccherini for guitar and string quartet. You'll also hear a fiery work from Spanish composer Georgina Sánchez-Torres, Prégón de Danza, with Victoria clarinetist David Boutin-Bourque and Festival artistic director Philip Hansen on cello. New to the Festival this year, is flutist Christie Reside, who will bring the magic of woodwind to join Alec's guitar in History of the Tango as well as featuring in Mozart's Quartet for Flute and String Trio in C major.

Bundle Tickets On Sale \$115 are now available. This is the only way to attend the enchanting SouthEnd Farm Winery concert on Thursday evening. Bundle tickets offer access to all four performances and guarantee your spot at this beloved outdoor venue.

Tickets can be purchased online via the Tidemark Theatre website at <https://tinyurl.com/yvaxjvjk>, or in person at Copper Coast and Inspirations on Quadra Island.

Visit quadrafestival.ca for performer lineups and detailed programming. Don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable musical journey—especially the one-of-a-kind evening at SouthEnd Farm Winery!

Plant Sale

SPRING PLANT SALE is April 26, 10am at the Community Centre.

Annual Quadra Garden Club Fundraiser

Saturday, April 26, 2025,
10:00 pm.—12:00 pm at
Quadra Island Community
Centre.

We invite you to come out and support your local garden club's annual fundraiser. You will have an opportunity to buy locally grown plants and meet island gardeners with expertise and experience gardening on our island.

We welcome donations of plants from members and non-members. Plants can be dropped off at the Community Centre Saturday morning before 9:00 am at the side door of the main hall.

If you have plants to donate and would like plant pick-up prior to the event phone Jeanne @ 250-285-2835 or email at jeannestoppard74@gmail.com to make arrangements.

For more information regarding the garden club, check us out on Facebook or at our website quadraislandgardenclub.com

Your support is appreciated. See you there!

Notice Of Annual General Meeting

Quadra Island Affordable Housing Society

Tuesday, April 22nd, 5:30-6:30 pm at the Community Centre.

Please be advised our annual general meeting will be held as above. All interested parties invited to attend. If you are interested in joining the board please come to see what we are doing and where we would like to go.



Winery Movie Night

You're invited to a Quadra winery screening of 82-min action-comedy film OUTRUNNERS, directed by local Ken Hegan.

WHEN: Sat May 3, red carpet 7 pm, showtime 8:30 pm (rain or shine)

WHERE: SouthEnd Farm Winery, 319 Sutil Rd, Q. Island
TIX: \$15 at Inspirations on Quadra

INFO: 778.238.7778

See the trailer:

<https://tinyurl.com/2prfr9u7>

The DI welcomes written submissions of interest to the Discovery Islands community: news, events, opinions, musings. Please keep your item to 750 words for longer articles. Email to: news@discoveryislands.ca

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Call for Performers for 8th Annual Young Musicians Concert and Fundraiser

The Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund is pleased to announce that the 8th Annual Young Musicians Concert and Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, May 4th, 6-8pm at the Quadra Community Centre!

This concert is a chance for children and youth on the island to share their music with the community and get comfortable with performing. It is also the main fundraiser for the Young Musicians Fund which supports music education and experiences for young people on Quadra.

We are currently looking for song submissions from young musicians, aged 18 and under, living on Quadra. Are you / your child / your students / a young person you know interested in performing in the concert this year?

To submit a song, please email quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com and we will send you a link to our online form. You are welcome to perform with adults if you like...your teacher, a parent, a friend, even a small group!

The deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 20th. However, the sooner the better!

PLEASE NOTE: All performers are required to attend the dress rehearsal after school on Friday, May 2nd @ the QCC. We will email you with your exact time spot, or you can just come after school on the bus and wait your turn.



This enables the performer to practice their entrance and exit, and get a feel for what it's like to perform on the stage and get rid of some of their jitters. And it enables us to figure out what they need in terms of sound and lighting.

The performers can wait their turn in the green room, or they can sit quietly in the hall and watch the rehearsal. Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Dave Blinzinger, Aura Haydon and Jen Banks-Doll, organizers

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BC Timber Sales Chinook - Sunshine Coast Field Team

Invitation to Comment—Forest Operations Map

The public is invited to review and comment on the BC Timber Sales Chinook - Sunshine Coast Field Team (BCTS TCH) Forest Operations Map ID **2190**, showing proposed road construction and cut block development under Forest Stewardship Plan #672 within Forest Development Units in the Sunshine Coast Natural Resource District. The map will be valid for the operating period from **May 17, 2025 – May 16, 2028**. During the operating period, the Timber Sales Manager may invite applications for Timber Sale Licenses for the harvesting of cut blocks shown on the map and apply for Road Permits to construct roads shown on the map.

The map is available for public review and comment online, at: fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects

The map is also available for in-person review and comment by appointment at the BCTS TCH office, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at:

**7077 Duncan Street,
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There are two play readings scheduled: April 29 at the Heriot Bay Inn, Bay View room, from 7 - 9pm and May 4th at the Quadra Community Center from 1:30 - 3:00pm. All of the plays will be read at both readings.

Whether your favourite play is chosen, or not, the readings may give you a chance to find a character to play in the fall. Audition dates to follow.

Quadra Cemetery Update

Quadra Island Cemetery Society Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 pm
 Quadra Island Legion, Heriot Bay

The agenda includes adoption of the 2024 AGM minutes, introductions and short reports by the Trustees regarding: progress on our website and on the natural burial memorialization, Cemetery activity, and presentation of the 2024 financial statement. Since there is room for up to 2 more Trustees on the Board nominations for new trustees will also be taken for future consideration. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM. You must be a member to vote. If you own a plot or a family member is interred in QI Cemetery, you are a member.

Drivers are reminded to be considerate when there is a burial in progress at our Cemetery – slow down to reduce road noise and watch for cars turning off or entering the roadway.

Please NOTE: the annual spring clean-up of the Cemetery will take place on Saturday, April 26. . Anyone who has vases, mementoes, or keepsakes they would like to keep, please come and get them before the 26th. All items that are removed by the cleanup crew will be held in storage until the late spring.

The Cemetery Board has had some personnel changes this winter. We have accepted resignations from John Nutting and Anita Brochoka and thank them both for their service. Also, we have just appointed Kelly Beamish as our newest Board member and we look forward to working with her. The Quadra Island Cemetery Board includes: Grant Hayden (Chair), Ian MacPhee (Treas.), Vic Gladish (Sec.), John Arnold, Tom Vaniderstine, Alf Williamson, Denise Chisholm, and Kelly Beamish.

Disaster Preparedness Expo May 10

Just how prepared are you, and your family, for a major disaster on Quadra?

How much water should you be storing? What services will be available to your family? Can Quadra Island really be swept away by a tsunami?

Come to the Disaster Preparedness Expo, Saturday, May 10, 10 am – 3 pm, to find out.

Many of the booths and demonstrations featured at the Expo will also offer immediate, practical, advice.

Fire Extinguishers

Do you know the proper way to use a Fire Extinguisher? What Fire Extinguishers should you have in your home, your car? Check out the Quadra Fire Department demonstrations throughout the day in the Community Centre Parking Lot.

A.E.D.s

Do you know what an A.E.D. is and how to operate it? Do you know where publicly available A.E.D.s are located on Quadra? On May 10, sign up in the Community Centre Hall for a training session with Martin Metz, Unit Chief for B.C. Emergency Health Services on Quadra. "We will be running half hourly sessions for eight people at a time throughout the day," explained Metz. "These sessions will also include hands only CPR training."

Emergency Coordinators

Who is your Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program Coordinator? Drop by the N.E.P.P. booth to find outor, if your neighbourhood is one of the few without a Coordinator, talk to Kim Hawkins, the Q.I. N.E.P.P. coordinator, about volunteering for this important role. "The N.E.P. Program is a key component of Quadra Island's emergency preparedness and resiliency plan," said Hawkins. "In a disaster, your neighbours will be your first resource for help."

Ham Radio

Why is Quadra lucky to have so many "Hams" on the Island? "Ham radio operators could be our only communications link to the outside world," explained Erik Skovgaard, Q.I.E.P. Ham Radio coordinator. "Of course, we can always use more Hams. Anyone interested is welcome to drop by our Ham Radio Trailer to learn more!"

See you at the Disaster Preparedness Expo, Saturday, May 10, 10 am – 3 pm, Quadra Community Centre Hall and north side of the Parking lot.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello!

The wild currants are flowering, and the soft green spring haze is growing daily... I hope you are finding time to enjoy the outdoors along with all the wonders of a full island life. This report provides more context on the support service cost allocations of the previous report, the SRD's WildSafe application, and new access to SRD corporate policies.

MORE INFO ON AREA C TAX INCREASE

Following my previous report, "Board changes allocation formula, Area C taxes increase" I received questions and comments; as well, headlines appeared in local media citing a 30% tax hike for Area C. I was surprised when I read the headline; if you saw the headline you likely were also. There are important details the headlines didn't capture: the increase is on the SRD portion of our taxes, NOT on our overall taxes. For example, the Regional Solid Waste Service and Comox-Strathcona Hospital Service are not included in the SRD portion. And, unlike the other Electoral Areas, the SRD tax portion doesn't include Fire Services, another significant tax line item unaffected by this increase.

For comparative purposes, you may be interested in the estimated 2025 SRD tax requisitions based on average home value: Area C (Quadra Island): \$841; Area A: \$716; Area B: \$1,534; Area D: \$2,405. As a reminder, March 26 the Board chose to reallocate administrative costs from municipalities toward electoral areas, making an unexpected jump in Area C taxes — adding about \$109 to the average household (based on Area C average residential property value of \$665,135). Apart from the reallocated administrative costs, smaller increases in 2025 are for the Quadra Island Community Centre (\$49, Quadra residents only) and Parks (\$5).

According to the SRD's Chief Financial Officer, "for the past ten years Area C was probably paying, relative to the other areas, less than they should have". Staff explained that other Electoral Areas have Services with user fees, and the decrease in cost allocation to those Services offset the increases of the reallocation towards Electoral Area administration. As Area C has fewer services with user fees, the reallocation hits us hardest.

WILDSAFE APPLICATION

August 2024 the Board supported an application to the WildSafeBC Community Program for Areas B & C, Quadra, Cortes and the Discovery Islands. At the recent Electoral Area Services Committee, we received a response to the application: 'due to the recent economic downturn and threat of tariffs, the Provincial government has held off on confirming funding and indicated that any funding we receive may be reduced. Because of this uncertainty we... have no capacity to approve any new communities'. The news was not what we were hoping for; we have been encouraged to apply again in 2026.

As a reminder, keeping large predators wild keeps them, and us, safe. It's recommended to not feed deer or raccoons as they are prey species and may attract large predators to your neighbourhood. If you encounter a cougar or a wolf, instil wariness by waving your arms and shouting loudly, to teach them to stay away from humans. Leash your dog; unleashed dogs can be seen as prey; and keep livestock in 6' fences and in predator-proof shelters overnight. More info at wildsafebc.com/learn.

SRD CORPORATE POLICIES

The SRD has a Code of Conduct Bylaw which governs Directors, ensuring that we follow its principles in order to provide 'effective, responsible and responsive government'. It is a comprehensive, seven-page bylaw of directives, including the necessity to comply with all applicable laws, including SRD policies.

The Regional District's policies have been somewhat opaque, other than when they are brought to the Board for a review, as happens occasionally. I've been curious about what the entirety of SRD policies are, and impatient with the promised website update which would potentially provide them. So, in February I filed a Freedom of Information Request for copies of all current SRD corporate policies: thirty business days later and I've received them. In the interests of public accessibility and for policy nerds, I've uploaded the collection of policies to robynmawhinney.ca/resources. You're welcome to check them out.

CONNECT

Thank you for reading. You're welcome to connect with me with questions or concerns: email emailRMawhinney@srd.ca, or call 250.203.2468. If you'd like to chat in person, you can book an in-person meeting at calendly.com/robynmawhinney... my next office day is April 24.

Until next time,
Respectfully,
Director Robyn Mawhinney

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SRD Emergency Services Update

The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) is pleased to announce two important initiatives from the Emergency Services Department. First, the updated Quadra Island Evacuation Guide is now complete. Second, the SRD is now accepting applications for the Quadra Island FireSmart Crew Member service.

Updated Quadra Island Evacuation Guide Now Available

An evacuation involves moving people and/or domestic animals from an area under threat to a place of safety. This could range from a single building to an entire community, depending on the scale of the emergency. The SRD's updated evacuation guide offers general guidance for safely and efficiently conducting an evacuation on Quadra Island. It outlines the operational structure, roles, and coordination required for an effective response.

This update reflects feedback from nearly 200 household surveys, as well as direct consultations with key partner agencies. The SRD extends special thanks to the dedicated volunteers of the Quadra Island Emergency Program for their significant time and feedback throughout this process.

The guide is available online at www.srd.ca/evacuation-plans-maps. Residents may also contact the SRD office to request a printed copy by mail.

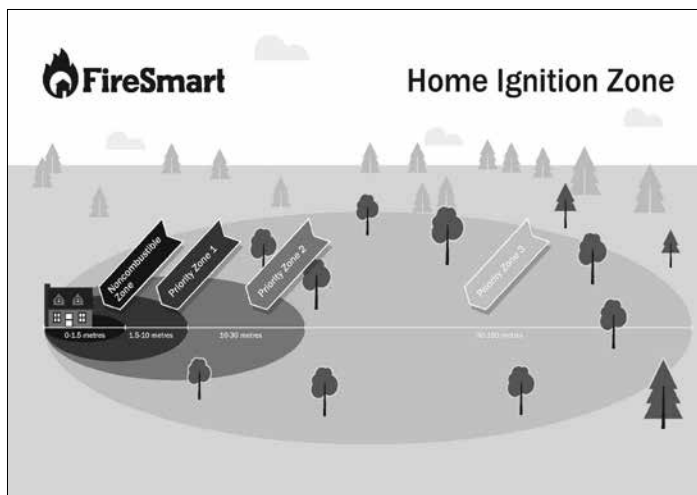
Now Accepting Applications – FireSmart Crew Member Service

The SRD is currently accepting applications from Quadra Island homeowners for the 2025 FireSmart Crew Member service. This fully funded initiative—supported by the 2025-2026 FireSmart Community and Funding Supports grant—will assist up to 70 homeowners in reducing wildfire risks around their properties.

A FireSmart Crew Member can assist with a range of low-risk, preventative tasks, including:

- Clearing Debris: Removing dry leaves, branches, and other flammable materials.
- Relocating Firewood: Moving firewood stacks to a safe distance from homes.
- Cleaning Gutters: (Up to 10 feet high) to reduce the accumulation of combustible debris.

To learn more or to apply, visit www.srd.ca/qi-firesmart.



Vancouver Island Communities Unite Behind Strategic Voting to Stop Conservatives, Reject Aaron Gunn's Divisive Politics

North Island-Powell River & Courtenay-Alberni – A growing coalition of over 140 Vancouver Island residents is releasing an open letter calling for strategic voting to block the Conservatives..

The open letter is signed by a diverse group of community members, organizations, and Indigenous leaders from across North Island-Powell River & Courtenay-Alberni ridings. The letter calls on voters to reject the Conservative party's polarizing Trump-style rhetoric and Aaron Gunn's hate-filled views toward Indigenous peoples.

The coalition encourages voters to stop the Conservatives by voting for the NDP who are the incumbent party in both ridings and are historically strong on Vancouver Island. This recommendation is backed by independent strategic-voting sites such as votewell.ca and smartvoting.ca.

National media narratives may lead people to assume that voting Liberal will stop the Conservatives. However, this assumption does not reflect the local realities on Vancouver Island.

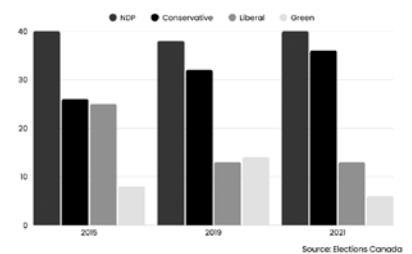
North Island-Powell River Liberal candidate Jennifer Lash recently argued she is the strategic vote. This message is misleading and is not based on current polling data or historic electoral data. Increased support for the Liberals on Vancouver Island will split the progressive vote. If the Liberals do well this will most likely mean Gunn will be elected.

"As someone who has spent years fighting for environmental justice and community resilience, I know how important it is to stop the politics of division and denial. This election, the clear ABC—Anyone But Conservative—vote is with Tanille Johnston and the NDP. Voting Green is always close to my heart, but in this moment, voting NDP is how we protect what we love." said community leader Arzeena Hamir.

The network encourages Liberal, Green, Conservative, and non-voters from the last election to vote NDP.

In the coming weeks, members of the grassroots network will be mobilizing to get out the vote through door knocking, phone calling, and peer-to-peer engagement. To get involved, the public can contact bcstrategicvoting@proton.me or check tinyurl.com/stopgunn

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Vote Strategically

In a close provincial election in October our riding flipped from NDP to Conservative because the vote on the left was split. To stop the Conservatives from winning in our riding, everyone who stands against division, and American-style polarization needs to come together. And in the riding of North Island-Powell River that means voting for Tanille Johnston and the NDP.

Some may believe that because of the surge of support for Mark Carney and the Liberals, the Liberal candidate in our riding has a chance. This is just not true. In the past 30 years a Liberal candidate hasn't even come in second, let alone won this riding. Green Party folks need to be practical, too. Your candidate seems like a fantastic person, but she is never going to win. We need to be strategic if we are going to keep out Aaron Gunn. Everyone, Liberals, Greens and NDP alike, needs to put aside their differences and vote for Tanille Johnston, or what happened in October is going to happen again.

Tanille is a great candidate. Born and raised in Campbell River, Tanille and her family have strong ties to the community (unlike Gunn). She has a long history in public service, having held leadership positions at the University of Victoria where she studied, as a City Councillor in Campbell River, and with the WeWaiKai Nation.

Aaron Gunn runs a YouTube channel where he feeds his subscribers a steady diet of blame, vilification, and anger. His livelihood depends on riling up his audience so they keep watching and he can profit from ad revenue. Coming up with solutions, working with others, and recognizing the complexity of difficult issues don't serve the YouTube algorithm.

In contrast, Tanille is a Social Worker. Social work is a field dedicated to improving people's lives. It's about supporting others, not attention-seeking and self-aggrandizement. Who is going to do more for our community?

If you, like me, feel helpless every time you turn on the news, or open up your phone, don't despair. There's something you can do. Choose hope. Choose community. Choose collaboration. And in the upcoming election, choose Tanille.

Lou Bakota

Sad State of Affairs

It seems that Democracy is no longer accepted or understood by at least one person on Quadra Island.

At least twice on Quadra a sign in support of a candidate running in the federal election in this riding has been pulled up and thrown aside. Is this how we hope to be treated?

David Scott

No-shows at All-Candidates Debates

As federal election voting nears, it is great to see that there are two all-candidates debates scheduled in our immediate area—Tuesday April 22 at the Tidemark in Campbell River, and Thursday April 24 at the Quadra Community Centre. The Campbell River debate will be live-streamed and will also be on the Campbell River & District YouTube channel starting the following day.

All-candidates debates provide an excellent way for the voters to hear and compare where each candidate stands on the issues. Moreover, the debates are about the only way that the candidates and audience members can directly and respectfully challenge the positions of each candidate. As a result, the debates can be illuminating for the voter regarding each parties' policies and each candidate's abilities to articulate and defend them.

In the provincial election last year, BC Conservative candidate Anna Kindy was a no-show at both the Campbell River and Quadra debates. This was very unfortunate, as it conveyed her disrespect for area residents trying to make an educated decision about whom to vote for.

Here's sincerely hoping that, at both debates this coming week, the candidates from all parties will be attending and make their best pitch. We voters deserve nothing less.

Kent Macaulay

Election 2025

In response to the views expressed in the Island Forum in Discovery Islander issue #853.

Both letters recommended strategic voting to prevent the conservative party from winning. This election is not about personalities or party politics, it is simply about the future. That is, your future freedom which has been slowly eroded over the past decade.

A strategic vote is a wasted vote. Your vote is your voice. Know what it is you want before you make that choice. It is a simple choice. Will it be (1) freedom and autonomy or (2) a globalist version of communism.

A vote for any candidate other than conservative is a vote for the WEF.

The current leadership and cabinet are invested in WEF ideology.

The following is my view of the WEF while I still have the freedom to express my opinion.

WEF World

You will own nothing and be happy and enjoy eating crickets, Should you exit your bubble, you'll be issued a ticket.

Your global masters will control your existence.

They will erode your freedom so you can't resist them.

Your brain has been washed, your memories erased.

All traces of history torn down and defaced.

It is not science fiction, it is happening now.

The question is not when? The question is how?

In silence you witnessed the death of democracy,

You tolerated corruption and blatant hypocrisy.

Will the future be better with a new global commander,

A money mogul who will lie, smear and slander.

The world is in chaos, it's economies are crumbling

The WEF armies of commerce are ready and rumbling.

They will plunder the planet from their ivory towers,

Controlling it's wealth with their absolute powers.

These green Gods of the WEF are not saving the world

They are stuffing their own pockets as their avarice unfurls.

Just pray that the real God is still in control

Before the devils of Davos imprison your soul.

Is the WEF world a dream of a globalist utopia?

Or a net zero nightmare of chaotic dystopia?

So own nothing and be happy, no baggage, no stress.

Freedom is the only true wealth you possess.

It was purchased with blood, lest you should forget.

Will that debt be erase by the WEF's "Great Reset" ?

Stand on guard for your freedom, your culture, your nation,

The way of the WEF is the path to damnation.

Ann McLean

Aaron Gunn - Unsavoury Denialism

In social media posts Gunn denied that the Residential School system constituted cultural genocide. Many BC indigenous leaders have called for Gunn to be dropped as a Conservative party candidate. Quote from "Unsavoury Denialism": tinyurl.com/kfutr7sj

Bob Chamberlin, former vice-Chief of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs... said: "The House of Commons spoke about this as genocide... And to me, it is just the most unsavoury denialism that could possibly be spoken by someone who wants to represent this riding and sit in the House of Commons."

In support of the Indigenous people who make up about 12 per cent of the population of the North Island Powell River federal riding let's do our best to block Aaron Gunn from winning! There are other good reasons to not want an Aaron Gunn win including a complete lack of regard for protecting vulnerable ecosystems, see: tinyurl.com/mpmsvavk and tinyurl.com/33zzfx53

Our current MP is NDP. The NDP, Liberals and Greens are all more progressive than the Conservatives and are splitting the vote. It makes sense for all progressive voters in this riding to get behind the one candidate with the best chance of winning. Here that is Tanille Johnston of the NDP. Across much of Canada there is a Liberal wave. Some people tell me they are taking the moderate option and voting Liberal here. In our riding Gunn has a lot of support, and voting Liberal or Green will increase his chance of winning. See Wikipedia for our voting history: tinyurl.com/2tnmc65k

In the North Island Powell River riding in the last two federal elections in 2019 and 2021 the Liberals came in third or fourth and got 13.1% of the vote. In the 2015 election when there was a big Liberal wave and Liberals won nationally, here they got 25.47% of the vote. In the 2025 election if the Liberals get as large a percentage of the vote as they got in 2015 they will not win but will split the progressive vote and enable the Conservatives to win. The Green candidate in this riding got 14.1 in 2019 and 6.1% in 2021. In a close election 14% or less of the votes going Green could also enable the Conservatives to win. Don't want to vote NDP? Not to worry – they have no chance of forming the government, but they did inspire the Liberals to bring in Dental care and Pharmacare and they are our best chance of avoiding getting a far right MP who is "unsavoury" in many ways. If we had Proportional Representation we would not need to vote strategically. Sigh.

Bonnie Brownstein

Chief Darren Blaney of Homalco First Nation calls on Conservatives to remove his name from press releases

In a press release in February, Pierre Poilievre's Conservatives included a quote from Chief Darren Blaney of the Homalco First Nation in a news release regarding their plan for a First Nations Resource Charge (FNRC) without consultation or consent. This was only recently brought to the attention of leadership. The Chief and Council unequivocally denounce the use of this and any future quotes of their leadership without proper consultation and call on the Conservatives to remove any Homalco-related quotes from past, current and future new releases.

This revelation comes on the heels of calls for Aaron Gunn, the Conservative candidate in the federal riding in which the Homalco community reside, to be dropped from the election campaign. Social media posts from the recent past indicate that Gunn holds extreme views regarding residential schools, minimizing the history and trauma caused by residential schools, attacking 2SLGBTQ+

people, and sympathizing with warmonger Putin. We join other leaders today in calling for the removal of Aaron Gunn from the Conservative Party.

While Homalco First Nation is open to the idea of changes in how Nation can benefit from the resources that exist within their territories and is actively pursuing resource projects within our own Nation to support our people, we cannot support a party which platforms individuals that perpetuate generational trauma and harm.

"I'm deeply disturbed that the Conservative Party would use my voice, my words and my name without my consent," says Chief Blaney. "As a residential school survivor myself, what Gunn has said and what the Conservative Party is doing by backing him as their candidate takes focus away from the true and lived experience of residential school survivors, and communities who still are reeling from the genocide they've faced. I cannot in good faith stay silent on this."

100 acre Clearcuts are Ecocide

In the 43 pages of Mosaic's amended Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) for their Tree Farm Licence (TFL) 47, 41 pages are re-iterated from their 2022 FSP and 2 new pages describe how they will finally, after ignoring it for 23 years, start a nonspatial strategy to recruit forests to become old growth forests.

There is no mention in this FSP of the Government Legislation (in February 2023) stating that the ecosystem should be prioritized: i.e. that the equivalent cut annually is not the priority now BUT ecosystem maintenance is (known as removing the "not unduly" clause).

So Mosaic will continue their 100 acre (40 hectare) clearcuts in all of their TFL 47 except below the portage on Quadra where it's reduced to 10 acres (4 hectares) maximum (thanks to the work of concerned Quadra citizens in the 90s). This means that over 90% of their TFL (total around 125,000 hectares) is still subject to such mass destruction. How can 100 acre clearcuts ever be prioritizing the ecosystem?

Also, the 2 pages of amendment referring to the nonspatial strategy mean that, since there is no fixed physical space to be conserved, the logging company can change which 9% to preserve as often as they wish as long as the trees are 80-120 years old.

So, after 50 years the "recruited" forest could still be 80-120 years old. This was NOT the intent of the order which was to recruit mature forests to become old growth. Furthermore, even if there is a physical location (spatial strategy) this can be unilaterally changed by the logging company at their desire.

Some islanders may not be aware that Mosaic's Tree Farm Licence 47 covers almost 40% of Quadra and includes all the Morte Lake area, Chinese Mountains, Nugedzi Lakes area, Beech's Mt. and Mt. Seymour -all subject to Mosaic's clearcut logging technique of 10 acre clearcut "patches". Moreover, since our provincial government abdicated responsibility for oversight, it is the logging companies who are in charge: so-called "professional reliance". This means the fox looks after the hen house since Mosaic's bottom line is money. It is now up to us citizens to oversee them.

Carbon sequestration is more important than ever because of climate change, trees need to be conserved when we can -and not cut down arbitrarily (en masse) as happens during clearcutting. Closed canopy/selective logging is needed. And re-planting is not a viable solution given the urgency of climate change.

So, as the Lorax says "unless someone like you cares a whole lot more...."

Eileen Sowerby

Regional District Area C Tax Increase

The Regional District has just redistributed the tax burden of their government operations away from municipalities and on to rural residents. It's an annual tax increase of hundreds of dollars because there are a limited number of rural households available to cover these large operating costs. This may be logical. After all, the Regional District is supposed to serve rural areas who have no other local government oversight. However, there are two problems with this substantial increase in our rural tax burden.

The first issue is that this sea change in taxation occurred at the eleventh hour mere minutes before the Provincial deadline to approve annual budgets and financial plans. No opportunity for public involvement, revision, or even rational discussion. It was the proverbial sneak attack. Absolutely unacceptable. There is no excuse for this wholesale blindsided attack on rural residents.

The second problem with this change is yet another reflection of the woefully inadequate governance model that the Regional District has become. Municipalities within the Regional District are no longer little villages dotted across the landscape, but booming towns with their own substantial local government, and their own tax revenue. That they even participate in Regional District affairs in more than an observer role has become an affront, let alone the fact that they control Regional District decisions by a huge number of votes, and all business is therefore conducted with an eye to improving urban life, rather than properly addressing our rural priorities, or limiting expenditures to core priorities in challenging times.

This latest insult is a prime example of how irrelevant the Regional District model has become for rural British Columbians. Not liking the escalating tax burden landing on urban constituents, even though those decisions increasingly favour the servicing of those municipalities within the broader Regional District boundaries, the overwhelming majority of urban Directors simply voted to shift those burdens to rural properties, properties that, by in large, receive virtually no meaningful services from the Regional Government. Our roads are looked after by the BC Ministry of Highways, our docks are looked after by the federal government, etc.

Beware. This is only the beginning. When

these municipal Directors vote to assess us for the exceedingly unnecessary Strathcona Gardens renewal, that's when you will really see your taxes soar! Once again, it will be for something for which you seldom see benefit, won't be a core service, and will primarily serve the municipality in which it is located. It's time to write the Premier and demand the Regional District model be immediately revised to represent only those residents not already represented by a Municipal Government. That doesn't need to prevent cooperation and coordination, but I'm tired of being taxed for services not received, and I'm tired of being taxed for things municipal Directors decide is best for them, when they are representing those already served by a Municipal Government, and already benefiting from Municipal taxation.

Municipal Districts must be governed by rural people, for rural people. If we want to enter into cost sharing agreements with municipalities over specific services then WE should be the ones making that decision, it shouldn't be dropped on us because municipal votes control our rural life, and the costs of that life.

Paul Leeson
Heriot Bay, BC

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This Election Remember Climate Change and Beware Online Disinformation

Climate Change is real, very dangerous and accelerating. The oceans are no longer buffering the effects of our continued production of greenhouse gases, mainly from fossil fuels. Tipping points to “runaway climate change”, like permafrost thaw, are underway.

I have attended international scientific conferences on Climate Change and have met anxious scientists in person. According to scientists from the UN IPCC, Climate Change is now a critical emergency.

Remember those massive wildfires, violent hurricanes and tornadoes, floods, mudslides and avalanches. The increasing occurrence is due to Climate Change. This is basic, certain, international science.

The Conservative Party’s denial of Climate Change and plan to accelerate fossil fuel use is insane! Any other party is a better choice! The Green Party has the ideal platform. However, in the North Island Powell River riding that we live in, the more progressive parties are splitting the vote. The best hope of preventing a Conservative win here is to vote NDP.

The old way of “doing business” no longer works. There will be great-paying jobs to replace the old jobs, jobs that “save the world” in a transforming society: preserving and restoring nature, developing new types of energy supply and a new energy grid, constructing and renovating buildings, building new infrastructure, and so on.

We need governments that tax well, and tax the wealthy to build cohesive community strength to handle the coming future well, not the Conservatives that plan to reduce taxes and weaken society.

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- Bokashi composting
- Hot composting
- Biochar
- Making your weeds work for you
- “Living soil liquid” and compost teas, soil-borne disease, and pest control

About Ramona:

Ramona Aston has been gardening on family land since she returned to Quadra fourteen years ago. She loves to get excited about a new approach or technique in her garden, and is often trying something new while bringing forward what has worked for her in the past. Learning about the interconnectedness between bacterial, fungal, creature, and plant relationships struck a chord with Ramona and her gardening has been a series of projects to encourage these relationships ever since. As a result she has seen improvements in plant health and growth. In addition, Ramona is always falling in love with flowers and the potential in seeds, and hopes to grow the seed saving culture on Quadra.



Everyone welcome! Come early to renew your annual membership, chat with fellow gardeners, and enjoy some coffee and dessert. Doors open at 6:30. Members FREE, Guests \$5.00. Check our website for more information about upcoming events: www.quadraislandgardenclub.com

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Elisabeth Kübler-Ross: Changing the Way We Understand Grief



Elisabeth Kübler-Ross didn't just study grief—she transformed how the world talks about it.

Before her, death and dying were often taboo topics, quietly avoided in

hospitals and living rooms alike. But through her empathy, curiosity, and deep respect for human experience, Kübler-Ross opened the door to honest conversations about loss and healing.

Born in Switzerland in 1926, Kübler-Ross trained as a psychiatrist and later moved to the United States. It was in the 1960s, while working with terminally ill patients, that she began to truly reshape our understanding of grief. At the time, patients facing the end of life were often isolated, with doctors and family members hesitant to speak openly about what was happening. Kübler-Ross believed this silence was not only unkind, but harmful. She started listening—really listening—to what dying patients had to say.

Her groundbreaking book, *On Death and Dying*, published in 1969, introduced the now-famous "Five Stages of Grief": denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. While these stages were initially described in the context of terminal illness, they quickly resonated more broadly with anyone experiencing significant loss. Kübler-Ross never meant for the stages to be a rigid formula; rather, they offered a way to understand the emotional rollercoaster that grief can be.

The Five Stages helped normalize what so many people feel when facing loss—confusion, emotional ups and downs, and the sense that grief isn't a straight line. People found comfort

in the idea that they weren't alone, and that their feelings were part of a shared human journey.

Kübler-Ross's work was both compassionate and courageous. She sat with dying patients when others wouldn't. She spoke openly about death in a time when it was still considered impolite or even dangerous. And perhaps most importantly, she gave voice to those who were often unheard.

Beyond *On Death and Dying*, she wrote more than 20 books, including *On Grief and Grieving* (co-authored with David Kessler), which brought her work full circle, applying her insights to those mourning the loss of loved ones. Her writing is gentle, clear, and full of empathy. Through it, she helps readers understand that grief is not something to "get over," but something to move through—and that healing takes time, patience, and kindness toward oneself.

Elisabeth Kübler-Ross passed away in 2004, but her legacy lives on in the way we talk about grief today. Hospices, therapists, and support groups around the world still draw on her insights. Her courage to face the most difficult parts of life—and to invite others to do the same—remains deeply inspiring.

In a world that often rushes past pain, Kübler-Ross taught us to pause, to listen, and to honor each other's experiences with love and understanding. And that, perhaps, is her greatest gift.

Death The Final Stage of Growth and On Death And Dying are available in the Way To Go library shelf at the southwest corner of the Quadra Island branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library.

Way To Go strives to integrate death as part of life by initiating conversations, providing education, and encouraging people to prepare for end-of-life. We also empower, guide, and support the practice and process of caring for our own dead and dying, in community. Visit our website, way2go.ca; view upcoming events, read previously written articles, and join our email list.

Written by Margaret Verschuur.



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Globalization - Part 1

Peter Zeihan, in his 2022 book, *The End of the World is Just the Beginning: Mapping the Collapse of Globalization*, offers an insightful and credible explanation for the globalization process that affects us all, and is becoming increasingly relevant because of global economic, political and environmental factors. Although his book might exaggerate the importance of America, his ideas deserve our attention because they provide a framework for illuminating other related subjects.

At the end of World War II, in 1945, the world was in a political and economic mess. Although Germany and Japan had been defeated, most of the rest of the world had been heavily damaged by the conflict. In the East, an imperial Japan was in ruin, as was China after the Japanese invasion of its northern territories. In Europe, Germany, too, was in ruin. Great Britain, Italy, France, Russia and their many adjacent countries had been heavily damaged.

The one country that survived and, indeed, prospered was the United States of America. The war had stimulated all its strengths: industrialization, agriculture, resource extraction, ingenuity, energy and financial acumen. Refugees flooded into the country, raising its population and bringing valuable talent. The sleeping giant had been awakened and after decades of reclusion it emerged as the most powerful and influential nation on the planet.

But what should America do with its newfound power? It could have stepped into the vacuum left by the chaos, and become a dominant force with imperial ambitions. It chose not to do this. First, because it did not have imperial objectives, second, because it had vast resources of its own to develop, and third, because it did not have the necessary population

to build a worldwide American empire. Instead, America took the lead in establishing the Bretton Woods Agreement, in effect a worldwide free-trade market that initiated what we now call globalization. The following is a sketch of the general ideas presented in the early chapters of Peter Zeihan's book.

Although Bretton Woods was intended to reconstitute the economies of those countries in ruin, it had other objectives. One was to interconnect the economies of those countries that had previously been in conflict with each such that another world war was unlikely to ever happen again. But it also placed America in the middle of this global trading structure, with obvious advantages to its economy, culture, influence and prestige. In exchange for this arrangement, America would become the pre-eminent military force on the planet, the world's peacekeeper, supervising resources to its advantage, opening the world to its industrial and agricultural products, keeping its prosperous trade routes open, providing the chief international currency, and extending the American culture worldwide.

Bretton Woods was extraordinarily successful as a strategy. It prevented another world war, and it initiated improved economic prosperity at a global level. Paradoxically, it amplified the identities of individual cultures, contributing to the collapse of the Soviet Union. It also provided the collective consciousness for a global community, an awareness that manifested in international courts on human rights, justice, finance and civility. Additionally, it engendered the United Nations with its multiple organizations that have attempted to civilize humanity with respect to government, law, health and fairness. The UN also became the single most important international organization combating the existential threat of environmental deterioration.

But circumstances changed. Russia decided that the Bretton Woods Agreement was thwarting its rogue, imperialistic ambitions. China has now emerged as a major economic, political and military power. Both these countries, along with the United States, have veto power in the Security Council of the United Nations, essentially creating a dysfunctional international government. Most recently, however, President Donald Trump has decided that America's leadership role in globalization is becoming too expensive. Both Asia and Europe have been relying too much on American defensive strategies to protect them, and according to the US President, too many countries are also taking economic advantage of America. So he is ending the Bretton Woods strategy that has been guiding the world's political, economic and defence structure for 80 years. His imposition of a wide range of punitive tariffs will result in a reorganization of these structures into a configuration that remains uncertain.

Part 2 is coming in the next edition. Incidentally, this is the 100th submission of *The Quadra Project* to the *Discovery Islander*. A special thanks to Philip Stone for publishing it, and to those readers who use it as a source of information.

Ray Grigg, for *Sierra Quadra*



May 31st &
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Walter Bradshaw

Walter Bradshaw passed away peacefully on March 30, 2025, just after celebrating his 96th birthday. He lived an independent life up until the end, thanks to the wonderful community for embracing him.

Walter moved to Quadra Island 4 years ago and really enjoyed his time here on the Island. Prior to moving here, he spent the first 40 years in the Fraser Valley and then moved to Gibsons on the Sunshine Coast for the next 50 years.

Predeceased by his wife Barbara, in 2010 and he is survived by his 4 children, 17 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Charlotte Brunelle

Charlotte Brunelle, age 73, passed away peacefully at her home on March 21, 2025.

Born in Sherbrooke, QB, she was a resident of Quadra Island for over 40 years.

A celebration of Life will be held this summer.

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Rudi Allen Unterthiner

20 March, 1938 - 31 March, 2025

Rudi Allen Unterthiner, a uniquely remarkable husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully from dementia at the Evergreen Senior House in Campbell River, BC on 31 March, 2025.

Born on 20 March, 1938 in Naples, Italy, Rudi was the third of five children. He grew up in the South Tyrol region of Northern Italy and went to the United States on a Fulbright scholarship in 1957. He managed to buy himself a few flying lessons and worked his way through Whitworth College as a crop duster, a firefighter, and a ski instructor.

Rudi went on to medical school at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, where he developed a lasting affection for all things Canadian, although he never did learn to enjoy being cold. When working a summer job at a hospital in Boise, Idaho in 1965, the lovely new secretary, Lynda Tschikof, caught his eye. In his characteristically brash fashion, he asked for her phone number after conducting her physical exam and finagled his way into marrying her before snowfall that November.

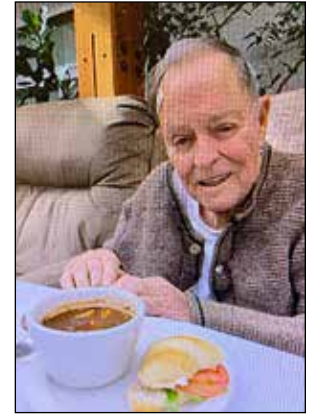
As Lynda would soon come to find out, marriage to Rudi meant being an integral part of his colorful, adventure-filled life. He celebrated the end of his internship by breaking several laws by flying a plane underneath the Lion's Bridge in Vancouver before heading out to train as a plastic surgeon in Santa Barbara, California. After bouncing around every year from one Southern California location to another, he settled in Palm Springs, California in 1976 and opened up his own practice. He became a prestigious plastic surgeon, the go-to for many renowned celebrities who, more often than not, became his friends.

Yet Rudi's life outside of his work was equally intriguing. He frequently flew his small engine airplane to remote fishing villages in Baja, California, where he held free clinics for locals who had little to no access to health care. He served on the Board of Directors for the Starkey Hearing Foundation, traveling to far-flung locations in order to help deliver hearing aids so that children could hear for the first time. He diligently kept a journal of his amazing activities and wrote a novel, *Facelifts, Souls, and Painted Crows*, a fictionalized memoir.

In 1998, when revisiting old Canadian haunts that he hadn't seen since his youth, he fell in love with Quadra Island, where he and Lynda became full-time residents after he retired in 2006. He spent his final years feeding the crows on his deck and enjoying the company of donkeys, goats, and chickens on Stonehouse Farm, his property on the south end of the island.

In short, Rudi approached life the way he fenced in college: with a bold, winner-takes-all style that may have lacked elegance and subtlety, but led to breathtaking victories. Few people have led lives that even come close to the fullness of Rudi's experiences and accomplishments.

He is survived by his wife Lynda, his son Shane and his wife Jaime, daughters Sydney (John), Robyn, and Pilar and her husband Bruce, his eleven grandchildren, his sister Resi, and his nieces and nephews, all of whom will miss him dearly while smiling at the legacy of rich memories that he leaves behind.



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