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## *Joseph's June Update*

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*"The best motivation always comes from within."  
- Michael Johnson*

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*"Accomplishment of purpose is better than making a profit."  
- Nigerian Proverb*

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*"Let us strive on to finish the work we are in ..."  
- Abraham Lincoln,  
Sixteenth president of the United States*

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*"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart."  
- John Heywood, sixteenth-century English poet*

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## **Five FENG SHUI tips for OUTDOOR ENHANCEMENTS**

The following list of Feng Shui enhancements for garden and front door walkway will strengthen and uplift the energy coming into your home, and help you enjoy and relax in your private outdoors. Plants, bushes, potted plants, flowers and trees are great for creating new growth, healing, harmony and energy for all aspects of your life. The abundance of oxygen and living energy gives you expansive, joyful feelings and sensations. Colourful flowers, especially red and gold, invigorate the Qi energy flowing into your home. Trim all trees and bushes, and remove dead plants, leaves and detritus.

- **FRONT WALKWAY AND PROPERTY ENHANCEMENTS**

To soften and slow down Qi along a straight walkway, plant brightly coloured flowers and shrubs along the edges, guiding you to the front door. Place a tall, healthy plant in a gold or red pot on either side of your doorstep for wealth, placing them away from the entrance. Plant a tree where a corner of the home is missing to create stability. Soften pillars and columns by hanging flowering plants around the sharp edges. Plant pine trees in your yard to symbolize integrity and resilience; plant bamboo for wisdom and longevity; have fruit trees including apple, pear and plum for luck, joy and fertility.

- **WATER FEATURES**

Water fountains, birdbaths, lakes, ponds and streams are considered lucky elements in the front of your home and in the backyard. Since water is aligned with money, prosperity and abundance, make sure the water flows towards your home. Moving water relates to thriving finances, forward movement in your career, abundant health, and your happiness. Ensure that your water is always flowing, never stagnant and dirty. Healthy Qi energy is always moving.

Install a water fountain on the right side of the main door to bring good fortune energy to you every time you open the door. Place a circular water

fountain in the middle of the front yard; surround it with plants and flowers for success in your career and to counteract a T-junction or cul-de-sac. Place a round or oval fishpond in the rear left area of your backyard to stimulate finances.

- **NATURAL LIGHT AND LAMPS**

Light aligns itself with fire, activating everything it encounters. Light attracts attention, brightens your emotional outlook, motivates you, and empowers your health, wealth and fame. Allow an abundance of natural sunlight into your house through doors and windows. The sun's energy is what sustains the world.

Keep a bright light on above your door twenty-four hours a day. Use a 100-watt pink bulb. If you choose to save electricity, turn it on for at least a few hours a day. Install a lamppost in the yard to stabilize and energize a missing center. If your house is below street level, do place spotlights in the rear of the backyard pointing towards the roof. Shining the light at least four hours a day remedies money and career challenges. Hang red or white lights around your front porch to attract attention and golden opportunities.

- **WELCOME SIGNS, MATS, AND STATUES**

Create a doorstep that engenders positive thoughts, warm feelings, excitement, passion, and genuine hospitality. Welcome yourself, your friends and colleagues, and all your opportunities into your home.

Buy a colourful welcome mat. Imagine that the moment visitors step onto it, their love for you is heightened. Never put your name on the mat, as this symbolically suggests people stepping on you. Hang an inspiring welcome sign at eye level. For instance, hang a beautiful photo, an uplifting quote, a silk flower wreath or something that makes people smile.

- **THE BAGUA AND YOUR PROPERTY**

In order to apply the principles of Feng Shui to your property, place the Bagua on your entire plot of land, just as you would with your home. Use the formal entrance to the lot as the “front door.” As you view the property from the street, your Knowledge and Wisdom, Career, and Helpful People and Mentors centers will be closest to the sidewalk. The Wealth and Prosperity, Fame and Reputation, and Love and Relationships centers will be in the backyard at the rear of the property. Consult your Feng Shui professional as to what objects and features would best be placed in these eight areas of your property.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

### ***IN PRAISE OF SLOW: How a Worldwide Movement is Challenging the Cult of Speed***

**Carl Honore**

**Knopf Canada, 2004**

**[www.carlhonore.com](http://www.carlhonore.com)**

We live in the age of speed. The world around us moves faster than ever before. We strain to be more efficient, to cram more into each minute, each hour, each day. Since the Industrial Revolution shifted the world into high gear, the cult of speed has pushed us to the breaking point. Living on the edge of exhaustion, we are constantly reminded by our bodies and minds that the pace of life is spinning out of control. *In Praise of Slow* traces the history of our increasingly breathless relationship with time, and tackles the consequences and conundrum of living in this accelerated culture of our own creation.

Why are we always in such a rush? What is the cure for time-sickness? Is it possible, or even desirable, to slow down? Realizing the price we pay for unrelenting speed, people all over the world are reclaiming their time and slowing down the pace – and living happier, more productive and healthier

lives as a result. A Slow Revolution is taking place.

## What is the Slow Movement?

It is a cultural revolution against the notion that faster is always better. The Slow philosophy is not about doing everything at a snail's pace. It's about seeking to do everything at the right speed. Savouring the hours and minutes rather than just counting them. Doing everything as well as possible, instead of as fast as possible. It's about quality over quantity in everything from work to food to parenting. Overall, it's about being human beings as well as human doings.

*In Praise of Slow* is published in 30 languages and has been a bestseller in many countries. Carl Honore is a Canadian journalist living in London, England. He has written for the Globe and Mail, the National Post, the Guardian and the Economist. He got a speeding ticket while researching this book.

## *Joseph's Listings*

*For more photos, please go to*  
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**NEW - JUST LISTED FOUR DAYS AGO!**

**BRIGHT, SPACIOUS CONDO  
CENTRAL VICTORIA**

**207 – 930 North Park Street  
\$249,100      MLS 263329**

**ACCEPTED CONDITIONAL OFFER,  
OFFERS STILL TAKEN**



**AMAZING DEAL! Bright, light-filled, spacious, cozy 2 Bed 1 Bath condo in sought-after building. Has windows on 3 sides, large living room, fireplace, insuite laundry, SW balcony. Feng Shui & Prepping™ done. Secure underground parking, storage, beautiful gardens. Entertain your friends in style, walk to town. Great investment. Priced to Sell! Due to great interest, all Offers were accepted Monday June 1, 12 noon at the condo. Five Offers were received, and one Offer was accepted, with conditions off June 5, 2009.**

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***NEW LISTING!***  
**GORGEOUS HIGHLANDS PARADISE**

**1.28 ACRE PROPERTY  
WITH DUCK & FISH POND,  
CHARACTER-CHALET HOME & YOGA STUDIO  
812 Finlayson Arm Road  
\$699,000      MLS 261693**

***Open House Sunday June 7, 3 - 5 pm***



**Chicken Coup. Fenced Veggie Garden. Deer & Rabbits abound. Home (1525 sq.ft.) Is Open And Bright On The Main with Wrap Around Deck. Wonderful Natural Native Plants and Trees on Property. Truly Magical. Separate Newer Yoga Studio is 2 Levels with 2400 sq.ft. (200 Amp.Service); seats 30+ on main floor, open office & computer-bedroom up. Plumbing In Crawl Space. Parking for six. ADT Security.**

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## LOVELY HOME ON LAGOON AT WEIR'S BEACH

5167 Sandgate Road, Metchosin William Head  
\$642,000 MLS 262715

**Open House Sunday June 7, 12 noon – 2 pm**



**Beautiful Serene Waterfront of 0.37 Acres on lagoon by the ocean with mountain views. Two Bedrooms up and one down, 3 Baths. Living, Dining Rooms & Kitchen all have windowed views of water and Juan de Fuca. Large rear deck overlooking landscaped gardens and wildlife – birds, swans, turtles, fish. Spacious manicured & treed front yard. Large walk-in basement. One owner home shows great care and perfect upkeep. Well-cared for home perfect**

for retirees, professionals, investors, naturalists. Lots of parking. Pristine.  
Walk & Swim on the perfect 2 km sandy WEIR'S BEACH.

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## STUNNING OCEAN VIEWS, PEACEFUL LIVING

302 - 5110 Cordova Bay Road, CENTRAL SAANICH  
PRICE REDUCTION \$499,500    MLS 259960

**ACCEPTED CONDITIONAL OFFER,  
OFFERS STILL TAKEN**



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.

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## SPECTACULAR, INSPIRING OCEANFRONT LIVING

2900 Fishboat Bay Road, SOOKE - FRENCH BEACH

PRICE REDUCTON \$898,000      MLS 262040

**Open House Saturday June 6, 10 am - 2 pm**  
**PRICED TO SELL!**



### OCEANFRONT 2.49 ACRES!

Glacier Point Beach House on Prestigious Fishboat Bay Road.

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

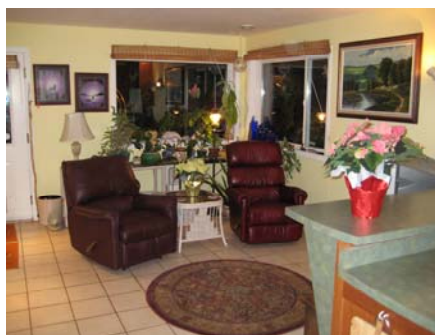
2001 Quality built Rancher featuring 2 Bedrooms with oceanviews & 2 Baths, rich hemlock & tile flooring, banks of windows & French doors to 1,012 sqft of grand new deck, Focal point in the Great Rm is a custom energy efficient FP w/bake oven. A private studio, Hot Tub, Gazebo, Flat lot landscaped, low-

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.  
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**PEACEFUL, PRIVATE PARADISE ON A  
METCHOSIN HILLTOP**

**1185 WOODLEY GHYLL DRIVE, METCHOSIN  
PRICE REDUCTION \$845,000      MLS 256531**

**ACCEPTED CONDITIONAL OFFER,  
OFFERS STILL TAKEN**



**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.

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## ***SELLERS!***

**Do you want to sit on the market or sell your house? The truth that any seller must know is that in the end, pricing gets you in the game - and Feng Shui and Prepping™ or my Advanced Staging gets you the offer. My 38 years proven experience with this can help you sell in this or any market.**

## ***BUYERS!***

**Do you know which house suits you best according to the science of Feng Shui and Vaastu? I can find you the right home that is healthy, harmonious and peaceful according to the Feng Shui scientific principles. You need a home that you will be happy, prosperous and relaxed in for a long time to come.**

**Let me find your dream home with you.**



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

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

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