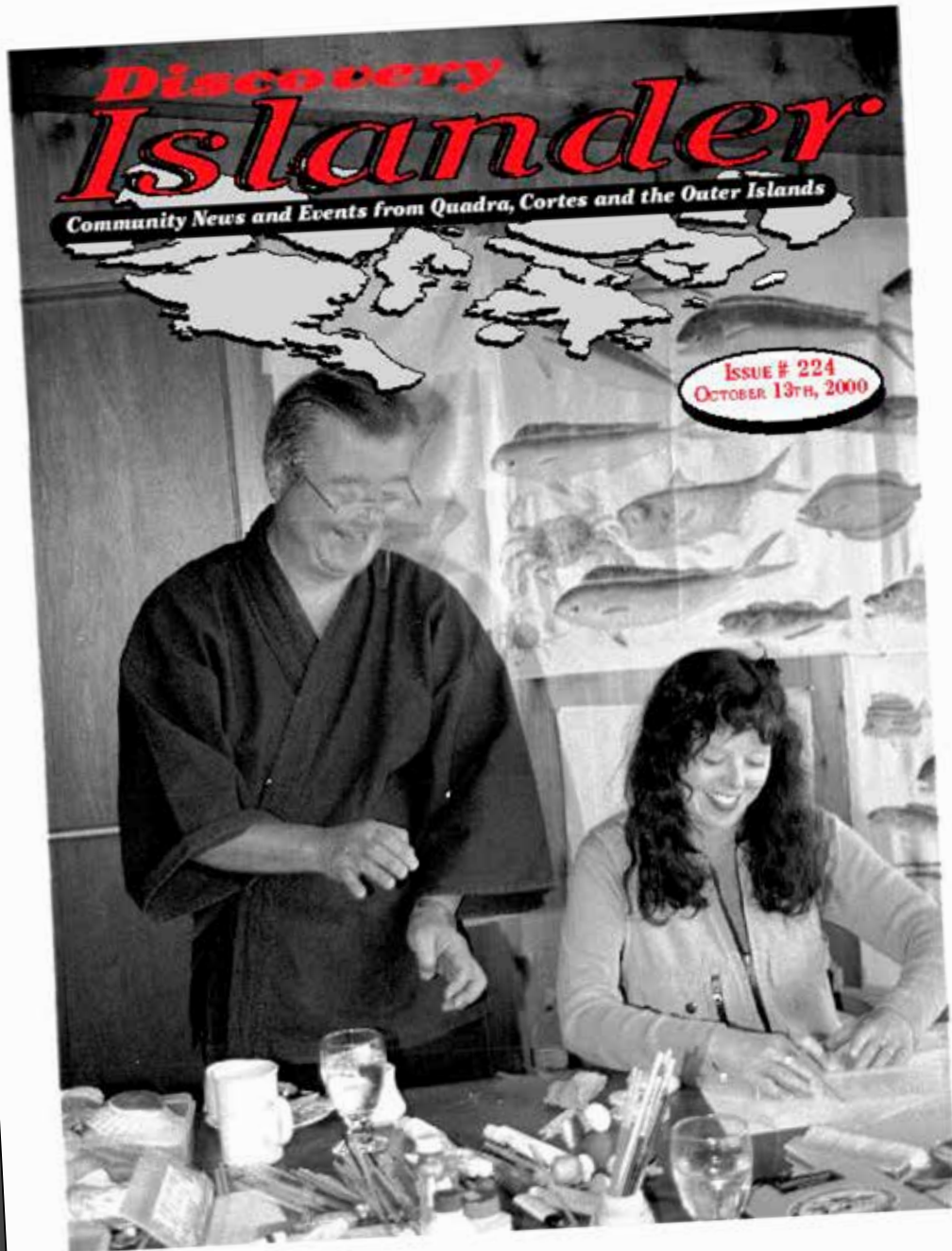


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NEWS & EVENTS

Halloween Fun Night October 31

**Get ready for a night full of
spooky fun at the Quadra
Community Centre this
Halloween!**

It's the 5th Annual Lighted Pumpkin Walk — a glowing forest adventure not to be missed! Follow the twinkling fairy lights along the path behind the hall and discover what surprises await among the trees.

Also, back by popular demand...
TRUNK OR TREAT!

This Halloween favourite features a lineup of creatively decorated cars in the parking lot. Everyone is welcome to join the fun — dress yourself and your vehicle in your best Halloween style and arrive by 5:00 p.m. to park and add the finishing touches. Perfect for anyone who doesn't get trick-

or-treaters at home! Trunk-or-Treating runs from 5:30 p.m. until the candy runs out.

Stick around for the bonfire and fireworks in the big field at 8:30 p.m. — a cozy, sparkling finale to a great community night!

COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN CRAFT-ER'NOON PARTY

Thursday, October 30 ~ 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Community Centre, Main Hall
Join Elke River and QCC staff: Jane and Bradford for a drop-in afternoon of Halloween-themed arts and crafts! Carve pumpkins for the Lighted Pumpkin Walk and make spooky or cute decorations to take home.

This is a free, all-ages event — parent supervision required for young children.

QUADRA COMMUNITY CENTRE'S

HALLOWEEN Fun Night.

**OCT 31, 2025
5:30-8:30**

PUMPKIN WALK!
ON THE TRAIL TO THE RIDING RING

TRUNK OR TREAT!
PARTICIPATE, DECORATE YOUR CAR & HAND OUT CANDY!
(ARRIVE EARLY TO GET PARKED AND SET UP BY 5:00 PM)

FIREWORKS & BONFIRE
8:30 PM AT BLENKIN PARK

COME IN COSTUME!

SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED THIS YEAR!

ISLAND CALENDAR

DAY TO DAY

Friday, October 31

- Halloween Fun Night, QCC Starts at 5pm see page 2
- Scare-aoke, Heriot Bay Inn Pub, 8pm
- Age Against the Machine/Pom Poko Quadra Legion Costume prizes. \$10 cover

Saturday, November 1

- Halloween Dance with Phonosonics, HBI Pub, 9pm \$25

Sunday, November 2

- Hal Douglas plays the HBI Pub, 3-5pm no cover

Saturday, November 8

- Campbell River Pipe Band, Quadra Legion Poppy Pup Crawl, 5:30pm

Monday, November 10

- Annual Remembrance Day Service, Royal Canadian Legion, 10:45 am

Tuesday, November 11

- Deadline Day for the Discovery Islander, 7p

Saturday, November 15

- Sierra Quadra presents Damien Gillis 'Safe Haven, 7:30pm at QCC

Monday, November 17

- Way to Go, QCC Room 3, 3 pm to 4:30 pm

REGULARS

Sundays

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

Mondays

- Badminton at the Cape Mudge gym, 7:30pm, drop-in \$3

Monday & Friday nights

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

Wednesdays

- Poker Night: Quadra Legion 7:30pm

Thursdays

- Badminton at the Cape Mudge gym, 7:30pm, drop-in \$3

NEXT DISCOVERY ISLANDER DEADLINE FOR ISSUE 869:

Monday, November 10 @ 7pm
In mailboxes on Friday, November 14

WHAT'S ON AT QCC

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING at QCC October 31 - November 14

THIS WEEK: Oct 31 - Nov 7

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Spinners and Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com Halloween Fun Night!! 5:30 Trunk-or-Treat & Lighted Pumpkin Walk, 8:30 Fireworks!

SATURDAY: 9:30 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10 Winter Market, 10:30 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki; 11 Ultimate Frisbee on the field (all level's welcome)!

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Yoga with Josephine; 1 Sing for Pure Joy; 2:30 Caregivers; 5:30 Iyengar Yoga

TUESDAY: 10:30 Balance, Core Strength and Bone Health; 1 Heart Healthy Eating; 1 Good Grief Support Group; 2:45 Rec and Sports with Dave (school gym); 3 Sewing Crafts for Kids; 5 Yoga with Trinity; 5:30 Ultimate Frisbee; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 12 Community Lunch; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong; 4 Intermediate Basketball (school gym); 5:45 Warm Flow Yoga with Elizabeth, text 778-681-7527 to register

THURSDAY: 10 Parents and Tots Dance with Kate; 10:30 Somatics; 5 Core Strength and Stability with Nicki; 6 Indoor Floor Hockey for kids (school gym); 6:45 Quadra Singers; 7 Indoor Floor Hockey for Adults (school gym)

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NEXT WEEK: Nov 8 - 14

SATURDAY: 9:30 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10 Winter Market, 10:30 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki; 11 Ultimate Frisbee on the field (all level's welcome)! 7 Theatre Quadra Show: Murder at the Queenie

SUNDAY: 2 Theatre Quadra Show: Murder at the Queenie

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Yoga with Josephine; 1 Sing for Pure Joy; 1 Jewelry Making; 3 After School Yoga with Anita; 5:30 Iyengar Yoga; 7 Garden Club

TUESDAY: 10:30 Balance, Core Strength and Bone Health; 1 Good Grief Support Group; 5 Yoga with Trinity; 5:30 Ultimate Frisbee; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 10 Baby Clinic; 12 Community Kitchen Lunch; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong; 4 Intermediate Basketball (school gym); 5:45 Warm Vinyasa Yoga with Elizabeth, text 778-681-7527 to register

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Go to our website www.quadrarec.bc.ca to view the latest Rec Guide, OR navigate to REC DESK to register for kid's programs or see what's happening each day on the community calendar. <https://quadrarec.recdesk.com/Community/Calendar> Click on the calendar for more details! Phone the Community Centre at # 250-285-3243. Or E-mail: info@quadrarec.bc.ca

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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, favourite etc...*
- **Please use the title of your item** in the email subject line.
- Remember to **include credits and captions** for photos & artwork.

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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Open AA Meetings

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

An Invitation from the GC/ICAN Food Security Team

Are you looking to do something purposeful this winter? The Garden Club/ICAN Food Security Team has a number of projects that might interest you. From providing education workshops, revitalizing the Cape Mudge Garden, working to prevent food waste through the Food Recovery Program, to coordinating use of organic waste from local restaurants, the Food Team can match you with a little job or a big job, depending on the amount of time and energy you have to devote to volunteering. Monthly meetings are scheduled for 7pm on the last Wednesday of each month from October to May (excluding December). Participation on a project does not require attending meetings but we do need a core group to manage the budget and oversee all of the projects.

Intrigued? Want to know a little bit more about what would be involved if you stepped in? Email the quadraicanfoodteam@gmail.com

Quadra Island Cemetery Update

The QI Cemetery Board has some exciting news to share with the community. Natural or Green Burial has now been an option on Quadra for about 4 years, with the Board dedicating a section of the cemetery for this purpose in 2020. Now, we are about to unveil the Natural Burial Memorial Monument. The cedar post, standing prominently in the southeast corner of the cemetery, will provide a place for memorializing those individuals interred in the Natural Burial section of our cemetery. Because the natural burial area will be allowed to naturalize over time, no headstones or permanent memorials are permitted on individual graves.

The Board would like to acknowledge the work and contributions that allowed this project to proceed. Firstly, we thank the committee, composed of representatives from the QI Cemetery Board and from Way To Go, for working together to bring this idea along from conception to installation over the past 2 years. Thanks, and appreciation for donations of materials go out to several individuals and local businesses; Grant Hayden for the 9' Cedar Stump and numerous hours of labour; Patty Wilson for stripping bark; Murray Abercrombie for technical input; Chris Phillips for excavation of the hole and mounting the pole; Uplands Ready Mix for their donation and delivery of concrete for the anchor; copper "hat" and ring courtesy of Ron McAulay and CR Fabricators; and to Board members who provided hours of volunteer labour.

Two other important items to update you on are: In response to community input, shroud burials have now been approved as another option at our cemetery for traditional or natural burial. A shroud – a length of biodegradable cloth or an enveloping garment – can be used in place of a coffin or casket and is usually used with a solid support such as a plank of wood. And - the Society will be launching the QI Cemetery website this fall. Look for the website address in the next edition of the DI.

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

Please NOTE: the annual fall clean-up of the Cemetery will take place on Saturday, Nov 22. Anyone who has vases, mementoes, or keepsakes they would like to keep, please come and get them before the 22nd. All items that are removed by the cleanup crew will be held in storage until next year.

The Quadra Island Cemetery Board includes: Grant Hayden (Chair), Ian MacPhee (Treas.), Vic Gladish (Sec.), John Arnold, Tom Vaniderstine, Alf Williamson, Denise Chisholm, Kelly Beamish and most recently added members, Gary Krook and Jeff Dubois.

- Vic Gladish, Secretary QICS



Remembrance Day Service

Annual Remembrance Day Service held at the Quadra Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on Tues. Nov. 11th. Please be seated by 10:45am sharp. The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a luncheon following the service.

Hal Douglas Matinée at HBI

Hal Douglas will be performing at the HBI Pub on November 2nd from 3pm-5pm.

Joining Hal are Marnie Younger on vocals and Dave Blinzinger on Sax and Flute. Come on down for great music, food and drinks. **No Cover.** Remember daylight savings time change

Badminton

QUADRA ISLAND Badminton will be starting the new season on Thursday, September 18th at 7:30pm. We play at Cape Mudge Gym. The drop in fee is \$3. We play every Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm. Any changes to the schedule will be announced on the Quadra Island Badminton Facebook page.

Coming up at the Legion!

- **Friday Oct. 31st 9pm** Age Against the Machine/Pom Poko for an unforgettable Halloween! Costume prizes. \$10 cover
- **Sat. Nov. 8th 5:30pm** The Campbell River Pipe Band is coming for the annual Poppy Pup Crawl!

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- **Friday Nov. 21st 8:pm** Zonnis, a cabaret, folk duo! With traditional folk to bluesy rock, with a bit of funk and soul tossed in as well \$10 at the door
- **Friday Nov. 28th 8:pm**, Rachel will be hosting her first open mic/jam night!!
- **Sat. Nov. 29th 7:30**, Comedian Peter Hudson!! \$20 Tickets on sale at the Legion.

Shoebox Project Holiday Drive

The Shoebox Project for Women is back for another season in Campbell River and Port Hardy/ North Island!

Once again we will be collecting and delivering gift-filled Shoeboxes valuing \$50 for local women in need.

Drop off dates are from November 12th to Friday December 5th.

Visit the Campbell River page of our website at www.shooboxproject.ca for more information including Drop-off Locations, what to include and what not to include in a Shoebox gift, and how to get a group together to create Shoeboxes. Financial donations and Virtual Shoeboxes to The Campbell River Shoebox Project will be gratefully accepted on the website. Thanks for your support!



The attached picture is from last year when we delivered Shoeboxes to the Immigrant Welcome Centre. Left to right is Alison Skrepneck, Local Shoebox Project Coordinator; Zeny Lim from Immigrant Welcome Centre; and Margaret West, Shoebox Project Volunteer.



Weekend Breakfast

Bennys & More!

is back at the HBI! **8-11am**
Saturday & Sunday in Herons

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The HBI Pub is open noon 'til late, seven days/week!
Pub food: 12-7pm | Call 250.285.3322 for takeout

Way to Go

Join us on Mon. Nov 17, from 3 pm to 4:30 pm, QCC Rm. 3, for a time of sharing, presentation, discussion, and business.

Info or zoom link at <way2go.ca>, or 285-3298. Bring \$2 for the rental. Next mtg. on Jan. 19.

DI Submissions

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Please keep your item to a reasonable length: 750 words is a good target for longer articles.

In the interests of efficiency and hygiene please email your text and or photos to:
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If you have to supply a handwritten item that's okay, just not the first choice.

Words at the Theatre: An Evening of Readings by Local Authors

Words on the Water, Campbell River's Spring Literary Festival, is pleased to present Words at the Theatre: An Evening of Readings by Local Authors on Saturday, November 29, at Rivercity Stage. Words at the Theatre will feature original readings, short stories, dramatic pieces and excerpts from Campbell River and area authors, including many of our own Quadra literati.

Host Dennis Hawkins-Bogle will be joined by Jeanette Taylor, Julie Ann Luoma, Rena Patrick, Elise Fernbank, Margo McLoughlin, Terry Jordan and Barbara Lee, Matthew Kelly, Dionne Lapointe-Bakota and two student authors, Marina Wiley and Faith Voysey. This line-up of diverse and talented writers is sure to engage, inspire, inform and entertain. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to soak in the ambiance of the spoken word, and support arts and culture in our region.

Words at the Theatre is a fundraiser in support of the 22nd annual Words on the Water Writers' Festival happening in March 2026. The event starts at 7 PM at Rivercity Theatre, 1080 Hemlock Street, Campbell River. Tickets are \$27 each and can be purchased online at www.wordsonthewater.ca or in person at Coho Books, 990 Shopper's Row.

Notice of QIHS 2025 AGM

Quadra Island Health Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025 @ 7:00 pm in the main hall of Quadra Island Community Centre. We are asking registered members to pre-register by emailing quadraislandhealthsociety2019@gmail.com or phoning or texting Jeanne @ 250-202-5759 and a package will be provided to you. If you are not a member and would like to be, a membership application will be provided.

Looking for Pears & Apples

Calling all Quadra community members! Our school is collecting apples and pears for a fun and educational project—juicing, dehydrating, and making delicious sauces with our students. If you have any extra fruit from your trees, we'd love your donations! Please drop them off at the school office or contact us to arrange pickup. Thank you for supporting hands-on learning and reducing food waste!

QIFD Lighted Truck Parade

It's that time of year again!! Quadra's Lighted Truck Parade is just around the corner! This year's parade will take place on Saturday, November 29th at 5:30pm. This year's route will depart the No.1 Fire Hall to head south along Cape Mudge Rd, turn onto Noble Rd, turn right onto Green Rd to then travel by Q-Cove Plaza and Quadra Elementary before returning to the No.1 Fire Hall via West Rd and Heriot Bay Rd. Some great spots to watch the parade from are the Cove Plaza, Quadra Elementary, the Community Centre and the Heriot Bay Fire Hall. We will once again have our "Elves" following behind the parade to collect donations for the food bank. We will also have our donation sleigh set up outside the No.1 Fire Hall until the night of the parade for donation drop off.

The community is invited to stop by the No.1 Fire Hall on the night of the parade for a hot drink, some tasty treats and to get a picture with Santa and the fire truck!

We want to encourage anyone who is thinking about entering a vehicle to come out and join us in spreading some Holiday cheer and we would like to remind everyone that you don't have to be a big truck to enter! If you have thought about entering but wondered how to run lights on a vehicle please check out the QIFD Facebook page for some tips! Those entering a vehicle can meet at the No. 1 Fire Hall at 5:00pm where hot dogs will be provided for drivers and decorators.

It takes the participation of many vehicles to make the parade a success so please consider joining us and together we can spread some holiday cheer! We look forward to seeing everyone on the big night!



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Heriot Bay – Whaletown Terminal Upgrades

Hello Quadra and Cortes Island Community Members

I'm pleased to share the latest updates on the terminal rebuild projects currently underway at Heriot Bay and Whaletown. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work to rebuild these important facilities.

With fall underway, construction activities are ramping up at both terminals. Our teams are working hard to make key progress ahead of the upcoming holiday season. Off-site, we've also been busy finalizing alternate service agreements to support the planned closure period in February 2026.

Heriot Bay Update

You may have noticed significant recent progress at Heriot Bay. Several of the new trestle spans have now been installed, and crews are currently placing wooden formwork and steel reinforcing bars in preparation for upcoming concrete pours.

Whaletown Update

Construction at Whaletown will begin accelerating toward the end of November and is expected to continue through the end of the year. The focus will shift to marine work, with crews installing pilings that will support the new berthing structures for the Island Class vessel. Off-site fabrication continues, and many of the new materials have already been completed and delivered to the site. Overall, construction remains on schedule for the berth closure period in February 2026.

Alternate Service - February 2026

As you may be aware, BC Ferries will provide alternate service for approximately three weeks in February 2026 while the Whaletown berth is closed for construction.

We've secured several key contracts to support this service, including:

- A landing craft for commercial traffic
- A passenger water taxi (with space for approximately 40 passengers)
- A shuttle bus provider
- Facility use agreements

The **water taxi service** will operate **six round trips per day** between **Manson's Landing on Cortes Island** and the **Heriot Bay Government Dock**, located near the terminal.

The **landing craft for commercial traffic** will operate **three round trips per day**, excluding Tuesdays, which will remain designated for dangerous goods.

On **Quadra Island**, BC Ferries has arranged a **shuttle bus** between **Quathiaski Cove** and the **Heriot Bay Government Dock**. The shuttle schedule is still being finalized and will be shared once available. It will be coordinated with ferry sailings for smooth connections.

We'll continue to keep you updated through service notices, mail-outs, social media, sign boards, and this regular column. You can also visit our webpage: www.bcferriesprojects.ca/heriot-bay-whaletown-tp

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Customer Relations team at engagement@bcferries.com.

Jeffrey Li
Project Manager, BC Ferries



Learn more:
[bcferriesprojects.ca/
heriot-bay-whaletown-tp](http://bcferriesprojects.ca/heriot-bay-whaletown-tp)

The BC Ferries logo, featuring a stylized blue wave icon to the left of the text 'BC Ferries' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

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: quadracatreue.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.

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



Indoor Pickleball

Indoor Pickleball for all levels of players is happening at Cape Mudge Hall.

\$3.00 Drop In. Schedule as follows (unless there is an event at the Hall)

Monday 10:00 am to noon

Wednesday 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm (competitive play)

Friday 10:00 am to noon

Saturday 10:00 am to noon

Call 250-285-2580 for info.

Updates to Our Library Hours

Hey Quadra community! We wanted to let you know that we've made some changes to our branch hours at the Quadra Island Library, beginning September 21. These updates come as part of a project aimed at improving how we serve you while keeping things sustainable for the long haul.

What are our new Hours?

- Monday Closed
- Tuesday 10am – 6pm
- Wednesday 10am – 7pm
- Thursday 10am – 7pm
- Friday 10am – 6pm
- Saturday 10am – 6pm

Got any questions or feedback? We'd love to hear from you! Email us at info@virl.bc.ca.

How Do We Build Resilience in Our Community?

Strength Through Local Action

Resilience is built through everyday choices, especially how and where we spend our money. Every dollar kept circulating within our community strengthens our independence and our local economy. Shopping locally is not just a convenience; it's an act of self-reliance and community care.

For decades, many of us have supported off-island businesses while relying on Campbell River's facilities and services. Yet, as new regional policies and taxes emerge, we're being reminded that our independence is not something we can take for granted. When larger communities start viewing Quadra Island as a resource for their own growth, it's a signal that we must take a closer look at how we sustain ourselves.

If we continue to send our dollars across the water, Quadra risks losing what makes it unique: its character, its independence, and its ability to chart its own future. Our true power lies right here, in supporting local businesses, investing in co-operative ventures and making intentional choices every day that strengthen our island.

Resilience begins by recognising these realities and choosing to act together. While we take comfort in being a quiet community, content to enjoy our peace, our economic independence drifts elsewhere. Resilience grows through conversation and collaboration. Talk with our neighbours, start discussions at the coffee shop or during community gatherings. The first step is awareness.

Building economic resilience will take time, effort, and commitment, but it's our only real defense against outside pressures. Together, we can ensure that Quadra remains the vibrant, self-sustaining community we all love to call home.

"The co-operative movement is the best example of economic democracy in action."

— Mahatma Gandhi

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Community Centre Annual Christmas Craft Fair

November 21 & 22

We're getting ready to deck the halls and bring you a festive "shop local, shop early" Christmas experience! The annual Christmas Craft Fair at the Quadra Community Centre is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, showcasing the incredible talent of local artists and craftspeople. Proceeds from the event help support future community events and festivities.

Come enjoy delicious food, snacks, and beverages while you shop — our concession will be run by volunteers and community members (thank you to all who've signed up!). If YOU would like to join the fun, we'd love your help! Volunteer shifts are usually two hours long, filled with good company and a tasty bite to eat.

We're also looking for a few more bakers to help fill our concession with homemade festive treats. Cookies, squares, bars, cakes, candies — all baking is warmly appreciated and sold at very friendly prices to spread the joy.

If you'd like to sign up for a volunteer shift or contribute baking, please email: info@quadrarec.bc.ca. Baked goods can be dropped off at the QCC kitchen on the afternoon of November 21.

Thank you for your support!

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Emergency Firewood Program Goes to Sleep

October 31, 2025

The vibrancy and life of any community program is created and sustained by its volunteers. At your Quadra Island Community Centre, the Quadra Island Recreation Society (QIRS) is proud to host a wide range of programs and events that are 100% volunteer-driven — organized and produced by people, for people.

One of those cherished community efforts has been the Emergency Firewood Program, which has helped keep many households in need stay warm over the years. Originally launched in the early 2000s by retired schoolteacher Steve Moore, the initiative began as the Free Firewood Program before evolving into the Emergency Firewood Program. Over time, countless volunteers have stepped up to build sheds, donate logs, buck, split, and stack cords of wood — all in the spirit of community care and mutual support.

While the program has had an incredible run, it now faces a shortage of volunteers to carry it forward. The Quadra Island Recreation Society does not run the Emergency Firewood Program — we simply provide the space for it to operate. Sadly, without a dedicated team to take the reins, the program will be going to sleep for the foreseeable future.

Community programs like this only thrive when there are enough hands and hearts to sustain them. If you or a group of friends are inspired to see the Emergency Firewood Program rekindled in the future, we encourage you to make your intention known to the community, and the Community Centre office.

It truly takes a village to keep people warm.

Sincerely, QIRS



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Quadra Island Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

After a great summer we've had some beautiful autumn days to enjoy activities out-of-doors. We are at the end of our "summer" session and are now thinking about winter destinations:

22 Oct, Wed – Hike to some big trees and to Clear Lake

26 Oct, Sunday – Winter Planning Meeting
We will go into Main Lake Provincial Park to see some fine trees and continue on to Clear Lake.

On Sunday, Oct 26th we will hold our winter planning meeting to build a schedule from November to April. The meeting will be followed by a social gathering.

Some of the best hiking is during the quiet winter months, as well as snowshoeing or skiing in the mountains, and even kayaking. Please bring your suggestions to the meeting or email them to qioutdoorclub@gmail.com, if you are unable to attend.

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

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The Fall Term begins on Monday, September 8th, from 1 to 2:30pm in the Main Hall at the Quadra Community Centre, and ends on December 1st.

The fee for an hour and a half is \$10 if you pay for the term (\$130 for 13 weeks). There is a \$12 drop-in fee. The term fee is prorated if you join at a later date. Family members and caregivers are half cost.

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For more information please call 250 202 1003 or email singforpurejoy@gmail.com.



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The Quadra Island Garden Club Presents: Good Ideas in the Garden with Robin Beaton

**Monday, November 10th, 7-9pm
at the Quadra Community Centre**

Please join local gardener Robin Beaton for an engaging and inspiring presentation on "good ideas in the garden." Robin will share photos and stories showcasing the gardens and inventive techniques of 12 Quadra Island gardeners. From creative design solutions and upcycled materials, to productive vegetable-growing strategies and water-wise practices, the evening will celebrate the innovation and resilience of island gardening!

"This presentation is all about sharing the great ideas that come from our own community," Robin said. "Quadra gardeners are incredibly inventive, and I'm excited to celebrate their creativity and resourcefulness."



Robyn and Shane Mawhinney's outdoor heat mat for seed starting, a good idea!
Photo: Robin Beaton

About Robin Beaton:

Robin enjoys photography and life with plants: seeding, transplanting, weeding, and nurturing, but most of all just being amongst them. Robin and her partner Bob Lloyd live and garden on Quadra Island.

The Quadra Island Garden Club meets monthly to exchange gardening knowledge, promote sustainable and productive practices, and foster friendship among island gardeners.

Everyone welcome! Members FREE, Guests \$5.00. Come early to renew your annual membership (Individuals \$20/Family \$30), chat with fellow gardeners, and enjoy some coffee/tea and goodies. Doors open at 6:30. Stay to the end for your chance to win a great door prize!

Friday Flicks

On November 14 at 7:45, Quadra Community Centre, Friday Flicks presents *The Marching Band* (En fanfare). Thibaut is an internationally renowned conductor who travels the world. When he learns he was adopted, he discovers the existence of a younger brother, Jimmy, who works in a school cafeteria and plays the trombone in a small marching band. Everything seems to set them apart, except their love of music. Sensing his brother's exceptional talent, Thibaut decides to remedy the injustice of fate as Jimmy begins to dream of a different life.



Marching Band is a beautifully tender and poignant portrayal of family and the lengths we're willing to go for the ones we love.

November 28

DJ Ahmet Ahmet, a 15-year-old boy from a remote Yuruk village in North Macedonia, finds refuge in music while navigating his father's expectations, a conservative community, and his first experience with love — a girl already promised to someone else. The film delves into the challenges of growing up in a traditional setting while simultaneously discovering one's own identity, tracing the universal human need to express oneself, and how art — in this case, music — can become both a refuge and a catalyst for change.



REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello,

Summer's bustle has faded while the warm amber of the big leaf maples is brightening our shorter days. We are so fortunate to live in a beautiful place which visitors want to experience and while visiting, support our island economy. Along with our golden memories of a lovely island summer, some folks may have recollections of seasonal ferry-related traffic concerns.

Ferry-related traffic issues

Vehicle lineups beyond BC Ferries staging areas cause traffic issues and safety concerns, which I heard about (and received photos of) several times over the summer. In Electoral Areas, road management and maintenance belongs to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT). When it comes to on-the-ground traffic troubles, the RCMP are called to sort it out. If it's ferry-related traffic, many believe BC Ferries has a role as well.

The SRD (and this Director) don't have a direct role in managing roads, traffic or ferries. However, finding solutions to increase community safety and Quadra's road functionality in the summer led to me recently hosting a multi-jurisdictional meeting to discuss ferry traffic concerns on Quadra Island.

Multi-jurisdictional solution-focused meeting

It was super to have representatives from BC Ferries, Ministry of Transportation, Quadra RCMP, We Wai Kai Nation and myself all in the same room discussing ferry-related traffic concerns and looking for paths to improvements. I'm very grateful everyone found time for this important discussion.

I wish I could say the outcome of the meeting is that the problems were solved, alas, solutions to complex issues are often not simple – unless there's a big pot of money, which no provincial ministry has these days. However, I'm happy to report that the conversation illuminated areas for further investigation, potential options, and built direct connections between the folks who have various levels of responsibility and influence for local roads and ferry traffic.

During the meeting, I heard that the BC Ferries contract with the Province is to solely provide transportation services, and they believe their responsibility ends at the edge of the official traffic staging area. However, recognizing the community impact they are willing to work collaboratively towards signage solutions. Interestingly, finding solutions for Quadra may pose a bigger challenge for BC Ferries: what's good for Quadra may be desired by all, and there could be significant costs to unroll solutions to the many coastal communities impacted by ferry-related traffic.

It was interesting to hear BC Ferries representatives talk about their complex governance structure and how advocacy must be directed at the right governance organization, which is topic dependent. Control of BC Ferries includes the BC Ferry Authority, BC Ferries Commissioner,

the Coastal Ferry Services contract & the Provincial Ministry of Transportation, water division.

BC Ferries, Heriot Bay upgrade project

You are likely aware that BC Ferries is replacing the ferry berths at the Heriot Bay and Whaletown terminals in advance of bringing an Island Class ferry for the Quadra-Cortes route for summer 2026. It's a big deal, a significant capital investment, one of only a handful of such projects across the coast.

February 2026 will bring impacts for Heriot Bay residents as well as all Cortesians, when regular ferry service is disrupted as the new berth works are finalized. BC Ferries has confirmed that during the terminal closures a 40-person water taxi will be providing six round trips of daily passenger service between Mansons Landing and the Heriot Bay government docks, six-day-a-week barge service for essential goods, and a complimentary shuttle service from Heriot Bay to QCove.

The new Island Class vessel coming to service the Quadra to Cortes route will almost double vehicle capacity. BC Ferries staff believe that the new ferry will get more people and vehicles where they need to be with fewer overloads, resulting in less ferry-related congestion in Heriot Bay, though some peak season congestion will likely continue.

BC Ferries project communications have been fulsome, with several in-person events over previous months and a dedicated webpage sharing regular updates. Expect more communications to roll out beginning in November, including schedules, posters, and social media updates. You can visit bcferriesprojects.ca/heriot-bay-whaletown-tp to learn more & subscribe for updates.

Island roads

Storm season is upon us; snow season is likely to follow. Quadra Island and the Outer Discovery Islands fall within the North Island road management zone, managed by Mainroad Contracting. Mainroad has a 10-year contract with the Province, giving them responsibility for road management servicing to the specified level in the contract.

It's been nice to see the ditch clearing and works in QCove, hopefully this will lessen road flooding! I've heard from some folks that it's frustrating when your road isn't plowed as quickly or managed as frequently as you wish: a friendly reminder that road servicing is determined based on a road's classification. And remember, there is a 24-hour hotline to report a road hazard or concern, the number is 1-877-215-7122.

CONNECT

Thanks for reading. You're welcome to connect with me with questions or concerns: email RMawhinney@srdd.ca, or call 250.203.2468.

Until next time,

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Director Robyn Mawhinney

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This is a question I often receive so let's explain how the DI works...

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As always we prefer to receive material by email, so please send yours to:

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- Editor

Ferry Schedule

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Schedule in effect September 3, 2024 to March 31, 2025 - last updated here 25 Sept, 2024

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†† Daily Except Saturdays and Sundays

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Jeremy Dutcher Live on Quadra Island

November 29

Presented by Quadra Concerts

Quadra Concerts is thrilled to welcome Jeremy Dutcher to our stage on Saturday, November 29th, for an evening that promises to be both transformative and deeply resonant.

Our first two concerts of the season sold out swiftly, and our third offering on November 29th had already sold out. However, because Jeremy's performance is a single 90-minute set without intermission, we have opted to forgo our usual bar service in order to increase seating capacity. This adjustment allows us to make 92 additional tickets available exclusively through our local outlets — Inspirations, Copper Coast Gifts and Gallery, and Aroma Cove Café. We've made this choice because we sincerely want as many Quadra Island residents as possible to experience this momentous concert as it was conceived: a gathering to connect us as a community.

We are profoundly grateful for the overwhelming support from the Quadra community. Your curiosity, engagement, and generosity have brought world-class music into our hall and given us tremendous momentum. Seeing residents of all ages embrace these first two concerts inspires us to continue presenting experiences that celebrate artistry, identity, and connection.



Jeremy Dutcher is a remarkable artist whose work transcends musical boundaries. A JUNO Award-winning singer, composer, and activist from the Tobique First Nation in New Brunswick, his debut album, Wolastoqiyik Lintuwakonawa, won the 2018 Polaris Music Prize and the 2019 Juno Award for Indigenous Music Album of the Year. His follow-up album, Motewolonuwok, earned him a second Polaris Music Prize in 2024, making him the first artist in the award's history to win twice. He is also the recipient of the 2025 Governor General's Performing Arts Award for the National Arts Centre Award, among numerous other accolades recognizing his contribution to music and Indigenous culture.

Dutcher's music blends classical, jazz, and contemporary influences with traditional Wolastoqiyik melodies. His voice—powerful, nuanced, and evocative—carries stories of cultural reclamation, resilience, and human connection. His compositions often engage with contemporary issues affecting Indigenous communities, such as youth mental health and cultural preservation, making his concerts not only extraordinary musical experiences but also moments of reflection and communal dialogue. In the intimate setting of the Quadra Community Centre, Jeremy's performance becomes a shared gathering of music, storytelling, and meaning — a night to remember.

This will be a community gathering for the ages, celebrating music, identity, and connection. We strongly encourage you to secure your tickets early, as these additional seats are sure to sell out quickly.

www.quadraconcerts.ca

Tickets: \$30 in advance | \$35 at the door

Doors: 7:00 PM | Show: 7:30 PM

Venue: Quadra Island Community Centre
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Sending a Photo to the DI?



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Quadra Island Premiere of Damien Gillis's film 'Safe Haven'

Damien Gillis brings his latest film, 'Safe Haven: The Rainbow-Jordan Wilderness', to the Quadra Community Centre on Saturday November 15, as part of Sierra Quadra's fall/winter speaker series. Damien is a BC-based documentary filmmaker and journalist, and he presented his acclaimed documentary 'Fractured Land' to a Sierra Quadra audience back in 2018.

'Safe Haven' is the second collaboration between the filmmaker and the Valhalla Wilderness Society, spotlighting the Inland Temperate Rainforest presented in VWS's Rainbow-Jordan Wilderness Park proposal. It is a sequel to Damien Gillis and VWS's first film 'Primeval,' which toured the province and helped establish the Incomappleux ancient forest (West Kootenay region) as a conservancy in 2023.

Damien's film 'Safe Haven' has been selected for the Colorado Environmental Film Festival and the Fernie Mountain Film Festival; it also won Best Environmental Film through Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival (VIMFF). The jury statement reads in part: "Through tireless devotion and sacrifice, initiatives like the Rainbow-Jordan Wilderness Park Proposal bring together the right mix of environmental misfits and passionate community members to protect where we all live and play. 'Safe Haven' captures the heart of this movement in BC, calling us all to recognize the fragility of these ecosystems and the urgency of preserving them."

Sierra Quadra is honoured to welcome Damien for the island screening of 'Safe Haven', with conversation to follow.

Doors open at 7 for desserts, tea and coffee; the evening's events begin at 7:30. Admission is by donation.



Damien Gillis

Quadra Island Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

The winter planning meeting on Sunday was the bookend to a great summer of hiking, kayaking and camping. We had an enthusiastic group to brainstorm about what we would like to do between now and the end of April. The schedule is definitely a work-in-progress, but here is the plan so far:

6 Nov, Thursday – Hike the Elk Falls loop

10 Nov, Monday – Hike the Baikie Estuary with lunch to follow

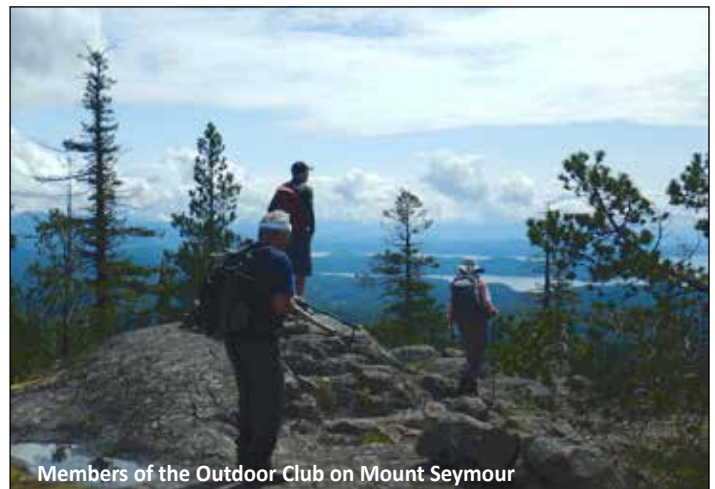
19 Nov, Wednesday – Hike a Shellaligan loop

26 Nov, Wednesday – Hike to Open Bay Creek

3 Dec, Wednesday – Hike the Heriot Ridge Route

10 Dec, Wednesday – Hike to Plumper and Deepwater Bays

15 Dec, Monday – Hike the Silk Stocking-Little Black Dress Loop



Members of the Outdoor Club on Mount Seymour

The schedule and the details about these events can be found at <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-fall-winter-2026/>. We already have several trips planned for January and we hope that this will be a good snow year for snowshoeing and other winter alpine activities. Our plans also include kayaking and multi-day trips. Joining the Outdoor Club is easy and everyone is welcome. We have a big range of trips for a variety of ambitions. You can visit our trip reports at <https://qioutdoorclub.org/trips/trip-photos/> to see all the amazing places we visit.

For more information about the Outdoor Club, please visit <https://qioutdoorclub.org>



Cortes Island

How Culture Shapes the Way We Think About Death



How we think about death is not fixed—it's shaped by the stories

our culture tells us about what it means to live and what it means to end. The way a society understands death reveals much about what it values in life. In our modern Western world, death is often seen as a full stop, an end point, a curtain closing on everything that came before. Yet this idea—that life simply ends with death—is a relatively new one in the long arc of human history.

For most of human existence, people have believed that something continues beyond physical death. Ancient Egyptians prepared their dead for the afterlife with care and ceremony; Indigenous peoples

have long understood death as a transition into another realm or form of being; and in nearly every spiritual tradition, from Hinduism to Christianity, death is a passage, not an end. The notion that consciousness disappears into nothingness is a recent development—one that has grown alongside the rise of secularism, materialism, and the belief that only what can be measured or proven is real.

This shift has profoundly affected how we approach dying. When death is viewed as absolute oblivion, it can feel terrifying—an erasure of identity and meaning. It becomes something to resist at all costs, something to delay, deny, or push out of sight. Modern medicine, for all its wonders, reflects this cultural discomfort. The focus on extending life at any cost, even when quality of life diminishes, mirrors a collective anxiety about ceasing to exist.

Other cultures, however, remind us that there are gentler ways to hold death. Where the Western mindset often isolates death from daily life, many traditional societies weave it into the fabric of existence. The ancestors are not gone; they are present in the wind, the soil, the family stories. Rituals of remembrance and continuity soften the boundary between the living and the dead, creating a sense of belonging that endures beyond the grave.

When death is seen as part of the natural cycle—like the falling of autumn leaves or the turning of the tide—it loses some of its sting. Grief remains, but it is not laced with the same existential dread. Instead of a final loss, death becomes a transformation, an invitation to see life as part of something much larger and more mysterious.

Our culture's fear of death is understandable. Oblivion, or

even the idea of it, challenges our need for meaning and continuity. Yet perhaps by acknowledging that this fear is cultural—not universal—we can begin to loosen its grip. We might rediscover what older traditions have long known: that to live fully is to live with death beside us, as a quiet companion reminding us to cherish each moment.

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 dying and dead, in community. Visit our website, way2go.ca; view upcoming events, read previously written articles, and join our email list.

Written by Margaret Verschuur

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Fall Update on Heriot Bay Fire Hall #2 Replacement Project

Progress is being made on the Heriot Bay Fire Hall #2 Replacement Project, bringing the community one step closer to a modern, safe, and energy efficient facility.

On September 4, test hole drilling was completed at the site to establish the seismic requirements for the new building's foundation, an important milestone in preparing for construction. The South Quadra Fire Protection District is hoping to break ground in March 2026.

Community support for the project is strong and very much appreciated! Thank you so much to the Quadra Island Legion who recently hosted a Bingo night on September 13th, and to everyone who attended. The proceeds of \$1675 will be going toward the construction of the new Fire Hall #2.

In another positive development, the South Quadra Fire Protection District has been officially designated as a charitable organization, allowing it to issue tax receipts for donations. "We just recently got designated to have charitable donation status," says Fire Chief Sharon Clandening. "This means we can give tax receipts out to people who give us money, which is exciting because we could never do that in the past."

Looking ahead, the Trustees will be discussing fundraising ideas at their meeting in November. Any suggestions or offers of assistance are most welcome and can be directed to qifirehallreplacement@gmail.com. Donations via cheque are very much appreciated and can be mailed to P.O. Box 80, Quathiaski Cove, BC, V0P 1N0 or dropped it off at Hall #1, 844 Heriot Bay Road. We also accept cash donations. Please include your name and address so we can provide you with a tax receipt.

Project Background

The South Quadra Fire Protection District was established in 1960 to ensure residents have reliable fire protection services. Our current Fire Hall #2 in Heriot Bay no longer meets modern safety or building standards, and it's time for an upgrade.

The new fire hall will be modeled on other successful designs from across Vancouver Island. It will meet current building, fire, and seismic post-disaster standards, providing a safe and durable space for our equipment and firefighters. The goal is to complete construction by 2027, and the new hall is expected to serve our community for the next 50+ years.



The cost of building a replacement Fire Hall #2 is estimated to be \$2,900,000 if we commence the project in 2025. We are borrowing the money to pay for the construction of the hall and any donations we receive will be used to reduce the amount of the loan. The loan will be repaid through property taxes at an estimated rate of \$23.50 per \$100,000 of taxable property value per year. This will start in the month of July following the completion of construction and the term of the loan will be a maximum of 20 years.

Where Can I Find Out More?

We'll be sharing regular updates as the project continues. To stay informed, visit www.qifirehall2.ca or follow Quadra Island Fire Department on Facebook. You can also sign up for our email newsletter about the project at www.qifirehall2.ca/get-involved.

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From Grape to Bottle

Family, friends and neighbours gathered on a glorious sunny day in September to harvest grapes, over 8,000 pounds of them, at the SouthEnd Farm Winery. Grapes picked which will be turned into delicious wine for 2026/2027 releases were Petit Milo which will become white wine and Marechal Foch and Leon Millot for the red wine.

By mid-day, the last bunch of grapes was ceremoniously clipped off their vine, the harvest was over. The grapes were ready to be processed. The Petit Milo grapes are pressed, put in a large tank and allowed to settle for 24 hours. The clarified juice is poured off into another tank and the fermentation process begins. The solid matter left behind on the tank bottom is called the gross lees. It goes into the garden soil. The white wine will become the winery's Virga and be ready to be sampled by April or May, 2026.



Grapes ready to be picked

The Marechal Foch and Leon Millot grapes are crushed and then returned to the cleaned totes they were put in when they were harvested. The crusher removes the stems. The grapes ferment in the totes for about two weeks. During that time yeast and yeast nutrients are added. When they are finished the main phase of fermenting the wine is pressed and transferred into a stainless-steel tank. It will be 2 years before the wine -Island Red - is ready to be enjoyed.



Jill and her daughters cutting off the last bunch of grapes this year

The Bara, SouthEnd's rosé, is made many different ways from year to year but the most common way is crushing the white grapes and adding some red grapes as well to get the beautiful pink colour.

The idea to own and run a winery was hatched one night while sitting around, drinking a bottle of "meh" wine at university. Ben McGuffie (born and raised on Quadra) and Jill Ogasawara (came to Quadra by way of Woss and Campbell River) decided that they could make wine too. Yes, a winery was what they wanted to do once they retired. But, fate intervened and they jumped into their retirement dream about 30 years sooner than planned. With no prior schooling or experience (and a lot of naive faith), they bought the family farm and started clearing the land. The culmination of 7 years of work by family, friends and themselves was SouthEnd Farm Winery which opened in

2009. SouthEnd Farm Winery, located at 319 Sutill Road on beautiful Quadra Island, is a family-run, small farm winery & distillery. Ben and Jill's daughters (Miwa and Ru), Jill's parents and Ben's parents live on the property and pitch in to help. On the farm they grow and make their wines from grape hybrids that grow and ripen well in Quadra Island's climate. They farm as organically as possible and botanicals for their spirits are all foraged on the farm. At the winery, they make a variety of wines; red, white, rose and fun. Keeping it small and local in accordance with their principles. Their ClearCut Distilling Company takes the wine they don't bottle and distills it into some fun spirits - Jimmy K is an Ancestral Sparking Red and Botanically Incorrect is their gin without juniper. In addition to the winery Ben and Jill, and their family run a small pastured meat chicken farm as well as 'The Shack', a vacation rental which can be booked via Airbnb.



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For more information and hours: <https://www.southend.ca> or Instagram @southendfarmwinery

- Donivee Laird

An Owl's Reality

As Carl Safina's book title suggests, *Alfie & Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe* should ostensibly be about the adventures of the author and his wife as they raise to adulthood a nearly-dead baby Eastern Screech Owl that they found on the ground. So it joined their larger family of non-humans, including two dogs, four chickens, a king snake, a parrot and a parakeet.

Alfie, a female, was eventually released to the back yard where she learned to hunt and live independently. But she remained a family member, visiting for extra mice, even establishing with her mate, Plus-One, a nest in a box on the side of the house where the pair successfully raised three chicks. Throughout the book, Safina closely documents the life of the owl and her family.

This close connection to a wild bird invited Safina to explore the root of the differences between its sense of reality and our human interpretation of it. Alfie, we can assume, is an integral part of nature and intricately connected to the web of relationships that make ecologies function with astounding complexities. Unlike humans, however, Alfie's being is uncomplicated by mythologies, religions, philosophies, metaphors and the panoply of abstractions that have separated and distanced us from nature. These, in large measure, are responsible for the environmental mess in which we presently find ourselves, and are the root causes that Safina explores with remarkable insight in *Alfie & Me*.

Safina attributes the major problem to Plato, the Greek philosopher who is the one mainly responsible for creating the dualism that divided the mind from the body, inventing the notion—expressed in simplistic terms—that the world we experience is a shadow of an absolute reality of ideas and perfection that is not the natural world. This understanding is then adopted, amplified and popularized by the three Abrahamic religions in Western culture: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

In Safina's words, "Plato's idealized abstractions valued the mind above matter, made disembodiment divine, and injected an estranged revulsion about flesh and physical existence. Abrahamic scribes incorporated Plato's duelling duality [into theology], making the dissociation between body and soul—between human and the world—matters of faith. In this desiccated ground, Westerners nursed the seeds of their dogmas. Modernity's faithful philosopher, Descartes, wiped spirit away from all creatures and body away from all mind, offering a world devalued for the secular as well as the sanctified." Given this philosophical and theological foundation, we need not wonder why we treat the natural world so badly.

But Greek philosophy also had its empirical side, represented by Aristotle. A famous painting by the Renaissance painter, Raphael, *The School of Athens*, depicts Plato pointing up to the realm of heaven while

Aristotle is pointing out to the realm of the world, a duality between belief and evidence that has been struggling to resolve itself for more than two millennia.

Although the Greeks knew the Earth was round—they had even calculated its diameter—knew it rotated around the Sun, and were impressive logicians, mathematicians and philosophers, their conclusions from objective observations were sometimes flawed. Aristotle, considered to be the definitive scientific authority for more than 1,500 years, concluded that birds did not migrate but merely changed plumage from season to season. Other conclusions were reached based on fanciful explanations totally unrelated to reality. Safina cites a 1555 woodblock print depicting "fishermen raising a net full of hibernating swallows from a lake," an idea that had persisted for centuries. And, since many birds often migrate at night, the common assumption was that they went to the Moon. The Scientific Revolution of the 17th century had difficulty dislodging many of these old beliefs, and modern science still does.

Common sense may be common, but it is often not very sensible. History is replete with many examples of its nonsense, everything from witch burnings and slavery to racism and female oppression. Our treatment of nature as an object that is separate from us falls into this category. We, unfortunately, are learning belatedly that we are it and it is us. The extent to which we abuse nature is the extent to which we will abuse ourselves. As the landslide of history carries us from the past to the future, we need to understand how we got to where we are because it will give us a sense for what is coming and how we might avoid what we do not want. And owls, like all natural creatures, have something to teach us.

-Ray Grigg
for Sierra Quadra



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DIGITAL LITERACY

Quadra Literacy Launches New Digital Support Outreach Project

Quadra Literacy is excited to announce the launch of a new **Digital Support Outreach Worker project**, designed to help residents build confidence and skills using technology in their daily lives.

In an increasingly digital world, access to computers, smartphones, and the internet is essential for everything from health care appointments to government services, banking, and staying connected with family and friends. Yet, for many people, especially those living in rural and remote areas, keeping up with technology can feel overwhelming or out of reach.

That's where our new Digital Support Outreach Worker comes in. This service will provide one-to-one support and small group learning opportunities to help community members with everyday digital needs. Whether you want to learn how to safely browse the internet, set up an email account, use a smartphone, participate in an online meeting, or update your skills to find employment or return to school, our outreach worker can meet you where you are, literally and figuratively.

Sessions can take place in your home or community spaces around the island, and the program is designed to be flexible and responsive to individual needs. For those with limited transportation options, phone and online support may also be available.

Affordable Computers for Low-Income Residents

We're also pleased to share that Quadra Literacy has partnered with the BC Technology for Learning Society to make low-cost refurbished laptops and desktop computers available to low-income residents.

If your computer is outdated and you can't afford to replace it, this program offers an affordable way to get a reliable PC for home use. These computers are refurbished, equipped with current software, and ready to help you connect, learn, and thrive in a digital world.

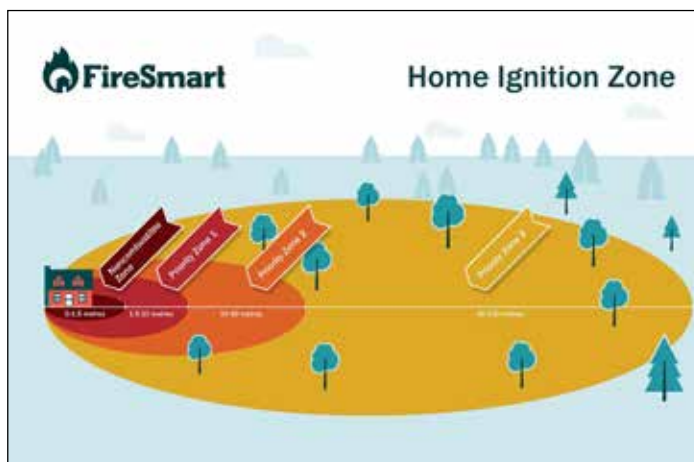
Help for Aging Computers

Still using an older computer? You may not need to replace it just yet. Quadra Literacy can help you upgrade to Windows 11 or explore other operating systems, such as Linux that can breathe new life into aging hardware. Our volunteer Tech Guy can guide you through the process. Email Dave at wedivebc@gmail.com

Get in Touch

For information contact quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Government of BC and Quadra Legion for supporting these initiatives.



The Wreck of the Miomi Maru

HISTORY

The skeptical looks of my friends looking between the boat and me only stiffened my resolve to purchase her. With me it was love at first sight, not sure how she felt. SHE WAS A 1976 26FT YAR motor boat, heavy fiberglass hull, Nissan Chrysler 40hp diesel. She was very round bottomed and a previous owner had added a pair of stabilizing fins under her. She was BC built, there was 7 of them still on the water when I bought her although she never considered me to be the owner and at times would test my patience and my bank account.

My impression was she liked to be towed and surely, she was more than satisfied on that account. You meet a lot of nice people that way. It's impossible to calculate fuel used verses distance traveled when part of the trip is being towed. While in tow I coped by polishing the bright work or spend the time in the engine hatch.

Miomi wasn't fussy about where she may be moored so she didn't make a fuss tied on the red can or the green can off the shoals south of Quadra Island knowing the coast guard or CTOW towing would soon be on the scene.

THE WRECK

All ashore who will be driven there.

We had wonderful weather and on our way to Savory Island. Miomi behaved herself (temperature and oil pressure tolerable) and we set our crab traps just north of Savory. Anytime near Lund it is a mandatory visit the cinnamon bun bakery we will spend the night at Lund. The weather is beginning to turn. The harbour is full so we must moor to the concrete float nearby. Daphne is ready to jump onto the float just as a wave raises the boat trapping her leg between the float and the boat and releases her when the boat lowers. Bruised but nothing broken!!!!. Two cinnamon buns for her!!!!.

The next morning wind is expected 10 to 15kms later in the day so we decide to get ahead of that, locate and pick up the crab traps then make for Cortez Bay. Forecasts and reality soon become strangers midway Savary forcing us to Hernando. The 40 hp engine is no match for the south easter as we struggle to clear Hernandos rocky east shore. Having failed to do that the next aim, a mooring ball. Daphne is almost pulled over the gunnel holding a mooring ball whose tether snaps. I grab another, its tether pins my arm to the deck. Someone on shore calls the Coast Guard. The boat heels to port, snapping a second mooring and releasing my arm and now we are careening to the shore. On shore we are in the water trying to hold Miomi from the inevitable softball sized rocks to no avail.

ON SHORE

On shore I get back on board against the advice of a passerby who having had two wrecks of his own I considered to be an authority on such a situation. We retrieved what we could as Miomi ground on the shore. We are laying on a guilt with a bottle of Marguitta's in the tall grass and our Labrador Retriever is playing with kids at the beach still wearing her life jacket.

Lots of People on Hernando were very good to us. Helping by securing our dingy and its outboard and an amazing relay to get us to Cortez Bay in very bad weather

Just previous to making this trip we had the upper deck/wheelhouse painted and on our return an invoice for \$1800.00 was awaiting us.

-Daphne and Mel Dery

Notice to Renew W1897

Woodlot Licence Plan

October. 23, 2025

Please be advised that Benner Forestry Ltd. is proposing to renew our Woodlot License Plan for our woodlot licence W1897 on Quadra Island with the term Dec. 14, 2025 to Dec. 14, 2035. Our family has held this woodlot licence since 1999. If you have any input about this application, or would like to read the full document please contact me via the email address below. To respond with comments submit by Nov. 23, 2025.

Regards,

Jerry Benner, RPF

Benner Forestry Ltd.

Woodlot Licence W1897

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Quadra Island Foundation (QIF) is seeking a qualified graphic design firm to create visually appealing and informative graphics to summarize, communicate and highlight the key findings for the publication of the 2025

Vital Signs Survey results. The goal of this project is to create compelling visual representations of survey data that can be easily understood by a

diverse audience. QIF anticipates that the graphic summary of findings will be presented in a brief booklet with graphic representations of up to 6 graphic pictorial displays per each socio-economic indicator interspersed with summary texts throughout the presentation format.

Details and submittal requirements for this RFP can be found at

<https://quadraislandfoundation.ca>.

Proposals should be submitted electronically to QIF at info@quadraislandfoundation.ca by 4:00 pm November 14, 2025.

Please include "Vital Signs 2025 RFP Submission" in the subject line.

Any questions or requests for clarification should be directed to info@quadraislandfoundation.ca.

Heriot Bay Tides

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