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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Quadra Salmon AGM

Our mission is to monitor, maintain, and protect Quadra Island watersheds, fish and fish habitat, and to promote public understanding about wild salmon and their habitat.

It's the season of baby fish and AGMs! Quadra Salmon's Annual General Meeting will be held this coming Thursday, June 12, at 7 pm, 2050 Hyacinthe Bay Rd. We will nominate and vote on directors and all public are welcome. Our monthly June meeting will follow at about 7:30. Please RSVP if you'd like or just show up.

Please note! - Depending on director attendance, masks may be requested to protect immune-sensitive individuals. Thank you!

Please get in touch about 2025 volunteer opportunities - summer market help, fry-trapping, and drought-proofing work are all in the line-up - including drought-proofing on Hyacinthe Creek next week! Call Lauren 250-285-2787 or Bruce if you're interested.

Thank you all for your interest and your support of Quadra Salmon.

Our mailing address is:

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QISES respectfully honours the traditional heritage of land and water relationships of the Liḡʷitdaḡw (Laich-Kwil-Tach) first nations: the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwiaakah



Presumed cutthroat in Pidcock Creek (only cutthroat have been identified in Pidcock)
Photo by Lauren Miller on QISES walk, May 12

First Nations, and the central importance of the wild salmon to traditional life here. We also acknowledge our Coast Salish neighbours, the Xwemalḡkwu and K'omoks Nations, who have close connections to these lands, waters, and fishes. QISES was founded to rehabilitate salmon populations which have been greatly diminished by destructive colonization practices, which have displaced peoples, habitat, and other living creatures. We hope to contribute to a better future with our focus on helping perpetuate generations of wild salmon to come.

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DAY TO DAY

Friday, May 30

- Live music with Age Against the Machine, HBI Pub, 8pm

Saturday, May 31

- Farmers' Market & Bazaar, Quathiaske Cove 10 am to 2 pm
- Live music with Wharf Rats, Quadra Legion

Saturday & Sunday, June 7 & 8

- Quadra Island Studio Tour, details pg. 9

Friday, June 6

- Live music with Sunburst Town, HBI Pub, 8pm

Saturday, June 7

- Farmers' Market & Bazaar, Quathiaske Cove 10 am to 2 pm
- Celebration of Life for Diana McKerracher, Rebecca Spit 10:15 am, details pg. 19
- Bingo, Quadra Legion

Sunday, June 8

- Quarantones Male Chorus, Cape Mudge United Church, details pg. 6

Thursday, June 12

- Quadra Singers AGM, 1087 Topcliffe, 5pm
- Quadra Salmon AGM, Eco-Centere, 2050 Hyacinthe Bay Road, 7:30pm dets pg. 2

Saturday & Sunday, June 14 & 15

- Quadra Island Trout Derby, Village Bay Lake, details pg. 7

REGULARS

Sundays

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

Mondays

- Pickleball Drop-In at Community Centre courts, 10am - 1pm

Monday & Friday nights

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

Wednesdays

- Pickleball Drop-In at Community Centre courts, 6pm - 8pm
- Poker Night: Quadra Legion 7:30pm

Thursdays

- Shakespeare Discussion Group QCC Room 2

Fridays

- Pickleball Drop-In at Community Centre courts, 10am - 1pm

Saturdays

- Tennis Drop-In at Community Centre courts, 10am - noon
- Pickleball Drop-In at Community Centre courts, 10am - 1 pm
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Jump into the action at the Quadra Community Centre!
Come down, get involved and be part of YOUR community!

WHAT'S HAPPENING at QCC

May 30 - June 13

THIS WEEKEND: May 30 - 31

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com 6pm Chi Gong and Meditation with Kai

SATURDAY: 9:30 Tai Chi with Nicki

THIS WEEK: June 2 - 6

MONDAY: 8:30 am Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Yoga with Josephine

TUESDAY: 10 Chamber of Commerce - Economic Diversification Plan; 1 Community Law Clinic with Nawel Izard; 3 Intro to Softball; 5 Yoga with Trinity

WEDNESDAY: 10 Yoga with Trinity; 11 Art for Homeschoolers; 4 Intermediate Softball; 4:30 Somatic Yin Yoga

THURSDAY: 10 Parents and Tots; 3 Art in Nature; 5 Core Strength with Nicki; 6:30 Sleep Yoga

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com 6pm Chi Gong and Meditation with Kai

NEXT WEEKEND: June 7 - 8

SATURDAY: 10 Tai Chi with Nicki; 10 - 5 Studio Tour

SUNDAY: 10 Adult Nature Sketching; 10 - 4 Studio Tour

NEXT WEEK: June 9 - 13

MONDAY: 8:30 am Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Yoga with Josephine; 2:30 Caregivers Support Group; 6 QIRS Workshop with June Johnson

TUESDAY: 9 Quadra Quilters Guild; 3 Intro to Softball; 5 Yoga with Trinity

WEDNESDAY: 10 Baby Clinic; 10 Yoga with Trinity; 10 Way to Go Workshop; 4 Intermediate Softball with Dave; 4:30 Somatic Yin Yoga

THURSDAY: 10 Parents and Tots; 5 Core Strength with Nicki

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com 6pm Chi Gong and Meditation with Kai

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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.
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NEXT DEADLINE

7pm Monday, June 9
for publication on
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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Quadra Birding Big Day Results

This International Big Day started in 2015, when birders from all over the world submitted a count of the bird species spotted during a 24 period. A decade on, the 2025 Big Day set many records. Altogether 172,600 people from 204 countries counted 7,931 species! Interestingly, a record was also set for the number of people (1.7 million) using the Merlin birding app which helps identify birds by sight or sound. This app has been a powerful learning tool and a great entry point to birding for many people. Here on Quadra – we had 13 people officially participate this year. Some of the **reports of interest** this year include:

- a Virginia rail (and family)
- 31 Pacific loons (nice to see so many)
- several reports of Brown-headed cowbirds (which seem to be becoming more common here...)
- Bewicks wren
- both Annas and Rufous hummingbirds
- Lincolns sparrows
- Northern Shoveler
- Marbled Murrelet
- Wood duck
- One Feral turkey (named Bob)

The winners are:

- Open, Individual: Carolyn Prentice – 19 species
- Followed by Elizabeth Crawford – 15 species
- Open, Group: Terri Martin and



Stacey Larsen – 65 species

- Followed by Rob and Margrit Johnson – 46 species

Unmotorized: Janis McLean – 35 species

- Followed by Bob Lloyd – 17 species; and Joan Lopez – 12 species

Backyard: Joan Lopez – 20 species

- Followed by Eileen O'Reilly – 18 species; and Kathryn Manry and Mark Zimmerman – 12 species

There were no entries in the Youth or Photo categories.

Thanks to all who participated!

Keep an eye out for the 2026 event!

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.

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Singers AGM

Quadra Singers Annual General Meeting will be held **Thursday, June 12 - 5:00pm** at 1087 Topcliff Potluck to follow. All Welcome

Farmers Market and Bazaar

The Quadra Farmers Market and Bazaar has something for everyone with its own Quadra vibe, every Saturday 10 - 2 beside Cafe Aroma. Come find talented local artists and artisans, baking, chocolate, produce, community and great live music!

- May 31 Dylan alps

- June 7 Ian Skorscha

See you there!

quadramarket@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/quadramarket/>



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

At The Legion

- **Kitchen is now open** Fridays-Sundays 5pm! Lee, is cooking delicious Burgers & more!!
- **Friday May 30th** Another Comedy Night! With Stand up but also some comedy games and improv. Come tell your jokes, funny story, or join in the improv and games
- **Saturday, May 31st** Wharf Rats are back!! Super fun band! \$15 cover
- **Saturday, June 7th** BINGO! Proceeds going to Gibson, to offer support after the loss of his glass shop
- **Monday, June 16th 7pm** Legion General Meeting
- **Friday, June 20th 9pm**, Summer Solstice Party with Pom Poko, Djing Boiler style
- **Saturday, June 28th 8pm** Hal Douglas Blues Band \$10

Art Show at HBI Desperate for Meaning

You are invited to join two local artists at the Heriot Bay Inn on Saturday, June 14th 1-4pm, for their first Quadra art opening – Desperate for Meaning: A collection of Sculptures and Paintings by Kayleigh Kristiansen & Tom Smith. This assemblage has been in the making since the earliest days of the pandemic, which shook the cultural foundations of art and society.



As we grappled with a changed world, there was only one thing that seemed to make sense, and that was to keep going. These efforts have since snowballed into an impressive collection of psychedelic craftsmanship. The show will continue to be open to the public June 15th 10 am-5 pm and June 16 10 am-2 pm in the Bay View Room downstairs. Light refreshments will be provided.

Theatre Quadra Auditions

Interested in acting? Perhaps doing a little singing or dancing? Being part of a good fun, often zany, play? Theatre Quadra has your back. Two auditions for a new original script - a murder mystery comedy - are being held on June 8 from 2 to 4 pm at the Quadra Legion and June 12 from 6 to 8 pm at the HBI's Bay View Room. We are looking for actors, singers and dancers.

The play will be presented to Quadra audiences November 7th, 8th and 9th at the Quadra Community Centre.

Besides appearing on stage, Theatre Quadra has roles for persons interested in being a producer or co-producer, working back stage, helping with the concession (managing, working, cooking) or set construction. If you are interested in any of these important parts of a production either come to an audition or contact Theatre Quadra at theatrequadra@gmail.com

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Welcome

Chef Tyson Santry

The HBI is excited to announce our new Head Chef!

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We're looking forward to great hiking, kayaking and camping over the summer. Here are the confirmed upcoming trips:

4 June, Wednesday – hiking Granite Bay trails

10-12 June, Tuesday - Thursday - paddling, camping and hiking in Main Lakes Park

8-10 July, Tuesday - Thursday – hiking and camping in the Woss Area: Huson Caves and Woss Lookout

12 July, Saturday – hike to Century Sam Lake

23 July, Wednesday - hike to Newton Lake, Small Inlet and Waiatt Bay

The information about these trips can be found at: <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-summer-2025/>

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



The photo is the last edition of the DI of the retiring cultural concert organizers was taken by Anika Tokarchuk

Quarantones Present "Memories" – A Musical Celebration

Get ready for a joyful and moving musical experience as the Quarantones Male Chorus return to Quadra Island to present "Memories", a concert filled with beloved Broadway show tunes and songs of days gone by. The performance takes place at the Cape Mudge United Church on June 8. Known for their rich harmonies and engaging stage presence, the Quarantones promise a celebration of the music that lives in our hearts.

Denise Marquette who directs the twelve voices of the Quarantones has selected repertoire that reflect the emotional power of music to capture moments in time and bring them vividly back to life. Among the Broadway highlights are the emotionally charged Bring Him Home from Les Misérables, a prayer of protection and hope sung with power and passion by Orlando Wiebe and The Quest (The Impossible Dream) from Man of La Mancha, a soaring tribute to perseverance in the face of adversity. These are beautifully complemented by selections like Viva L'Amour, a spirited toast to friendship and the joy of singing together; "Wanting Memories, a plaintive meditation on loss, remembrance, and connection; and The Waves on the Sea, How They Roll, a traditional sea ballad that captures the steady rhythm of life and time. Together, these songs weave a rich tapestry of musical storytelling that speaks to both personal and collective memory.

Tickets are \$25 for adults & \$10 for students and are available on-line and at the door. For more information visit quarantonesensemble.com.



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Rock the Island! Catch the Rhythm!

Summer Music Camp registration now open

The Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund is hosting a summer music camp! For the second year, we are hosting a rock band camp, called Rock the Island! Catch the Rhythm! The focus this year will be on learning to keep the beat with your bandmates and having fun with rhythm instruments! It will also include playing your instrument and/or singing some great rock songs with the camp band. There will be a performance for families and friends at the end of the camp.

When: July 28 & 29, 10am-4pm

Where: Cape Mudge Hall and Youth Centre

Who: Youth aged 8-18 with at least one year of experience learning to play their instrument (lessons or school band) or singing (lessons or choir). Must have basic knowledge of how to play their instrument. Advanced player also welcome!

Cost: By donation at the camp.

Food: Lunch and snacks included.

Teachers: Rick Bossom (Canadian composer, musician, and teacher, see www.rickbossom.com) and Willum Ashurst (local youth drummer and pianist)

To register: Email us at quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com and we will send you the link to the registration form. Maximum 15.

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Age Against the Machine

Quadra Island's newest rock band will be playing the Heriot Bay Inn Pub on Friday May 30th at 8 pm with a mix of original songs by vocalist Will Rendall & guitar player Dylan Alps as well as covers from the Stones and Skynard to AC/DC & Black Sabbath.

Age Against the Machine bring a blast of energy to the dance floor with a solid rhythm section of Quadra Island legends Cal Juraschka and Shane Hedefine. This group is guaranteed to rock you all night long with each and every song!

See you at the HBI on Friday, May 30th, 8pm.

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Salmon AGM

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Tennis Lessons and Drop-In

Are you interested in learning to play tennis or brush up on your skills? Quadra Tennis Committee is offering basic instruction to prospective tennis players (teens to adults) every Saturday morning, 9:00-10:00 AM at the Quadra Community Centre's outdoor courts. Racquets are available. Call 250-285-2580 for more information.

Tennis players are invited to join us for Drop-In play, 10:00 AM to noon, every Saturday morning at the Quadra Community Centre outdoor courts. Call 250-285-2580 for more information.

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Water Awareness Workshop

Coming Up - Saturday, June 14

ICAN's Water Security Team and the We Wai Kai Nation invite you a public workshop at the Community Centre from 10 am to noon.

We will share updates on efforts to understand the freshwater status here on Quadra. This includes the monitoring of drilled wells, findings from our Drought Awareness and Dug Well survey, and studies by Vancouver Island University and the We Wai Kai Guardians.

After the updates, explore these and other topics further at information tables. You can find out how to use a digital monitor to record water level in your dug well, how to use an online tool to estimate how much water your family uses, and much more.

Door prizes -- Dug well monitors! Mark your calendar for this kid-friendly event. More details in the next DI.



Trout Derby

Quadra Island's 60th Annual Trout Derby Sat. June 14th & Sun. June 15th! Village Bay Lake, Register by noon on Sunday. Adults \$20 Children, 15 and under \$10. No fishing licence required for this event. Final weigh-in 3pm Sunday. Family fun event

Student Funding

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.

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What Do I want From My Computer? - Part 3

Essential Tools for the Digital World – Quadra Literacy Helps Close the Digital Gap

In my last article we talked about the things Quadra Literacy can do for those who need to pep up their old or broken computers. We introduced you to an ‘operating system’ called Zorin which is a certain flavour of Linux that looks and feels much like Windows. This operating system is much more streamlined compared to Windows and can make your old clunker come to life. Another benefit to Zorin and other Linux operating systems is that they will continue to ‘talk to’ older printers.

Many people ask, “Will I still be able to run my favourite programs?” Let’s take a look at some of the most commonly used programs in Windows and their Linux (Zorin) counterparts. Most of these equivalent programs will recognize the Windows file types and will use files created in a Windows program.

Category	Windows	Linux / Zorin	Notes
Office Suite	Microsoft Office	LibreOffice, OnlyOffice, WPS Office	LibreOffice is often pre-installed with Linux it’s a powerful, free alternative. Like MS Office, Libre offers word processing, spreadsheets and more. It’s compatible with MS Office.
Web Browser	Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Edge	Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox	Both browsers are widely used on both platforms.
Media Player	VLC Media Player, Windows Media Player	VLC Media Player	VLC is excellent for playing virtually any media format. Movies, DVDs, CDs
Image Editor	Adobe Photoshop, Paint.NET	GIMP, Krita, Inkscape	GIMP is a very capable free and open-source alternative to Photoshop. Inkscape is for vector graphics.
Text Editor	Notepad++, Notepad	Kate, Gedit, Nano, Vim, Emacs	Various powerful text editors are available on Linux, some command-line based.
Cloud Storage	Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive	Google Drive, Dropbox, Nextcloud (self-hosted)	These services generally have clients for both Windows and Linux.
Antivirus	Windows Defender, McAfee, Avast	ClamAV (often command-line), built-in security features	While less traditionally emphasized on Linux, antivirus options exist.
Disk Utilities	7-Zip, WinRAR	7-Zip (p7zip), PeaZip, File Roller	Tools for file compression and extraction.

On occasion we come across a program for Windows or Mac that is not available for Linux. If that is your situation then you might want to upgrade to a more modern Windows computer. I can be contacted via email at wedivebc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Dave Tomblin for Quadra Literacy Reducing the Digital Divide project. To contact Quadra Literacy email quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com

Your Voice, Your Community, Our Future!

Vital Signs Questionnaire Launch is here.

Your chance to participate in one of the most important community defining projects begins May 19th.

On May 19th the Quadra Island Foundation will launch the island’s first Vital Signs Project—a meaningful step forward in understanding who we are, where we’ve come from, and where we’re going.

But what exactly is Vital Signs, and why is it important?

The project begins with a questionnaire, which we are asking every Quadra Islander aged 19 or over to complete in around 15 minutes. Using the data from the questionnaire, our partners at the University of Victoria will compile, sort and analyse the data and produce our first Vital Signs Report.

This Report will enable us to gather data and insights in key areas that shape our daily lives, such as housing, health, education, the environment, the economy and community belonging. It’s not just about numbers; it’s about painting a full picture of the well-being, challenges and successes of our island community.

Vibrant communities need to understand who they are in order to prepare for, adapt to, and plan for a positive future. This is why the Quadra Island Foundation has been working hard behind the scenes for over a year in partnership with many other community volunteers to bring this important community project to life.

The foundational data captured and reported back to you by the Vital Signs Report will help us move beyond anecdotes. It will reveal patterns, highlight inequities, and bring clarity to complex issues, allowing Islanders to make informed, community-driven decisions as we move forward together.

This initiative is about more than data; it’s about community empowerment. By identifying our strengths and the gaps we need to address, we can make smarter decisions, attract resources, support local initiatives, and advocate for policies that reflect our values.

In this issue of the DI, you will find a ¼ page ad with a QR code or visit www.QuadraIslandFoundation.ca and follow the link to access the questionnaire. If Quadra Island and its community is important to you, we ask you to please take 15 minutes of your time to complete the questionnaire.

Your voice and your insights are critical. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. Yours in community,
The Quadra Island Foundation

Quadra Island June Weekend Studio Tour

It's almost here! June 7th & 8th

Quadra Island Weekend Studio Tour

Quadra Island's beloved June Weekend Studio Tour is back, offering a fresh lineup of over 30 artists and 25 creative spaces to explore. For longtime attendees, this year brings exciting new studios to discover, alongside familiar favourites. From Bold Point to the South End, you will no doubt cross paths with friends and neighbours out to enjoy the weekend. Come out to support the exhibiting artists and enter to win artworks from participating studios.



Arlo Nicoll Self Portrait – Kamaole II Location #19

In addition, you will find at the Quadra Island Community Centre, eight talented artists, a gallery showcasing all exhibiting studios, and a food concession by Quadra Roots to keep visitors fueled for the journey. Meanwhile, at Q Cove Plaza, mural artist Jenn Walton will give a special demonstration of her creative mural painting process.

Whether you're reconnecting with favorite island artists or seeking fresh inspiration, this weekend promises an immersive dive into Quadra's thriving arts scene. Grab a map from one of the sandwich board signs around the island, gather some friends, and make a day of it— that special collectible is waiting to be found!

The 2025 Studio Tour Artists would like to thank our generous community supporters who have contributed to this event to make it FREE for all attendees.

For full event details and to plan your visit, go to www.quadraislandarts.com and Discover the Arts!



Jenn Walton Mural – Vibrant Visions with Jenny Jenn Location #21

Marine Debris Round Up Approaches

The Quadra island beach clean dream team and the Comox Valley Waste Management are hosting the collection days May 31st and June 1st weekend.

Bins will be located at West rd and Industrial way where collected material will be sorted and packed into the Bins. Much going for recycling at the Ocean Legacy Foundation recycling facility. If you have asked for a super sack bring it, if you have marine debris bring it, if you need help we can do that. Contact us at Quadrabeachclean@gmail.com

We need lots of helpers at the Bins and you will be fed. 10 o'clock start both days.

No scrounging of materials unless you volunteer.

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There are 2 more hikes on each Wednesday before. This Wednesday the 21st meet at the South East parking area Rebecca Spit Provincial Park at 10 am. Everyone is welcome.

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MAY DAY 2025

Bugs, Slugs and Pollinators UNITE!

What an incredible day! The costumes, the parade, the weather, the community spirit, the May Pole Dancers, the Dance at the hall, ALL of it was a huge success because of soooooo many people. It takes a village to keep this annual tradition going, and we would like to honour all the amazing volunteers who contribute to the magic.

THANK YOU!!!!

STAGE: Thanks to Mel & Ross Doak for supplying and setting up the stage! They keep the supplies stored safely year-round and bring it to the spit the night before so the families of the Royal Court can decorate it. Amazing! Also, thanks for donating the Porta Potties each year.

PARADE MARSHALING: Lead by Dee McPhee and her wonderful team of helpers: Michelle Crosby, Joe Bridle, Derek McPhee, Sofia McPhee, Ishan McMahon, Donna Nickoloff.

MAY POLE DANCERS: Instructors: Mandy Hart and Lunabelle Louisa-Tremblay and helper Fern James. Thanks also to the staff at the Quadra Elementary.

MONARCH AND COURT: 2025 May Monarch: Aurelia Nammour and Escort Rosa Etheridge, Isla Harmer and Escort Fiona Hubert, Felix Richardson and Escort Gwendolyn Mae Black. Special thanks to Robin Beaton for being the May Monarch organizer extraordinaire! Thanks to the parents of the retiring court for their help organizing the decorations.

BOX LUNCH AUCTION: Organizer: Mia Frishholz and helper Lesley Anne Hart. Shoutout to auctioneer Heather Kent! Thanks to Heriot Bay Tru Value (for storing lunches in their walk-in cooler overnight) and also to Fern James for transporting lunches to the spit early Saturday am.

BEAUTIFUL BOXED LUNCHES provided by: Walcan "See Change" Seafoods, The Clove, Gowland Harbour Resort, Café Aroma, The Cove Pharmacy, Coveside Seafood Eatery, Foot Forward Farm, Island Farm to Table, Fermentations & Island Pantry, Heriot Bay Inn, The Q: Quadra Island Golf Club, Spirit of the West, South End Farm Winery, Tantrum No. 1 & Pan Pan Bread, Tru Value Foods Q Cove, Tru Value Foods Heriot Bay, Taku Resort and Marina, Coastal Community Credit Union, Quadra Roots, Quadra Legion Branch #154 Ladies Auxiliary

***** Huge thanks** to everyone who bid on the lunches and helped fundraise for next year's May Day!!

CONCESSION: Organizer – Mornay Vanzyl. Helpers: Angela Vanzyl & Jill Ross. Volunteers: Bill Ross, Daniel McMurdo, Afton McCauley, Linden Munn, Alex Munn, Adrienne Mann, Chagnet McGreggor, Caroline Gilbert, Lana Tehennepe, Sarah Griffiths, Bruce Classen, Peter Park, Tanya Storr, Nelson Roberts, Zoe Tehennepe, Troy Lamonte, Steve Eley, Bob Lloyd, Pat Peterson, Elicia Murdoch and the one and only Rome!

RACES: Led by Marni McMahan and helpers: Tasia Berfelo, Hazel Neri-Eley, Jess Nycholat, Aurelia Nammour, Rosa Etheridge, Karissa Rose, & Linda Lessard.

FACE PAINTING: Led by Megan Hartley and volunteers: Laurie Hartley, Sarah James, Sophie Leger, Aqualina Mitchell, Lauren Miller, Cedar Rose Zuk, Elizabeth Glidden

SHUTTLE: Spirit of the West Adventures

GREASE POLE: Doug and Gretchen Peters

DRIFTWOOD SCULPTURE BUILDING: Barb Mindell and helpers

VOLLEYBALL: Katie Field, Brandon Pirie & Family

PARKING: Paul Ryan and Rory Annett

SET UP AND CLEAN UP: Huge shout out to Mornay Vanzyl. Truck and helpers included: Eamon Simmons, Marc Doll and Evan Ross. Thankyou as well as many members of the Quadra Island Fire Department.... Too many to keep track of, thank you!

SOUND: Daniel Sutherland

ENTERTAINMENT: Sarah Sopracolle from Sound Seed Yoga for the beautiful Sound BUZZZZ Bath!

CLEAN UP and RECYCLING: Waste Management for donating dumpster and recycling bins.

LAND BLESSING: Thank you to Sing For Pure Joy, led by Mary Dennison and Kate Alexandra, for their beautiful rendition of 'Humbly'. Special thanks as well to Mary and Kate for leading us in O Canada.



BUGS, SLUGS AND POLLINATORS... UNITE!

2025 DEDICATION: Thanks to Joan Varley for presenting the dedication to GEORGE MURDOCH: The "QCC Sound Man"!

Gr. 5 PICNIC: Thanks go to parents: Rick Snowdon, Michaela Richardson, Breanne Quesnel, Jane West and Rachel Segal for organizing and helping day of. Thanks to CCCU for the event tent.

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Photo Club – Don Mottershead, Anika Tokarchuk, Michael and Marjorie Luce-Haddon, Diane Yusko-Fielding & Robin Beaton

SPECIAL APPRECIATIONS TO:

- Quadra Builders for BBQ drop off/pick up
- Walcan Seafood for the ice
- Michael Kinser for the BBQ's
- The Discovery Islander for advertising
- Ambulance Crew
- Fire Department
- Campbell River Pipe Band
- RCMP for leading the parade: Corporal Nick Morden and Constable Julie Clelland
- Coffee Donations by Aroma Coffee Rosters: Helene Arseneault
- Kindergarten Teacher Lesley Brown for helping the K class at the ceremony
- Rebecca Spit Park Operators for extra amazing park prep!
- May Day Poster Design by Marla Ebell and name painting by Elke River
- Graham, Steve and Richard Swanson and family for float trucks
- All the "fancy" cars & drivers for the Monarch & Royal Court
- The secret parade judges (you know who you are!)
- The May Day theme selection committee
- And all of YOU who put effort into the AMAZING floats and costumes!

Huge thanks to everyone who helped bring 2025 May Day magic to life!

It all came together beautifully thanks to the incredible support of this community.

If we happened to miss your name on the thank-you list, please know how much we appreciate you!

See you all again next year!



With much appreciation & gratitude,

Jane West ~ Executive Director

& Zoe Tehennepe ~ Program Co-Ordinator
Quadra Island Community Centre

PARADE WINNERS

Floats

1st Place: The Night Bite

2nd Place: Quadra Digs Bugs

3rd Place: Quadra Children's Centre

Children's Best Costume: The Snail Family

Best Overall Individual: Brandi Hedefine

Walkers

1st place: Quadra Island Bee Keepers

2nd Place: The Circle of Weather – Mirabelle McRae

3rd Place: Blumes, Wings and Slimey Things – Aliza, Ezra and Rafi

Bikes

1st Place: Rogue McLaren "Ladybugs for a free Palestine"

2nd Place: Cedar Rose and Terra Zuk "Horses"

3rd Place: Aqualina and Kornelia Mitchell "Plan B for the Bees Lab"

Judges Own

1st Place: Love Bugs for: Best Music

2nd Place: Hooley Hooligans for: Best Bubblers

3rd Place: A Bug's Life for: Best Painted Caterpillar

Community Maypole Thank you's

A big community thank you to Heriot Bay Tru Value for providing the the dancers with goody bags, Quadra Builders for providing the truck for our float, the Doak family for helping us with the maypoles each year, Jamie Swanson and the Quadra Elementary PAC for helping us sort out what the kids wear, Matt Griswold (Toelle Construction) and Kieren DeMill for refurbishing the poles, Deb Manery and the late Kathy Young for our gorgeous new quilted banner, Fern James for helping with kid prep, float and day-of prep, parents of maypole dancers for decorating our beautiful float, and Linda McCluskey for the continued support and encouragement.

And finally, a massive thank you to the grade 3/4 2025 Quadra Elementary Maypole dancers, for committing and continuing to uphold a beloved Island tradition and pulling it off flawlessly.

We are so proud of you.

Luna & Mandy

MAY DAY MONARCH SPEECH 2025



I start as an egg. Then later on I'm a caterpillar. After that I go into my cocoon. Finally, I emerge from my cocoon as a beautiful, delicate butterfly. I'm now fragile, yet I have a vital job to play: I go around pollinating flowers. Here on Vancouver Island, you will likely find some of my relatives such as Anise Swallowtail, Cabbage White, Common Wood Nymph, Mourning Cloak and many more, and of course, the Monarch.

Welcome ants, slugs, bees, butterflies, insects and all you other fellow

Quadrians. Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that the insects have been pollinating on these lands for many millennia, and that the We Wai Kai first people witnessed it for centuries. Today on May 24 we have gathered for a day of spectacular activities. I'm a 10-year-old girl, oh 11 actually it's my birthday today, named Aurelia. I would also like to introduce my escort Rosa, my court Felix and his escort, and Isla and her escort. I would also like to thank last year's May Monarchs Claire and Amelia.

I believe that it's not only the parade, races and face painting that make May Day, it's the culture and community that really brings the day to life. May Day is a hive full of history, tradition and new generations each fulfilling a crucial role. Imagine a previous May Day 100 years ago. Who was the May monarch then? Were there races? Imagine how different it would have been, yet it has kept the same DNA. Just like a butterfly it has metamorphosed.

I too have evolved over several May Days: going from being a larva-like spectator my first year, to marching in the parade with the rest of the Yellow Rose Food Truck worker ants. Last year I was the escort of the retiring May Monarch as she moved on, searching for new light like a moth. This year I'm the May Monarch, and like my namesake butterfly, I'm at the end of my metamorphosis.

What does May Day truly mean to me? It means gratitude. Why? Because I get to spend time with my family, I feel gratitude towards the organizers, the floats, the participants in the races and many more people in this community that makes May Day truly comes together.

Close your eyes, you're now a mason bee, you fly 5 meters above the ground. Do you feel the soft breeze pushing you? Do you smell the salty sea air? Do you taste the sweet honeysuckles nectar? Do you hear the vibrations of people chatting and talking below? Do you see the bright, bright ray of sunlight? What can you sense?

I sense Quadra uniting. It's astonishing to see such a strong community. Now it's my turn to imagine I'm a different animal: I'm a slug.

I imagine most of you here think I'm a slimy problem, but hey, don't judge a book by its cover, oh wait, I don't have one. Yes, I may be a tiny problem in your garden, it's true, though I too have a job to play. Basically, I am part of nature's recycling crew. See, even slimy problems have a role.

Welcome everyone to the 127th May Day please take your role in our hive, and make some extraordinary memories today.

Thank you, Quadra!
Aurelia Nammour



**May 31st &
June 1st
10 am - 2 pm**

**West Road
and
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Way**

Oceans Day Beach Clean-Up

"Seas the day, help us keep our beaches clean"

The Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) service and the Quadra Island Beach Clean Dream Team are hosting a beach clean-up event for residents who have collected beach debris.

Volunteer for the weekly Wednesday beach clean-ups and/or for sorting, collecting, and filling the bins with materials collected on May 31st and June 1st. Sign up to get notifications at: quadrabeachclean@gmail.com

All ocean debris will be recycled through the Ocean Legacy recycling depot in Cumberland. CSWM would like to thank its partners for their continued partnership. We look forward to many more years of keeping the Discovery Islands beaches clean.

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Mismanaging Waste

In 1776 a Scot named Adam Smith published what has been seen by many as the foundational text defining the Free Market/Capitalist system. The book was titled *An Inquiry Into the Nature and Causes of The Wealth of Nations*; more commonly referred to as *The Wealth of Nations*. In Book V, Part Third, Article II there is a small section in which Smith points out that

In the progress of the division of labour....The man whose whole life is spent in performing a few simple operations...has no occasion to exert his understanding, or to exercise his invention in finding out expedients for removing difficulties which never occur. He naturally loses, therefore, the habit of such exertion, and generally becomes as stupid and ignorant as it is possible for a human creature to become....not only incapable of relishing or bearing a part in any rational conversation, but of conceiving any generous, noble, or tender sentiment, and consequently of forming any just judgment concerning many even of the ordinary duties of private life. Of the great and extensive interests of his country, he is altogether incapable of judging...His dexterity at his own particular trade seems...to be acquired at the expence of his intellectual, social, and martial virtues.

I believe, given the recently announced changes to our garbage collection system, that the residents of Quadra Island are experiencing an example of THE SUPID as defined by Smith. Why do I suggest this? Well, the two new WM collection alternatives that I can sign up for both assume that I have my garbage picked up on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. In fact, given that

1. I live alone and I do not have much garbage
2. I compost as much garbage as I can
3. I use the recycle system as much as possible, and
4. I only put a garbage can out for pick up approximately ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS
5. the alternatives that are offered do not make much sense compared to the current system which allows me to buy a garbage pick up ticket as needed and does not FORCE ME TO PAY for services which I do not require.
6. If the proposed changes do not allow me to continue with my current methods for disposal I will be forced to find an alternative. Maybe I will just start dumping ALL my garbage in the recycle bin or take it to some undeveloped lot and dump it there. Maybe I will start dumping it into the ocean. Maybe....
7. I suggest that if Waste Management wants to change the current system that it should also maintain the True-Value garbage sticker program. This will allow those individuals who do not have substantial waste to continue to have garbage pickup on an AS REQUIRED basis.
8. Hopefully, the recent announcement of the coming change in Quadra's garbage collection program will be objected to by ALL QUADRA RESIDENTS interested in overcoming THE STUPID.

Wayne Assal



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Friends of Area C Presentation to SRD Board

Thank you for including us in today's Board meeting. My name is Mike Gall and my colleague is Bob Hartley. We are both members of a community group, "Friends of Area C". This is a loose coalition of 250 Area C residents interested in the workings of the SRD and Board as it relates to Area C projects and services. Working with us are retired judges, project management professionals, accountants and interested parties of all kinds providing feedback and commentary. Today, we are asking the Board to consider the following petition with signatures collected over a 6 week period during February and March. We had 20 active canvassers going door to door, collecting signatures at special event signing tables and gathering signatures at multiple storefront locations. There are a total of 1226 names. I would like to read the cover letter associated with the petition.

Friends Of Area C, FOAC, delegation presentation of a petition against Area C inclusion in the Strathcona Gardens Service

Area C is a unique and separate community miles apart from Campbell River / SRD priorities. Primarily it is a rural lifestyle steeped in an appreciation of natural beauty and an "island time" existence where community comes first. Although we lack services that many take for granted, we choose a low impact lifestyle as having a higher priority. The majority of residents live independent of centralized water systems, sewer hook ups, natural gas connections, garbage pickup service, recycling at our door and streetlights on every road. Some might consider these to be sacrifices but for most Area C denizens, these are in fact desirable benefits. Further, we are separated from the broader SRD by the convenient inconvenience of BC Ferries. Although on first blush, our worlds appear separated by a mere 15 minutes, in fact ferry travel is always timed by the controlled chaos of bi directional parking lot delays. Area C has vibrant recreation opportunities. The extraordinary, community built, Quadra Community Centre is well utilized and provides a myriad of recreational possibilities, arts and entertainment and social services. This includes tennis, pickleball, baseball, mountain bike trails, pump track, hiking, kids playground, climbing wall, yoga and exercise classes. Cultural contributions include community theatre, live music events, international movie nights, community dances and the ever popular Weds. community lunch. In the outer Discovery Islands, Surge Narrows is the remarkable off grid equivalent. Both these hubs provide valued community outreach and serve Area C residents well. Additionally, Area C is a gateway to extensive outdoor recreation options with tens of thousands flocking to the area experiencing the abundance of wildlife and natural beauty.

Strathcona Gardens has amenities we do not. Therein lies the point: living on the islands is different. Most residents came here to live a rural lifestyle more in tune with our surroundings. If a pool and a skating surface were paramount to our existence, we would have chosen to reside elsewhere.

Residents of Area D and the City of Campbell River pay a hefty price for the privilege of having the Strathcona Gardens Service in their community. Currently, as the sole participants, Area D and the City of Campbell River voted to revitalize their facility and chose a \$74 million proposal. Using the Alternative Approval Process, residents of these two jurisdictions approved the borrowing of \$64 million. Although the original Strathcona Gardens renovation proposal, as described in SRD Board minutes, stated that the two phases of construction would likely be kept within the \$74 million dollar budget. It has now been decided that the second phase will require borrowing an additional \$54 million. This pushes the Strathcona Gardens renovation project to a staggering \$118 million worth of borrowing and a total budget nearing \$130 million. Considering the current state of financial uncertainties, construction costs could creep even higher, begging the question, Is this the wisest use of taxpayers money?

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The notion of adding Area C to the Strathcona Gardens service has been floated several times over the years. In light of the spiraling renovation costs and the ever higher expense to operate the facility, the SRD Board faces an acute dilemma of finding new revenue. Area C is ripe for the picking. However, if the strategy is fulfilled, this would mean an extraordinarily significant annual tax increase for our community. It would be the most expensive tax increase Area C ratepayers have ever faced. For some, it could be devastating.

It is my contention Area C utilization of Strathcona Gardens is exceptionally low, estimated at 1% or 2%. We have not been able to find any details to the contrary as there is no admission gate survey having been conducted. We also believe for those residents from Area C who do make use of the facility, our expectation is it's the same repetitive participants. When the expense of ferry transportation is added and the lack of bus service from the ferry terminal on the Campbell River side, the facility is simply too time inconvenient and expensive to access from the majority of Area C.

Residents of Area C make great use of the existing island based, community-built recreation and service facilities and are proud of what is offered. If Area C residents choose to take advantage of Strathcona Gardens, few if any would object to an out-of-area user fee.

To make such a decision without direct consultation is unconscionable: it is taxation without representation. We have neither been consulted nor consented to this non essential service.

This petition serves as constructive criticism of the Implied SRD Board ambition to include Area C in the Strathcona Gardens Service. We the residents of Area C vehemently object and respectfully request a formal Area C exclusive referendum prior to any future vote of inclusion in the Strathcona Gardens Service.
Mike Gall

Friends of Area C, Petition against Area C inclusion in the Strathcona Gardens Service Perspective from a concerned citizen on Quadra

After searching for the perfect community in which to retire, my wife and I found it in Quadra! Indoor swimming pools or arenas were not on our list of essentials to help make our decision.

Area C residents do not live on the same island as the Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex and as such must use a BC Ferry or a private boat to reach Vancouver Island. I live in Heriot Bay and relate to my experience and

can only imagine the exhausting experience of the other residents of Area C to reach Campbell River.

The ferry fees for two of us with a car to Campbell River during the week is \$20.90.

Thus, a swim for two would be \$20.90 plus \$4.40 each totalling \$29.70. Not cheap.

In the previous twelve-month period, we spent \$1,100 for the CR ferry, which averages out to one crossing per week. We travel over out of necessity for dentist, optometrist, hospital services, shopping, etc. Our trips are purpose driven. We do not go over for entertainment, swimming, or skating.

Based on our 2025 property assessment our property tax would increase by \$550 if Area C was included in the Strathcona Gardens Service Area. That is equivalent to 50% of our annual ferry budget! Is this reasonable?

This tax increase would be the largest line item for local services, a line item that did not exist previously. This suggests that Area C was not included for Strathcona Gardens Service Area tax dollars. What has changed?

Granted, Strathcona Gardens is used by some folks from Area C, mostly from Quadra.

Without an admission gate survey, it's estimated that only 1% to 2% of Area C residents use the Gardens facility. Two percent would be a generous estimate. Imposing taxes for non-essential services on 99% of taxpayers is undemocratic and raises concerns about fairness and representation. Additionally, Area C does not receive any economic benefit from Strathcona Gardens, unlike Campbell River.

Governments often view taxation as a straightforward method to boost revenues.

However, this approach is only effective if the taxed population consents.

There are approximately 2,126 households in Area C. The petition, which garnered over 1,200 signatures, clearly proves that most Area C residents oppose the inclusion in the Strathcona Gardens Service Area. The petition did not reach many of the more remote communities in Area C.

There is ample precedent for municipal governments in British Columbia holding referendums on issues related to the development or renovation of pools and recreation centres. Notably, Victoria conducted a referendum on the Crystal Pool, and the Regional District of Nanaimo held a referendum for the expansion of the Ravensong Aquatic Centre.

An exclusive Area C referendum would allow all eligible residents get the chance to vote and ensures broader participation.

Bob Hartley

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello,

This report is stacked with news on wharves and the recycling depot, plus a Friends of Area C petition accepted by the Board. Let's get to it...

WHARVES

There's big news about the Surge Narrows and Owen Bay wharves of Area C: the Board has approved a contract to repair the wharves, and the work will begin in the 2025 'fall fish window'. This seemingly simple statement has been more than a decade coming, and will be welcome news to many wharf users, especially folks in the Outer Discovery Islands.

The repairs support continued access, improved safety, and long-term operational viability to the wharves which are critical infrastructure for the remote communities they support and provide residents access to their properties. The wharves also facilitate marine tourism and offer safe harbour during storms.

Wharves have been an ongoing topic for years. Indeed, the wharves were divested by Transport Canada to the SRD eleven years ago. The divestment came with federal funding to do necessary works, a deadline, and a requirement that the funds weren't used till the wharves were part of a regional district service. Now, the wharves of Surge Narrows and Owen Bay have joined three other wharves in the Area C Parks Service, and the SRD and Tlowitsis First Nation have a binding agreement for the divestment of

the Port Neville Wharf, with final transfer of ownership proceeding once the funded repairs are complete.

As you can likely imagine, construction costs have escalated considerably since 2014 when the wharves were divested. SRD staff have made concerted efforts to reflect local input, however, the constraints of the funding agreements and available budgets required design concessions at all three sites.

At the May meeting, the Board authorized a contract with Pacific Industrial and Marine for \$2,149,590 to repair the wharf facilities at Surge Narrows, Owen Bay and Port Neville. The Community Works/gas tax allocation for Owen Bay has been increased from \$117k to \$120k to meet the lowest project bid. In 2024 the project agreement with Transport Canada was extended to November 2026. Big gratitude to the SRD engineering team who continue to move this project forward.

QUADRA RECYCLE DEPOT

A new Recycle BC depot for Quadra Island is highly anticipated by many islanders and has been in the works for years. I'm excited to share that progress is being made, and a needed budget addition of \$198,000 for completion of the depot was approved at the May meeting of the Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) Board.

Additional funding was required to complete the project due to construction cost increases and higher costs for site prep & building foundation due to conditions identified during

geotechnical investigations. The recycle depot will be housed in a prefabricated steel building on a leased parcel of land on West Road (maybe you've noticed the sign announcing the depot is coming soon).

Many steps of the recycle depot project are complete: a long-term lease for the land is in place; geotechnical investigations are complete; a contract for a facility operator has been awarded; a Quadra Island engineer is providing structural engineering services for the project; and a prefabricated steel building package has been ordered. Due to tariff uncertainty, CSWM chose a Canadian-made building which will be ready and delivered in four months. The depot is anticipated to open Fall 2025. Keep up to date on the latest recycle depot news here: cswm.ca/quadradepotconversion

STRATHCONA GARDENS PETITION PRESENTED

The May SRD Board meeting featured a delegation presentation from two Quadra Islanders, Mike Gall & Bob Hartley, representing Friends of Area C. They presented a petition with a total of 1,226 names, each signatory 'respectfully requesting a formal Area C exclusive referendum prior to any future vote of inclusion in the Strathcona Gardens Service'. The boardroom gallery seating was filled with their supporters, some holding banners.

I very much appreciate the concern with which many folks view Area C being included in the Strathcona Gardens Service and the additional tax burden this could create. Currently I have no new updates to report: the Kelsey Centre Review Committee, which will be presenting its findings to the board, continues its journey of learning & discovery; these learnings will be included in the 'additional recreation participation' report. Want a refresher on the details? Check out my February 7 Report, available at robynmawhinney.ca/directors-reports.

CONNECT

Thank you for reading, and thank you for the opportunity to serve our community. You're welcome to connect with me with questions or concerns: you can email RMawhinney@srd.ca, or call 250.203.2468. If you'd like to chat in person, you can book a meeting at calendly.com/robynmawhinney.

Until next time,

Respectfully,
Director Robyn Mawhinney

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Province of British Columbia Approves Funding for Economic Diversification and Sustainable Tourism Projects on Quadra Island.

Quadra Island, BC – May 20, 2025 - The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the We Wai Kai Nation, Quadra Island Foundation and local stakeholders, is excited to announce that the Province of British Columbia has approved funding for a groundbreaking initiative aimed at building long-term economic resilience and sustainable growth for Quadra Island. The Rural Economic Development and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) have approved the funding.

The Economic Diversification and Sustainable Tourism Plans will support Quadra Island's transition to a more diversified economy, reducing reliance on seasonal tourism and resource-based industries. The funding will allow for a comprehensive approach to strengthening the local economy through enhanced tourism offerings, workforce development, infrastructure improvement, and cultural preservation.

REDIP funding for capacity is available to small rural communities with populations of less than 2,500 outside of Metro Vancouver and the Capital Regional District, making Quadra Island an eligible recipient. As a rural and vibrant community, Quadra Island is well-positioned to benefit from these efforts, as this project will address critical challenges such as underemployment, seasonality, and the need for year-round economic activities.

Key components of the project include:

- **Economic Assessment and Stakeholder Engagement:** A comprehensive analysis of Quadra Island's economic strengths, challenges, and growth sectors. Stakeholder consultations will include residents, local businesses, and Indigenous groups, ensuring the plans reflect the community's collective vision and priorities.
- **Sustainable Tourism Development:** Focusing on eco-tourism and cultural heritage tourism, including First Nation-led cultural tourism, the project aims to create year-round tourism opportunities that protect the natural environment while fostering community engagement.
- **Workforce Development and Capacity Building:** The initiative will provide targeted coaching, 4 Seasons of Reconciliation training, mentorship, and professional development to strengthen local businesses and reduce staff turnover, ensuring a stable and skilled workforce.
- **Off-Season Tourism Strategies:** By expanding tourism offerings during the off-season, the project will increase economic stability and reduce the island's dependency on peak-season visitors.

This project represents a significant step forward in enhancing Quadra Island's economic sustainability and fostering a future that balances growth with environmental and cultural integrity. By emphasizing economic diversification, sustainable tourism, and community engagement, the project seeks to create lasting economic benefits for both current and future generations on the island.

The Economic Diversification Coordinator, funded by REDIP/ICET, will play a significant role in driving this initiative forward. Through collaboration with the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce, the We Wai Kai Nation, Quadra Island Foundation, and other stakeholders, the coordinator will help develop and implement the Economic Diversification and Sustainable Tourism Plans, ensuring the project's success.

Project Team: The initiative is being led by a dedicated and experienced project team.

- Dr. Farhad Moghimehfar, Project Consultant, brings expertise in sustainable tourism planning and community-based economic development.
- Jennifer Banks-Doll, Economic Diversification Coordinator, will lead the day-to-day implementation and community engagement efforts.
- Jason Wilson, Director of Economic Development, We Wai Kai Nation will co-develop, review, and ensure cultural representation while collaboratively planning Indigenous-led implementation.
- The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce Steering Committee includes President Carol Ann Terreberry, Treasurer Carol Perry, and Councillor Tina Oswald, who together provide strategic oversight and local leadership throughout the project.

"The We Wai Kai Nation is proud to be a partner in this initiative that not only supports sustainable economic development, but also recognizes and integrates Indigenous values, knowledge, history, and culture into the future of Quadra Island. This is an opportunity to create lasting benefits for our community and for generations to come, while sharing the richness of our heritage with visitors in a respectful and authentic way," said Jason Wilson, Director of Economic Development, We Wai Kai Nation.

"This project is a powerful example of what's possible when communities, Indigenous partners, and local organizations come together with a shared vision. I am proud to be part of this meaningful initiative that prioritizes sustainability, year-round livelihoods, and the unique character of Quadra Island," said Dr. Farhad Moghimehfar, Project Consultant.

"We are incredibly grateful for the funding support from the Province of British Columbia," said Carol Ann Terreberry, President of the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce. "This project will not only strengthen our local economy but will also celebrate and preserve the unique character of Quadra Island, supporting both our residents and visitors."

This initiative aligns closely with the Area C Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, which emphasizes community engagement, economic resilience, and sustainable development. By addressing local needs and ensuring environmental responsibility, the project aims to build a future that is both economically prosperous and socially responsible.

The project officially launched on April 1, 2025, with completion set for March 31, 2027. It promises to be a transformative step in shaping the future of Quadra Island's economy.

For more information about the project, upcoming community consultations, or how you can get involved, please contact the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce at admin@dicc.ca.

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Flute Adds Depth To Chamber Music Festival

The constellation of performers slated for 2025's Quadra Island Festival of Chamber Music will be enhanced by the inclusion of gifted flautist Christie Reside.

Christie grew up in Calgary, with the goal of someday playing flute in a symphony. She has been the recipient of a number of grants, including the Canadian Council for the Arts and the BC Arts Council. She liked orchestral playing and was invited to become second flute for the Vancouver Symphony at the age of 19, and has now been principal flute since 2004.

She gradually came to realize that playing in small groups felt more rewarding. She has been a member of contemporary chamber music sextet, Standing Wave, for the past 12 years. Standing Wave is comprised of "intrepid new music interpreters dedicated to commissioning [Canadian works] and performing cutting-edge music from today's most forward-thinking composers." Christie relishes the opportunity their group has had to be the very first to premiere a number of new compositions.

One of the highlights of her career has been Standing Wave's recent 30th Anniversary Gala Concert, where no fewer than 5 original compositions were premiered. Another thrill for her was the 2022 Juno nomination of their album, 20CRemix.

For the past 14 years Christie has enjoyed playing a beautiful Burkart flute of 14k gold with silver keys. Her favourite pieces to play are any by Debussy or Ravel that feature the flute section, and her favourite composers are Shostakovich and Prokofiev. The accomplishment of which she is most proud is passing on the love of music to her son, who plays cello, and one of the things she most enjoys doing is performing music on a flute in a way that no one else has done.

While her youthful aspiration was to play in a symphony, her goals nowadays are less about

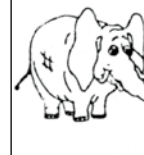


achievement and more about enjoyment. Christie wants to be a "good colleague, setting everyone up for success." She finds it gratifying to introduce audiences to new music, especially contemporary music they may have been unfamiliar with or thought they wouldn't enjoy. She hopes to someday move her family to Quadra Island.

Christie will be performing the first (Monday) and last (Friday) evening of the festival. This year's Quadra Island Festival of Chamber Music will be held Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27. Tickets can be purchased online at quadrafestival.ca or at Inspirations and Copper Coast Gallery on Quadra Island. If you would like to know more about Christie, you can see her bio on the festival website.

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Biological Wonders

Below are six biological wonders that should help to confirm the sophisticated intelligence of nature. They are a mere sample of what we are discovering about the animals and plants that share this planet with us, a reminder that is particularly appropriate since our behaviour has initiated the sixth major extinction event in Earth's history.

- Of the 790 neurons that paper wasps use to identify familiar objects, 35 are specifically designed to identify the individual face patterns on their fellow wasps. These neurons are similar in design to those in primates, including humans, that perform the same function. This evidence suggests that paper wasps can recognize other individual wasps based on their distinctively coloured facial markings. (New Scientist, Dec. 1/24.)
- An ant with an injured leg can have that leg amputated by other ants before an infection can spread to its body and result in its death. The surgeon ants can distinguish between different leg injuries in order to amputate accordingly. Some ant species apply antimicrobial compounds to the wounds of nest-mates to reduce the risk of infection (New

Scientist, July 2/24). Red wood ants, a genus of Formica, carry chunks of tree resin to their nests, spray it with their formic acid excretions to enhance the antimicrobial properties, and then distribute small pieces to reduce the growth of unwanted pathogens (National Geographic, February 2025).

- Cyanobacteria, one of the simplest forms of life, seem to have a memory that protects them from approaching cold weather. When a sample of bacteria has been exposed to shorter periods of light, an indication of approaching winter, the spawned progeny of that bacteria survive two to three times better in subsequent freezing weather. But this advantage only occurs four to six days later, even though the cyanobacteria spawn a new generation every few hours. This means that the experience of shorter days must be remembered through several generations. Cyanobacteria have existed for about 2 billion years, so they have had lots of time to learn the survival strategy. (New Scientist, Sept. 14/24).

• A particular breed of cucumber is able to fire its seeds many metres away by building up hydrologic pressure within its fruit. The explosion is so fast that it can barely be seen with the naked eye. Amazing as this is, even more amazing is the plant's behaviour prior to the actual firing. Since the fruit dangles vertically from the end of its vine, its ejected seeds would normally only travel horizontally, which would not maximize the distance the seeds could reach. So prior to dropping its fruit, the cucumber pumps hydrologic pressure into its attaching stem, drawing the fruit up to the 45 degree angle that is needed for maximum trajectory distance. Then, at the precise moment that the fruit releases on its fall to the ground, before it has had time to lose its opportune height and angle, the seeds are fired. (Quirks and Quarks, CBC Radio, December 7/24.)

• Various mollusc species cultivate algae inside their shells because these primitive plants can use photosynthesis to make sugars for them. The problem for the molluscs, however, is that the algae needs sunlight to generate the sugars, and not much is available inside a closed shell. Most molluscs solve this problem by opening their shells sufficiently to let in enough light for the algae to thrive, but this is a risky strategy. The heart cockle has a more ingenious solution. It has tiny transparent windows in its shell that act like fibre optic tubes. Crystals of aragonite let in light and the chitin "cladding" directs it to the cockle's tissue where the algae live. They get the light that they need for photosynthesis in exchange for a safe place to live, and the cockle gets its sugars from its symbiotic relationship with the algae. As an added benefit, the aragonite crystals filter out the ultraviolet that might harm both the cockle and the algae. (The Economist, "Bivalve Broadband", November 2/24.)

• Green sea turtles (Chelonia mydas) travel thousands of kilometres at sea from their feeding areas to their natal beaches by using the unique magnetic configurations that are imprinted on the young turtles as hatchlings. When they have extricated themselves from their shells, the hatchlings then have to make their way upward through many centimetres of sand, an arduous process that can take one to four days of "swimming". Tiny accelerometers, attached to their backs by scientists, indicate that they spend at least 67% of their time moving vertically in "minute-long bursts of activity." Then, when the hatchlings near the surface, in a magical choreography of genetic sophistication, they move only at night, which is when they emerge out of the sand to minimize the risk of predation (New Scientist, October 5/24).

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Robert Muress

It is with great sadness we share the passing of Robert (Bob) Owen Muress on May 16, 2025.

Bob was born on February 3, 1938 in Hull, East Yorkshire, England. At the age of 16, he immigrated on his own to Canada leaving behind his parents and four older brothers.



Dad spent his first couple of years in Campbell River, then in 1957 he took a life changing position in Dawson Creek with BC Tel. There he began a 36 year career with the telephone company, but more importantly he met the love of his life, Shirley Hay. They were married August 1960 and would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this summer.

In 1970 Bob and Shirley moved to Quadra Island with their three small children: Jim, Marvin and Brenda.

Dad was very handy and resourceful. He rebuilt our home mostly on his own. He loved gardening and was particularly proud of his peach tree.

Bob was an avid fisherman and was frequently away with his boat and motorhome on fishing trips.

Dad was the telephone man on Quadra Island and Cortez for many years until he retired in 1993. Bob volunteered in different ways throughout the years, and for the last 20 years, he spent many hours in the spring working with the Federal Governments Community Volunteer Income Tax Program assisting members of the Quadra community and the Campbell River Women's Resource Centre with the completion of their income tax returns.

Bob will be deeply missed by his wife Shirley, children Jim (Terry), Marvin (Matt), Brenda (Bruce), his grandchildren Valerie (Steve), Katrina (Kevin), Michelle and Ryan (Jen) and his great grandchildren: Austin, Madison, Cameryn, Taylor, Tyson, Chad, Hayden, Emersyn and Easton.

Bob had many good friends throughout his life, but he had a special place in his heart for the Hawkins family and Jo-Anne and Kevin Johnson.

At Dad's request there will be no service.

Edward E Nutting



Greatly missed by his children Mike (Mercedes) and Catherine; grandchildren Kai and Mikylee; and great grandchildren Odin and Axel.

We remember Ted in his garden, or on his grader, at cub camps, fishing, dancing at the community hall, teasing and joking, and later, missing Ellen. We remember him always at home; always puttering outside, happy to have us join him. He was extremely hardworking and very social, getting along with people from all walks of life throughout the north Island.

Ted knew the land like the back of his hand, every creek, every hill, and every turn in the scenic "shortcuts" along dirt roads. We remember the bush-whacking, the tracking, and the long free summers camping in the bush.

He was our hero: strong, caring, humble, and unflinchingly trustworthy.

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