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Joseph's May Update

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*"Your vision will become clear only when you look into
your heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside,
awakens."*

Carl Gustav Jung, Doctor-Psychiatrist

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"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

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*"Whether you think you can
or think you can't --
you are right."*

Henry Ford, Founder, Ford Motor Company

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*"One hundred percent of the shots you don't take
don't go in."*

Wayne Gretzky

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Five FENG SHUI tips for KITCHENS

Kitchens in the Vaastu Shastra version are best located in the Southeast fire sector of your home. In Feng Shui, the kitchen is best suited to “pressing down on bad luck” and thereby is located in the personal directions representing bad luck, and the deadly five yellows of Flying Star Feng Shui for the particular year; in 2009 the five yellows are in the North. No matter what sector your Kitchen is, here are some important pointers.

- As stoves and ovens are strong fire energy, they clear up bad luck sectors of the home and create good luck for you. Fire must always be kept under control, thus the stove should never be energized with the presence of a mirror.
- Kitchen arrangements that have good Feng Shui always take the orientation of the stove or oven into account; this means the direction which the gas pipes or electric cables come in from. The stove must not be placed either next to, or directly opposite, the refrigerator or the sink. This is due to the incompatibility of the water and fire elements. Water puts out fire. Placing a table between the stove and sink is one way of dealing with this confrontation. Stoves should not face the main door or any bedroom doors; should not be under an exposed overhead beam; should not be under a staircase; should not directly face a toilet nor be under a toilet on the floor above.
- Some important guidelines are: kitchens should be nearer the back door than the front; the kitchen should never be located in the middle of the home; neither the kitchen nor stove should be in the Northwest which would be “fire at heaven’s gate” and most inauspicious, otherwise a breadwinner could lose his/her job, fall out of favour at work, and lose money in an important contract.
- The kitchen should have sufficient natural and electrical lighting, and be airy and spacious. The Yin sink of water element should be at least 2 feet

away from the Yang stove of fire element. Refrigerators are also water element and should not be placed beside the stove-oven. Stoves should not be under windows as Qi energy will then escape. It is best to separate the stove from the fridge and sink by putting them on opposite walls or having a distance of more than 2 feet between them.

- Celebrate your kitchen by reclaiming the joy of cooking. Cook with love while family and friends are present; laugh and enjoy the experience. Cleanliness, freshness, open windows, and brightness are all essential here. If you're a pitta or fiery constitution and you cook a lot or are a caterer, you would do better to have the kitchen in the water element of the Northeast quadrant, which will create more balance and harmony. Use soft, contemplative colours in your kitchen. Avoid bright tones that startle and overwhelm you. Dark colours are cold and unfriendly in a nurturing space like your kitchen. Warm and soft yellows, greens and white connect to purity, serenity and inspiration; they will bring more enjoyment and relaxation while preparing and eating your food.

BOOK REVIEW:

Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings (9th Edition): Save Money, Save the Earth

Jennifer Thorne Amann, Alex Wilson & Katie Ackerly
New Society Publishers www.newsociety.com

THIS COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE, widely used by state and provincial utility companies, is the one book you'll need to guide you through the confusing process of improving your home's energy use. Highly readable and clearly illustrated, the *Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings* covers all areas of the home, and provides helpful explanations for each, including:

- **ENERGY USE CHARACTERISTICS**
- **COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGIES**
- **THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OPTIONS**
- **STEP-BY-STEP GUIDANCE FOR FINDING THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT**

- **OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT**
- **SUMMARY OF HOW MUCH ENERGY IS LOST OR SAVED**

Also included are tips on improving existing equipment, as well as a reminder to check local government and utilities for purchase or retrofit grants and incentives.

This is an invaluable guide to all consumers who are concerned about reducing both their energy bills and their environmental impact.

"It's the most comprehensive resource to home energy savings that I've seen. Every homeowner and environmentally conscious (or utility paying) renter should have a copy."

Green Living

"The advice here will also save you hundreds of dollars a year in energy costs."

Better Homes and Gardens

Joseph's Listings

NEW LISTING!

**GORGEOUS HIGHLANDS 1.28 ACRE PROPERTY
WITH DUCK & FISH POND,
CHARACTER-CHALET HOME & YOGA STUDIO**

812 Finlayson Arm Road

\$699,000

MLS 261693



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.

**ON LAGOON AT WEIR'S BEACH
5167 Sandgate Road, Metchosin William Head
\$649,630 MLS 258684**





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.

**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.

**SPECTACULAR, INSPIRING OCEANFRONT LIVING
2900 Fishboat Bay Road, SOOKE - FRENCH BEACH
PRICE REDUCTON \$898,000 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
PRICE REDUCTION \$845,000 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.

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.



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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