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DOUG FIELD SPENT three years to restore this storied Comox home to its former splendour, earning several awards in the process.

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## Glass House sale will aid cancer and heart research

Record Staff

Dave Procter will be away from home this summer as he cycles across Canada to raise money for cancer research.

And one of the Comox Valley's most famous homes is going to play a big part in his venture.

To celebrate his 50th birthday Procter, a Re/Max real estate agent, is going on a nine-week cross-country trek to assist the B.C. Cancer Foundation. When his friend Doug Field learned of Procter's plans, he decided to help out in a big way – by donating a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Filberg House he has painstakingly restored to Procter's cause.

Designed by Canadian architectural legend Arthur Erickson, the fabled Glass House is scheduled to go on the market today.

Since purchasing the house in 1999, Field spent three years restoring it to its former glory, doing most of the work himself. His "labour of love" earned him numerous awards, including acclamation from the Heritage Society of B.C., the Architectural Institute of B.C. and even from Erickson himself.

One of the accolades Field cherishes most is a letter from B.C. Lieut.-Gov. Iona Campagnolo after she visited the home some

three years ago.

"Thank you for letting me visit your home," Campagnolo wrote. "I was especially impressed with your helicopter sitting on the front lawn that epitomized the West Coast lifestyle at its finest."

Field, who is also known throughout North America for developing and manufacturing of the Buzz Bomb, Zzinger, Spinnow and Zelda Jig fishing lures, said, "It has been a wonderful, most gratifying experience restoring and living in the Filberg House. It has been a great place to call home.

"I had been toying with the idea of selling the place and when I noticed what Dave was doing for breast cancer research, I thought what better time to sell it and help Dave out with his worthy cause?" Field said.

"What I am pledging to Dave's campaign is \$30,000 minimum upon the sale of my home. At the same time I am pledging other sizable donations to the Heart and Stroke fund and to ovarian cancer research."

Field's spirit of giving does not stop there. He wants others to become involved in a similar manner.

"It is my personal challenge to others who are selling a house or a piece of property to pledge a portion of the proceeds toward Dave's

extremely good cause. He's going to be working hard, pedaling that bike across Canada and sweating a lot to gain awareness of this worthy campaign to raise money for breast cancer research."

Both men's lives have been touched by family and friends who have been hit by cancer.

Procter, who is donating 25 per cent of his commission on the sale of the Filberg House, said he is quite honoured by Field's generosity. Field says he is likewise honoured to be able to help.

"How many guys go this extra mile like this?" Field asked. "It's a one-in-a-million effort on his part," Field said, agreeing with the suggestion that portions of the proceeds from the sale of a "one-in-a-million" house makes for a perfect fit.

Those wishing to take up Field's challenge can do so by getting in touch with any realtor in the Valley or by going to Procter's website at [www.coasttocoastforcancer.ca](http://www.coasttocoastforcancer.ca). Procter's ride starts June 23 and is expected to conclude in early September, but he said donations can be made from now until the end of September.

Procter is pleased with the support he has already received from fellow realtors all over Vancouver Island. On a sombre note, he noticed that one of his biggest backers passed away two



weeks ago at age 42 from a heart attack.

"Diane Scott (with the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board in Nanaimo) was inspirational in getting word out to the realtors of my bike ride," Procter said.

While details of the Filberg

House going on the market are scheduled to be announced today, those wanting to check out the home can do so by Googling it on the Internet at sites such as [www.arthurerickson.com](http://www.arthurerickson.com) or [www.fineart.utoronto.ca/canarch/b.c./comox.html](http://www.fineart.utoronto.ca/canarch/b.c./comox.html).

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