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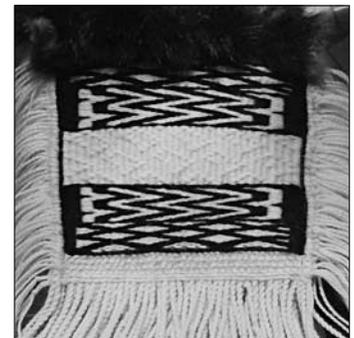
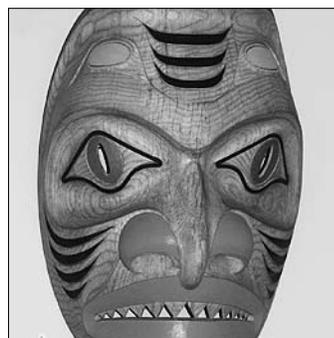
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sizing up the waves at gaaysiigang

photo: Mike Aurnbach





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# NEWS FLASH

The Haida Nation's Rights and Title case is looking for information. Do you have tapes or videos of relatives who have passed to the other side? Would you like their voice to be heard and to support the Haida Nation in our pursuit of Rights and Title?

This project, which is collecting new evidence, is an opportunity for individuals, families and clans to take part in this important step towards full recognition of our Title and Rights.

The Council of the Haida Nation is collecting audio and video material from Haida citizens for use in negotiations and litigation. The recordings will be sent to the Haida Nation Documentation Team and White Raven Law (Terri-Lynn Williams Davidson). Video will be digitized and the audio transcribed into Xaad Kil and English. Tapes and video from the north-end will be translated by Xaad Kil and material from the south-end will be done by SHIP.

Permission forms for use and handling will be required but you may add any restrictions to the use of the material that you feel are necessary. If your information is used in the case, personal information, clan and Haida-sensitive information will be removed — your original tapes and video will not be altered.

If you know of any recordings that may be held in the public domain (museums, libraries etc.) please let CHN know. These are most important to get hold of because Canada and the Province can apply to the court for the material and we will not have the opportunity to remove sensitive information before it goes to court.

On-Island staff can make copies of your recordings if you don't want to send your original. People who contribute, will receive a digital copy of the tape, the transcription of Xaad Kil and English and your original material will be returned to you.

Please contact April Churchill, CHN Skidegate Office for more information or to contribute recordings, 250.559.4468.

## *In Remembrance*

*Old Massett*

Dolly Draeger

*Skidegate*

Greg Brock

*The Council of the Haida Nation  
extends its deepest sympathies  
to the families.*

COVER: Day One: Gaaysiigang in session at Kaay Lnagaay; photo, Mike Aumbach.  
L-R: From Land to Sea - Kwaa Kwii, Terri Russ; Plastic Anemone - Sheila Karrow; All our ancestors travelled these waves - Aay Aay, Albert Hans; Dogfish - Ben Davidson; photos, Haida Gwaii Museum staff.

## First Agreement with Fishing Lodge Signed

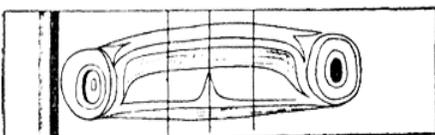
The Council of the Haida Nation and West Coasts Resorts have signed an agreement that will bring recreational fishing more into line with Haida values.

“This agreement is a step towards the Haida Nation developing an economy that is based on using our resources in a sustainable way,” said Guujaaw, President, Council of the Haida Nation.

The agreement between the Council of the Haida Nation and West Coast Resorts will give the lodge a CHN-issued Land Use and Aquatic Licence to operate in Haida territory and will guide planning, management, and the use of the land and marine areas. It also covers employment; training; monitoring and assessment, which includes guest information; catch numbers; trip days; notable wildlife, bird and marine mammal sightings; guest access to cultural sites; and cooperation with the CHN Haida Fisheries Program.

The controversial practice of catch and release will be phased out and West Coast Resorts will begin an educational program with its clients and there will be new rules for catching bottom fish.

The CHN is currently in talks with two other lodges and hopes to conclude agreements in the near future. •



Another signature was added to the Haida Accord this past weekend at Kaay Llnagaay, Skidegate. I-r: Ron Williams; Iljuuwas, Reynold Russ; Kkithlaigaa, Colin Scheck; Robert Davis; Elizabeth Moore and David Smith.

## Haida Accord Signed at Gaaysiigang forum

People took a break from marine matters at the Gaaysiigang forum to witness a new name being added to the Haida Accord.

Hereditary leader Kithlaigaa, Colin Scheck of the Tsiiij Git Annee, Eagle clan, E17 put his name to the document while being supported

by Chiefs, and elected leaders.

“I am honoured to have my name among the list of people, past and present, and I will do what I can to adhere to this document, and I will do what I can to make things go well in the Haida Nation,” said Kithlaigaa.



In the December issue of Haida Laas, a photo in the Urban Feast article was mislabelled. The photo above is Bobby Collison and Loretta Brown. Apologies to the family for the error. •

Members of the Old Massett Village Council, Chiefs from Massett and Skidegate, President and Vice-president of the CHN and elected reps from Massett, Skidegate and Vancouver stood with Kithlaigaa showing support. •

### Did you know!

When juvenile halibut are about the size of a loonie, the left eye migrates over the snout to its right side.

# Briefly: Notes from the January Quarterly

**T**he January, Council of the Haida Nation Quarterly meeting held at Skidegate, was well attended both days, with reps from the hereditary leadership, band councils and CHN committees sitting in on business and presentations.

Guujaaw announced that the Haida Heritage Sites, formerly known as the Haida Protected Areas have received provincial protection under their legislation. (See page 24) Under provincial designation these areas are called New Conservancies. This latest agreement between CHN and the province will also bring some funding to develop a management plans for the areas and support capacity building related to that work.

The executive report identified the proposed Enbridge Gateway pipeline and associated projects coming into the Kitimat area as the “next big thing”. CHN is keeping an eye on developments and working with other nations

whose territory the project would have to go through. Associated with the pipeline would be a large increase in shipping traffic (see marine forum article page 9).

Vice-president, Arnie Bellis proposed that a forum be established to work on job creation, in the short-, mid- and long-term. Bellis said that he would like to sit with Village Councils and come up with ideas and solutions. He said that the CHN will be looking at their own operations to see if there is a way to add more people to existing programs.

A few questions were asked about the proposed national treasury. To date, the management and structure is not finalized, but is being worked on and drafts will be brought to Quarterly meetings for discussion. Clarification was made in how the treasury would operate. Any profits made by corporations or businesses operating under CHN will go to the treasury. The money will then be spent by the treasury, not the

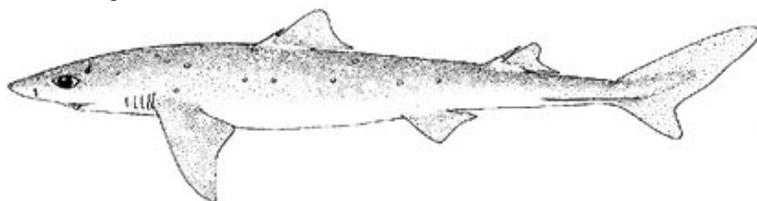
corporations or businesses. This arrangement is to ensure that citizens will benefit and profits can then go into projects such as social programs, elder housing, education or new businesses.

There are five Marine planning processes in the works on and around the Islands right now and the challenge is to have all the plans working and fitting together. Guujaaw said he anticipates a positive outcome to the planning processes as the CHN has “a clarity of vision of where we want to go,” and, “We have very competent planning teams running the processes for the nation.”

Matt Burns, Vice-president of NaiKun Wind Operating Inc. presented an overview of the wind farm project proposed for Hecate Strait. He talked about the type of work and job positions that the project will require in both the building and operation of the farm. He also said that they are working with educational institutions to develop training curriculum for the jobs. There were many people at the Quarterly still looking for information about the energy project. Especially in regards to crabs and birds. Burns said that these subjects and others are being addressed in the Environmental Assessment being conducted by NaiKun. The assessment will be ready for review sometime this year by CHN and the provincial government.

The next CHN Quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 23 in Massett. •

## Did you know!



**Dogfish are pregnant for almost 2 years then give birth to live young.**

**And... their gestation period is longer than that of a blue whale!**

**And... Giant kelp can grow up to half a metre a day.**

# Not Boxed In

by Linda Grant and the ESWK students

There is a lot happening at Kaay Lnagaay these days, canoes being launched, art shows being attended and learning in the classrooms. In class now, are fourteen students working on a course called Essential Skills for Work. This course is designed to support adult students to increase their skills so that they can get better jobs — a good idea!

The course work, which runs until July, includes basic computer skills which when completed gives students 3 college credits. But, everything from completing high school requirements, English skills, to reading and writing are being worked on. Various tickets such as First Aid, and Small Boat Operator are also part of this comprehensive course. Andy Wilson and Marcel Russ are working with the students exploring Haida traditions and art and students are attending the Skidegate Haida Immersion Program once a week. The Haida language is also being taught in the classroom by Nika Collison, then we are planning to learn how to weave with cedar — this is a very busy class!

By far the most popular thing we've done so far has been to make bentwood boxes. This would not have been possible without the support of Ooka (Michelle) at Social Development in Skidegate. Ooka made a generous donation to our class that allowed us to hire Andy for two months and buy wood so that each member of our class has been able to make their own box. The students are going to paint the boxes with their family crests.



Student prepare to make a bend on a cedar board. L-R: Aileen Hans, instructor Andy Wilson, Doreen Ridley and Brent Daschuck.

These boxes have been a great accomplishment, students are very proud of them and we will have a celebration to show them off when they are all done.

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> This is a thank you letter to Ooka for all the hard work and money she has put into this ESWK class of the North West Community College. I am really looking forward to making Haida bentwood boxes and I am excited about making some Haida art as well. *Jaron Giesbrecht*

> My name is Francois Roberts and I am currently attending the ESWK program at the Kaay Centre. At the moment I'm working on my bentwood box. It is very exciting. Can't wait until it's complete. I'm also looking forward to all the courses that are up and coming to have the proper certificates to dress up my resume and

land a good job for the summer.

- Since I've started this ESWK course I have enrolled in Communications 12 so I can finish my Grade 12 — finally. I'm also looking into a heavy equipment course and finishing a bent wood box. Andy Wilson is showing us how to complete the boxes. Marcel Russ is also going to teach us how to do a mask and show us how to do the tools. This course is going to be a fun and challenging course. *Hubey Collinson*

> Hello my name is Doreen Ridley and I am going to the NWCC. Right now we are doing boxes with Andy Wilson. That's really fun. And soon we're going to start carving with Marcel Russ. Looking forward to that. The ESWK at the Kaay Centre is a very nice place to do work skills

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or upgrading. Right now, some of us are sanding and four or five more students are going to steam and bend their boxes next week. We've been having luncheons almost every Thursday raising money for the class to pay for some of our courses, bentwood boxes or art supplies. Haven't really started any academic work yet. And by the way my son Taylor and his cousin Cole Edinger got chosen to be on the elite Team Canada Basketball Team, they are going to Honolulu, Hawaii in June 2009. Congratulations to my son and nephew. *Karen Moody*

> We are the ESWK, which started October, 2008. Since we have started we have weekly luncheons on Thursdays, which is a fundraiser for our various courses that cost money to take. That helps our class a lot, thanks to you the public, for your support. Also as a class of approximately 14 students we have had a great opportunity to steam, bend, draw and paint bentwood boxes for our own personal keepsake. It is a great experience for us to go through — you have to be here to know the feeling. Thank you, Andy Wilson for teaching the class, I plan to keep on making bentwood boxes — and, not to mention all the course that we can be certified in. *Chris Moody*

> The ESWK program started in October, 08. I'd like to thank Ooka for the generous money donation, the class is working on bentwood boxes. I would like to thank Andy Wilson for instructing the class. *A.V. Moody* •

## A High Buzz

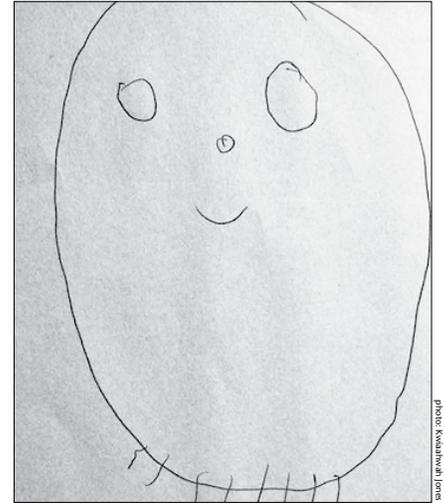
by Kwiaahwah Jones

The evening ambience at the Haida Heritage Centre was happily interrupted by over 100 people viewing and admiring Gaaysiigang - an ocean art show for Haida Gwaii. The exhibition kicked-off the two-day Gaaysiigang - an oceans forum for Haida Gwaii.

The show opened with a bang bringing in record numbers for a museum event. Russ Jones, marine biologist for CHN and Kilsli Gaahlaay, *Lonnie Young*, each gave an introduction to the evening. Gaahlaay welcomed everyone to the show, his clan originate from the Kaay Llna-gaay area and he expressed his excitement about the upcoming forum.

The food, inspired by the ocean, was a wide variety of sushi arranged delicately on decadent platters and punch bubbled in champagne flutes. Laughter and the high buzz of conversation filled the gallery. The rest of the evening was open for guests to question and ponder the messages that artists were sending through their work.

Nika Collison, curator of the exhibition and coordinator of the forum, foresaw the importance of the ocean to the art community. Over 70 submissions came from a group of diverse artists, and many visitors marveled at the artists' passion and dedication. Several pieces in the show garnered much attention and



The Happy Octopus by Isabel Bellis.

discussion, in particular, a drawing by 3-year old Isabel Bellis, Massett. *The Happy Octopus*, a pen on paper work, captured the hearts of many.

Another interesting piece was from Rolf Bettner called *thefutureisfriendly.com*. The piece has a smoked eulachon fish in fuel oil, water, and rocks stored in a mason jar. It was created circa, 1998 as a response to the oil drilling prospects around Haida Gwaii. Bettner says the piece is about food and food collections and is not only a message to First Nations, through the eulachon, but also to all people who live on the coast. Textiles are a huge presence in the show. Everything from appliqué with beads, woven blankets both in wool and cedar, Raven's Tail and batik. There were carved masks, giclée prints, photography, hand carved sculptures, painted drums, fine pencil drawings, acrylic paint on canvas and many other mediums; too many to mention were represented at this great oceans art show. •



L-R front: Mary Swanson, Leona Clow, Lucille Bell. L-R back: Pam Ryan, Sylvia Parke, Hope Setso, Lucy Shaw, Crystal Swanson, Beryl Parke, Tina Edgars.

by NaiKun and this group was brought together to talk about the project.

Naanii Mary Swanson opened the evening with a prayer and then dinner was served by Haida Rose owners, Lucille Bell and Ken Rea... it was a very decadent meal!

Beryl then explained the purpose of the meeting and led the discussion. This is the first event, and other dinners are planned for Skidegate, Vancouver, and Prince Rupert. (Since the writing of this article a meeting took place in Skidegate, February 1 and Vancouver, February 16. Prince Rupert will be the site of a final meeting.)

The agreement the Haida Nation has with NaiKun is dependent on the approval of the Environmental Assessment and a decision by BC Hydro about which energy project best suits their needs. NaiKun is bidding against other companies for the contract to provide 'clean' energy. If the Environmental Assessment is positive, then there is the option for project to proceed.

Ms Shaw then gave some background on the NaiKun project. The project began in *hlaa duu isgyann gusuu* - continued next page

## **hlaa duu isgyann gusuu**

**[ eating and talking about the NaiKun Wind Project ]**

by Florence Lockyer

**T**he purpose of this dinner and discussion was to bring information about the NaiKun Project to the community of Old Massett. There has been much negotiation and discussion at the political tables, but discussion has been limited within the matriarchal system of the Haida Nation.

"Thank you for coming and honouring the invitation," said Lucy Shaw, [NaiKun, North Coast Relations] who welcomed the ladies. "How'aa to Beryl Parke, [Council of the Haida Nation Old Massett representative] for being instrumental in developing this strategy. And thank you to Crystal Swanson for organizing the event." The exquisite meal was sponsored

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2002 when company representatives first came to Haida Gwaii to talk with political leaders. The proposed project will place wind turbines in the Hecate Strait to produce energy for the province. Energy from the field will also be sent to Haida Gwaii by a connection known as the HaidaLink. The HaidaLink cable will come to land somewhere around Tlell. There are now NaiKun offices in Masset and Skidegate and the company has been talking with Band Councils and the CHN.

“We know that if we are building something on Haida Gwaii, then we need the support,” said Ms Shaw.

This evening, the group was asked for their input into planning for community dinners which will be coming in the near future. Surveys are going to be conducted in the community and once they have been done the dinners will be organized to share the surveys. It is also hoped that students will be hired to assist with the completion of the surveys Door prizes were discussed — things like a trip to the All Native Tournament and other age-appropriate prizes. There was also discussion about a logo project. A logo could be illustrated with

three blades of the windmill and clan crests.

Getting information to people is always difficult and how best to do this was discussed. A slide presentation may be considered and there is a video that was made by Nate Jolle and narrated by Derek Washington. This video could be distributed to clans for viewing and if there are questions about it, then a further presentation could take place. Ms Shaw said she would be available for this. There will also be a process for sending information to post secondary students via the local Education Administrators (Skidegate and Old Massett).

A few of many questions asked at the meeting were: “Is there a process in place to ensure that benefits are returned to the community [...]?” “How do we protect the benefits?” CHN rep, Beryl Parke said that any revenue from the wind project will go to a treasury which is being set up for the nation and the treasury will determine how best to protect and invest earnings. Beryl said that a treasury board will be designed to represent all community members. It was suggested that every clan have representation [on the board]. Other comments were: “We need to avoid challenges like nepotism,” and “We need to use

the clan system when considering the process of financial distribution and employment.”

“Is this [project] going to affect the fishing, the crab, things like that?” NaiKun says turbines will be located where crabs are not evident and the issue is also being addressed in the Environmental Assessment reports. CHN will review the reports once they are available and highlight concerns. NaiKun will then address the concerns and bring back solutions to the discussion table.

“What will happen when the wind doesn’t blow?” “Does this mean no more power outages?” The BC Hydro diesel system will always be used as a back-up.

“How will you protect migrating birds?” Turbines will be spaced approximately one kilometre apart. This will allow the birds to migrate and migrating birds usually fly around the farms, NaiKun says.

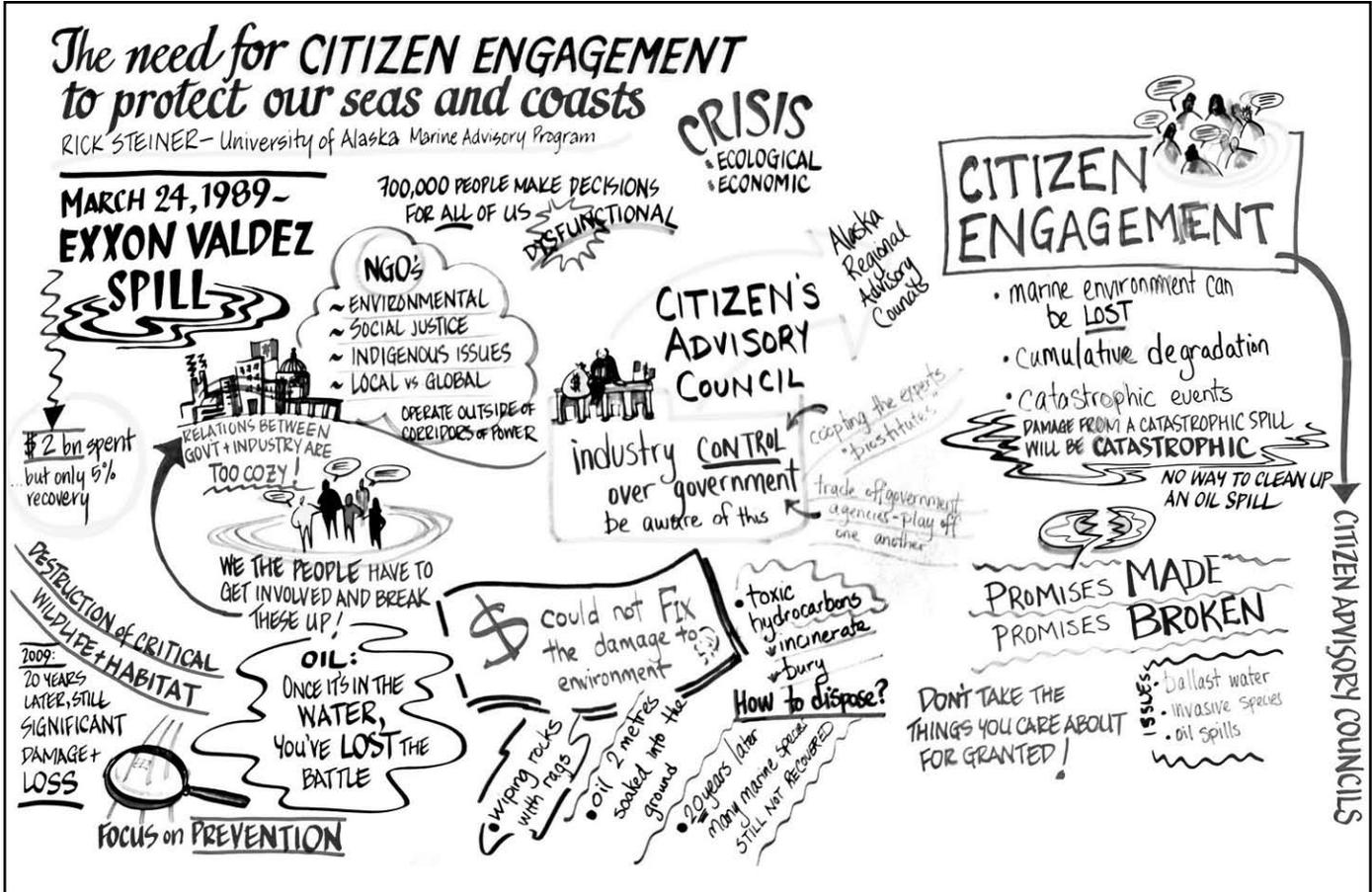
Other discussions were around jobs for the community. There will be work for cooks, administration, construction workers, divers, etc. NaiKun says they are committed to hiring local people and will ensure that training is geared for people here. “Will the training be paid for?” There is some provision for training being worked into the overall plan.

Discussion then turned to how more and more women are accepting positions in the political field. Who knows, one day, we may even have a woman in the position of Vice and President. •

Matriarchs in attendance at hlaa duu isgyann gusuu were: Susan Abrahams, Lena Edgars, Tina Edgar, Leona Clow, Hope Setso, Mary Swanson, Molly York.

Others In attendance were: Lucille Bell, Ken Rea - Haida Rose proprietors; Florence Lockyer - Haida Laas; Beryl Parke - Council of the Haida Nation, Old Massett representative; Sylvia Parke; Amelia Rea, quiet observer; Crystal Robinson, event organizer; Pam Ryan, Lucent Strategies; Lucy Shaw, NaiKun Wind; Skil Jaadee White, quiet observer.

Below is part of a panel produced during a speaker presentation. The process of graphic facilitation provides another way of seeing the information.



# Turning the Tide

The Performing House at Kaay Lnagaay in Skidegate was packed with about 200 on- and off-Island people deeply interested in the state of the ocean. Speaker after speaker gave dynamic and informative presentations, and the halls of the Heritage Centre were filled with an excited buzz resulting from lively debate and good conversation. By all accounts, Gaaysiigang – an oceans forum for Haida Gwaii, was a resounding success.

Both mornings of the two-day event began with a featured speaker. On Friday, Dr Jeremy Jackson of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, University of California San Diego, provided an overview of what is happening to the world's oceans. His message — *the oceans are in crisis everywhere* — described the decline of

large marine mammals such as whales and sharks, the collapse of many fish stocks as humans “fish down the food chain,” and increasing pollution that creates large “dead zones” in the ocean where only jellyfish and bacteria can live. There are about 400 of these dead zones worldwide, and some are actually being fished

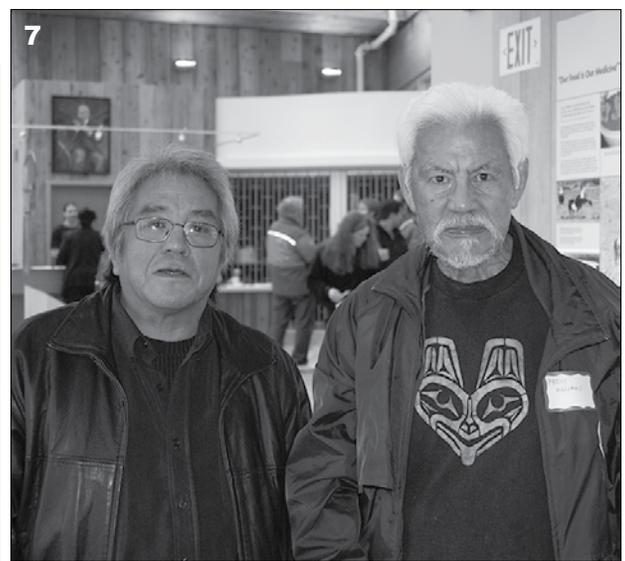
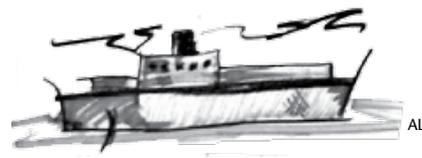
for jellyfish. Why? The jellyfish are being processed into edible products for Japanese and other markets, and Jackson warned that we are just one step away of seeing jellyfish burgers on the menu in North America.

Fifteen years ago, Jackson woke up and realized that all the ecosystems that he had been studying were gone and that this huge change was due in large part to pollution caused by human activities. His presentation of facts, real-world anecdotes, and a wild and engaging speaking style kept everyone alert, and set a high bar

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people speaking about the ocean : people speaking about today and the future

All photos for gallery and article: *Kii'iljuus*, Barb Wislon

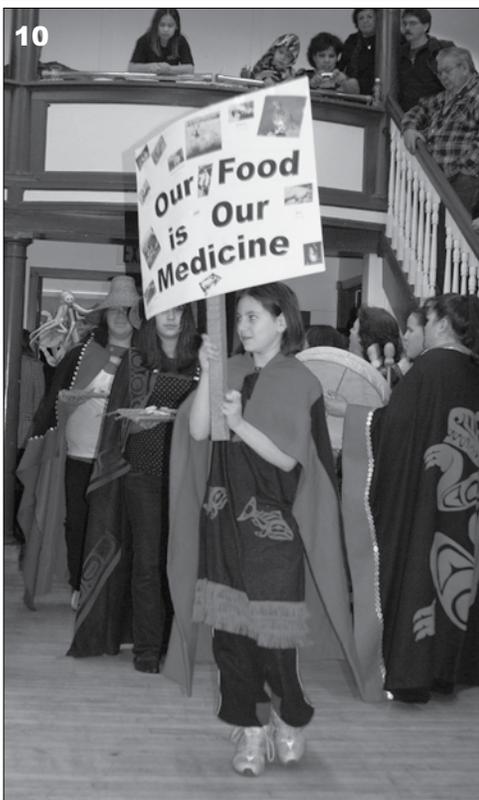


- 1. Larry Thompson
- 2. Vanessa Bennet
- 3. Sdiithldaa, Frank Collison
- 4. Becky Pearson
- 5. Sgaann 7iw 7waans, Allan Wilson
- 6. Mandy Wesley, Don McNiece, George Cuthbert
- 7. Ron Williams, Percy Williams
- 8. Niisii Guujaaw, Heidi Richardson



people speaking about our food is our medicine : people speaking about disrespect

people speaking about livelihood : people speaking grandchildren



- 9. Iljawuus, Reynold Russ and Gary Coons
- 10. Nianne Lange
- 11. I-r: Alexander MacDonald; Jiixa, Gladys Vandal; Jackie Casey; Pearl Pearson
- 12. Gajjiaawa, Linda Tollis
- 13. Lindsey Doerksen, Rick Grange, behind is Laurie Wood.
- 14. Terry Hamilton, Harold Yeltatzie, Hope Setso

people speaking about taking care of each other : people speaking about culture

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for following speakers. He reminded us all that common sense *makes* sense – “It is amazing! If you don’t kill fish, there is more fish, if you don’t pollute there is more fish.” Change is necessary, and the responsibility of everyone, not just one group, and although his message was grave – “the oceans are turning into coca cola” – Jackson also reminded the audience that we should “never let a crisis go to waste.” There is hope, and the future is in our hands, he concluded.

The following day, Rick Steiner from the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program in Fairbanks, Alaska shared his experience of picking up the pieces in the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989. The disabled tanker spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound. Twenty years later the affects of the spill are still apparent in local communities and ecosystems. Social and cultural problems resulting from the spill devastated the small villages, destroying livelihoods and breaking down the social networks that had existed for generations. Drug use, spousal abuse, and crime increased, and when the \$2-billion for cleaning up the mess started rolling, these problems were only accentuated. The marine and coastal environment was also devastated and recovery from the spill has been slow. Recent reporting shows that in the past 3 to 5 years pink salmon, common murre, seals and other animals have very slowly begun to recover, but some species, such as herring, appear not to be recovering at all.

Steiner’s take-home message

was that communities need to get organized. In Alaska, citizens formed the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council to grapple with the fallout of the spill. Over the next decade the council worked hard to address community issues and find ways to improve industry standards. The group was instrumental in changing how the industry



June Russ

was governed and how oil is transported through Alaskan waters. Legislative changes were made by the direct involvement of citizens dedicated to improved environmental protection and putting “the precautionary principle in action.” Steiner concluded by encouraging local residents to work to shift the focus of power back to local communities – “the truth has to be told, face to face,” he said.

The forum was interactive and panels combined local with off-island experts who provided a wide range of perspectives and knowledge. In the “Fishing”

panel, Dianne Brown spoke eloquently about Haida traditional fishing. Disrespecting food that we receive from the ocean and overfishing species such as abalone, halibut and cod is unacceptable and is against the teachings of Haida ancestors and culture. Brown also warned that the loss of connection and relationship to the land and ocean that younger people are experiencing today means that the future is at risk.

Lindsey Doerksen shared his perspective on local commercial fisheries. He spoke of the rise of the industry through the 1970s due to independent and innovative thinking, and then the decline of fisheries due to the impacts of logging, dams, agricultural runoff, fish farms and the industrial recreational fishery. Doerksen says that a local fishery is viable and sustainable, but change has to happen now. Otherwise, “The only fish our grandchildren are going to see are in their dreams or in their photo albums.”

Leandre Vigneault presented constructive and progressive ideas on recreational fishing and ecotourism. His list of recommendations included the need to develop a system of marine protected areas around Haida Gwaii that everyone can share. On his list Vigneault suggested that visiting anglers be 100% guided by locally-certified guides and that part of the certification course include information on the history and ecology of the Islands so that guests leave with a greater appreciation of the Islands.

Queen Charlotte resident Jacques Morin spoke about what changes need to happen so that we can sustain local ecosystems, and

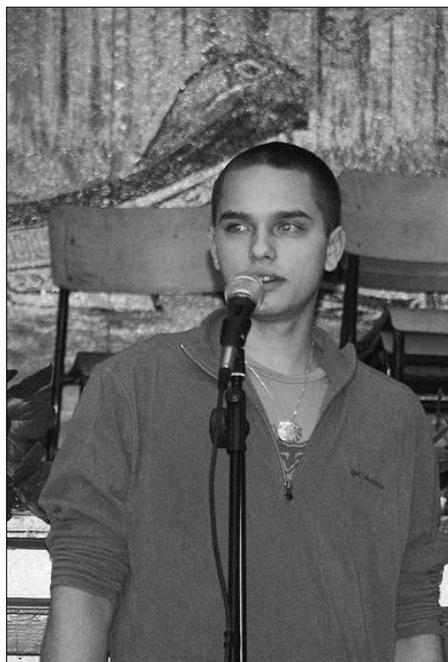
raised questions about the appropriate scale and types of technology that should be considered when developing energy projects on Haida Gwaii. He warned of our “addiction” to energy, and identified some clear and practical solutions to reduce local energy consumption while also becoming leaders and investing in local small-scale energy developments.

PNCIMA for short, is one of five national pilot areas identified for integrated marine use planning in *Canada’s Oceans Strategy*. The Council of Haida Nation (CHN) is working with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and other First Nation communities to plan and improve management of activities effecting estuaries, coastal and marine waters in PNCIMA.

(NMCAR). The proposed NMCAR surrounds the existing Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site, extending about 10 kilometres from shore and covering approximately 3,400 square kilometers of water in Hecate Strait, Queen Charlotte Sound and the Pacific Ocean. The CHN are working with Parks Canada and DFO to plan for the



Quentin Fong and Dolly Garza



Billy Yovanovich

On the “Marine Tourism and Education” panel, Barb Rowsell (Anvil Cove Charters) and Dennis Masden (Gwaii Haanas) both spoke of the incredible tourism opportunities on the Islands and described methods to manage tourism growth in a way that respects local communities and sustains and protects ecosystems.

The impetus for organizing the forum was to describe and talk about issues that affect marine planning initiatives that are taking place today on-Island and on the north and central coasts of BC. The Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area, or

The work by the CHN to develop a marine use plan for territorial waters surrounding Haida Gwaii is a subset of PNCIMA and the results will be integrated with other Islands planning initiatives and First Nation plans on the north and central coasts. The goal of the CHN plan is to promote local marine use activities that support the long-term restoration and sustainability of both marine ecosystems and local islands’ communities.

One of the other planning processes on the Islands is the proposed Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve

NMCAR, and if it is designated it will protect Gwaii Haanas from mountaintop to ocean floor – one of the first places in the world with such extensive land and sea protection.

The CHN is also involved in two other planning processes. Sgaan Kinghlas Marine Protected Area (MPA), located about 180 kilometres west of Haida Gwaii, was designated April 2008 by the CHN and DFO. Both parties are working on a management plan for the three offshore seamounts that fall within the MPA boundaries. And finally, as part of the Haida Gwaii Strategic Land Use Agree-

ment, the CHN and the province are working to establish marine boundaries for areas adjacent to the newly established Haida Heritage Sites.

The presentations at the forum by off-Island speakers were also compelling and relevant to local marine planning initiatives. Chris Picard of the North Coast-Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society relayed everything you wanted to know about current and potential shipping traveling through and

George Cuthbert, representing West Coast Resorts, spoke of his personal interest in recreational fishing and the contributions lodges make to Haida Gwaii. His presentation sparked debate and conversation between speakers and audience members, demonstrating that sport fishing remains a hot topic for Islanders.

On the "Putting Fish on the Table" panel, Quentin Fong of the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program based in Kodiak Alaska,

aquaculture does not have the same impacts as finfish farms and Kingzett believes it presents a viable opportunity for local economic development on Haida Gwaii.

Anne Stewart, spoke for the Bamfield Marine Station on Vancouver Island, spoke of the importance of marine science outreach and communication. The Marine Station's public programs are designed to bring people and communities closer to the oceans and to build a better understanding of marine species of ecosystem dynamics.

Ross Klein travelled all the way from Memorial University of Newfoundland to share his experience with the cruise ship industry and to provide some recommendations about the development of a local pocket cruise ship industry. He suggested that local politicians require strict environmental regulations and monitoring, that head taxes be implemented based on what the slands have to offer (not what the cruise ships wish to pay), and to remember that we are able to control development if local communities are confident and informed in their negotiations with the industry.

In all, over twenty speakers shared their experience and ideas over two days and the forum highlighted the importance of understanding both local and international marine issues. Islanders and visitors left the forum more knowledgeable and committed to improving the state of Haida Gwaii waters. Proceedings and recommendations from the forum will be published in March, in a format that promises to be a "good read," say organizers. •



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gaaysiigang was a partnership between the Council of the Haida Nation, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, World Wildlife Fund Canada, and Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site.

around the waters of Haida Gwaii in a ten-minute presentation. His message was simple – in 2008, 100 ships navigated the waters of Douglas Channel to the Port of Kitimat. The same year, the Port of Prince Rupert saw 360 ships carrying everything from containers to coal, and the Port of Stewart was visited by 30 ships. The striking message was that total ship traffic on the coast is expected to *more than triple* in the next 5 to 10 years if proposed development projects such as Enbridge Gateway in Kitimat are approved. Ships from all three ports will be carrying oil, liquid natural gas, sulphur, wood, grain and people past Haida Gwaii. Picard emphasized that the ecological, socio-economic and cultural impacts associated with increased shipping today and in the future are important to consider in marine use planning for all of PNCIMA.

shared his experience in seafood marketing and helping small businesses to establish viable global markets. He was encouraging, pointing to emerging markets in India and China for high value products and increasing demand for specialty products in North America and Western Europe as consumers become more informed. The opportunity to brand Haida Gwaii products is something that should be considered very seriously, Fong suggested, with local processors working cooperatively to build niche markets in Vancouver and overseas.

Brian Kingzett from the Centre for Shellfish Research at Vancouver Island University also highlighted local opportunities for shellfish aquaculture, explaining that the global demand for marine resources is far greater than wild systems can support. Shellfish

Hello, loyal readers! I'm so glad you've decided to keep informed on what our Nation is up to in the resource management field these days! This Forest People.4 is a little different — we only have one featured profile. But, it is of a fellow who works with both the Haida Heritage and Forest Guardians (HHFG) and the Ministry of Forest and Range (MFR) and his work shows that new approaches are being taken to guide resource management into the future. *by Tyler Hugh Bellis*

## FOREST PEOPLE.4

### Sean Brennan

Sean Brennan started with the HHFG in 2001 at the age of 18 working in the Haida resource restoration program, studying the effects of deer on vegetation. The study was accomplished by erecting deer proof enclosures (fenced off areas) to see what types of vegetation would grow without the interference of deer. These enclosures still stand today, providing crucial information on the effects of deer on the natural vegetation on the Islands. This program also consisted of a large amount of instruction time from Nancy Turner, author of the book, *Plants of Haida Gwaii*. Nancy toured all over the Islands with program employees showing them a wide variety of plant species and describing their importance. This exposure to both the cultural and scientific side of plants was all it took to convince Sean that this was the career for him! And what a career it has been so far, and he is only 26.

### Haida Heritage and Forest Guardians

After the restoration program Sean's next step landed him performing Haida Land Value (HLV) Surveys for Weyerhaeuser. This program ran for approximately two years and resulted in him having an excellent understanding for HLV, their management,



Sean Brennan

and learning a wide variety of surveying skills. This then catapulted Sean into a variety of positions with the HHFG. He participated in culturally modified tree surveys and archeological assessment surveys, which gave him a solid base in Haida Heritage Values. Sean became a crew leader for the cedar inventory project which involved locating different cedar values throughout the Islands and relating them to an ecosystem type which in turn helps us predict where we will find or can grow Monumental cedar. Sean also became skilled in areas such as Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and aerial forest photo interpretation. Although Sean is not long in years, he has seen many changes to cultural resource management during his time with the HHFG and as he says, "I have seen it go from only CMTs having buffers on them, to Cultural Values having buffers, to half the Island being put into conservancies as a result of the growth of the CHN and HHFG involvement,

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and now the land use plan is coming to fruition and starting to blossom.”

### **Ministry of Forest and Range**

After taking a break, last year, to focus on his argillite carving Sean decided to tackle a new challenge and applied for the Haida Stewardship Technician position with the Ministry of Forest and Range in Queen Charlotte and was successful. His main task was to develop a cultural-heritage monitoring checklist for the Forest and Range Evaluation Program (FREP). FREPs purpose is evaluating whether the Forest and Range Practices Act and its regulations are being met These are the rules and regulations that are supposed to govern the activities of forest and range licensees in BC.

This job has been an eye-opener for Sean on how the two governments are both trying to develop their monitoring programs. But Sean’s viewpoint has turned out to be invaluable, as he has been asked to assist in the development of both programs.

“My task is to help develop both monitoring programs, although there are differences between the two there are still a lot of similarities. I am just trying to develop them both so they can work together to the greatest extent.” This idea of working together resurfaces when Sean is asked what direction he would like to see resource management on Haida Gwaii move in the future.

“I think a co-managed approach by the two governments would be beneficial until aboriginal title is reached then hopefully we can take a more holistic approach in an ecosystem-based fashion.”

Sean is obviously an extremely gifted young man who is showing the people around him that through hard work and cooperation we all have a bright future on Haida Gwaii.

### **Sean Brennan has training in:**

First Aid –Level 1, Transportation Endorsement, Wilderness First Aid Level 1, Wind-throw assessment training Level 1, Cultural Modified Tree Identification Course, Arc GIS Level 1, GPS Level 1, Danger Tree Assessment Course, and FREP training in stand level biodiversity, riparian, and Karst. •

## **Cultural Plants: Learning to Measure Change**

**M**any coastal and interior communities are worried about culturally important plants. Many plants are becoming more difficult to find, and people are traveling further to gather what they need. There are many reasons for this, including housing developments, forestry, climate change, insect epidemics, and introduced plant and animals.

Cultural-use species, or non-timber forest products are unregulated and largely unmonitored in BC. So it is difficult, if not impossible to assess how the availability of these plants are changing, and what impact various factors have on the plants. Elders and harvesters speak not only of the changes in where they find the plants, but also in the quality of the plants.

Using conventional inventory methods, it is possible to predict where to find plants based on their habitat. However, these inventories do not provide any indication of the quality of plants. For example, the huckleberry has a wide range and using conventional inventory techniques, it would appear that it is common on the landscape. However, as any picker knows, good huckleberry patches are hard to find and have a much more limited habitat requirement.

There are projects are underway in three interior communities in British Columbia, combining traditional knowledge with western science. In each community, elders and harvesters are helping ecologists understand what quality of plant and what type of habitat matches a high quality harvest site. This information can help in the design of methods which will enable a better inventory of cultural-use species. With a well researched inventory of plants, communities will have better information for their land use plans. This knowledge can also be used to understand the threats to these plants and to help create or maintain the habitats needed to grow the quality of plants that harvesters require. •

*Wendy Cocksedge is coordinator for the Research and Extension Centre for Non-Timber Resources, Royal Roads University*

# Into the Wild and into the Soul

by Kwiaahwah Jones

On the evening of December 12, 2008 at the Gina Gualth Junaay, *Performing House*, Waneeta Richardson of the Ngystle Society announced that as of March 2010, the society will no longer continue as funding is coming to an end.

This announcement led to mixed feelings as the lovely staff and people of Ngystle were tonight hosting several dozen people to enjoy the fruits of their labor and the fine cuisine from Queen B's.

Ngystle was created to bring healing to those who survived residential schools and they have more than fulfilled their aim. The society's efforts have created immeasurable ripples on the Islands which will travel far into the future.

This past June, Ngystle sponsored a trip to take residential school survivors into Gwaii Haanas on the 68' ketch, the *Island Roamer*. The journey was for survivors to reconnect to what is ours — Haida Gwaii. The trip was appropriately called *Coming Home*, and was a nine-day extended tour of the southern villages.

People who went on the trip were able to bring their spouses and all enjoyed the company of student worker, Sienna Richardson. Sienna and Colin Richardson documented the entire trip. This evening to the delight of every-



photo: Kwiaahwah Jones

Masks were shown at the *Coming Home* celebration organized by the Ngystle Society, Skidegate.

one, Sienna had created a power point presentation of the trip, and it was shown to the dozens of people who had gathered

With a dark beginning, the presentation showed dismal pictures of residential schools — black and

white images slid by while the Apology to First Nations, spoken by Prime Minister Steven Harper played. The dramatic effect of this brought a lump to your throat. But just as the lump starts

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Jiixa photo: Kiriljus, Barb Vision  
Food photo: Kwaahwah Jones

Honouring our teachers: Jiixa, Gladys Vandal was celebrated for her dedication to teaching cedar bark weaving. Coming Home also celebrated with good food.

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to take hold, the scene suddenly changes to bright and brilliant photos of Gwaii Haanas with Tina Turner's, *Simply the Best*, pulsating through the room. Forget the lump! This is where the tears started to roll. Photo after photo brought on epic landscapes and smiling faces. There were pictures of gray whales visiting the *Island Roamer* and Watchmen with open arms inviting the group into each village. The excellent montage slowly came to a close with scenes from Cumshewa to Sgaan Gwaii which brought quiet laughter from the audience and appreciation for the beautiful people and places of Haida Gwaii.

The success of the trip was apparent when participants recalled residential school experiences and talked about what it meant to them. They reflected upon the

fond memories of the trip and gave a heartfelt haaw'a to Ngystle for organizing an trip that brought them such strong healing. Part of the healing process was to make masks from plaster of paris. The masks were made so participants could reflect on themselves and their experiences. This evening the beautiful and varied masks were revealed and admired.

Moving on in to the evening another celebration took place. Prominent weaver Jiixa, Gladys Vandal was honored for her dedication and generosity in teaching cedar bark weaving. Jiixa would teach anyone that wished to learn. An exhibit of photos from Jiixa's years of teaching was created showing what her students had learned and many of their hats were displayed. Students

who had attended her classes got up and danced as singer Jenny Cross let her voice fill the room with the Greeting the Day song.

It was the most appropriate honoring a teacher and community hero could have. Jiixa, humbled and appreciative, made a speech to extend her gratitude to everyone she taught and for their learning. She also thanked April Churchill for teaching her how to weave. Jiixa kept it simple saying she loved to share her knowledge and she thanked Ngystle for allowing her teach.

Ngystle has brought a great presence and healing to the community through its many programs and will be appreciated and greatly missed after 2010. •

# World of Wonder

by Lana Wilhelm, RPF - Haida Heritage and Forest Guardians

**M**ushrooms are colourful inhabitants of Haida Gwaii forests with many of them appearing to pop-up almost overnight. While most people are familiar with eating these delicacies, the vital role that mushrooms play in the health and survival of the rainforests is less well known.

A mushroom is the fruit of a fungus, and only when weather conditions are right do they spread spores or fruit. Conks, like many mushrooms and other fungi are recyclers. The conks help return dead trees back to the earth which then serve as the nursing beds for new trees.

Mushrooms have been described as, "a world of wonder beneath your feet." As part of Haida Heritage and Forest Guardians' ongoing work cataloguing indicators of biodiversity and forest health, we joined an exciting effort to inventory these mysterious species.

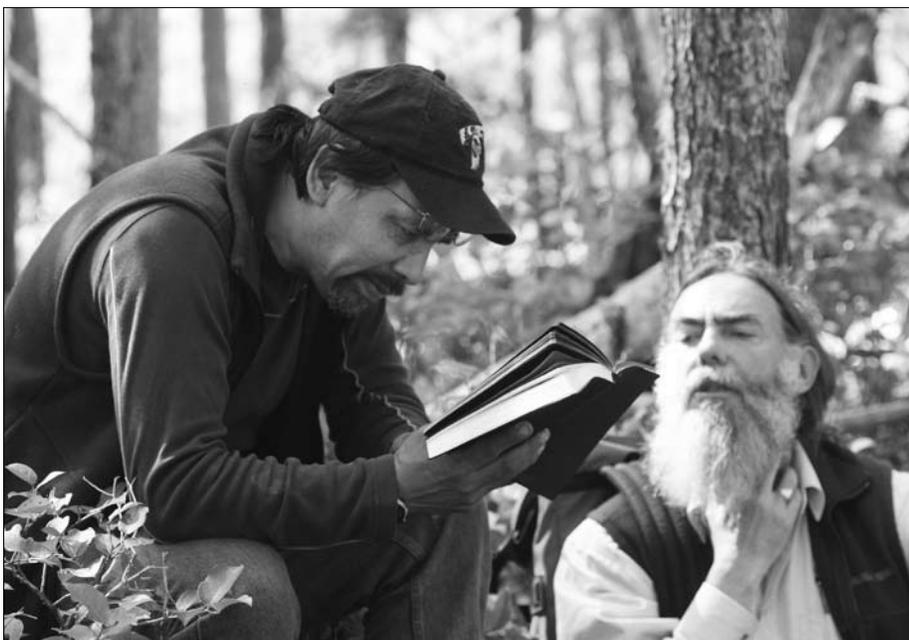
Mushrooms and other fungi have been studied for five-years by a team of mycologists (fungus scientists) in Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site with more than 500 species being identified in that time. By adding Graham Island and north Moresby to the Gwaii Haanas project we now have an inventory covering the whole of Haida Gwaii — probably the first such project that examines Haida Gwaii as a whole.

Some of the species catalogued will be new to science and as unique as this place always proves to be. Some mushrooms have

chemical compounds that not only titillate the taste buds, but can also be deadly. There are stories of mushrooms that have healed kings, cleaned up disasters, freaked-out hippies and killed the unwary.

With the many species added, this project has deepened our knowledge and understanding of fungal diversity on the Islands. •

*Thanks to the Gwaii Forest Society for support on this project.*



Top: Barney Edgars does a little in-the-field-research with mycologist, Paul Kroeger looking on. Bottom: It's a world of wonder - l-r: Clint Johnson Kendrick, Ryan Kendrick and Mara Kendrick examine a collection of mushrooms.



# A Fearless Hope

*drugs, alcohol and all our relations*

by Berly Parke

**Is there life after drugs and alcohol? When I was asked to write an article about what other nations have been doing to rid their communities of drug dealers and address other issues such as chronic alcoholism, it seemed an easy task.**

But what seemed easy became a challenge, like the first time you attend a 12-step Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous meeting, and you stand up in a room full of strangers and admit to being powerless over alcohol and that your life has become unmanageable. Writing this article seemed similar to step-four in process. From a community perspective, that step is taking a fearless moral inventory of the history that has led us to where we are today and for each of us to look at where the exact nature of the wrongs started for First Nations' problems. The problems after all

did not *just* happen, but to know that it started with external government policies which were developed with the intent to destroy and assimilate us. To know that these same policies weakened our family units; restricted the use of our language — almost totally destroying it. To know that these policies banned the potlatch system which then weakened the clan system. To know that the policies said that if you don't parent like us, we will remove your children from the embraces of you and your culture. This article will look at how native communities have started the process of

taking fearless moral inventories. As author, I will make every effort to give heartfelt examples of the courage to change in communities close to home and afar and I see that the efforts they make are not unlike what has been or continues to be attempted here on Haida Gwaii.

When looking for answers some of the questions that are asked by other nations are: What happens when an individual is ready and willing to accept support from others? What happens when the fog lifts for an individual who has been using or selling drugs?

When alcoholics go into recovery and stop drinking what then? What is available for them when they achieve sobriety and want to stay sober? When drug dealers are no longer dealing, what next?

Communities are challenged with finding out how as a community they can support drug dealers to use their entrepreneurial skills to operate legal businesses. Sometimes the answers are not easy to find. We need to trust in a power greater than our own nation and look at what others have done. Across the country places such as Alkali Lake in the Shuswap Nation, Hollow River in Manitoba and the Squamish Nation have taken steps to rid their communities of drugs and alcohol.

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In 1972, a child had hope for a better life with her parents. Because of a comment she made to her parents, her home nation of Alkali Lake, a Shuswap Indian Reserve, went through a change from the depths of severe alcoholism and social deprivation to a community others look to as an inspiration and model to learn from. It all began with a comment to her parents. If they didn't quit drinking, she wouldn't go home with them from her grandparents. On that day the couple went home and dumped all their alcohol down the drain and began their journey to sobriety. Over a seven-year period, Alkali Lake dared to hope for a better life and went from 1, to 12, to

98% of their people achieving sobriety.

The personal journeys that citizens at Alkali Lake were on who stopped drinking and using drugs revealed that drugs and alcohol were *not* the root of the problem. This community had to go

back and take a moral inventory to pin point the places where things went bad. Alkali Lake leadership completed the inventory and found that the history of the introduction of alcohol to their community by the fur trade could be traced back to the 1940s They found that from 1965-1985, when their citizens were forced to go away to Residential School or into the Foster Care System was another time of great impact. They found that what these citizens experienced or had inflicted on them when away from their home community was a root problem. Leadership in Alkali Lake quickly recognized that hope for citizens maintaining sobriety had to include a healing process that dealt with this past. They identified the need for strong traditional programs that allowed

individuals opportunities to learn while healing from the past. Programs were funded that gave citizens training in ways to support those in recovery. The Nechi Institute in St. Albert, Alberta was instrumental in this process.

The program saw those people

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healing, were then becoming the healers within the community. Leadership also identified that the community which was traditionally one of strong workers, was now dependent on monthly welfare cheques because of the poor economic conditions. Leadership identified that those in recovery would need jobs and efforts were put into developing businesses where jobs could be had. People got jobs in band-owned forest companies, restaurants and motels.

At Alkali Lake, it was also recognized that there was a need for a better system to deal with sentencing those in front of the courts for crimes related to drugs and alcohol. Alkali Lake devel-

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## A Fearless Hope

oped a justice agreement with external courts and the local RCMP Detachment. The new agreement offered the person or persons charged with drinking and driving or other things such as domestic violence related to alcohol being given the option of jail time or treatment. The changes that took place at Alkali Lake were so profound and achieved such success that other nations like Hollow River in Manitoba looked to the Shuswap Nation for the hope that they achieved through practice.

People of Hollow River were full of hope when they went to Alkali Lake to review its model of change. They liked the justice agreement Alkali Lake set up with the province of BC and they wanted something similar. They adapted parts of the Alkali Lake ideas and put aside those that wouldn't work for their community. Like Alkali Lake, the Hollow River leadership identified that the provincial practice of sentencing did not allow the individual to take personal responsibility for their actions. The provincial system only offered time served, and the offender would then come back and continue the same pattern of drinking, drugging, stealing or selling to support their habits.

Hollow River worked with the Manitoba justice system to establish a new way to deal with those charged with alcohol or drug related crimes. The new system would give them a chance to be sentenced in front of their peer

communities in healing circles. Healing circles would have the troubled citizen identify for themselves, where things went wrong, own it, and then take responsibility in making amends. The second step in the process would include facing the victim, the victim's family and their own family and community. Next, they have to work with the community on a plan that could include jail time if the community decides it is necessary, however, along with this would be counseling and treatment if needed. In order to remain or return to their community, after jail time, they must fully commit to reconciliation and restitution for their crime. Hollow River leadership saw what the citizens of Alkali Lake realized, that, "hope must be rooted in practice, in the struggle and if not, if there is inaction, you get hopelessness and despair." (Freire 1992 p8).

Citizens of Hollow River did not want despair, they wanted hope. Hollow River and three other reserves now have 80% sobriety. The Squamish Nation in the lower mainland wanted what Alkali Lake and Hollow River had, a drug free community. Like other communities, they also had similar problems with drugs and alcohol, however, they differ economically. Despite a stronger economy the reserve communities in North Vancouver have heavy drug trafficking and many users.

Squamish citizens formed a movement where they held rallies to rid their communities of

drugs and the dealers. At the first rally they held placards with statements like, *Drug Dealers Not Welcome in Our Community*. The second rally took it one step closer to the individual and their home. Citizens knocked on the doors of dealers and delivered a message directly. The message was that we are here to support you, but if you don't stop dealing drugs there will be consequences. We love you very much, but there will be consequences.

It took courage and determination. Carla George from Squamish Nation said, "We are moving away from stigmatizing people who are fighting addiction — we are coming together to support them, to show them that everyone is a victim around here." (North Vancouver Chronicle, 2006)

Several years ago in Skidegate, leadership organized community meetings to address the problem of drug dealers on-reserve. Women in Skidegate came together and went directly to the drug dealers and let them know that their behavior was not acceptable and must stop. Leadership also put up signs around the community. Community members held rallies and marched around the community spreading the word that drug dealers are not welcome if they don't stop dealing. In January of this year, the leadership and community met again to discuss the problem and have organized a meeting with the Village of Old Massett and

## drugs, alcohol and all our relations

Council of the Haida Nation to look at ways of dealing with the drug problems — both the user and the dealer.

This past year, Old and New Massett have come together through the Healthy Communities So-

the dealer. Healthy Communities Society opened an office in New Massett for homeless men and women struggling with drug and alcohol issues to go to and have a hot cup of coffee, a bowl of soup and friendly, safe conversation. They are not asked to quit drink-

increased recognition of the need for continuing the work of social change.

Sometimes the answers to problems are in our own backyard, across the street or down the road a bit – we just need to look or know where to find them.

In Skidegate and Old Massett there is a band office where assistant can be found. I know in Old Massett, if you walk across the street from the band office you will find the Social Development and Child Welfare office where there are support services — from monthly assistance, to ways to strengthen children and families. If you go around the corner you will find the Health Care Centre that has dentists, mental health workers, drug and alcohol counselors, nurses, and family programs, such as the breakfast program for school age children and programs for elders.

Over yonder you will see the Council of the Haida Nation where leadership is working daily to protect the lands, waters and resources of our nation, they make it a priority to protect our number one resource — which is, as Guujaaw is often heard saying, "...our dear people."

Is there life after drugs and alcohol? Yes! One only has to hope! •

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ciety to rally against drug dealers. Initially the society organized community meetings to discuss social problems and possible solutions. What came out of these meetings was a priority list, and at the top of the list was the drug and alcohol problems. Members from both villages wanted to rally against the dealers.

In 2008, rallies were held where citizens carried placards stating, *No Hope in Dope, Down with Dope Up with Hope*. These same citizens spread the word that support is available for the user and

ing or drugging they are only advised if ready, willing and able, that support is available for them.

Like Skidegate, this society also got money together and posted anti-drug signs just outside of town for visitors and community members to see.

The Healthy Communities Society has hope for a brighter future for those who are currently struggling with addiction issues. The society hopes to see more harm reduction programs for these citizens, a reduction in crime, and

# It's a Wrap

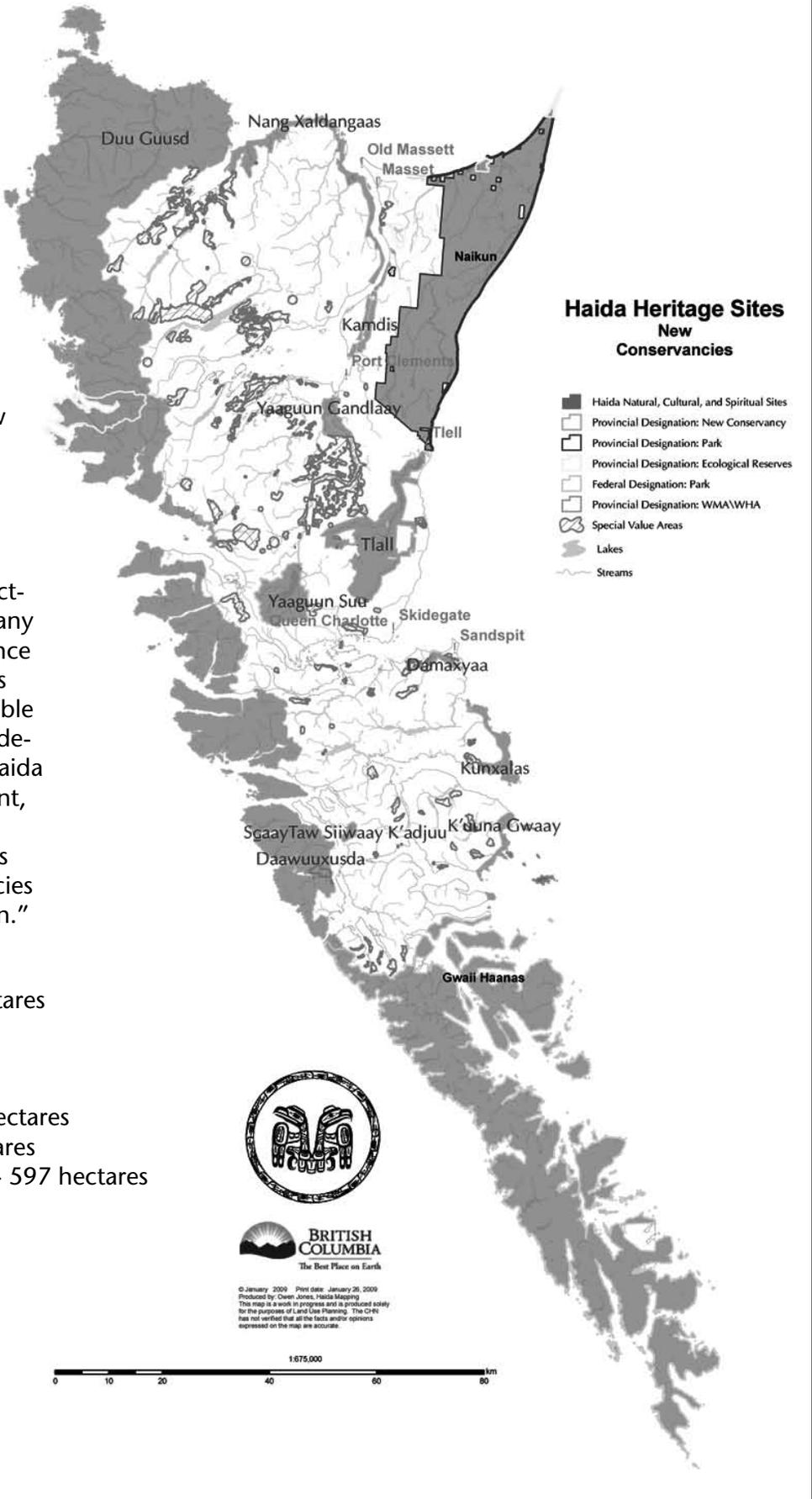
Long protected by the Haida Nation, the areas known as the Haida Protected Areas have also received legislative protection under the government of British Columbia.

The province recently designated these areas as nine New Conservancies and has made two additions to an existing conservancy for a total of 111,054 hectares.

“These areas have been protected by the Haida Nation for many years and now with the province having aligned their objectives with ours, we have a more stable platform upon which we can design a sustainable future for Haida Gwaii,” said Guujaaw, President, Council of the Haida Nation. “This goes a long way towards reconciling BC’s land-use policies with those of the Haida Nation.”

The nine areas are:

- Daawuuxusda - 70,293 hectares
- Damaxyaa - 822 hectares
- Kamdis - 1,896 hectares
- Kunxalas - 3,344
- Nang Xaldangaas - 6,897 hectares
- K'uuna Gwaay - 1,756 hectares
- Sgaay Taw Siiwaay K'adjuu - 597 hectares
- Tlall - 16,214 hectares
- Yaaguun Gandlaay - 2,493



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**OLD MASSETT  
VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
*Old Massett, Haida Gwaii*

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**HEALTH CENTRE MANAGER**

**Job Summary:** Under the general direction of the Administrator, the position uses independence and initiative to plan, organize, implement, maintain and evaluate the delivery of comprehensive Community Health Services program for the residents of Old Massett.

**Qualifications:** Have a minimum of Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with work in business or public administration, or a combination of education/experience with administrative duties and responsibilities similar to those required for this position.

Candidate must have knowledge of health environment, legislation and policies.

Must have sound personnel practices, organizational development, knowledge of employment standards/law, program budgeting, program planning, program development and financial management. Demonstrate problem solving and conflict resolution skills.

Must demonstrate sound communication skills, both written and oral, and practice considerable judgment in dealing with the public.

Past experience working with First Nation's will be considered an asset.

Be able to maintain order within an environment of changing priorities, practice sound crisis management, accept responsibility and achieve results through self-motivation and promotion of teamwork.

Have a valid BC Driver's license.

**Please send cover letter & resume to:**

Old Massett Village Council  
Box 189 Masset, HG. V0T 1M0

Attn: OMVC Administrator or fax to (250) 626-5440 or e-mail to <omvcadmin@mhtv.ca>. Applications must be received by 4:30 pm on February 27, 2009. Only those short-listed for interviews will be contacted.



**COUNCIL  
of the  
HAIDA NATION**

**Expression of Interest for Catering** - If you are interested in catering meetings — Quarterlies and House of Assembly's — held in Skidegate please submit in writing: your name, address, telephone number and your cost per plate.

For lunches we require: soup, sandwiches and dessert.

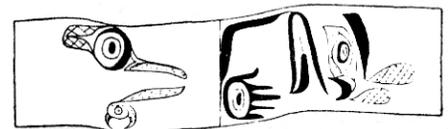
For dinners we require 2 entrees, i.e. fish and beef; 2 side dishes, i.e. potatoes and rice; 2 vegetables, i.e. salad and carrots and 1 desert.

The caterer will provide all bowls, plates, cutlery, napkins and condiments.

The standard rate we will pay is \$15.00 per plate.

Please submit to:  
Darlene Squires,  
Council of the Haida Nation,  
Box 98, Queen Charlotte,  
Haida Gwaii, V0T 1S0  
or  
fax: 250.559.8951 on/or before  
March 31, 2009.

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**OLD MASSETT  
VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
*Old Massett, Haida Gwaii*

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**Job Summary:** Under the supervision of the Band Administrator this position will administer the Social Development Program, home support and adult care programs, assist in the development of community resources, capacities, and services. Position will follow the Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual for Social Assistance programs. Establishes and maintains a sound working relationship with other band staff, departmental staff, Haida Child and Family Services and representatives from other agencies.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must have at least a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from an accredited college or university. Two-three years of experience in the Social Work field.

Have experience and knowledge of social, economic and political issues affecting First Nations people.

Have excellent communication skills both written and oral. Have computer literacy in Microsoft Word, Excel, Advanced Data System AIS and other computer software.

Possess the ability to balance competing priorities and to work under pressure. Successfully complete a Criminal Records Check.

**Preference:** Candidates with a Masters in Social Work. Have more than 3-years of experience in the Social Work field. Candidates that are of Haida ancestry and/or have an understanding of Aboriginal culture and Haida culture in particular.

Possess a valid driver's license.

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**HEADSTONE  
PLACING**

There will be a  
Headstone Placing for  
Maude Ethel Agnes Moody

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Easter Sunday  
April 12, 2009, 2 pm  
Skidegate Cemetery

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Tea to follow at the  
Skidegate Community Hall

**HEADSTONE  
RAISING**

There will be a  
Headstone Raising for  
the late Chief Skidegate,  
Dempsey Collinson & wife Irene.

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Friday, June 12, 2009 • 2pm  
Feast to Follow



**LOOKING FOR SKIPPERS**

The Economic Development office of the Old Massett Village Council is looking for skippers with offshore experience to run a 135 ft. vessel. Any Haida with the necessary Masters tickets and at least 300 ton capacity certification who are interested in working for several months at least 2,00 miles or more offshore can forward their name and qualifications to:

**John Disney,**  
**Economic Development Officer**  
Box 175, Masset, BC, V0T 1M0  
< ecdev@mhtv.ca > <  
1.888.378.4422 >



# 8TH INTERNATIONAL HAIDA LANGUAGE GATHERING

APRIL 18 - 20TH  
2009

AT KAAY LLNAGAAY  
HAIDA HERITAGE CENTRE

**HLGAAGILDA XAAYDA KIL NAAY  
SKIDEGATE HAIDA IMMERSION PROGRAM  
SKIDEGATE, HAIDA GWAI, B.C.**

THIS GATHERING IS OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN SAVING AND REVITALIZING OUR HAIDA LANGUAGE. DISCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, INCLUDING HAIDA LANGUAGE CURRICULUM AND TEACHING MATERIALS, HAIDA DICTIONARIES, MASTER / APPRENTICE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS, DEVELOPMENTS IN HAIDA ORTHOGRAPHY ... AND MUCH MORE.

**XAAYDA KIL DA KAAGANDA  
SGAAWDAGII DANG GA T'ALANG KIL 'LAA**

for more information contact [ship@haidagwaii.net](mailto:ship@haidagwaii.net)