

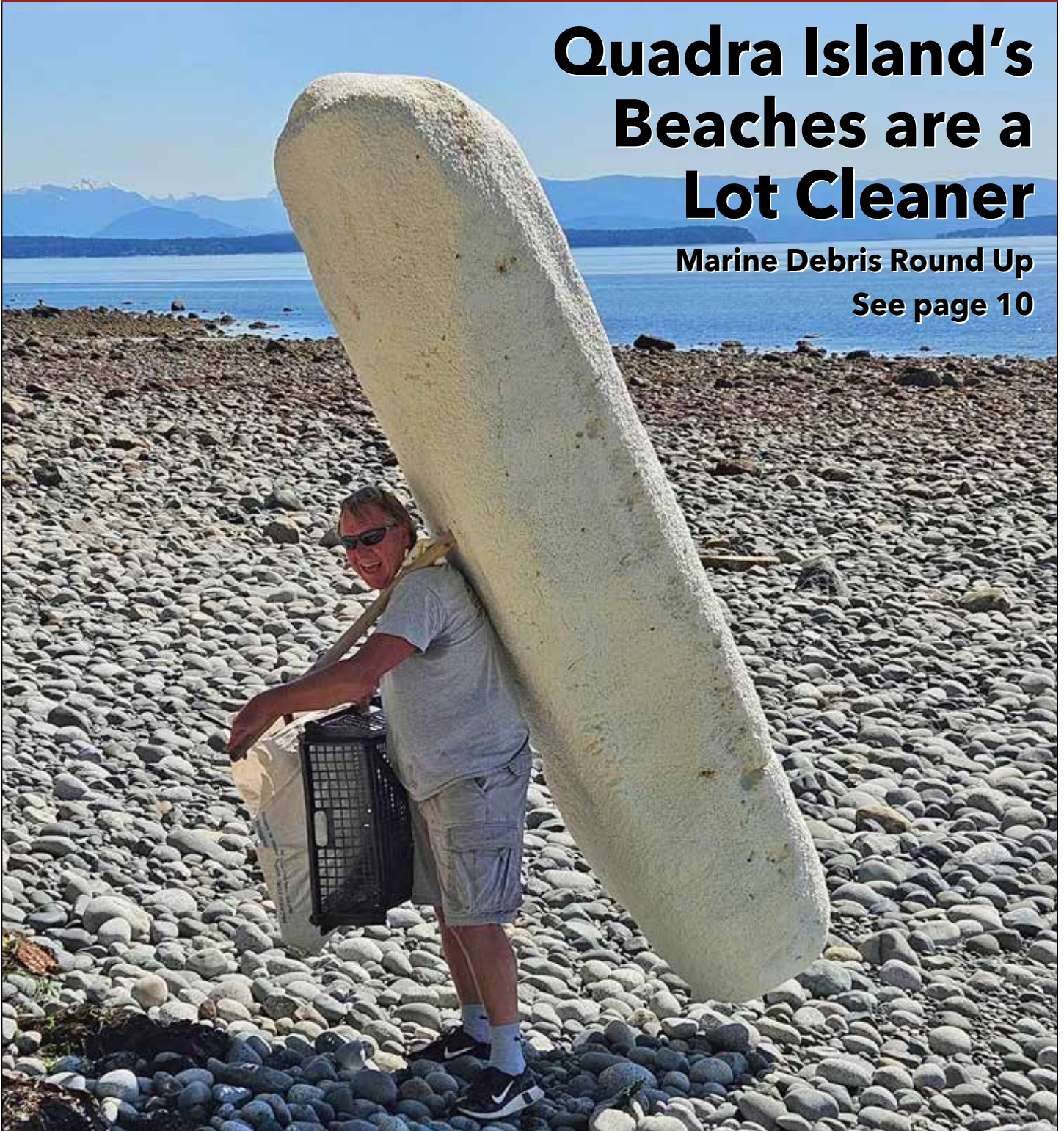
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## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### Quadra Circle News

UBC's Compassionate Community research project was looking for 4 rural/remote communities to test-drive a toolkit meant to help communities develop a cohesive support for community members experiencing failing health, end of life, care giving, and grief. Together, Quadra Circle, NavCARE and Way To Go have many of the ingredients that fit the bill.

Nav-CARE (<https://www.nav-care.ca/>) has core training for their volunteers to help community members navigate through changes in their health that impact their lives. Through the Compassionate Community initiative, this FREE training will be available to all who want to learn more about how to support family and friends in their time of need.

Way To Go (<https://way2go.ca>) offers many educational opportunities that provide information and discussion around the human experience of death, dying, and grieving. Community-Led Death Care (part of Way To Go) volunteers provide services around death and dying such as helping with necessary paperwork, home funeral plans, natural burials, and emotional support. With Way To Go, death can be less of an unknown and more of a shared community experience.

Quadra Circle (<https://www.quadracircle.ca/>) has a mixture of volunteers and funded services including Seniors Activities, frozen meals, foot care, Better At Home, and Care Giver Support Group to name a few. No wonder they picked us!

We've just launched this 18-month project with UBC and BC Centre for Palliative Care to help Quadra become even better Islanders helping Islanders!

Check out our webpage: <https://www.quadracircle.ca/compassionate-community>

For more information or to access help, contact Maureen McDowell (Quadra Circle), Jude McCormick (Way to Go) and Kathleen Monahan (Nav-CARE): [compassionatecommunityqi@gmail.com](mailto:compassionatecommunityqi@gmail.com)



Quadra Island Festival of  
Chamber Music  
June 26th, 10:30 am  
Quadra Community Center

## ISLAND CALENDAR

### DAY TO DAY

#### Friday, June 13

- Live music with Blue Kats, HBI Pub 8 pm

#### Saturday & Sunday, June 14 & 15

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

#### Saturday, June 14

- Water Awareness Workshop, QCC, 10-12 noon, see pg. 7

#### Friday, June 20

- Live music with Go Dog Go, HBI Pub 8 pm
- Summer Solstice Party w/ Pom Poko & Djing Boiler Style, Quadra Legion, 9pm

#### Monday - Friday June 23 - 27

- Quadra Island Chamber Music Festival, quadrafestival.ca see page 4.

#### Thursday, June 26

- Family Concert - Chamber Music Festival, QCC, 10:30am

#### Friday, June 27

- Live music with Rebel Heart, HBI Pub 9 pm
- Comedy Night, Quadra Legion

#### Saturday, June 28

- Hal Douglas Blues Band, Quadra Legion, 8pm, \$10

#### Sunday, July 6

- Two Country Artists, Bar Jay Bar & Pete Posie, Quadra Legion, 8pm, \$10.

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

## WHAT'S ON AT QCC



**Jump into the action at the Quadra Community Centre!**

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING at QCC

#### June 13th - June 27th

##### THIS WEEK: June 13-20

**FRIDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 12 noon Free Legal Seminar with Nawel Izard; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com ; 6 Chi Gong

**SATURDAY:** 9 ICAN Water Security Team; 9:30 Tai Chi; Music with Kate Spring Recital

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

**TUESDAY:** 3 Intro to Softball; 5 Yoga with Trinity ; 7 Tai Chi

**WEDNESDAY:** 10 Yoga with Trinity; 4 Intermediate Softball

**THURSDAY:** 10 Parents and Tots; 5 Core Strength with Nicki, 6:30 Studio Tour Artists Meeting

**FRIDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com ; 6 Chi Gong; 8 Solstice Sound Bath

##### NEXT WEEK: June 21-27

**SATURDAY:** 9:30 Tai Chi

**MONDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Yoga with Josephine; 2:30 Caregivers Support; 7 Chamber Music Concert

**TUESDAY:** 3 Intro to Softball; 5 Hatha Flow Yoga with Trinity, 7 Tai Chi with Nicki

**WEDNESDAY:** 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 4 Intermediate Softball

**THURSDAY:** 10:30 Chamber Music Concert-Families; 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 ; 6 Chi Gong; 7 Chamber Music Concert.

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**The Summer Rec Guide has been published!** Make sure you check out all of the great Summer Rec offerings here at QCC! Visit Quadra Rec Desk at <https://quadrarec.recdesk.com/Community/Home> to register for programs!\*\*\*

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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...*
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#### NEXT DEADLINE

**7pm Monday, June 23**  
**for publication on**  
**Friday, June 27, 2025**

## Quadra Island Festival of Chamber Music Just Days Away!

The festival is just 10 days away!! We are so excited to bring you this year's festival. There are still lots of tickets available for Mon and Friday concerts at the Quadra Island Community Center as well as a few for the Tuesday concert at the Church!

There will also be a concession where you will enjoy delicious treats by donation. Tickets are \$25 and available online at [quadrafestival.ca](http://quadrafestival.ca) or at Copper Coast in Heriot Bay or Inspirations in Quathiaski Cove.

We try to have something for everyone, so along with our regular festival program we are providing a **Family Concert by donation at the Quadra Community Centre at 10:30 am on Thursday June 26.**

Join us for this affordable Family Concert! Bring the whole family to this informal interactive show. Suitable for ages 0-100 years old! You will love watching the children's faces lighting up with awe and delight as they experience classical music sometimes for the first time!

Tickets are by donation as we want to welcome all to experience the breathtaking beauty of chamber music! This is our chance to give back to our beloved community and share the joy of chamber music with everyone!

For those who are lucky enough to have got the prized bundled tickets which include the beloved Winery Concert we will be opening the gates at 6:15 pm on Thursday! People who have attended the festival before, know to get these tickets early as they sell out every year.

In case you have never been here are a few comments from last year's festival!

"This festival is like a small beautifully cut gem in a bed of rough but semi-precious stones. What a treasure and gift to this island!"

"The concert tonight brought me to tears.", and "Wow! Wow! Wow! Powerful exquisite performance."

"Even though I attend each year, each year I find myself once again astonished at the talent, professionalism and musical choices. It rivals anything I have ever heard or seen in Vancouver, Seattle, Phoenix or New York"

"A fun, eclectic, high class week of entertainment in a gorgeous environment. Makes you feel happy to be alive. Grateful to be alive in Canada!"

"The festival gives locals a chance to enjoy world class music at a very affordable price."

And a final thank you to the local businesses who donated the great door prizes and all our sponsors who help the festival stay affordable and accessible! We look forward to seeing you soon!



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## At The Legion

• Kitchen is now open Fridays-Sundays 5pm! Lee, is cooking delicious Burgers & more!!

• **Monday June 16th 7pm** Legion General Meeting

• **Friday June 20th 9pm**, Summer Solstice Party with Pom Poko, Djing Boiler style

• **Friday June 27th** Another night of Comedy! Having so much fun, we are making it a regular, so last Friday of each month is comedy night at the Legion!

• **Saturday, June 28th 8pm** Hal Douglas Blues Band \$10

• **Saturday, July 5th** The kitchen will be closed for a private event!

• **Sunday, July 6th 8pm!** 2 Country Artists, Bar Jay Bar & Pete Posie \$10.

• **Friday July 18th 8-12pm** Roses! A tribute to Grateful Dead \$20.

## 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](mailto:carolannt@telus.net)

## 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.

## Quadra Island Cat Rescue

Quadra Cat Rescue offers a lower-cost spay-neuter program for people needing assistance to get cats or kittens fixed. Please complete the form at: [quadracatrescue.com/spay-neuter/](http://quadracatrescue.com/spay-neuter/)

Support Quadra Cat Rescue by purchasing Tru Value Foods gift cards—available at Inspirations in the Cove—and by donating Spirit Board points (#280 at both stores).

## 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.

# SUNDAY JUNE 29

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### 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.

Email your application letter to HeidiRidgway@royalpage.ca or mail to Box 129, Heriot Bay V0P 1H0 before June 15, 2025.



### QI Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

Hope that you can find ways to get outdoors and stay cool. Here are our upcoming events:

**18 June, Wednesday** – hike to Mt. Seymour

**8-10 July, Tuesday - Thursday** – hiking and camping in the Woss Area

**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: [qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-summer-2025/](http://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-summer-2025/)

For more information about the Outdoor Club visit [qioutdoorclub.org/](http://qioutdoorclub.org/) or email to [qioutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:qioutdoorclub@gmail.com)

### 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](http://www.rickbossom.com)) and Willum Ashurst (local youth drummer and pianist)

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

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## Water Awareness Workshop

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ICAN's Water Security Team and the We Wai Kai Nation invite you to a series of short talks followed by a hands-on workshop about water issues that concern us all.

First, we will share updates from studies by Vancouver Island University, We Wai Kai Guardians, and the ICAN Water Security team on Quadra's water status. This research is ultimately aimed at answering the question: "Will we have sufficient water for our future needs given climate change and possible future development?" Professor Lesemann will talk about the weather stations and other efforts underway. We will briefly share the findings from your responses to the survey about droughts and wells circulated last November. We will wrap up the presentations with a preview of our upcoming website by Mark Wunsch of Quadra's Greencoast Media. The website will be our community information hub for water issues, research, and solutions, brought to life through expert interviews and interesting observations and anecdotes by Quadra residents. Please bring your ideas, we want to hear what interests you!

After these updates, you can explore these and other topics at hands-on information tables. For example, use an online tool to estimate how much water your family uses, learn about wise water use in the garden and drip irrigation, find out how Quadra's water situation compares to other islands in the region, see some of the data on our aquifers, talk to the experts who presented, and more.

To top things off, if you have a dug well, you can enter a draw for one of ten devices that monitor water levels from the comfort of your home.

Mark your calendar for this kid-friendly event at the Quadra Community Centre.

Hope to see you there! --ICAN Water Security Team.

## 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

## 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.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### Quadra Quilters

June 10th, was our last meeting for the Guild before our summer break. It has been a very exciting time. We've had a busy last few months and some sadness as well. We lost 2 of our gifted quilters, Diana McKerracher and Kathy Young. We will miss them very much. It's been a very productive series of meetings, quilts, raffles, sales and demonstrations. The different quilts and projects shown at our monthly meetings have been outstanding! Many comfort quilts have been sent out into our community and are well loved!

The Guild was involved in the past weekend's Studio Tour- 18 quilts were hung at Steve and Sue Swanson's place. Quite the exhibit! Thank you to all the quilters and crew for the outstanding show!

Just to let you know, Teresa Tate has one of her quilts "African Sunset" hanging at the Quadra Circle office for a while and you can visit it on Wed or Friday, 11-3:00 pm at the #2-654 Harper Rd. office.

Please remember your HAW registration forms must come to this last June meeting before being sent in. Also, a reminder the next Retreat date is March 3,4, and 5th 2026. Be sure to be around for the fall startup of the Guild on September 9, 2025. Happy trails and lovely quilts!



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# Quadra Island Residents Affirm Support for Tourism in New Provincial Report

Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce commits to community-first tourism development

**Quadra Island, BC** — A new report from Destination British Columbia has found that Quadra Island residents recognize and value the positive role tourism plays in their community, with strong levels of support across key areas such as economic benefit, cultural enrichment, and quality of life.

The Resident Perceptions of Tourism Snapshot Series 2024–25 reveals that:

- 70.2% of Quadra Island residents agree that visitors make a valuable contribution to the local economy.
- 55.6% believe tourism contributes positively to their overall quality of life.
- Tourism's social and cultural impact received a score of 3.31 out of 5, while Indigenous tourism experiences were rated the highest among impact areas at 4.02.

"We are grateful to the 238 residents who took the time to respond to the survey. These findings reflect a thoughtful and balanced view of tourism among Quadra Island residents," said Carol Perry, Treasurer for the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce. "Our community sees the value tourism brings, while also expressing clear expectations for sustainable growth and cultural respect."

The report also highlights that residents are generally comfortable with current tourism levels in the spring and fall and show interest in seeing more balanced year-round visitation. Segmentation analysis shows that nearly one quarter of respondents categorized as Tourism Ambassadors or Tourism Supporters—those with consistently positive views across multiple tourism impact areas.

Chamber of Commerce Responds with Commitment to Community

In response to the report, the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce is reaffirming its dedication to responsible and inclusive tourism planning that reflects resident priorities.

The Chamber commits to:

- Engaging residents in decision-making and keeping community sentiment at the forefront of tourism strategies.
- Promoting sustainable practices that respect environmental limits and reduce seasonal strain.
- Championing local and Indigenous tourism operators to ensure economic benefits are felt locally.

• Educating visitors to respect Quadra Island's natural beauty, community values, and cultural heritage.

"Our path forward is one that listens to our residents and works collaboratively to protect what makes Quadra Island unique," Carol Perry added. "Tourism can and should support—not strain—the fabric of our island community."

The full Resident Perceptions of Tourism Snapshot Series 2024–25 – Quadra Island report is available by email.



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# Marine Debris Round Up

**It's a wrap! I would like to say that we removed all the marine debris that comes to Quadra's shores.** But that wouldn't be true.

We did collect a lot, two over-filled 40 yard containers filled with recyclable and one 20 yard filled entirely with garbage.

We couldn't do it with out the efforts from a small dedicated group of environmentally concerned residents. We also didn't get on every single beach. Perhaps next year more people will join the fun.

Even though our spring collection is over, we still encourage everyone to help fight pollution where ever they see it. If pollution is on the side of the road it's heading for the ditch or city drain. The next stops a river or stream to the ocean.

Sadly someone took a recovered aluminium wrecked boat from the site Saturday night. We had hoped to get some money as scrap metal to support our work. We guess that person needed it more than us.

Do what you can, where you can, when you can.

Thanks to all our sponsors who supported us. Please remember your Spirit points at either Tru Value grocery store #319.

## Marine Debris Clean Up Grand Totals

The 2 big 40 yard bins of recycling contained 1560 kg & 1680 kg totalling 3240 kg (7143 lbs).

They will go to the Ocean Legacy Foundation recycling facility.

The 20 yard bin for Landfill garbage was 1600 kg or 3527 lbs.

**For a grand total of 4480 kg (10,758 lbs) removed by volunteers from Quadra's beaches.**

The totals do not include items that were taken (stolen from the site) or upcycled or sadly not possible to be removed by human power from beaches due to their size.

We are very hopeful our new recycling facility will be constructed this fall which will have an area for marine debris to be brought to any time of year.

Thank you to everyone who came out on our beach clean hikes and those that sorted the collected material and loaded the bins.

This is our largest collection so far. Its sad really that that much garbage is just thrown or lost into our waters.

**Please everyone, Do what you can, when you can, where you can.**

Thanks from the Quadra island beach clean dream team.



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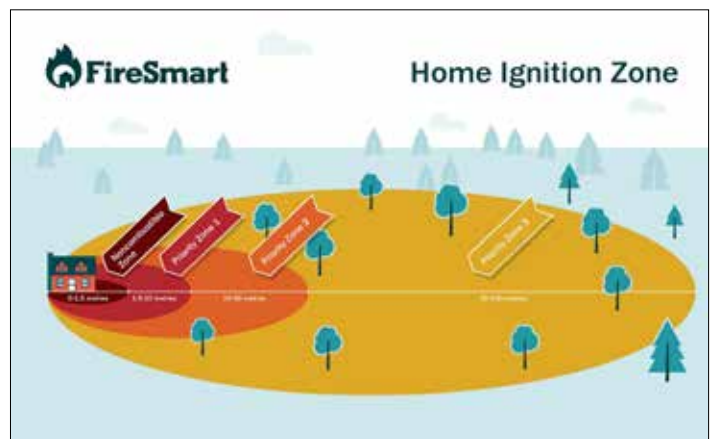
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## Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce Launches "Four Seasons of Reconciliation" Training Initiative

A community-wide effort to promote reconciliation, economic inclusion, and cultural understanding

Quadra Island, BC - The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce (DICC), in collaboration with the We Wai Kai Nation, Quadra Island Foundation, and local partners, is proud to announce the official launch of the Four Seasons of Reconciliation training program. This initiative marks a major step toward building a more inclusive and resilient local economy through education, dialogue, and meaningful relationship-building.

The program will roll out over two years, beginning with Chamber Council members and project team, then expanding to the broader business community and public. Participants will engage in a series of workshops, videos, and discussion circles designed to deepen understanding of Indigenous histories, cultures, and contemporary issues. The program is being delivered in partnership with Reconciliation Education and the First Nations University of Canada.

"By launching this program, we are committing to a future where reconciliation is embedded in how we do business and build community," said Carol Ann Terreberry, President of the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce. "We believe economic development must go hand-in-hand with respect, equity, and cultural awareness."

The launch aligns with broader goals laid out in the Chamber's Economic Diversification and Sustainable Tourism Strategy, funded through the Province of British Columbia's REDIP program. The training supports Call to Action #92 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, urging businesses to provide intercultural competency training and build respectful relationships with Indigenous communities.

Jason Wilson, Director of Economic Development for the We Wai Kai Nation, emphasized the importance of this initiative: "This training is a chance to strengthen our shared understanding and foster economic partnerships built on trust, inclusion, and

respect. It's encouraging to see the Chamber taking a leadership role in reconciliation."

### Key Dates and Details:

- October 4, 2025 - Community-wide launch and info session at Cape Mudge Recreation Hall

- October 2025: Online learning for Chamber members and public begins

- Cost: \$49 for members / \$79 for non-members (Regular price: \$199)

This program is part of a long-term commitment to reconciliation, community engagement, and inclusive economic growth in the Discovery Islands.

For more information about 4 Seasons of Reconciliation visit: [www.reconciliationeducation.ca/community](http://www.reconciliationeducation.ca/community)



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# Logging in Hyacinthe Creek Watershed



**On May 20th I received an email from Mosaic's Jimmie Hodgson**, apparently responsible for logging in TFL47, to say that guided by their "science-based watershed assessment" they would be logging an area that previously I and a few grannies had blockaded and got an unofficial moratorium - the headwaters of Tan Creek which flows into Mud Lake.

**On May 25th I replied to him that:**

(1) the objectivity of their study was questionable as Mosaic had paid for most of it and

(2) due to climate change (we had a level 5 drought in the summer for 3 years from 2021-2023) clearcutting the headwaters and wet-lands of Tan Creek (salmon bearing at

its estuary to Mud Lake) was wrong, and moreover that

(3) their "science-based watershed assessment" was flawed because it referenced an isolated fact that young conifers, aged 10-43 years take up more water in the summer than they give back - water that could otherwise be available to trickle down into creeks .....

Yet Mosaic is clearcutting ALL second growth trees irrespective of age.

In any case this is a poor practical application of an isolated scientific finding seen from one perspective only and misapplied to all second growth trees. Nature doesn't work like this.

On May 21st., the day after I received the email from Jimmie Hodgson, Mosaic started to clearcut the 2 areas, it took them 2 days to finish.

Many years ago I met Ruth Masters on the trail to Love Lake. When I congratulated her on the work she did to try to save Strathcona Park from mining, one of the things she said was: "You turn your back and they're in like a rat up a drainpipe."

At the time I smiled...

Eileen Sowerby

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## REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Hello,**

This report is a quick one, providing you more time to enjoy the glorious June weather.

### OCP – YOUR INPUT IS WELCOME

You're likely aware that Area C's Official Community Plan (OCP) update process is underway, and that Planning staff are currently meeting with key interest groups and preparing a community context report to inform the next steps in community consultation. Did you know that SRD Planning staff are also interested in hearing from you right now?

At the June Electoral Area Services Committee SRD Planner Annie Girdler, who specializes in long-range planning, reported that one of the current OCP goals is getting the word out to Area C residents that the Planning phone line and inbox are open for folks to share their thoughts. Whether you have general input or something specific you're keen to be included in the OCP, you are welcome to email or call. Send your thoughts to [planning@srd.ca](mailto:planning@srd.ca), or call 250-830-6718 (8:30-4:30 Mon-Fri).

### COMMUNITY AWESOMENESS

There is so much great work happening on Quadra right now. I'm heartened and grateful for the comprehensive Economic Diversification and Resilience planning process the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce is spearheading, in partnership with the We Wai Kai Nation and the Quadra Island Foundation. The project is harnessing community knowledge and specialized leadership support, is intended to take two years to complete, and includes reporting back to the community along the way.

As well, the Vital Signs survey the Quadra Island Foundation is undertaking is foundational to understanding 'where we are at'. The Quadra Island Vital Signs report will provide valuable data to identify areas for advocacy & focus and support future

non-profit grant applications. I hope you'll invest 20 minutes of your time to complete the survey before June 30... find it at [quadraislandfoundation.ca](http://quadraislandfoundation.ca).

### VILLAGE BAY LAKE PAYPHONE

The Village Bay Lakes area is one of several within the SRD which has been affected by Telus decommissioning payphones. The SRD Board recognizes the importance of payphones in areas where there is a lack of alternate options: I'm happy to report a motion I proposed at the May Board meeting was supported, furthering SRD advocacy for these vital safety links in remote locations.

The Board moved to send a letter of complaint to the CRTC (Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission) regarding decommissioning and removing payphones from areas where there is a lack of alternate service and an ongoing need for public payphones for reasons of community safety and accessibility. I'm hopeful the Board's advocacy will positively affect this issue.

### CONNECT

Thanks for reading! You're welcome to connect with me with questions or concerns: you can email [RMawhinney@srd.ca](mailto:RMawhinney@srd.ca), or call 250.203.2468. If you'd like to chat in person, you can book a meeting with me. Visit [calendly.com/robynmaawhinney](http://calendly.com/robynmaawhinney); my next QCove office day is Friday June 20.

Until next time,

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# The Warming Oceans

**The close connection that exists between the atmosphere and the ocean is not surprising considering that 70% of the planet is covered by water**—about 360 million km<sup>2</sup>—and the few dozen km of air is extremely thin compared to the 12,750 km diameter of Earth. This means that about 90% of the atmospheric heating caused by rising concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> is transferred to the oceans.

In approximate terms, about one-third of the carbon dioxide we add to the atmosphere by burning fossil fuels stays there for centuries, about one-third is captured and sequestered in various land forms such as forests, soils and vegetation, although one recent United Nations study suggests the terrestrial sequestration may only be about 25%, possibly because forest and plant cover is being diminished by agriculture and fires, and because a higher global temperature is reducing the photosynthesis process by which plants process carbon dioxide into carbon, sugars and oxygen. Much of the remaining one-third of our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that are not absorbed by marine algae dissolves in the oceans to form carbonic acid.

As for the transfer of heat from the atmosphere to the oceans, this close connection is good news and bad news. The good news is that the atmosphere is sufficiently cooled by this transfer of heat that we are able to continue living in a place that, otherwise, we would have rendered uninhabitable decades ago. In this respect, the oceans act as a very efficient shock absorber, collecting about 2,100 times more heat than can be stored in an equal volume of air.

The bad news is that the shock absorber is disguising and delaying the symptoms of our anthropogenic climate crisis. Indeed, this crisis is unfolding exactly as the laws of physics dictate, but with unpredictable surprises that we are just discovering.

The surface of the oceans, described as the top 700 metres, has warmed by about 1°C since 1901 measurements. This means that the water is able to contain less dissolved gases such as the oxygen needed by marine animals. Warmer water is also less able to absorb the carbon dioxide helping to keep down the atmospheric concentrations. And warming water expands, already increasing sea levels by an estimated 21-24 cm since 1880, with another 38 cm expected by 2100 as global temperatures rise.

But there's more bad news. A warmer atmosphere holds more humidity—it increases

by about 7% for every Celsius degree, which yields about a 14% increase in precipitation since pre-industrial times. So our 1.5°C higher global temperature means a 10.5% increase in humidity and a 21% increase in precipitation. Unfortunately, this precipitation is not distributed equally, so some places get huge deluges causing flash floods, while others may experience rapid and excessive drying as moisture is sucked out of soils by "flash droughts".

For even more bad news, most of our weather is generated from the oceans, and its higher temperature "supercharges" storms. Whereas the deep ocean temperature is about 4°C, the average surface temperature is about 17°C, which can vary from -2°C at the poles to 30°C in the tropics. It's these high temperatures, either shifting northward from the tropics or being produced locally, that generate the super storms with high winds and heavy precipitation. They cause havoc for us. A warming atmosphere and ocean indicate that the frequency and severity of these storms is going to increase, something that is now happening almost everywhere on the planet.

This means that we are paying a price for our carbon dioxide emissions one way or another, if not directly in taxes that are intended to reduce emissions, then in property damage, higher insurance rates, floods, washed out roads, forest fires, heat domes, droughts, bomb cyclones, higher food prices, cancelled ferries, power outages, missed appointments, dislocation, health problems, financial stress for governments and individuals and, for some people, death. As climatologists remind us, we are bringing to an end the Holocene Climatic Holiday of the last 12,000 years.

Beside the short-term consequences of our carbon dioxide emissions, we will eventually have to confront the long-term effects.

Unless we undergo a radical psychological transformation that instigates a dramatic change in our behaviour, and we manage to perform some revolutionary acts of technological magic, we are on an unstoppable trajectory to higher temperatures. Some parts of our planet will become uninhabitable, unleashing hundreds of millions of refugees. And most of our coastal cities and settlements will eventually have to be abandoned to an inexorable rise in ocean levels.

We seem to think that, individually and collectively, we can carry on as we always have. But, if we do, the eventual consequences will be dire. Unfortunately, the "eventual" is creeping closer.

Ray Grigg  
for Sierra Quadra

## 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!**

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– Editor





## 5 Questions to Ask at End-of-Life



**Facing the end of life is never easy, but asking the right questions can bring clarity, comfort, and a sense of control during one of life's most uncertain chapters. A**

growing movement in healthcare is shifting the focus from simply extending life to ensuring that the life remaining is lived in alignment with personal values and goals.

Dr. Atul Gawande, a surgeon and public health researcher, has been a key voice in this shift. In his influential book *Being Mortal*, and through his work at Ariadne Labs, he has introduced a framework of five essential questions to guide end-of-life conversations. These questions are designed to move the focus away from just medical treatments and toward what truly matters most to each individual.

The five questions are:

1. What is your understanding of where you are and of your illness?
2. What are your fears or worries for the future?
3. What are your goals and priorities?
4. What outcomes are unacceptable to you? What are you willing to sacrifice—and not?
5. What would a good day look like?

These questions encourage thoughtful, ongoing conversations—not just at the time of a medical crisis, but early enough to shape care that is consistent with the patient's values. As Dr. Gawande has emphasized, asking these questions allows everyone involved—patients, families, and clinicians—to understand what the person is really fighting for.

This approach doesn't suggest that people give up on treatment or hope. Instead, it offers a way to ensure that the choices made along the way support what's most important to the individual, whether that's more time,

more comfort, or more meaningful moments with loved ones. Even choices that may seem unconventional—like indulging in small pleasures or declining aggressive treatments—can be completely valid when weighed against the person's definition of a good day.

While healthcare often focuses on safety and longevity, Dr. Gawande points out that questions about connection, joy, and personal dignity are just as critical. Sometimes, honoring someone's wishes means saying "yes" to something that may not be medically ideal but deeply meaningful to them. That, too, is living well.

It's normal to meet some resistance when beginning these conversations. Talking about mortality can be uncomfortable, and people may initially avoid the topic. But even if the conversation is brief or tentative, it plants a seed. It opens the door to deeper understanding later—when the need becomes more pressing, or when the person feels ready to share more.

The most important thing is to start. By asking these five questions, inspired by Dr. Atul Gawande's work, we create space for compassion, clarity, and peace in this last season of life.

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](http://way2go.ca); read previously written articles, and join our email list. *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande can be signed out from the Way To Go library, a shelving unit just inside the V.I.R.L. Come, stop by and say hello at the Farmer's Market on June 14.

From an article by Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, SC, USA, citing Dr. Atul Gawande's book, *Being Mortal*, summarized by Margaret Verschuur.

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