

Winter 2007 Calendar of Events

Fairwinds Centre:

Body Flow Yoga Classes

Wed. 11:45 - 12:45pm Drop in's welcome!

Pilates classes

Next session starts Feb 2 -23rd

Stretch & Strength Classes

Now free with your membership.

Non-member drop in's welcome!

Monthly memberships available at the Centre:

\$95.00 for single and \$180.00 for a couple

Clubhouse Restaurant:

Pasta Night

Starting Feb 16th will be ongoing every Friday evening from 5pm to 9pm until April 26th

Valentine's Day Dinner

Feb. 14 from 5pm to 9pm

Heart & Stroke Fundraising Tea

Feb. 21, doors open 1:00 pm

18 Hole Ladies Golf Group Annual

Strawberry Tea

Thursday March 29, 2:00 pm

Schooner Cove Resort

Entertainment: Teri Puckett

Saturday evenings, February

Laughing Gull Restaurant & Pub

Romance Month Packages in February

Call Schooner Cove Hotel for details

Schooner Cove Marina

Come see all that Schooner Cove Hotel & Marina has to offer...

- Event nights at the Laughing Gull Pub,
- Beer, wine and liquor store,
- Sailing lessons
- Ocean kayaking,
- Conference facilities,
- Event coordination for your group.

Fresh crab at the Activity Dock

Feb. 16, March 2 & 16

Call Kim & Trish Mauriks (468-7144)




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the Bellagentes
of Schooner Ridge
share their views on
life at Fairwinds*

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Executive Chef
Andrew Blackburn*

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Meet the Neighbours!

What better way to discover the benefits of Fairwinds living than by talking to the folks who live there. The Moores and the Bellagentes of Schooner Ridge have graciously opened their homes to reveal what life is like in one of Canada's most prestigious residential communities.

Doug and Maureen Moore:

(pictured on front cover)

The first thing you notice about the Moores' elegant country home is the front door. It is truly a work of art, combining the talents of internationally acclaimed artist Francois Mongeau, the glass etching expertise of Christopher Smith and the vivid imagination of Maureen Moore. "The inspiration," she explains, "came from a door I saw in the Comox Valley resembling a tree trunk. I discussed the idea with Francois and was delighted he shared my vision."

The local artist carved an arbutus tree out of fir which is 'planted' in the centre of the massive 14' x 8' double doors. Limbs with leaves branch off to either side and into the upper transom area. The detailing is exquisite. Behind the carving is etched glass giving the illusion of a West Coast rain forest. The door handle is encased in wood and the lock hidden in a wooden knot. "People come from all over just to see it," claims Maureen. "In fact, they've dubbed our home 'the tree house'."

The Moores moved to the Island from Vancouver in 2003 to escape the rat race. They chose Fairwinds for its serenity and seclusion, without being too remote. Though Doug is still employed as a pilot for Air Canada, he finds it an easy commute. "A lot of pilots live in this area," he states, while in the same breath admitting he's counting down the weeks until retirement. "Fairwinds is a great place to live. We rented another home nearby while ours was being built which allowed us to settle into the community immediately."

The gregarious couple have had no trouble settling in. After hearing about the Fairwinds' welcoming committee, Maureen joined the group. "It was the perfect venue to meet people. There are so many new people moving here, we now host an annual event at the recreation centre to welcome newcomers."



The Moores are great supporters of Fairwinds living. "The people here are fabulous, mostly retired, and share the same interests. And there's so much to do."

With a pilot for a husband, Maureen could pick from any number of exotic places to visit. "But why would I leave?" she asks. "This is paradise. It's where my friends are, where my activities are and where I want to be." She confesses she rarely even goes to Vancouver anymore. Although both daughters live there, she prefers to remain close to home and let them come to visit. After passing through the magnificent doors, you will quickly see why. The high curved ceiling, crimson walls and inviting fireplace in the great room would make anyone want to snuggle in and not go anywhere!

The 4,500 square foot home was engineered by Jorgensen Design who took full advantage of its sweeping ocean views. General contractor, John Collins, worked closely with the Moores adding many of the unique design features such as the arches going into the kitchen and the

master suite. An open floor plan features a spacious family kitchen and dining area. Black, white and red are the dominant colours, adding drama to the warm hue of the reclaimed wood flooring.

Artistry runs in the family. Both Maureen's mother and Doug's father were accomplished artists whose works are proudly displayed. Ancestral pride is evidenced everywhere. An old journal hand scripted by a great-grandfather more than a century ago greets you in the entrance, while dozens of other priceless family treasures are showcased throughout the home. One entire room is filled with nostalgia, from family photos to awards to an antique baby shoe worn by Maureen's father as an infant.

Without a doubt, the Moores have created themselves a little bit of paradise.



Garry and Andrea Bellagente:

(pictured above)

The Bellagentes, also strong advocates of Fairwinds living, moved up Island from Victoria in 1990. They were instantly



drawn to the Nanoose area. "What we have here is a unique little oasis," claims Garry. "Situated off the highway and hidden from the rest of the world, the setting is phenomenal. Arbutus, fir and Garry oak trees in a rocky environment, plus spectacular views...what more could anyone ask for?" Though an avid golfer, he insists even if Fairwinds didn't boast a first class golf course, he would still be sold on the area. "The course and the rec centre are a bonus. We would have moved here anyway."

Andrea shares her husband's enthusiasm. "I absolutely love living in Fairwinds. The rural environment is exactly what we were looking for, yet we're still close to theatres and other urban offerings." Both enjoy the outdoors, including hiking the incredible trails nearby and golfing. Garry is the fanatic in the family, while Andrea describes herself as a "a fair-weather golfer." She spends more time at Fairwinds Centre, where she regularly works out, swims and participates in social activities with fellow members.

Garry, who retired from BC Tel (now Telus)

in 2002, admits they discovered Fairwinds in the 1970's on a family boating trip. "We spotted it from the water while fishing, but had no idea what a jewel the place was, nor that we would end up here. When we did later take a closer look, we fell in love with it. We just went 'WOW'."

Both agree the community offers a totally non-threatening social environment. "Our neighbours are friendly, good people, like-minded in terms of lifestyle. We all enjoy the peace and tranquility."

After building three homes in Fairwinds (plus taking on a renovation in another part of Nanoose), the Bellagentes are now comfortably settled in what they refer to as their "dream home." It took a few projects and a lot of hard work to arrive at this place in their lives. It was a team effort all the way. In each case, Garry found the property and oversaw construction, while Andrea put her interior design skills to good use.

Her prowess in this department speaks vibrantly throughout their charming 3800 square foot home. The grandeur of its timber frame traditional styling could be taken right out of Better Homes & Gardens. Constructed by Pacific West Timber, the home features massive beams and vaulted ceilings of warm Ontario Red Pine. With breathtaking ocean views from all the windows, the overall effect is stunning.

Andrea's personal touches are everywhere. An eclectic array of folk art treasures, funky embellishments and tasteful furnishings create a mood that is both whimsical and fun, as well as warm and inviting. Many of the paintings in her collection are by local artist, Ian Garrioch, who is also a personal friend. You could spend a full day exploring Andrea's display of unique finds and still not see everything. She has a definite eye for interior decorating and a flair for mixing popular trends with family heirlooms to create something truly spectacular.

Like so many other residents in the area, the Bellagentes are living proof that Fairwinds living is *living at its best!*



Recipe Feature

from Andrew Blackburn,

Executive Chef of Fairwinds

Cajun Salmon and Scallop Kabobs

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp paprika
- 3/4 tsp pepper (approx)
- 1/2 tsp dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 lb. salmon fillet, skinned
- 1 lb. sea scallops

Directions:

1. In bowl, stir together oil, garlic, paprika, 3/4 tsp pepper, mustard, oregano, chili powder, 1/4 tsp salt and cayenne pepper.
2. Cut salmon into 1 1/2 -inch (4 cm) chunks; add to bowl and toss gently to coat evenly. In separate bowl, toss together scallops and pinch each salt and pepper. Alternately thread salmon and scallops onto soaked wooden skewers.
3. Place kabobs on greased grill over medium heat; close lid and grill, turning once, until scallops are opaque and fish flakes easily when tested with fork, about 6 minutes.

Chef's Note

Any firm fish will work well in this recipe, red snapper, tilefish and tuna as long as the fillets are cut a 1/2 inch thick. You can also adjust the amount of seasoning so the dish is more suitable to your palate. The kabobs can be served over brown buttered rice and garnished with fresh lime wedges and roughly chopped cilantro. For a wine suggestion I suggest a chilled Chardonnay that has received lots of sun, although any white wine will do.

Watch for our Spring Newsletter featuring the Grand Opening of the new Fairwinds Green Solutions Demonstration Home!

Introducing the latest concepts in sustainability building products and services, the innovative show home in Bonnington Heights nears completion... stay tuned for an exciting announcement!

