



Quadra-Hillside Community Celebration  
May 12, 2007 - Newsletter Retrospective

# Quadra Village Day!

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The Staff & Crew of Blanshard Community Centre: Thank you.

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## A Great Community Event: Thank You!!!

This year Quadra Village Day demonstrated the vibrant, strong and interconnected community that is Quadra-Hillside.

The day brought over 1000 community members, spectators and participants from all over the City of Victoria area.

The weather was generous; the stage rocked all day and the numerous fun activities like the annual pancake breakfast, bike decorating, community gardening and the Work Crew BBQ made for lots of great family activities.

On behalf of everyone involved in planning and implementing this year's event: **THANK YOU!** We hope to see you next year, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2008.



*VicHigh R&B Band*



*Bike Decorating with Flair!*

## Annual Pancake Breakfast a Great Morning Start



*Rob Fleming, MLA services up the pancakes!*



*Two young community members enjoy sharing their breakfast*

Over 400 community members enjoyed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Rob Fleming, MLA Victoria-Hillside. The Vancouver Island School of Art graciously provided the space and location for the yummy breakfast gathering.

The pancakes were cooked perfectly with the help of the Capital Lions Club grills and Victoria Fire Fighters and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The breakfast also brought out many of the City of Victoria's local politicians - including Denise Savoie, MP and Councillors, Dean Fortin, Pam Madoff, Helen Hughes, Charlayne Thorton-Joe, Chris Coleman and Geoff Young.

Special thanks to Rob Fleming and his Constituency Assistant, Marni Offman, Fairways, Island Farms, Caffé Fantastico and Vancouver Island School of Art for their continued efforts to make the pancake breakfast a success. .





### Quadra Village Day Stage: A Tapestry of Local Talent



Jeremy Walsh wows the crowd



This year the stage at Quadra Village Day truly showcased some of the very talented, local performers in Victoria.

First up was the Quadra Elementary Band who showcased fun Beatles songs on their Banjos and then wowed the crowd with a full band of strings and guitars.

Next, hometown favorite Jeremy Walsh and his band brought fun, energetic music to the stage. Combining original songs with charismatic charm and spectator praise, the performance was short but terrific. We hope that Jeremy will come again next year for more great music.

Let's not forget the whirl wind belly dancing performance from Asmira's

school of dance. Their performance had everyone in the crowd on their feet and on the stage! Inviting spectators onstage to practice some new moves, it was a real show of community spirit.

The end of the day came with a very special performance by Vic High's one and only R&B Band. The band rocked the stage with old school favorites and wooed spectators with not only their amazing talent but their fun, energetic stage presence.

The day's stage and sound was provided by Nev Gibson from the Indivision Network and the City of Victoria Youth Council members helped throughout the day with set up and other performance needs. Thank you to everyone who helped!



Asmira's School of Dance



### Bike Safety at Quadra Village Day

This year the organizers for Quadra Village Day wanted to bring awareness around bikes and bike safety to the Hillside-Quadra community.

Recyclista's BikeLab Society brought numerous reconstructed bikes and the Evergreen Terrance Tenants Association provide fun decorations and snacks for the Children's Bike Decorating and Parade.

Bike safety and knowing how to keep your bike tuned up and in tip top shape were among the many lessons learned from the Bike Lab Society. Thank you to everyone with the Bike Lab Society!

The bike parade was terrific and really showed all the great spirit of our neighborhood.



A Revved Up Bike is a hit!



Quadra Elementary Performs



A new helmet makes the trip safe!





## A Day Built By Volunteers: Community in Action



Quadra Village Day has historically represented a fundraising activity for the community. This year the focus remained on community, but also shifted towards developing a tradition of community celebration.

The residents of Hillside-Quadra are innovative, dynamic and hold many exceptional talents and abilities - all in our own backyard! On May 12<sup>th</sup> residents from all walks of life came to King's street to share their knowledge, abilities and gifts and create a true community celebration.

Without the volunteers there would not have been a Quadra Village Day - and everyone involved in planning and organizing would like to take this opportunity to say: Thank You.

Here are just some of the many contributors to the day - the community benefited from your time and energy and we all Thank You!



**Thank Youth to all those listed and the many unacknowledged volunteers and residents who made Quadra Village Day a success!**

### Business Supporters / Participating Businesses

Complete Residential Property Management  
 The Indoor Jungle  
 Taco Time  
 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bar & Grill  
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 The Loonie Bin  
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### Community Volunteers

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 Fairways Staff  
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### Special Thank You

Councillor Dean Fortin, Concyse, Nev Gibson  
 Shellie and Mike Gudgeon, CVYC, Work Crew  
 Quadra Elementary, Vic High R&B Band  
 Jeremy Walsh Band, Asmira's School of Dance Café  
 Wendy Welsh, Kiwanis Club of Victoria  
 Gail Price-Douglas, Terri Dorey, Janet Bording



### Local Soul Food

#### Quadra Village (QV) Farmer's Market Debuts at Quadra

The QV Farmer's Market debut at this year's Quadra Village Day marked some exciting developments for food security and healthy eating opportunities for the residents of Hillside-Quadra and their families.

FoodRoots Cooperative helped create this opportunity, and the new market will proceed every Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm into the fall.

The market is a terrific opportunity for everyone to learn about what foods are available in their own backyard *and* some scrumptious recipes to boot!

Come down on Saturday mornings to learn about food in your neighborhood, opportunities to buy organic, high nutrient, locally grown food.

For more information you can email Fern Wager with the Community Garden Group at: [fern@blanshardcc.com](mailto:fern@blanshardcc.com)

### Vancouver Island School of Art: Bringing Arts and Crafts to Quadra Village Day

The Vancouver Island School of Art (VISA) has developed strong, positive presence in the Hillside-Quadra Community since it first moved in.

VISA offers a variety of terrific art and design classes and is committed to contributing positively to their surrounding community.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, VISA has generously allowed MLA Rob Fleming to host his pancake breakfast at the school and provided a fun, interactive collage and mask making activities for community members at Wark Park.

If you would like to learn more about VISA and their programs please visit please contact Wendy Welsh at: 380-3500 or by email [director@vancouverislandschoolart.com](mailto:director@vancouverislandschoolart.com)



### Next Year's Quadra Village Day: Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2008!

Quadra Village Day was initiated over four years ago as a tool for our community to raise funds for improvement projects. Now, the day focuses on celebrating the residents, business and innovation in our community.

If you would like to get involved in planning next year's Quadra Village Day join the Organizing Committee by contacting Blanshard Community Centre at 388-7696 or Marni Offman, Constituency Assistant to Rob Fleming by 360-2023 or via email [marni.offman@leg.bc.ca](mailto:marni.offman@leg.bc.ca)



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