



Quadra Island Artists are once again welcoming visitors to their 10th Annual Studio Tour on June 2nd and 3rd. This year over 30 artists will present their art at 25 studios as well as the Quadra Community Centre where a group show "sampler" will also be on display.

Quadra Island artists have many wonderful creations in their backyards, and the Studio Tour lets you experience them. There are a lot of interesting things to explore inside Quadra's driveways. Paintings, pottery, perfectly cast and hand painted fish, art glass, hand built guitars, fabric art, sculpture, jewelry; they are all produced on the island. The tour is a wonderful way to get into artists' studios and backyards and talk to them about their process. Along with wonderful gardens and vistas, it is a great way to vicariously experience island life.

The Studio Tour has something for everyone to enjoy. William VanOrden at Bilz Rockfish Studio has perfected the process of molding and painting perfect replicas of rare and not so rare fish, many fantastical in form. His love of the process and his commitment to documenting different species, some endangered, is inspiring to any creative soul. His studio was a huge hit last year.

This year is sure to be just as interesting. Sam Whittingham of Naked Bikes is the fastest man in the world; on a bike that is, and he builds amazing bikes too. These quotes say it all:

"It's so badass. It's amazing!"

Lance Armstrong - talking about his new Naked bicycle.

"WHAT!? Lance bought the bike already?"

Robin Williams- talking about Lance's new Naked bicycle.

James Pottery is an island institution and always a favourite destination. Gordon and Martha James have lived and produced their wares on the Island since the mid 70's. Their work is a unique combination of the colorful, sublime and humorous. Their studio, which is as interesting as their work, is located on an old island homestead that overlooks the Strait of Georgia and is always a treat to visit and they are only two of many fine potters on the island.

Perrin Sparks, a very technically skilled painter and illustrator, gives lessons & workshops in her studio. Aside from painting, she also produces beautiful drawings, pastels and etchings of small birds and animals. Chris Rose, a carver of soapstone bronze and alabaster, runs a young artist mentoring program. Cherie Hemmingsen's glass blowing studio teaches interested visitors and is always a favourite. All these will be on the tour along with several aspiring and established painters.

Tickets for the Studio Tour are \$5 (kids under 13 free) and are available at Campbell River Art Gallery, Comox Valley Art Gallery, Hummingbird Office Supply in Quathiaski Cove and Island resorts and galleries. For more information visit: www.quadraislandarts.com

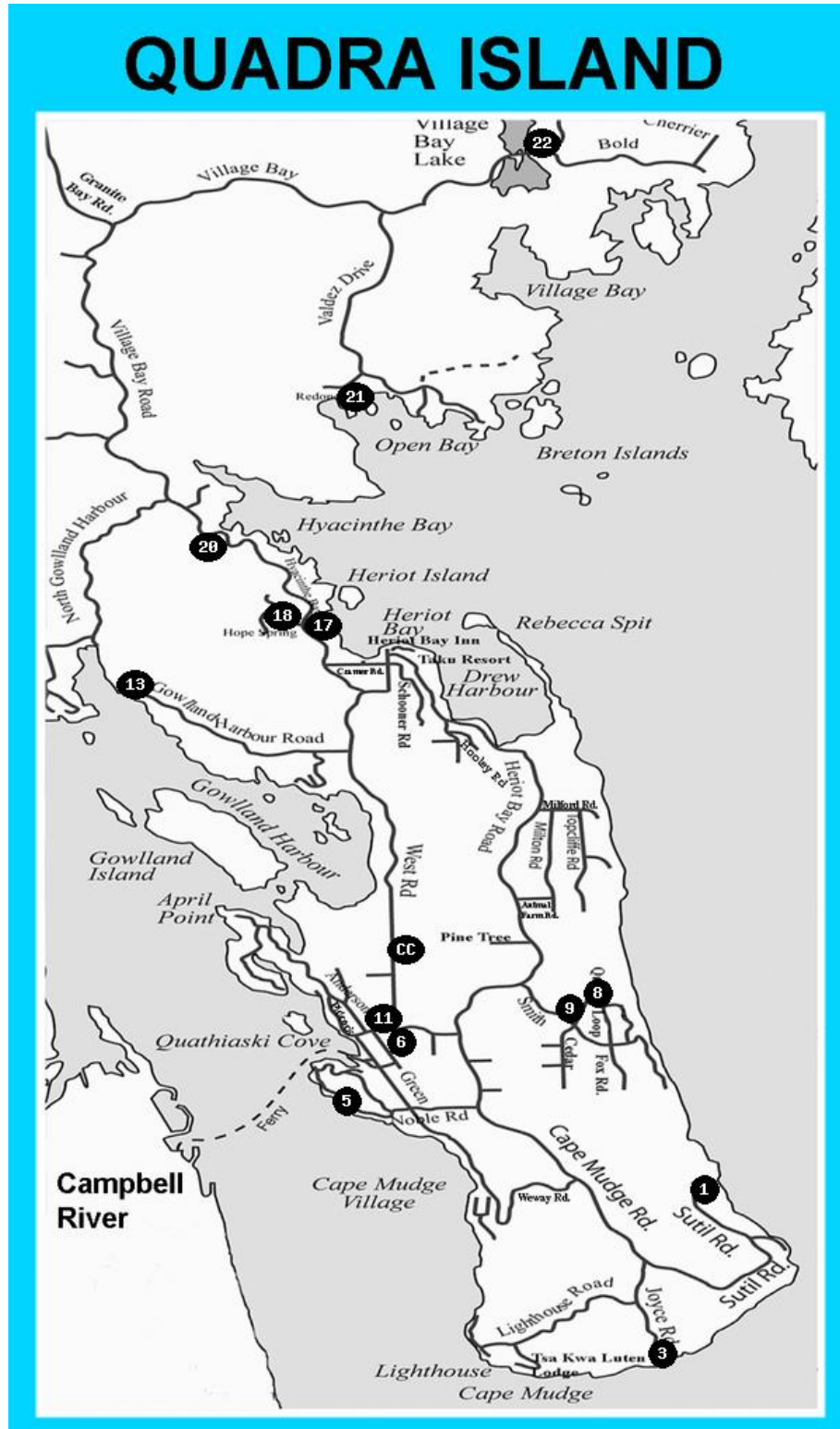
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Tour Map



Tour participants:

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community arts, culture and recreation centre



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Long John Silvers Glass Studio, John Hansen
396 Sutil Rd., 396 Sutil Rd., Quathiaski Cove, V0P1N0, Phone: 250 285 3410
Fused decorative glass



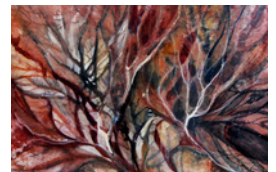
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James Pottery, Martha and Gordon James
120 Joyce Rd., Quadra Island, VOP 1N0, Phone: 250-285-3101
James Pottery Studio & Gallery offers a wide range of beautiful pottery that ranges from functional to sculptural. The studio and gallery are housed in a 1905 homestead farmhouse on Quadra Island.



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Windswept Studio, Gail Rankin
P.O.Box 216, 761 Noble Road, P.O.Box 216, 761 Noble Road, Quadra Island, V0P 1N0, Phone: (250) 285-3225
Windswept Studio



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Earthlight Pottery, Hanna Lewandowski
689 Plaza Road, 689 Plaza Road, Quathiaski Cove, V0P 1N0, Phone: 250-202-0197
Functional and decorative stoneware



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Hands On Design, Leslie MacKenzie
PO Box 305 Heriot Bay, Quadra Island, V0P1H0, Phone: 250 285 2647
Raku: Handmade West Coast inspired raku art.



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Firesign Art and Design , Nanci Cook

PO Box 265, PO Box 265, Quathiaski Cove, V0P 1N0, Phone: 250-285-3390

Nanci Cook paints island views of forests, seascapes and florals in her studio on Quadra Island, mostly using acrylics. Stop by and see her paintings or check out the website to view more of her work.



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John Schevers

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Visual Artist



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Naked Bicycles & Design, Sam Whittingham

P.O. Box 135, P.O. Box 135, Quadra Island, V0P 1H0, Phone: 250-285-3181

Handmade Custom Bicycles



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Bilz Rock Fish, William Van Orden

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Magnificent Sea Creatures



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Eagle Eye Studio, Wilma Richardson

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Painter/Stained Glass



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i blew it, Cherie Hemmingsen

2107 Redonda Way, Heriot Bay, B.C., Phone: 250 285-2809

glass blower



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LAKE HAVEN - Atelier & Art Retreat, Perrin Sparks

PO Box 76, Heriot Bay, V0P 1H0, Phone: 250-285-2474

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