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Call for Performers- Annual Young Musicians Fund Concert and Fundraiser

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Photos: Allan Edwin

Heriot Bay – Whaletown Terminal Upgrades

Hello Quadra and Cortes Island community members,

I would like to start by saying thank you once again for your patience and understanding during the berth closure period and temporary suspension of ferry service. On March 2nd I had the pleasure of speaking with many of you in person when I, and members of my team, travelled roundtrip onboard the *Tachek* as service resumed. We appreciated your positive feedback on the alternate service and recognition for the on-schedule re-opening.

Highlights of completed work:

- The **load limit of both berths has increased to highway-legal**, allowing a maximum GVW of **63,500 kg**, almost double the limit of the old berths.
- **The berths now have hydraulic active lifts** and are no longer subject to the tidal restrictions the route previously experienced.
- The **ramps are much wider**, making truck maneuvering at Whaletown much easier than before.
- A **wider foot-passenger walkway**, which makes it easier for passengers to travel with bikes or luggage.
- Most importantly, the new berths are designed to accommodate the arrival of the larger and heavier *Island Nagalis*, which is expected to **begin service between Cortes and Quadra in summer 2026**.



Work to be completed in coming months:

- Demolishing the old berth and temporary trestle at Heriot Bay.
- Revegetation along the shoreline at both terminals, along with paving, fencing, railings, and gates.
- Minor fine-tuning to the new infrastructure.

Learn more about the **Heriot Bay – Whaletown Terminal Projects** by visiting the project page: bcferriesprojects.ca/heriot-bay-whaletown-tp

Thank you,

Jeffrey Li
Project Manager, BC Ferrie



Island Calendar

Day to Day

Friday, March 20

- Live music with Go Dog Go, HBI Pub, 7-11pm, no cover

Saturday, March 21

- QI Community Land Trust AGM, QCC Room 2 at 1pm
- Sierra Quadra presents: An Evening with Ben Parfitt, QCC, doors@7, event@7:30

Sunday, March 22

- Live music with Hal Douglas & Friends, HBI Pub, 3-5pm
- Children's Magical forest, Quadra legion, 3-5pm

Thursday, March 26

- Online Movie Night, a computer near you see page 4 for details

Friday, March 27

- Live music with Amy Muloin & the Alley Flowers, HBI Pub, 7-11pm, no cover

Sunday, March 29

- Reimagining Death Workshop, QCC Rm. 3, 10 to 4pm.

Tuesday, March 31

- Quadra Island Cemetery AGM, Quadra legion, 7pm

Tuesday, April 7

- Quadra Island Health Society AGM, QCC Members only, see page 6 for more details

Friday, April 11

African Chamber Music Ensemble, QCC doors 7pm details page 9

Monday, April 13

- Quadra Garden Club - After the Harvest, QCC, 7-9pm details page 7

Monday, April 20

- Way to Go mtg., QCC Rm. 3, at 3 pm.

Regulars

Sundays

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

Monday & Friday nights

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

Wednesdays

- Poker Night: Quadra Legion 7:30pm

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WHAT'S HAPPENING at QCC ~ March 6 - 20



THIS WEEK: Mar 20 - 27

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

SATURDAY: 9:30 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10:30 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki; 1 QILTS AGM; 7 Sierra Quadra - Ben Parfitt "Forests, Reconciliation and the Path Not Taken"

SUNDAY: 10 Community Sewing Bee; 10 Friday Painters - Watercolour Workshop

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Feldenkrais; 10 Sound FX for Video Games; 1 Sing for Pure Joy; 1 Jewelry Making - Quadra Circle; 7:15 Candlelit Flow Yoga with Kate

TUESDAY: 9 Quadra Quilters; 9:30 Pilates; 10 Sound FX for Video Games; 11 Balance, Core Strength & Bone Health; 2 Resume Fine Tuning Workshop; 3 Good Grief; 5 Hatha Yoga with Trinity; 6 Adult Indoor Soccer - School Gym; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 10 Sound FX for Video Games; 12 Community Lunch; 12 Digital Support with Grant Holland; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong; 4 Second Harvest - Youth Food Training

THURSDAY: 9:30 Pilates; 10 Parents and Tots Dance with Kate; 10 Sound FX for Video Games; 11 Fall Proof - Quadra Circle; 12:30 Shakespeare Discussion; 5 Core Strength and Stability with Nicki; 6 Indoor Floor Hockey for Kids - School Gym; 6:30 Quadra Singers; 7 Indoor Floor Hockey for Adults - School Gym

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NEXT WEEK: Mar 28 - Apr 3

SATURDAY: 9:30 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10:30 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki; 1 Life Drawing Pop Up; 7 Volunteer Gratitude Gala

SUNDAY: 9 Second Harvest - Youth Food Training Series; 10 Reimagining Death Workshop - Way To Go

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 10 Feldenkrais; 1 Jewelry Making - Quadra Circle; 2:30 Cares Together Group - Quadra Circle; 7 Photography Club; 7:15 Candlelit Flow Yoga with Kate

TUESDAY: 9:30 Pilates; 11 Balance, Core Strength & Bone Health; 2 Youth Job Fair; 5 Hatha Flow with Trinity; 6 Adult Indoor Soccer - School Gym; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

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NEXT DISCOVERY ISLANDER DEADLINE

Monday, March 30 @ 7pm

The DI is published every two weeks. Our current edition and upcoming deadlines are available online: www.discoveryislander.ca

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

- **250-300 words** is a good length for community announcements.
- Send articles in the body of an email.
- **Canadian spelling** please: *centre, colour, 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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NEXT DEADLINE

7pm Monday, March 30
for publication on
Friday, April 3, 2026

A Silent Ocean Free, Virtual Community Movie Night

The North Island - Powell River (NIPR) Electoral District Association of the Green Party of Canada is hosting an online movie night on **March 26, 2026, from 6:30-8:30 PM.**

The two short films for this event are by west coast Canadian filmmakers: *It's Time to Listen* (2020) a 7-minute exploration of how whales respond to a quieter underwater world, produced by the Hakai Institute and *Stand* (2018), a 45-minute film by Anthony Bonello and Nicolas Teichrob, following local adventurer Norm Hann as he paddleboards along the east coast of Haida Gwaii with visits to Haisla, Bella Bella, and Tofino. (The film has amazing surfing footage!)

The focus of the Virtual Movie Night is to raise awareness of coastal concerns and encourage an open discussion across the NIPR riding around the Federal/Alberta Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to build a pipeline through northern BC to the north coast for shipping across the Pacific Ocean.

This project would contravene the Oil Tanker Ban, in practice since 1972 and legislated into law (Bill C-26) on June 21, 2019.

The ban covers an area that stretches from the northern tip of Vancouver Island to the BC-Alaska border and along the entire west coast of Vancouver



Still from 'Stand' 2018
by Anthony Bonello and Nicolas Teichrob

Island. This includes the waters that surround the NIPR federal riding.

For more information please see: tinyurl.com/2s427csc

First Nations communities assert that removing the Oil Tanker Ban would put our coastlines, communities, and oceans at great risk.

The communities of Bella Bella and Kyuquot have already experienced oil spills that have required complex operations to mitigate ongoing damages to their territorial waters.

The title chosen for this event - **A Silent Ocean** - raises the issue of who will speak for the ocean that surrounds us?

The NIPR riding covers a huge area including 20 First Nations communities who will be the first responders in any shipping emergency.

Diluted bitumen (dilbit) does not float; it sinks to coat the

ocean floor. For an in-depth analysis of the risks of a dilbit spill, referencing interviews with Malcolm Lowry, Jennifer Lash, Aaron Gunn, and Elizabeth May, please see: tinyurl.com/43ruanec.

Following the Zoom screening, there will be a panel Q&A, hosted by Jessica Wegg.

The panelists are: Shane Pollard, Guardian Manager, We Wai Kai Nation; Katarina Duke, Manager of Marine Conservation and Fisheries, Ka:yu: 'k't'h' / Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations; and Cory Cliffe, Wei Wai Kum First Nation, Founder, 7 Generations Stewards Society.

Everyone interested is invited to attend this free event. Bring your popcorn, questions, and knowledge to the table!

More information about the event is available at www.greensofnorthisland-powellriver.ca; and www.facebook.com/NIPRGreens/.

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Open AA Meetings

MONDAY AND FRIDAY nights, 7:30 to 8:30pm at Cape Mudge United Church at 29 Tekya, Cape Mudge. Everyone welcome!

Hal Douglas at the HBI Pub

Hal Douglas and Friends will be performing at the HBI Pub on **Sunday March 22 from 3-5pm**.

Joining Hal are Marnie Younger, Grant Holland and Dave Blinzinger. Come on down for great food, drink and music. No Cover.



Your Submissions to the DI are Welcome!

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

Quadra Island Land Trust Society AGM

THE QUADRA ISLAND Community Land Trust Society invites all interested community residents to attend our first Annual General Meeting on Saturday March 21, 2026 at 1pm in Room 2, Quadra Island Community Centre, 970 West Road.

Join us to hear updates, elect board members and help shape the next phase of our community-led land stewardship and climate resilience initiatives on Quadra Island.

Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact QILTS Secretary Claire Heffernan Call/Text 250 880 0791, email islandhome2015@gmail.com



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Coming up at the Legion!

FRIDAY MARCH 20TH 8:PM, Karaoke night, with True & Audrey! Sure to be a blast

SAT. MARCH 21ST 5-7:30PM Chinese Food Dinner with Patrice followed by Enchanted Forest glow party, 8:30

SUN MARCH 22ND 3-5PM, Children's Magical forest, neon glow party! Costume prizes and snacks

SAT. MARCH 28TH 5-7:30 The Clove is returning for another fantastic meal! Followed by

BINGO from 7-9:30pm

SUN. MARCH 29TH Pool Tournament \$20! Register with Ira Sanderson email ira@greenmail.net

FRIDAY APRIL 3RD Comedy Night

SAT. APRIL 4TH 5-7:30PM, Patrice will be serving his remarkable Prime Rib dinner

SAT. APRIL 4TH 9PM Joe Abbott & The Flying J's and Reviberators \$15 at the door

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/

Way to Go Meeting

JOIN US for our March meeting on Mon. Mar. 16, 3 pm - 4:30 pm, QCC Rm. 3, for a time of sharing, presentation on a home-based journey to the end, discussion, and business.

Please also consider attending our **Reimaging Death Workshop** on Sun. Mar. 29 from 10 am - 4 pm, QCC Rm 3, to learn about home funerals with Emma Tius from Cortes & Margaret Verschuur. Admission by donation. Info 204-3709.

40 years with CR Genealogy Society

JOIN US for a one-day, in-person seminar on **Saturday, April 18**, featuring this year's theme: Migration Trails.

We're excited to welcome four well-known Vancouver Island speakers and authors: Chief Wedlidi Speck, Vanessa Winn, Jeanette Taylor, and Dave Obee.

Your \$55 registration includes:

A full day of engaging presentations, a catered luncheon, and door prize draws.

Seating is limited to 100 participants, so be sure to register early. For full event details and online registration, visit: <https://www.crgenealogysociety.ca/>

You may also register in person at the CRGS library, located inside the Maritime Heritage Museum by the Pier.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

A colorful poster for the '9th Annual Young Musicians concert'. The text reads 'CATCH THE RISING STARS LIVE!! 9TH ANNUAL YOUNG MUSICIANS concert SAT. APRIL 25 6:00-8:00 PM'. The main slogan is 'Oh the Places Music Will Take You!'. It features illustrations of children flying on balloons. One balloon says 'Admission By Donation', another says 'Coffee, Dessert & Snacks Available'. A circular badge at the bottom right says 'ALL PROCEEDS IN SUPPORT OF THE QUADRA ISLAND YOUNG MUSICIANS FUND' with the email quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com. At the bottom, it says 'Come support young aspiring local musicians!'.

Quadra Island Health Society AGM

The Quadra Island Health Society's 2026 Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 7, 2026 @ 7:00 pm at the Quadra Island Community Centre for members only.

Notification of the meeting will be sent to registered members and we are asking you to pre-register and a package will be sent to you. Updates to our bylaws and constitution will be considered at the AGM.

If you are not a member and would like to be, contact Jeanne @ 250-285-2835 or email quadraislandhealthsociety2019@gmail.com, and a membership application will be provided.

Campbell River Art Gallery

The Campbell River Art Gallery with the Campbell River Arts Council presents the 44th Annual Members' Show Jan. 30 - April 25th. Please visit the CRAG website Events page to see the list of upcoming Programs including: Artist Demos, Artwork Critique, Life Drawing Sessions and our Panel Discussion; Succession: Cultural Advocacy & Evolution.

www.crartgallery.ca/events

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Meditation

WE MEET Sundays at the Quadra Children's Centre at 10 am for a 45 minute sitting meditation, followed by a short break. There is a reading of a book based on Buddhist perspectives and meditation practices, and then a discussion. Everyone is welcome, a small donation is appreciated. For more info call Don at 250 285 2193 or Kai at 250 850 9245.

Save The Date!

Ninth Annual Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund Concert & Fundraiser takes place on Saturday, April 25th, 6-8 pm at the Quadra Community Centre

Listen to Quadra's aspiring young musicians perform.

Support music education and experiences for children and youth on Quadra.

Drinks & Desserts for sale. Admission by Donation.

For more info, to perform, volunteer, or donate, please contact quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com.

Friday Flicks



On March 27, 7:45 at the Quadra Community Centre, Friday Flicks presents Köln 75, the final film of the Spring '26 series. Based on a true story, Köln 75 follows 18-year-old Vera Brandes as she defies her conservative parents to organize a 1975 concert by Keith Jarrett in Cologne. Despite near failure, the impromptu performance's recording becomes the iconic The Köln Concert, a landmark of 20th-century music. Köln 75 captures the compelling, entertaining, and, until now, unknown backstory about Jarrett's one-hour, entirely improvised concert, which became the best-selling solo album in jazz history. John Magaro (Past Lives) plays Jarrett with brilliant intensity, a counterpoint to Mala Emde's joyful portrayal of the unstoppable Vera. Köln 75 captures the compelling, entertaining and previously unknown backstory of Jarrett's one-hour, entirely improvised masterpiece The Köln Concert. Kino Lorber

Quadra Island Pantry A Community Solution

Food is something every single one of us depends on, every single day. But fewer and fewer communities have any say in how that system works.

The truth of the matter is that smaller grocery chains are increasingly being bought up by large corporations. When this happens, these corporations gain greater control over pricing and the future direction of our food system. Every time we purchase from these large chains, we reinforce a business model that concentrates wealth and decision-making power in the hands of a few. In this system, profit too often takes priority over the well-being of the people and the communities who generate that profit.

At a time when global wealth continues to grow, with the world's first trillionaire on the horizon, poverty is still rising in record numbers. The co-operative model offers communities a practical way to push back against this trend. It is one of the oldest forms of business, dating back to the 1800s. Prices only need to rise enough to cover the real costs of operating the business. There is no pressure to generate excessive profits. Instead, a co-operative's focus is on serving the community.

More importantly, a co-op allows a community to take back a piece of control over something essential to everyday life. It gives people a voice in the decisions that affect their well-being and the future of the place they call home.

A Co-operative is owned by the people who support it. Every membership and every dollar spent locally helps build something stronger for everyone. Together, we can create a store that reflects the values of this community and ensures that an essential service remains in the hands of the people it serves.

And when a community owns something together, the benefits stay close to home. Jobs remain local, decisions reflect local needs, and profits are reinvested where they matter most. A co-operative is not just a store; it is a long-term commitment to the resilience and well-being of Quadra Island.

Imagine Quadra saying no.

Imagine building something of our own.

An economy that supports the people who live here.

qipantrycoop@gmail.com

The Quadra Island Garden Club Presents - **After the Harvest:** Storing, Preserving, Cooking and Eating From Your Garden Throughout the Year With local gardener Ramona Aston

Monday, April 13th, 7-9pm
At the Quadra Community Centre

Is it your goal to grow enough food this summer to last all year long? Great! But what exactly do you need to do with all of that fresh food to make it last? How can you ensure that you will be eating your garden produce year-round? Come find out at this presentation by a gardener who's tried it all!

This talk will cover:

- Storage: Varieties of vegetables that store long term
- Different methods of storage
- Preserving:
- Fermenting
- Freezing
- Canning
- Dehydrating
- Cooking:
- Recipes
- Serving suggestions

About Ramona:

Ramona Aston has been gardening on family land since she returned to Quadra Island fourteen years ago. She loves to get excited about a new approach or technique in her garden, and is often trying something new while bringing forward what has worked for her in the past.



Learning about the interconnectedness between bacterial, fungal, creature, and plant relationships struck a chord with Ramona and her gardening has been a series of projects to encourage these relationships ever since. As a result she has seen improvements in plant health and growth. In addition, Ramona is always falling in love with flowers and the potential in seeds, and hopes to grow the seed saving culture on Quadra.

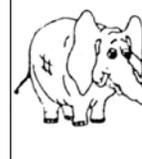
ALSO our Annual Spring Plant Sale (our biggest fundraiser) will be taking place on April 25th at 10am at the Community Centre. Please drop off plants to sell at 9am.

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!

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Pick up a purr-fect poetry book and support Quadra Cat Rescue

Fans of felines, fetch your spare change! An illustrated book of poetry—A life amongst cats—is now available at Inspirations in Quathiaski Cove.

Two Quadra Island artists have combined forces to produce the 80-page volume, which includes dozens of original poems and cats-at-their-best illustrations.

“Chris Thompson’s poetry swings from hilarious to heart-wrenching, and Sophie Whittingham’s drawings are rich with charm and character,” says Marnie Griffiths, who volunteered to coordinate the project for Quadra Cat Rescue. *“Pounce on this chance to get a first edition and pick up a couple extra copies for family and friends. This is a book people will enjoy over and over again.”*

An illustrator and storyboard artist, Sophie works from her Quadra Island home for companies like Disney+ and Dreamworks TV. She was inspired to donate her art because of her two cats.

“My partner and I can’t imagine life without Gary and Shaun,” she says. “And I’m very glad programs like Quadra Cat Rescue exist to take care of our local cats, giving them the homes or support they need.”

As for Chris’s motivation? Cat’s got his tongue. Quadra Cat Rescue extends huge thanks to both Chris and Sophie, and to Ruth Powell for volunteering editing and layout skills, and

Lara Fraser of Inspirations for covering printing costs. Copies of A life amongst cats are available by donation. Recommended minimum is \$15, and all proceeds

support Quadra Cat Rescue’s efforts to reduce the number of homeless cats on our island. Along with offering a lower-cost spay-neuter program, the group raises money to provide vet care for stray cats and kittens and to buy food for felines in foster care. Basic vaccines and neutering cost about \$400, and a single flea/worm treatment costs about \$25.

Tax receipts are available for donations made by cheque or e-transfer. People who shop at Tru Value can also support the group by donating Spirit Board points (280 at both Heriot Bay and Quathiaski Cove) and buying Tru Value gift cards for either store at Inspirations.



Gary and Sophie Whittingham

Quadra Cat Rescue has been helping island cats and kittens since 2009, and every year, kittens born on Quadra far outnumber local homes wanting pets. More information, including spay-neuter request forms and adoption applications are available at www.quadracatrescue.com.

- Please let us know about stray cats that need help by email to quadracatrescue@yahoo.com or telephone 250-285-CATS (2287).

Support Quadra Cat Rescue:

- Volunteer to temporarily foster or become a neighbourhood monitor.
- Adopt an already-fixed adult cat from Quadra Cat Rescue to free up foster space.
- Sponsor a kitten’s healthy start with \$400 for basic vet care (vaccination and neutering).
- Donate Tru Value Foods Spirit Board points (code is 280 at both stores), which are converted to gift cards.
- Purchase Tru Value gift cards for either store at Inspirations in the Cove.
- Donate to Quadra Cat Rescue (provide mailing address for tax receipts!):
- e-transfer via email to quadracatrescue@yahoo.com
- mail a cheque (Box 192 Heriot Bay, V0P 1H0)
- through Coastal Community Credit Union
- or use PayPal through the website (www.quadracatrescue.com).
- Spay or neuter before kittens are five months old. (One unfixed pair of cats and their offspring can produce 500 kittens in three years.)

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



DI Submissions

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

In the interests of efficiency please email your text and or photos to: news@discoveryislands.ca



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11am – Saturday April 18th, 2026

Heriot Bay Inn – Bay View Room

The African Chamber Music Ensemble

Quadra Concerts Season Finale

Friday, April 11

As the final notes of this remarkable season approach, Quadra Concerts invites you to join us for a truly special evening: our season finale on April 11 featuring the vibrant and boundary-breaking African Chamber Music Ensemble — a project led by Curtis Andrews. After a season filled with extraordinary artists and unforgettable moments, we would love nothing more than to celebrate together in joyful fashion with the audience

sound of the mbira. The result is music that is rich in spirit, groove, and imagination.

At the heart of the ensemble are master artists rooted in African traditions, joined by adventurous string players who expand the possibilities of the classical quartet. Together they weave music inspired by Zimbabwe's Shona mbira traditions and the intricate vocal and rhythmic heritage of Ghana's Ewe culture, creating a sound world that is joyful, soulful, and utterly captivating.



members who have made this year so memorable.

This unique ensemble brings together a dynamic string quartet with master musicians of African percussion and voice, creating a musical dialogue that is both uplifting and deeply moving. The program reimagines African musical traditions through the intimate lens of chamber music, blending the expressive warmth of violin, viola, and cello with the layered rhythms of African percussion and the mesmerizing

For this final concert of the season, expect rhythms that pulse through the hall, luminous string textures, and moments of collective musical celebration that remind us why live music matters. It is the perfect way to close a season that has brought our community together through shared musical experiences.

Most of all, this evening is about celebrating with you — the audience whose warmth, curiosity, and enthusiasm make concerts on Quadra

Island so special. Your presence throughout the year has helped create a vibrant musical community, and we hope you'll join us one more time to mark the end of the season with energy, connection, and joy.

Come celebrate the finale with us. Let's fill the hall, lift our spirits, and send this season out in style.

Quadra Island Community Centre, doors open at 7pm show at 7:30 pm. 2 sets with bar and concession service

Tickets: \$25 advanced / \$30 door

Available online or at our Quadra Island outlets: Aroma Cove Cafe / Inspirations / Copper Coast Gallery

Way to Go

Everyone welcome to the Reimagining Death Workshop on Sun. Mar. 29 from 10 am – 4 pm, QCC Rm 3, to learn about home funerals with Emma Tius from Cortes & Margaret Verschuur. By donation. To register: margaret@islanddeathcare.ca or call 204-3709.

Join us on Mon. Apr. 20, 3 pm - 4:30 pm, QCC Rm. 3, for a time of sharing, presentation on Advance Care Planning, discussion, and business. Next meeting Sept. 21



Beach Clean Dream Team



The Quadra Island beach clean dream team meets every Wednesday till June for our beach cleaning hikes. We will be joining forces with Quadra kayaks May 9th for a giant group cleaning Breton islands and other islands by small boats or kayaks if preferred. Email Quadrabeachclean@gmail.com to get on the email notification list.

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Quadra Island Medical Clinic

Wonderful news to have the clinic remaining open past April 1 with Dr. Hughes as a part time participant. And all good with the intense search for other doctors (or a group of doctors) to join the excellent team at this clinic while spreading the word through other islanders should certainly help convince potential physicians of the benefits of practicing alongside someone with Dr. Hughes reputation with the benefits of the Quadra Island lifestyle.

I can't say enough about his comforting demeanour, his ability to diagnose the problem at hand and to actually LISTEN to his patient. After some 77 years of different doctors across Vancouver Island, Stephen Hughes tops them all and my wife and I extend accolades to him for his willingness to continue part time until he can fully retire.
Baden & Ulrika Cross

The Voice of Hind Rajab - Fund-Raiser for Gaza

Join us for this Academy Award nominated docudrama film to be shown at Quadra Community Centre on Friday, April 10th.

The Voice of Hind Rajab was written and directed by Franco-Tunisian, Kaouther Ben Hania and tells the story of Hind Rajab, a six year old Palestinian girl who was fleeing in Gaza City with six relatives in 2024 when their car came under fire by the Israel Defense Forces. Set in the dispatch room of the Palestinian Red Crescent, the film focuses on the efforts of a 911 team as they try to coordinate her rescue. It portrays the circumstances of the occupation and the outcomes of attempts to negotiate a humanitarian response to lethal circumstances.

Palestinian lead actor Motaz Malhees, who played the role of a call center operator in the film, was not able to participate in the recent Academy Awards presentations since he was blocked from entering the US because of his Palestinian citizenship. Of this unjust decision he says, "It hurts. However, you can block a passport but you cannot block a voice...I am Palestinian, and I stand with pride and dignity. Our story is bigger than any barrier, and it will be heard."

Mandy Patinkin and Kathy Grody from International Rescue

Committee, express the following of what they call an extraordinary film. "I didn't want to see it. I thought it would devastate me, but it did the opposite. This is a film that anyone who is human should see. It reminds us of how insane our species has gotten and how beautiful it could be. This is a human story of a small child, a beautiful little girl, whose voice will stay in our minds, our hearts, our souls forever. It is essential for the survival of our species that you find your way to this film, so we can continue to have hope and one day have a better world to bring to our children and grandchildren. This is a profound gift to all of us. It is a heart that is speaking to you from beyond and you must find your way to it. It will change all of our lives, the more of us that embrace it and see it."

Doors open at 7:00 for our concession with a short overview and discussion at 7:15 led by Keith Simmonds. Keith is the minister of the Campbell River United Church and a former human rights observer in Palestine and Israel. Admission is by donation. Proceeds will be directed to non profit groups aiding the people of Gaza including the Quadra United Church for its peace efforts. Plan to join us!

Submitted by Carol Foort

Reimaging Death Workshop

On Sunday March 29 from 10 am to 4 pm, Way to Go is sponsoring a workshop called Reimaging Death at QCC Rm 3. The presenters will be Emma Tius from Cortes & Margaret Verschuur.

Emma has experience helping with over 30 particularly unique home deaths on Cortes, and along with Margaret Verschuur, who has also been involved in many home deaths on both Quadra and Cortes, will lead us in understanding how to take care of our loved ones after death.

Everyone is welcome, admission is by donation, and more information can be found on the posters or by calling 250-204-3709.

QILTS AGM Meeting Date and Places and Invitation for New Members and Directors

The Quadra Island Land Trust Society is holding its inaugural Annual General Meeting. The AGM is taking place on Saturday, March 21st 1 pm at the Community Centre, room #1.

QILTS' mission is to acquire property to be held in public trust, in perpetuity, for purposes that can include affordable options for housing, micro-business space and agriculture, for green spaces as community parks and wildlife corridors, and for protecting land with heritage or cultural assets. Land Trust acquisitions can meet changing community needs. All our acquisitions will prioritize environmental responsibility and can include lands requiring ecological restoration. Community engagement and education are important to us. We can form contractual relationships with other non-profits to manage the properties.

Properties are acquired through donations or purchase through local fundraising, grants, government contribution and traditional financing.

We welcome any suggestions from you of ideas for any general or special property interests that we can pursue on Quadra Island as a community.

Please consider selling or donating your own property (or partly donating, with purchase) or donating as a life estate or by bequest in a will as a wonderful gift to the community.

Charitable tax receipts will be provided for donations. Some property donations can receive capital gains tax benefits as well. Our board is currently acquiring Charitable Tax Status.

We are eagerly looking for new board members to join us. Anyone interested in supporting this community effort is invited to join the board. We are particularly seeking these essential skills:

- Realty and realty law expertise
- Financial expertise
- Webpage design, IT management and communications
- Grant-writing experience

We welcome New Members and donations to build the organization and volunteer base of our non-profit to help this community vision to take off.

Sign up as a member at the AGM to vote, ask questions and find out more about the opportunities a Land Trust Society can offer to our community.

This inaugural year membership is free!

Please call Pat Reid or email qilandtrust@gmail.com to discuss any ideas you have, or to request to be a director on our board. Directors can also be nominated from the floor.

Compassionate Neighbourhood Advocates Aren't Fooling!

They're trained, compassionate resource navigators – and they're ready for you. On April 1st, two pilot projects launch with one clear mission: to make sure no one on Quadra Island has to face life's challenges alone.

Sheelagh Elmitt and Mark Whittington are the new Neighbourhood Advocates in the Quadra Loop/Smith Road pilot project area, while Mia Frishholz and Johann Wiegardt are the Advocates for the second pilot project in the Southend area.

Storm debris is piling up, and no one is there to help clear it? Need a ride to an appointment, a regular wellness check-in, or just someone to share a cup of tea and a walk with? Whether it's a practical problem or simply the need for connection, your Neighbourhood Advocate is there. If you live in the Quadra Loop/Smith Road area or the Southend, reach out to your Neighbourhood Connector today — and meet YOUR Advocate!

Asking for help isn't always easy — most of us worry about being a burden. But here's the truth: your Neighbourhood Advocates genuinely want to show up for you. Like so many on Quadra already know, helping

a neighbour gives back as much as it gives. The Compassionate Neighbourhood project was born from that spirit — islanders looking out for each other, knowing that one day, they may need the same.

The Compassionate Neighbourhoods project is backed by a grant to Quadra Circle from UBC School of Nursing and the BC Centre for Palliative Care — with a shared vision of building a true Compassionate Community, neighbour by neighbour. Free Nav-CARE training is open to all Quadra islanders, equipping you with communication skills, resource navigation, and the confidence to offer caring, nonjudgmental support to those facing life-limiting events.

Compassionate Neighbourhood Advocates are Nav-CARE-trained, screened, and supported in their confidential work by Quadra Circle's Nav-CARE Coordinator. The Neighbourhood Advocates help their neighbours connect with resources they request on a short-term basis. If a person needs ongoing assistance, the Nav-CARE Coordinator will connect them with a Nav-CARE Volunteer who can get to know

them and provide personalized support over time.

Ready to connect?

If you live in the Quadra Loop/Smith Road or Southend areas, reach your Neighbourhood Advocate Connector at 778-874-8187 or navecarequadracircle@gmail.com — and ask about Nav-CARE training opportunities while you're at it.

Don't see your area yet? Neighbourhood Advocates are coming to all of Quadra by August. In the meantime, help is still available — contact Quadra Circle's Office at 250-285-2255 or qcircleoffice@gmail.com.

For additional information about Compassionate Neighbourhoods, visit: www.quadracircle.ca/compassionateneighbourhood



Quadra Island Cemetery Update

The Quadra Island Cemetery Society invites you to attend its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 7:00 PM at the Quadra Island Legion, Heriot Bay.

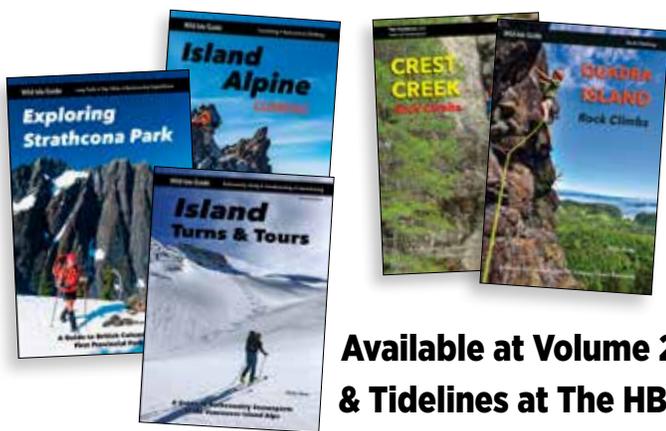
The agenda includes: adoption of the 2025 AGM minutes, introductions and short reports by the Trustees regarding: our website, natural burial memorialization, special presentations, (and removed) shroud burial, Cemetery activity, and the presentation of the 2025 financial statement.

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM. If you own a plot, or a family member is interred in QI Cemetery, you are a member and can vote at the AGM.

Another item to note on your calendar: the long-anticipated unveiling of the Natural Burial Memorial will take place on May 30, 2026 during the Cemetery Society and Way To Go co-hosted "A Walk in the (Memorial) Park" event. You will see more details on this soon.

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, Jeff Dubois, and Gary Krook.

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Ground-Truthing: Mosaic-TimberWest's TFL47 is Destroying Quadra's Forests

The Quadra Peaceful Grannies held a second rally at Heriot Bay Tru Value Friday, March 13 to raise awareness about the unsustainable clearcut logging by TimberWest-Mosaic on Quadra Island.

It was a beautiful sunny day and many people stopped by to chat, offer support and sign up to help the group in future blockades against clearcutting the trails and watersheds that are being systematically destroyed.

For many residents, the years of letters, meetings and discussions expressing concerns around logging practices that targeted watersheds, beautiful neighbourhood landscapes and favoured recreational areas has been discouraging to say the least. Although TW-Mosaic is obliged to consult the public, and should be prioritizing biodiversity and conservation in the Quadra Island Special Management Zone – they continue to ignore local residents' concerns and under their self-congratulatory designation of "sustainable forestry company" – they continue to clearcut at a rate estimated to be eight times more than the ecosystem can bear. The only way to stop it seems to be blockading.

The Grannies have held three blockades to protect the biodiversity of old forest, trails and watersheds in Hyacinthe Creek and Saxon Main area round Two Mile Lake south of Granite Bay.

Upcoming clearcuts will intrude on a few remaining old forest areas and watersheds around the Nugedzi-Mt. Seymour trails; the Hyacinthe Creek watershed - a salmon habitat; and Eagle Ridge trail in Copper Bluffs – Missing Links watershed area which has already been severely degraded by clearcuts despite the on-going objections and concerns of local residents.



As clearcut area grows, trees left are smaller and younger; so TimberWest is now targeting the areas of old growth, mature forests, recreational trails and watersheds that should be protected.

Timber West/Mosaic has ignored even the minimal government regulations regarding sustainable forestry. With the 1925 fire and continuous industrial logging over the past 100 years, less than 3% of forested area on Quadra is old primary forest.

Although TW-Mosaic is legally required to designate Old Growth Management Areas (OGMAs) preserving a minimum of 9% of old forest, there are no OGMAs in TFL47, which covers 38% of Quadra Island! Leaving intact forest in riparian areas around lakes and streams, in visual corridors to maintain the "appearance" of intact forest, and on high bluffs should preserve at least another 25%.

But what we see on the ground is TimberWest-Mosaic ignoring these minimal requirements, clearing streams of all forest cover, covered in slash and unfit for salmon; logging right up to bodies of water, and now roads heading up on the steep bluffs to log there.

Given the on-going summer drought conditions and wildfires it is vital that we preserve as much intact forest as possible. The forests keep the temperature modulated, ensure water is absorbed into the ground to recharge aquifers and keep moisture in soil, not running off in floods; and the root systems hold soil preventing landslides. Moisture, cooler forests with variable age trees, healthy watersheds, and no more dry logging slash covering the land, protect against wildfires.

This Island is our home; we depend on the forests for our well-being; it is habitat for

wildlife; watersheds manage water for forests and our wells; and trails and recreational areas should be preserved as pristine areas for recreational use by locals and tourists. A for-profit corporation should not have license to pillage the natural resources of local communities on public land, endangering their water and food security, and leaving them vulnerable to floods and wildfires!

We ask TimberWest – Mosaic to stop all logging on Quadra until the concerns of local residents are properly addressed: legally required protections of old and primary forest are put in place, an agreement to protect the watersheds, biodiversity and recreational resources of this Island is in place; and the values of biodiversity and a sustainable local economy are the foundations for future planning.

-Sheila Cavanagh

New Digital Support Outreach Services on Quadra

Quadra Literacy is excited to announce a new free service to help adults feel more confident using technology.

We have hired a Digital Support Outreach Worker (DSOW) to provide one-on-one assistance with a wide range of everyday tech needs.

Grant Holland, our new DSOW, is available to support adults who would like help with smartphones, tablets/iPads, laptops, and desktop computers. Whether you're a complete beginner, setting up a new device, or just want to learn how to get more from your technology, Grant is happy to help.

Support can include:

- Setting up and learning to use a new phone, tablet, or computer
- Sending and receiving emails
- Navigating the internet safely
- Downloading and using apps
- Attaching photos or documents
- Accessing online services (banking, medical portals, government forms)
- Video calling with family and friends
- Improving privacy and security settings

Free sessions are available in your home or at comfortable locations around the community.

In March and April, Grant will be available for drop-in / first-come-first-served support:

- Wednesdays, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Quadra Community Centre
- Mondays 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the HBI Bayview Room

Drop in during those times or book an appointment in advance at digitalsupport@quadraliteracy.com.

We're delighted to offer this new service and look forward to helping community members build skills and confidence in the digital world.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills

Be A Hometown Hero - Welcome A Musician!

The Quadra Island Festival of Chamber Music is returning from **June 22-26, 2026, once again bringing world-class talent to our island.** The four concerts (no concert on June 24) will start at 7:00 pm each evening in one of three venues: Quadra Community Centre, Quadra Island United Church at Cape Mudge, and SouthEnd Winery.

This year's program will include cello, 2 violins, 2 violas, clarinet, accordion, flute, piano and... (drumroll)...a harp! You will recognize some familiar faces and see a few new ones. We are looking for billet hosts to accommodate this veritable orchestra during the festival week.

These incredible performances are only possible thanks to the "village" that supports us—organizers, volunteers, and especially the local hosts who provide a "home away from home" for our visiting artists. The billets will be for one week, June 20-27, so that the performers will have time to rehearse and perform the Monday to Friday concerts.

Here is what we're looking for:

- A Private Space: Providing a comfortable guest room and access to a bathroom.
- Island Hospitality (which

we're becoming famous for): While musicians are busy with rehearsals and concerts, a quiet place to rest and a daily breakfast make a world of difference.

- The Perks: Billeting is a unique way to get a "behind-the-scenes" look at the festival, often leading to lasting friendships with talented performers from around the world. Each billeting family will receive 2 tickets to the Monday and 2 tickets to the Friday performances. Your hearts will be warmed.

How to Volunteer:

If you have a spare room and would like to support the arts on Quadra Island, please reach out to us at qichambermusic@gmail.com with the name "Wendy Porter" or the word "billeting" in the subject line. You can also reach us through our Contact Page.

Ticket packages (\$125 for all four performances, including Winery concert with food) will be available for purchase at Copper Coast Gallery and Inspirations, as well as online by March 20. Once all the packages have been sold, individual tickets will be available at the same venues.

Thank you for helping us keep the music alive on Quadra.

Warmly, Quadra Island Festival of Chamber Music

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Models to re-enact a 1906 Tug-of-War photo between miners & loggers at the Heriot Bay Inn, with local photographer Carla Duffy.

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Colourful Tales of Old Rivalries with Jeanette Taylor at UofQ

There was intense rivalry between Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay residents over a century ago, when old-timers claimed you could tell which place someone hailed from simply by the way they held their cigarettes.

Jeanette Taylor will talk about Q Cove's rise to dominance, with the development of a cannery, in a U of Q talk at the Heriot Bay Inn on Tuesday March 31 at 7:00 p.m.

She'll draw upon the Museum at Campbell River's archival

photographs to illustrate stories spanning from the Indigenous people's use of the cove to logging camps, stores, the cannery and ferry service. She'll share lively tales of the notorious logger Skookum Tom, the upper middle class Pidcock family, a cannery owner fresh from the Klondike Gold Rush and a mysterious murder.

Taylor says the cove was once jammed with fishing boats and coastal steamers, calling in with supplies and delivering fish to the ever-expanding cannery. But



Steamships stopped at the Quathiaski public wharf with passengers and freight. There was a store and post office at its head and to the south was a cannery and a sawmill. Museum at Campbell River photo 006378, Rob Yeatman.



This is the earliest extant photograph of the Quathiaski Cove Cannery, dated at about 1910. Museum at Campbell River photo 004190.

it was Grouse Island that gave rise to the cove's Indigenous name, which—according to one group—translates to 'bay with an island in its mouth.'

The Denton family had a marine boat ways on Grouse through the Great Depression, doing a brisk business in repairs and sales of parts and fuel. They sometimes worked through the night, waist deep in water, to get boats back out on the fishing grounds.

The Denton's comfortable home is long gone, but their machine shop will soon be restored by the Barrett family, who now own the island.

The Barretts own an international geotechnical firm based in

Colorado and have recently purchased the adjacent cannery site as well. They are longtime summer residents here and Colby Barrett has a passion for history so he's hired Taylor to document stories of Quathiaski Cove's past in a slide show, an archive and booklet.

The Barretts' plans for their properties are under consideration and will depend upon local regulations, but the future may include a tourism facility and housing on the cannery site, along with summer rentals of an existing home on Grouse. They're currently building a cement-lined workshop within a rock bluff, which will have a 'live' roof.

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Regional Director's Report

Hello,

Recent rains remind me of winters which trundled from rainstorm to deluge to showers... here's hoping a deluge of spring blooms isn't far off. This report has news about collaborative work on wastewater (sewer), learnings from the recent Campbell River Housing Symposium, and dates for upcoming OCP discussions.

QCOVE WASTEWATER INTEGRATION EXPLORATION

Another positive step in the partnership framework between the SRD and We Wai Kai First Nation regarding wastewater exploration has been achieved: a non-binding Letter of Understanding (LOU) has been completed. The LOU confirms shared intent to explore wastewater integration within the Quathiaski Cove sewer service area and guide joint technical & governance exploration.

The next step in this planning will utilize \$200,000 of Growing Communities grant funding for a technical review, examination of joint scoping, and provision of cost comparisons. The project team will begin this process by hiring a consultant to support the work. This is an important project which has significant implications for sewer users, along with community bridge building. I'm grateful this collaborative approach is underway and that SRD staff are committed to reporting back as the process moves along.

CAMPBELL RIVER HOUSING SYMPOSIUM

Recently I attended the inaugural Campbell River Housing Symposium put on by the Strathcona Housing Alliance and it was super to see several Quadra folks attending and learning, including representatives from the Quadra Island Seniors Housing Society and Quadra Island Land Trust.

There were heavy sighs from presenters as they grappled with the recently released provincial budget and its cuts to housing funding programs, significantly affecting the nonprofit housing sector. Despite the gloom there was good learning, though when asked directly about rural housing projects, positivity faded. Rural housing is more expensive to produce, and government funders are seeking easy wins. Keep reading for some encouraging news...

HOUSING CO-OPS & LAND TRUSTS

There were some positive takeaways which I want to share. Nonprofit housing co-ops and community land trusts were highlighted as models which are sustainable and permanently affordable. Community land trusts and co-op housing often work together, with the land trust responsible for long-term property and asset management while the co-op manages membership & governance. Deependent on the model, local governments may also be involved. And after decades of few co-op housing units being built in BC, numbers are on the rise.

PREDESIGNED HOUSING PLANS

Regarding rural housing, when it comes to bringing costs down one of the suggestions was to utilize the premade housing plans in the recently published design catalogue by CMHC. The catalogue offers complete technical plans for accessory dwelling units, duplexes, quadplexes and more. You can view & download plans at www.housingcatalogue.cmhc-schl.gc.ca.

Another takeaway was that when nonprofits work together, whether that is sharing policies or collaborating on projects, it builds efficiencies and community benefits. This is good learning for all our nonprofits, and something it's great to see unfolding on Quadra Island.

UPCOMING OCP MEETINGS

An Official Community Plan guides land use management and reflects our long-term social, environmental & economic goals. Broad community engagement is key to building a truly representative Official Community Plan to reflect the unique long-term vision and values of Quadra Island, the Outer Discovery Islands and Mainland Inlets. This spring a series of monthly topic-specific OCP discussions continues, facilitated by SRD Planning staff. All voices are welcome, and no worries if using a mic at a meeting isn't your jam: written comments are accepted at meetings or by emailing planning@srd.ca. Upcoming community discussions at Quadra Community Centre at 6pm:

- **April 15** — Parks and Transportation
- **May 13** — Aquaculture, Agriculture, Tourism & Economic Development
- **June 24** — Silviculture, Natural Resources, Industrial Areas & Energy
- Upcoming community discussions at **Surge Narrows Bunkhouse 1pm-3:30pm**:
- **April 8** — Aquaculture (foreshore & industry) and Sensitive Environment Areas
- **May 7** — Tourism, Home Occupations, and Industrial & Commercial Uses
- **June 2** — Wharves/Moorage, Transportation, Trails and Parks

Visit srd.ca/area-c-ocp for links to OCP guidance documents including our current OCP and the 2023 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. There are also 'What We Heard' summaries of previous discussions, find them under the 'completed' pop-down.

CONNECT

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

Visit srd.ca/government/agendas-minutes to keep up to date on SRD governance happenings. Visit RobynMawhinney.ca for links to helpful community resources and 'back issues' of Director Reports.

*Until next time, respectfully,
Robyn Mawhinney*



The Digital Divide: Bill C-18's Unintended Toll on Remote Canada

In past articles, I have talked about the impact of AI on our information landscape. In conversations with people, I have jokingly compared social media information to be akin to the National Enquirer of the 21st century. Has our government unwittingly contributed to the dumbing down of our news sources?

In June 2023, the Canadian government passed Bill C-18, the Online News Act, with a clear and noble mission: to "level the playing field" between tech giants and struggling newsrooms. By requiring platforms like Meta and Google to compensate news publishers for content shared on their services, the bill sought to inject much-needed revenue into a failing industry. However, for Canada's remote and Indigenous communities, the legislation has sparked a crisis of information access that lawmakers may not have fully anticipated.

The "News Desert" Paradox

For residents in the Northern Territories and rural pockets, where reliable news sources are scarce, Facebook was never just a social media site; it was the "town square." In places where physical newspapers have long since vanished and local radio is the only other alternative, social media became the primary vehicle for distributing everything from municipal election news to missing persons alerts.

When Meta responded to the bill by permanently blocking all Canadian news content on Facebook and Instagram, these communities were hit hardest. Unlike urban dwellers who can simply switch to a legacy news app or visit a physical newsstand, many in remote areas rely on social media groups to aggregate local reporting. The sudden "blackout" effectively turned existing "news deserts" into complete information voids.

Safety and Emergency Communication

The most harrowing impact of the news ban became evident during the 2023 and 2024 wildfire seasons. As fires threatened remote Indigenous communities and rural towns in British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, residents found they could no

longer share or view verified news articles regarding evacuation orders or fire paths on their primary communication platforms.

While government agencies still post updates, the inability of local journalists to "boost" or share investigative reporting on these platforms means that misinformation often fills the gap. In a crisis, the difference between a verified news report and a viral rumor can be a matter of life and death.

The Economic Catch-22

The bill aimed to help small publishers, yet many remote and Indigenous-led news outlets—such as IndigiNews or The Tye—have seen their reach decimated. For these organizations, social media was the "digital highway" that brought readers to their websites. Without the ability to share links on Meta, many have reported traffic drops of 30% to 80%.

While Google eventually reached a \$100-million annual deal with the federal government to keep news in its search results, the loss of Meta's social ecosystem remains a heavy blow. The \$100 million is distributed through a formula that many argue still favors large, established broadcasters over the tiny, one-person newsrooms that serve the most isolated Canadians.

Looking Ahead

As we look at the landscape in 2026, the legacy of Bill C-18 is a complex one. It has successfully forced a conversation about the value of journalism, but it has also exposed the fragility of Canada's northern information infrastructure. For the law to truly serve all Canadians, it may require a "Remote First" lens—one that ensures that in the fight between "Big Tech" and "Big Government," the most isolated voices aren't the ones left in the dark.

As always, I welcome any feedback on my articles. I am happy to help anyone who wants to learn how to navigate the digital world. You can reach me at dave@quadraliteracy.com

To book an appointment with our new Digital Support Outreach Worker, contact Grant at digitalsupport@quadraliteracy.com.

If you have general questions about literacy or need help finding an affordable device, please contact Kathie at kathie@quadraliteracy.com

Quadra Island Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

We're hoping for a little less rain for our upcoming trips:

24-26 Mar, Tuesday to Thursday – camping and hiking in the Qualicum area

1 April, Wednesday – hiking the Blenkin Park trails

8 April, Wednesday – hiking some Quinsam River trails

19-23 April, Sun-Thurs – camping and hiking in the Cowichan Valley

The schedule and the details about these events can be found at qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-fall-winter-2026/ We hope that you can join us for some of these activities.

For more information about the Outdoor Club, please visit qioutdoorclub@gmail.com.

Call For Performers!

The Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund is currently seeking young (age 18 and under) performers for our Annual Young Musicians Fund Concert and Fundraiser, happening this year on April 25th at the Quadra Community Centre, with a dress rehearsal after school on April 24th.

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

Is your child / your students / a young person you know interested in performing in the concert this year? Individual and group performances welcome! Teachers, parents, and other adults are also welcome on stage in group performances.

TO SUBMIT A SONG(S), please email us at quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com and we will direct you to the online form.

The DEADLINE for submissions is Sunday, April 12th. However, the sooner the better!

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

Email to: news@discoveryislands.ca

Reimagining Death: Learning How to Care for Our Own



On March 29, 2026, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Emma Tius (Cortes Island) and Margaret Verschuur will offer a workshop titled "Reimagining

Death" at the Quadra Community Centre.

To register, please email margaret@islanddeathcare.ca. Cost is by donation.

For most of human history, families cared for their loved ones after death. Washing the body, gathering in vigil, and preparing for burial were intimate acts of love carried out by community. Today, many of these practices have moved out of the home and into professional institutions. While professional services can be helpful, many people are surprised to learn that families can still take an active role in caring for their own dead.

The workshop "Reimagining Death" invites participants to rediscover this possibility.

This practical and thoughtful workshop explores what it might look like to bring death care back into the hands of families and communities. Participants will learn about the legal, logistical, and emotional aspects of caring for a loved one after death, including what is actually possible within today's systems. Education around family-led death care can empower people to make informed choices about how they wish to say goodbye. With the right information and preparation, families can participate in meaningful ways that align with their values, culture, and relationships.

We'll do more than talk about death care; Reimagining Death is designed to be hands-on and experiential. Participants will learn practical skills such as how a body can be gently washed and prepared, what is involved in moving and positioning the body, and how families can create a peaceful space for gathering and farewell. These acts of care were once common and can still be done safely and respectfully when people understand the process.

Beyond the practicalities, the workshop also explores why some families choose this path. Participating in post-death care can be a deeply meaningful extension of caregiving. The simple act of washing or dressing the body can become a final gesture of love, allowing family and friends to acknowledge the reality of the death while sharing their grief together.

There are other benefits as well. Family involvement can create space for a slower, more personal goodbye. Instead of rushing through scheduled appointments, loved ones may gather, keep vigil, share stories, and include children and community members in ways that feel natural and supportive. For many people, this participation brings a sense of agency during a time that can otherwise feel overwhelming.

The workshop also addresses the practical questions people often have: What paperwork is required? What are the legal responsibilities? What equipment or materials might be needed? What support is available if families want guidance along the way?

By the end of the session, participants will leave with a clearer understanding of their options and the confidence to imagine a different relationship with death and dying.

Ultimately, Reimagining Death is about more than learning skills. It is about expanding our cultural imagination around death. By bringing knowledge, openness, and community back into the conversation, we can rediscover ways of caring for one another that are both deeply human and profoundly healing.

Written by Margaret Verschuur

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Commentary on

“Will Salmon Survive Long-Term on Quadra?”

In reply to this article in the last DI, and specifically regarding Hyacinthe Creek Watershed (HCW):

Hyacinthe Creek is warming and every year risks drying up in the summer months (in spite of “drought proofing”). There are 3 main reasons for this:

- (1) Climate Change
- (2) Building a road through HC wetlands - when the beavers attempt to increase water storage their dams are destroyed to stop Walcan Road from flooding
- (3) Ongoing clearcutting in the watershed by Mosaic (managing Timber West’s Tree Farm Licence 47)

Regarding (3):

This year, apparently, Mosaic are slated to clearcut 5 areas in HC watershed- 3 south of the Nugedzi area and 2 areas between Hyacinthe Creek and Nighthawk lake.

Being in the Special Management Zone Mosaic are allowed to clearcut up to a 5 hectare area (1ha =2.47acres). This does not include the .35ha per cut block for road allowance (which brings further problems of habitat and ecosystem fragmentation and alteration of water courses). The area of HCW is approximately 1550ha. Hence 25ha out of 1550ha are due to be clearcut, or, 1/62 of the watershed. So, at this rate, in 62 years the naturally regenerating forest in the watershed will be totally replaced. Some of the young fir trees will just be going through adolescence and increasing their important work of

conserving water and carbon sequestration. All clearcut logging in HC watershed is detrimental to the fragile and vulnerable Hyacinthe creek and its salmon.

The dominant ecosystem on Quadra is CWHxm2 (coastal western hemlock variant) where the natural disturbance return interval is 700 years. We are overcutting years into our grandchildren’s future. This is definitely not sustainable logging. Moreover, in spite of what Mosaic says, most of the logs from Gowland Harbour Log Sort are exported overseas as raw logs.

Last May in a letter to the DI I discussed Mosaic’s logging of Tan Creek headwaters. In May 2025 two tributaries that form Tan Creek were totally clearcut over with no riparian zones. Tan Creek has coho spawning in its estuary into Mud lake (which forms Hyacinthe Creek).

The accompanying photo (below) shows one of the tributaries - it’s in the right of the photo, going to the left and getting lost in the clearcut debris.

How can anyone discuss salmon surviving without mentioning the “elephant in the room” i.e. continual clearcutting of the watershed? Clearcutting is BAD for salmon and the damage is ongoing.

Please drive or walk along the logging roads and see the damage to our ecosystem. For more information please go to the Discovery Islands Forest Conservation Project website.

- Eileen Sowerby



Easter Bake Sale

Join the Ladies Auxiliary for their annual Easter Bake Sale on next Saturday March 28th at the Quadra Legion from 10 am to 12 pm.

Save on your Easter baking or just grab a treat for yourself! It will feature Heidi’s famous apple pies and a variety of home baked goodies! All proceeds support the Legion and other charities.

Winner of ICAN’s 50/50 Fundraiser



Barbara Frank wins \$1,457.50 in ICAN’s 50/50 fundraiser.

Left to right: Leona Skovgaard (ICAN) Barbara Frank, grandson Carter, Darcy Manners (Tru Value) and Kris Wellstein (ICAN). Photo is taken in front of the Herriot Bay Tru Value where the winning ticket was sold. Thanks to both Tru Value Store managers for allowing ICAN to use their Wifi. And thanks to everyone who bought tickets. The support for ICAN’s practical projects is much appreciated.

The ICAN Board can be reached at quadraicansociety@gmail.com

New to Quadra?

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce and local businesses welcome you with a package of local incentives.

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

Chamber to Pursue Tax on Tourist Accommodation to Support Infrastructure Projects

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its intent to proceed with an application for a 2% Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) for Quadra Island, following unanimous support from the island's accommodation sector.

Supporting Housing & Community Priorities

Tourism plays an important role in Quadra Island's economy and presents an opportunity to further strengthen community priorities. The proposed MRDT is designed to support responsible tourism by reinvesting visitor-generated revenues into initiatives such as workforce housing, community infrastructure, and year-round economic resilience, while ensuring decision-making remains Quadra-led. If implemented, the MRDT would apply to all eligible accommodation providers, including hotels, resorts, and properties rented through platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO.

Why MRDT – and why now

Under the proposed framework, revenues generated from short-term visitor accommodation would support priorities such as workforce housing, community infrastructure, and initiatives that strengthen the year-round economy. This application is a direct result of community input through eight months of consultation for the Quadra Island Economic Diversification plan (learn more at quadraedp.ca).

MRDT obtained unanimous support

An MRDT application has many steps and requires support from at least 51% of multi-room accommodation providers as identified by Destination BC. The Quadra Island MRDT proposal received unanimous support of required providers, reflecting a shared commitment to managing tourism responsibly, strengthening local governance, and ensuring tourism contributes positively to the wellbeing of the Quadra Island community.

These multi-room accommodation operators have independently confirmed their support and together represent full alignment among Quadra Island resorts: High Point Resort, Discovery Islands Lodge, Heriot Bay Inn, Jade Resort, Taku Resort, and Gowlland Harbour Resort. The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce thanks and congratulates these operators for their support of this initiative.

A Collective Step Forward

This initiative represents an important moment of alignment among Quadra Island accommodation providers. By acting together, local businesses are ensuring tourism contributes to housing solutions, economic resilience, and long-term community wellbeing.

Next Steps

The Chamber is seeking a resolution of support from the SRD Board as the final step of the process prior to submitting the application to the Province. Upon completion Quadra Island will join many other island communities including Cortes, Campbell River, Port Alice & Mount Waddington, Port McNeill, Port Hardy, Alert Bay, Cowichan Valley, Comox Valley, Tofino, Ucluelet, Nanaimo and Victoria in raising funds to support identified community priorities.

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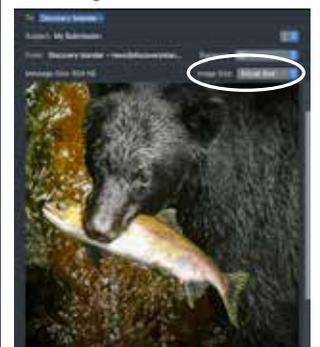
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Wills - A Love Letter to Your Family

Having a will is the best gift you can give your loved ones

Every family is unique, complex and wonderful in its own way. When a family member passes, family dynamics can take centre stage and things can go several ways:

1) the estate can be peacefully divided amongst family members as per your wishes; 2) the government could hold your estate in probate for years; or, 3) your estate could lose more money to taxes that it should have. And all this could potentially cause life-long rifts between family members.

“That’s why having a will is the best gift you can leave your loved ones,” says Lydia Moulder, Estate & Trust Specialist with Coastal Community Credit Union. Last November, Quadra residents were invited to hear Lydia share her expertise on wills and estate planning at the Coastal Community Credit Union branch on Harper Road. Many came with questions to try and make sense of what can be a confusing task.

As Lydia likes to remind us, every family is different and not everyone is good with paperwork. You’ve worked a lifetime to build your estate, save up your money, you need to know that your estate will be distributed according to your wishes.

Lydia’s first question for people who are starting to plan: do you have a will?

Her second question: are your documents in place?

So that’s where to start. Download that free will kit, start putting your wishes to paper. Take it one step at a time.

Setting up Power of Attorney

Also high on Lydia’s list is making sure you have completed a Power of Attorney (POA) document so that your loved ones can act on your behalf: access your accounts to handle your money, property or finances if you become incapacitated or when you have passed on. The form is available on the provincial government website at www2.gov.bc.ca under Incapacity Planning.

When should I get an estate plan?

If you have a family with young children or if you’re a single adult, it’s important that you get an estate plan in place. You want to make sure you leave your assets to people you care about and reduce legal fees and taxes where you can. An estate plan can help ensure that. You may be in your second marriage and this brings another layer of complexity to dividing your assets among your spouse, biological children and stepchildren. Or you may be

raising or caring for a person living with a disability – an estate plan can make sure they have the specialized care they need when you are gone. When you look at it that way, you can see how your final love letter to your children – and one of your greatest gifts to them – will be your will.

What could go wrong?

Lydia works with islanders to get their “ducks in a row” and she’s a stickler for staying organized, dotting every ‘i’ and crossing every ‘t’. She encourages people to protect their family’s future by having a will and estate plan in place and reviewing it every three years. Lydia can also connect you with other professionals like tax lawyers and notaries. All this effort is part of your final love letter to your family, because without an estate plan, your family could risk losing what you worked so hard to earn – money that should be going to your loved ones, not the government.

What could go wrong... ?

- No plan for retirement income = more tax paid from your estate

Without a plan for your registered accounts, property or investments, the full amount given to your family will be taxed based on the income you held before your death, including any capital gains on property or investments*. Thousands of dollars that could have gone to your family will instead line the government coffers. Talk to an Estate Specialist like Lydia to get your retirement income plan down on paper.

- Family changes = people missing or listed in your will that shouldn’t be

If you do not update your will and estate plan after a major family change – new marriage, new child, divorce, death, etc., then your assets may not be distributed the way you had wanted. Make sure you review your estate plan every 3-5 years or when you have big changes in your life.

- No Alternate POA = more risk to your family

You may already have a Power of Attorney

in place. But what happens if that person becomes incapacitated or passes on? Who will be able to access your accounts? Lydia recommends you choose an alternate POA so that your family can access your accounts after you are gone. They will be grateful for your foresight!

So why not start today? Put pen to paper. And if you get stuck, you can always talk to an Estate & Trust planner like Lydia, who can walk you through the process and help ensure your family will receive your final love letter just as you had envisioned.

*When a person dies, they are considered to have sold all their property just prior to death, even though there is no actual disposition or sale. Source: Canada Revenue Agency website, accessed March 9, 2026.

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Written by Katherine Lepine.

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Quadra residents learn about estate planning, Coastal Community Credit Union, Nov 24, 2025

From the Editor

Our rocky run at the DI continues with the press not making things easy for us (myself and Chris T. who really should be sipping margaritas on some Pacific island by now).

So this edition will be online only.

On the silver lining side we have been in contact with a technician - yes such a unicorn exists although he too is on the verge of retirement.

Hopefully he’ll pay us a visit in April and we’ll have a better idea of the life left in our long serving offset press. Stay tuned.

-Philip

THE QUADRA PROJECT

Invisible Enemies

Anthropology reveals interesting information about ourselves, particularly because of its ability to conduct an examination of our human behaviour and customs from the distance of different cultures and long periods of time. This provides anthropology with an illuminating perspective that is available to few other sciences. An illuminating example of this is provided by “The Enemy Within”, an article in the July 12, 2025, edition of *New Scientist*, written by Jonathan R. Goodman. (Also see his book, *Invisible Rivals: How We Evolved to Compete in a Cooperative World*.)

As a sociologist, Goodman explores the interface between anthropology, primatology, psychology and economics to explain the dynamic of inequality. This has become particularly worrisome in our present culture as the rich get richer, the powerful more influential, and everyone else is feeling justifiably victimized. Goodman begins by taking us back to our very historical beginning.

Humans are social primates, like chimpanzees and baboons. So, how did we evolve to be so socially different? In primates, he explains, a dominant individual, usually an alpha male, uses the raw power of aggression to take control of the social structure, thereby perpetuating its genetic characteristics, but also perpetuating this hierarchical dynamic of the social order.

As anthropology and primatology suggests, human societies were able to structure differently when we invented tools and weapons. Over the course of time, the muscular supremacy of the alpha leaders lost their authority and advantages to those with more ingenuity. According to Richard Wrangham, a primatologist from Harvard University, our ancestors slowly “selected against the trait of human aggression”. In brief, over millennia, we eventually “domesticated ourselves”, evolving the basic and universal social principle of treating others as we ourselves would like to be treated. This accounts for the difference between the social order in primates and that in human societies. But, as is usual with humans, even simple processes become complicated.

The complexities of living socially increases brain size and accelerates sophisticated thinking, which then introduces other psychological and sociological dynamics into behaviour. For humans, this encouraged those with alpha attributes to develop more subtle, devious and insidious ways of exerting control. This led, as Goodman explains, to the cunning manipulation of others with a particular kind of Machiavellian social intelligence. This results in an “invisible rivalry” within a society, which usually works in conflict with our evolved inclination to trust, share and cooperate for the betterment of the collective.

Those with this alpha inclination seem to be cooperating and respecting approved norms and rules, but they only do so selectively for their own advantage. They give the impression of complying with social values, but they bend and twist them for their own purposes. The power, sex, authority, prestige and control for which they strive are the same kinds of rewards earned by aggressive chimpanzees and baboons.

The result of our social sophistication is a cooperative social structure within which is a competitive component. If this competitive component overcomes the cooperative one, then the viability of the society is at risk. This happened with the Roman Republic, Goodman concludes, when the machinations of a few powerful individuals created autocracies which so hollowed out the supporting structure of cohesion and cooperation in the culture that it eventually rotted from the inside and collapsed.

As Goodman explains, this corrosive dynamic is much less likely to

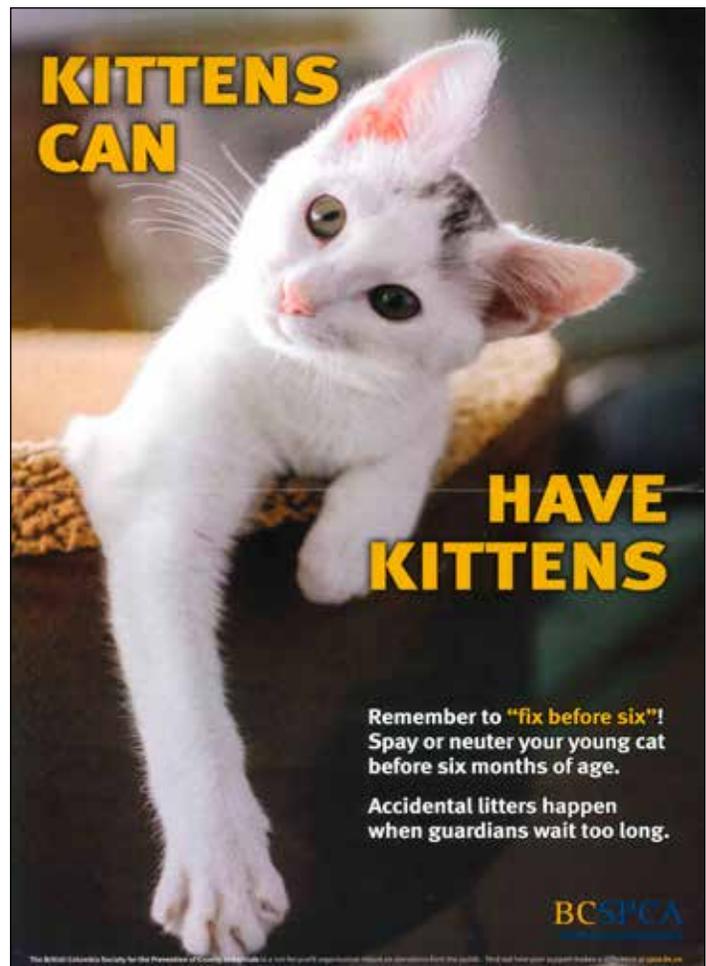
occur in small societies such as tribes and clans where people know each other, where the deviousness is more conspicuous, and the pressure for social conformity is much more direct and intense. But problems managing this internal rivalry arise when cultures become large, complex and convoluted. This is presently becoming a corrosive, destructive and demoralizing social problem in our currently integrated world of affluence, technology and sophistication.

Probably to avoid the censure of politicizing his subject, a sociologist such as Goodman did not propose solutions. However, he did suggest that we become aware of the civilizing history of our evolution from primates to *Homo sapiens*. But the obvious political solution would be to limit and curtail the power of the alpha humans who are exploiting and corroding the social system. This could be done by breaking up monopolies, by restricting the loopholes that their deviousness employs, and by taxing them sufficiently that they become net contributors to the wellbeing of society rather than the pillagers of it. If they do not contribute to the collective benefit of everyone, then they need to be considered the enemy within.

Ray Grigg

for Sierra Quadra

Please note: On Saturday March 21, Sierra Quadra is hosting Ben Parfitt, noted writer and conservationist. His presentation will be “Forests, Reconciliation, and the Path Not Taken”, Quadra Community Centre, 7:30 pm.



Forests, Reconciliation, and the Path Not Taken

Sierra Quadra is delighted to host investigative journalist Ben Parfitt on March 21, 2026 at the Quadra Community Centre. His presentation – “Forests, Reconciliation, and the Path Not Taken” – will bring us up to speed on our pressing provincial forest issues, and he’ll be happy to answer questions from the audience.

Ben joined the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives staff team as a resource policy analyst in 2005 after years working as an investigative journalist with numerous magazines. Prior to that he was a reporter with The Vancouver Sun. He is author and co-author of two books on forestry issues and currently devotes much of his policy research to natural resources, focussing on energy, water, forest resources and climate change. In 2024 he joined The Tyee where he reports on forestry and other resource related issues.

Join us on Saturday March 21 for an evening with Ben Parfitt. Admission is by donation; desserts and hot beverages available, as always.

Roots & Neighbours: Quadra Seniors Housing News

Tenants at the seniors’ housing complex are enjoying a wonderful new addition to their outdoor space, thanks to the creativity and hard work of their fellow resident Scott Elam, a talented landscaper and rock garden specialist.

What was once a plain outdoor area has been transformed into a beautiful rock garden that adds colour, texture, and natural charm to the grounds. Carefully arranged stones and thoughtfully designed plantings now create a peaceful and inviting space.

Scott’s artistic approach to landscaping is evident in every detail of the garden. His skill and dedication have turned a simple area into something truly special for the complex.

The tenants greatly appreciate Scott’s hard work and the beauty he has brought to the complex. The new rock garden has already become a spot that residents enjoy walking by and admiring each day.

Thank you, Scott, for sharing your talent and helping make the seniors’ housing grounds an even more welcoming place to live.



Scott Elam with his creation at the Seniors Housing complex.

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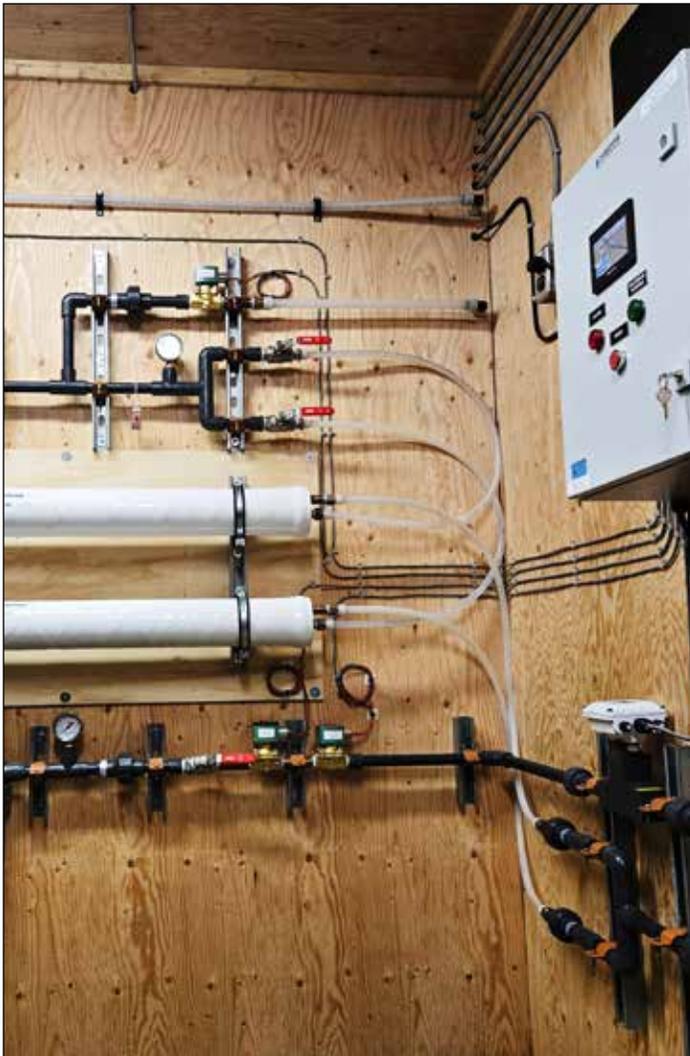
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This type of installation has its challenges, particularly the prefiltration requirements and the automation of backwash cycles to extend membrane life. This is done by means of a PLC or "programmable logic controller". The UF system pictured was installed on Quadra island in an area just north of Steep island. It was designed and installed by Bijhan Suleman with Quadra Energy Solutions. Special mention to Cliff Mooney Electrical and Holmes Construction for helping to facilitate this project.



Comments from Jody Rodgers, the owner:

Water is precious and especially so on the north end of Gowlland Harbour. After ten years of owning our property we were finally able to immigrate to Quadra Island. We knew the first order of business was to find water on our property before even finding someone to build our new home. Fortunately, with the incredible talents of Judy Hagen, water was located. The very deep well was not brisk (1 gallon/minute) and the water had an extremely fine sediment that would never settle even after letting it sit in a jar for 6 weeks or more.

Fortunately, at that time, there was a technology available through a company in Washington State called TST water that supplied ultrafiltration filters (3 Angstroms or greater) for Red's Well drilling and that did the trick. Our water appeared clear. The filters were costly and would not last forever. Shortly after we moved into our home, the owner of TST water and inventor of these filters (that were used by hospitals all over the USA to filter viruses for neonatal intensive care units), died. The patent for these filters were tied up in his estate and could no longer be manufactured which created a panic for USA hospitals and for our household. We were able to obtain only 6 filters to last us forever. We had to wash them by hand and store them in chlorinated water to keep them sterile but eventually they deteriorated. There was no alternative for us but to do some research and find an alternative. Red and his terrific team were kind to indulge our pleas for help, but this was not in their wheelhouse and we were pushing the envelope too far outside their comfort level despite their generous intents to help.

Serendipitously, we stumbled across Bijhan Suleman's website. We wrote him an email to which he responded promptly stating he lived on Quadra (yay!!) and liked wicked problems (hurrah!!!) He came to our location for a site visit and agreed to help us.

Bijhan said he would do some research to make a definitive plan and give us a quote. The quote was reasonable but did involve the need to expand the footprint of our pump house. He recommended Peter Holmes as builder who was also economically reasonable, efficient, skillful and a general delight to work with. Once that was done, the fun began.

Bijhan completed his work on time and with grace and aplomb considering the challenges of our situation. He is always affable, able, and available, especially when the inevitable hiccups happen. Our TST filtered water had previously always had the strange blue colour of Lake Louise in our domestic supply. We assumed this was from the residual solute (glacial rock flour) not cleared by the previous filtration system but now with our new system, our water is crystal clear. Our appliances and plumbing will last longer as a result.

I cannot speak highly enough of Bijhan and the entire team who helped us. Bijhan is a brilliant creative thinker whose work looks as good on the wall as it functions. We are very grateful he lives on our Island. There are more wells like ours out there.

Sincerely,
Jody Rodgers

If you have your own filtration dilemma that requires an innovative solution, please contact Bijhan at (647) 569 4362 or email us at quadraenergysolutions@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Quadra Singers Present Earth Songs

Can you feel the "Earth Move Under Your Feet"? We hope there "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" to stop you from coming to the Quadra Singers Spring Concert on Saturday, April 18. "Earth Songs" is the fourth in the series of concerts on the elements of Earth, Fire, Wind and Water. Doors open at 6:30pm and the concert starts at 7:00pm. Advance tickets are available at Inspirations in the Cove and at Copper Coast in Heriot Bay. Adults 17 and over are \$15; student 6 to 16 are \$5; children 5 and under are admitted free. Tickets will be available at the door but they will be \$5 more so plan ahead and get your tickets now! There will be a concession with delicious goodies along with tea and coffee. You're sure to recognize some of the pieces and you'll definitely recognize some of the 50 singers! Please join us for a "down to earth" evening of great music under the direction of Thom Knutson with accompanist, Joyce Baker.

Where's the ICAN Tool Library?

Nowhere. Unlike Waldo, no matter how hard you look, you won't find the ICAN Tool Library.

When ICAN rebooted in 2020, a group of enthusiastic and capable volunteers formed the ICAN DIY Support Team.

They conducted a survey to ascertain the interest in a lending library to offset the need for everyone to purchase their own tools, especially those that would be used infrequently. Side by side with the library might be a makerspace where said tools could be used, since not everyone has such facilities.

What happened?

The Quadra Community was ecstatic. Yes, please, they said. Let's have a Tool Library. The DIY team went into full fundraising mode and gathered approximately \$5000 by an online auction and garden tool sharpening workshops. The project was in high gear. And then, one by one, life moved on for the members of the DIY team.

Many in the community are sad that this Tool Library is nowhere to be found. The ICAN Board of Directors is equally sad and fully aware that ICAN has not upheld its promise to the community. We have your money. We still think the Tool Library is a good idea. Our volunteers get asked about it weekly, if not daily. What to do?

Attempts to find new members of the DIY team have so far failed. So, the ICAN Board is taking drastic measures. There is no problem that cannot be solved by PIZZA.

Pizza will be served at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at The Clove Restaurant, compliments of ICAN. If you have any interest

in this project moving forward, please bring your ideas and join this discussion. We need to find a location, a building and a lending process. Come help us make good on our promise.

If you prefer to connect with us in writing, please email quadraicansociety@gmail.com

BC Timber Sales Sunshine Coast Business Area

INVITATION TO COMMENT – FOREST OPERATIONS MAP

The public is invited to review and comment on the BC Timber Sales Sunshine Coast Business Area (BCTS TCH) Forest Operations Map (FOM) #2938, showing proposed road construction and cut block development under Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) #672 within Forest Development Units in the Sunshine Coast. The map will be valid for the operating period from **April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2029**. During the operating period, the Timber Sales Manager may invite applications for Timber Sale Licenses for the harvesting of cut blocks shown on the map and apply for road permits to construct roads shown on the map.

The map is available for public review and comment online, at: fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects and by searching FOM #2938 or FSP #672 under the "find" function.

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

BC Timber Sales Sunshine Coast Business Area
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Telephone: 604 485-0700

Comments will be accepted between **March 31 – May 1, 2026**. Comments may be submitted directly through fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects, emailed to BCTS.SunshineCoast@gov.bc.ca, delivered in person at the address and during the hours listed above, or mailed to the address above to the attention of the BCTS Sunshine Coast Planning Department.

If you have questions or require assistance, please email
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Heriot Bay Tides

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	18:07	1.120	3.7
27 Fri	02:16	4.599	15.1
	08:09	3.612	11.9
	11:43	3.877	12.7
	19:20	1.240	4.1
28 Sat	03:04	4.661	15.3
	09:09	3.291	10.8
	13:23	3.857	12.7
	20:23	1.374	4.5
29 Sun	04:42	4.699	15.4
	10:53	2.925	9.6
	15:41	3.941	12.9
	22:17	1.555	5.1
30 Mon	05:13	4.711	15.5
	11:30	2.552	8.4
	16:49	4.078	13.4
	23:05	1.793	5.9
31 Tue	05:41	4.697	15.4
	12:04	2.201	7.2
	17:50	4.239	13.9
	23:50	2.078	6.8
01 Wed	06:07	4.654	15.3
	12:36	1.893	6.2
	18:45	4.393	14.4
02 Thu	00:34	2.390	7.8
	06:32	4.584	15.0
	13:07	1.642	5.4
	19:35	4.509	14.8
03 Fri	01:16	2.707	8.9
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