



Joseph's Update

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ALL JOY, HEALTH AND PROSPERITY IN 2009!

You can't expect to meet the challenges of today with yesterday's tools and expect to be in business tomorrow.

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This will be a year of great change and growth for many of us, as we create positive new intentions and attitudes for 2009. This being a new year, you can be a new person. For the coming year, each of us will need to have the love, friendships, associates, courage and strength to make every day a "brand new

day” as the song goes. I am happy to support you in every way you need. When you’re buying or selling a house, or know of a friend or acquaintance who is, I will give you and them all the professional, prompt and optimal service to meet all your needs and give you the results that benefit you in all ways.

Five FENG SHUI tips for the New Year:

The Chinese New Year is early this year, on January 26th, so welcome to the year of the Ox, of the Earth element. Ox is solid and dependable. They are excellent organizers and systematic in approach to every task they undertake. Not easily influenced by others’ ideas, they are very loyal, and if crossed or deceived never forget. They are capable of good ideas, entirely dependable and good devoted friends and parents. You can develop these qualities in yourself this year whether or not you were born in the year of the Ox.

At this yin time of the year, when energies are low, retreating and not circulating much, there are several things to do in your home and garden. These will help you build up your health, positive attitude and business growth.

- During the Beijing 2008 Olympic Opening Ceremonies last August, you saw the use of red and gold colours, and the balance of the five elements of fire, water, earth, wood, and metal during the Tai Qi demonstration by thousands of young Chinese. Use red and gold colours in fabric, paintings and flowers to bring needed yang energy into your home. Balance the use of the five elements in your home to create energy, harmony and peace.
- Cut down rotting or sick trees, shrubs and bushes. Wilting flowers are another source of yin formation which can cause low energy and illness. Throw them away as soon as they fade and bring fresh flowers into your home throughout the winter.
- Clutter can block Qi, as can too many pieces of furniture in a room or furniture that has been haphazardly placed. These physical impediments can also cause the flow of Qi within our bodies to get blocked and then

illness can strike.

- Hanging windchimes in your home brings in positive heavenly Qi and yang Qi. Metal windchimes are one of the most useful Feng Shui tools. Both the five-rod and six-rod windchimes are excellent cures, although the six-rods are far more powerful. Hang them in a corner and not over your head.
- A water feature, such as a small Feng Shui fountain or an aquarium with goldfish, will ensure the flow of wealth into your business.

TRANSFORMING FEAR INTO COURAGE

Think of the things you fear in your life. You fear becoming sick. You fear poverty. You fear getting divorced, you fear getting married. Whatever you fear is a concept created by your own mind. There is no question of should I get married or shouldn't I get married. It doesn't matter. What matters is how you react to it and what you expect of it. This is true in every aspect of your life. That is what you have been trained to believe since you were a little kid. You were brainwashed by those in the outside world who didn't know any different. Now what are you going to do about it this year? Take charge, change your thoughts, breathe, build up your courage and strength, and prove to yourself that you can succeed in every part of your life - relationships, health and business.

BOOK REVIEW:

KEEPING OUR COOL: CANADA IN A WARMING WORLD.

Andrew Weaver. Toronto: Viking Canada, Penguin Group, 2008

Monster wildfires in Australia, January golfers in Prince Edward Island, ruined fruit crops in California, snowless ski runs in Switzerland, starving polar bears in the North, devastated trees in Stanley Park, British Columbia – climate change is no longer a vague threat. Unless we take drastic action, the climate change we are in store for this century will yield temperatures that have not existed on Earth in the last 2.6 million years. The potential rate of change in temperature over the next two centuries has no parallel in at least the last 50 million years.

Keeping Our Cool by Andrew Weaver, one of the world's leading climate scientists and a University of Victoria professor, is a compelling and detailed account of the science of global warming. As a lead author of three Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Assessment Reports, Weaver provides an insider's perspective on the IPCC process and insight into the media and their role in conveying scientific knowledge to the public. He examines global-scale phenomena with a very distinct Canadian focus on the expected impacts of and solutions to global warming.

Keeping Our Cool leaves no doubt that global warming is the single biggest issue facing humanity today. It's a compelling read that will arm you with a sense of optimism that there is much that we can do as individuals and as a nation both to slow global warming and to prepare for its climatic consequences, provided that we keep our cool.

"At last, a look at climate that is accessible, fascinating, and, ultimately, a call for action. *Keeping Our Cool* is an insider's story of climate change. Andrew Weaver is a distinguished scientist who has been a major contributor to the Nobel Prize – winning work of the IPCC. Beset by naysayers and skeptics, pressures from corporations and laggard politicians, Weaver keeps us focused on the science and the urgent need to act. A gripping narrative, this should be the final alarm that galvanizes us to move onto a different energy path of renewables and efficiency." **David Suzuki.**

Joseph's Listings

STUNNING OCEAN VIEWS, PEACEFUL LIVING

302 - 5110 Cordova Bay Road, CENTRAL SAANICH

PRICE REDUCTION \$499,500 MLS 252637



**Beautiful ocean views & Mt. Baker, 2 bedroom & 3 bathroom 1785 sq.ft
(includes 2 decks) Condo in the heart of Cordova Bay Seaside Village.**

**Ocean & Island views from all principal rooms & 2 large front decks off
living room & bedrooms.**

**Part of Cordova Bay Beach Estates which is set in a park like setting
with magnificent ponds and walking paths.**

**Enjoy a clubhouse with indoor pool, whirlpool, lounge & 2 guest suites.
Fully remediated building with 10 yr warranty.**

55+ one owner. Across from sandy Cordova Bay beach.

SOLD - \$208,400

SWEET LANGFORD CONDO

304 -825 Goldstream Avenue, LANGFORD

\$213,888 MLS 255143



You will feel right at home in this cozy, adorable Langford Condo

for first time buyer or investor.

**1 Bed 1 Bath with fireplace, 9' ceilings, balcony, modern décor, 6 appliances,
lamine floor.**

Clean, open, bright and friendly space. Affordable price at \$213,888.

Feng Shui'd and Prepping™. Citiwalk at Lavender Square.

SPECTACULAR, INSPIRING OCEANFRONT LIVING

2900 Fishboat Bay Road, SOOKE - FRENCH BEACH

\$984,900 MLS 255619



OCEANFRONT 2.49 ACRES!

Glacier Point Beach House on Prestigious Fishboat Bay Road.

Spectacular views across the Strait of Juan de Fuca & Olympic Mtns.

2001 Quality built Rancher featuring 2 Bedrooms with oceanviews & 2 Baths, rich hemlock & tile flooring, banks of windows & French doors to 1,012 sqft of grand new deck, Focal point in the Great Rm is a custom energy efficient FP w/bake oven. A private studio, Hot Tub, Gazebo, Flat lot landscaped, low-bank ocean front w/towering trees in a true WEST COAST setting. Will take your breath away!

Perfect for nature lovers, retirees, investors, year-round or summer home.

PEACEFUL, PRIVATE PARADISE ON A

METCHOSIN HILLTOP

1185 WOODLEY GHYLL DRIVE, METCHOSIN

\$899,100 NEW LISTING MLS 256531



17 ACRE Metchosin hilltop is a perfect nature sanctuary with deer and eagles. Aesthetically pleasing, spacious 3-level home with 5 bedrooms, 3 baths including 2 bedroom & 1 bath in-law suite with private entrance. PLUS separate 1/2 finished 2-level studio-guest cottage. Complete privacy. Colourful sunsets with coastal mountain views and ocean glimpses. Seasonal pools and waterfalls. Hiking & biking trails, creek, access to Matheson Lake & Goose Trail.

In this slow market, the use of Prepping™ which includes Feng Shui and Staging can make all the difference between a solid sale and just sitting on the market sidelines...

Call Joseph for more information on any of these listings or if you need to buy or sell your house

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