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**LEST WE FORGET:** Members of a young family quietly observe the cenotaph in Centennial Park, following Remembrance Day ceremonies on Nov. 11.

## FIRE DISTRICT

# Veteran volunteer fuels fire dept. debate

December meeting set to douse rising frustrations

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What began as a routine business meeting Monday night has ignited a discussion about the fire district's rising budget and the long-term prospects of the island's volunteer firefighting component.

"I feel this board is on a runaway spending spree with no accountability and no end in sight," said Kurt Irwin during Monday's meeting at the Ganges Fire Hall.

Irwin, a business owner with 20 years of experience as a volunteer firefighter, said he chose to speak out because of his dedication as a volunteer, concern for the community and frustration as a taxpayer.

"I'm pro-fire and I help in every way I can, but I am concerned as a taxpayer," he said.

Following their September meeting, fire protection district trustees asked the province to approve a 2011 operating budget of \$2.4 million, up from \$2.2 million in 2010. Next year's total is roughly \$1.5 million more than the fire district's 2005 budget of \$850,000.

"My fire protection has gone up hundreds of dollars over the past few years thanks to this board," he said.

Irwin called upon trustees to consider a hiring freeze on new full-time staff to bring spiralling budget costs under control.

Based on negotiations with the union representing fire department staff, however, the

number of full-time positions is slated to go up by two between now and 2016.

"Is the volunteer end a valuable asset to this department or is the future paid staff only?" Irwin asked board members. "I can see if we have some 2,000 calls a year, but we don't. Do we really need eight full-time employees and do we need more?"

Irwin said he was not speaking on behalf of the volunteers or the island's business community.

"I don't speak for anybody else," he said during an interview following the meeting. "I don't want to put words in other people's mouths."

Fire district chair Michael Schubart estimated

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## FATALITY

# Island man dies in crash

RCMP ask witnesses to step forward

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A tragic Sunday morning car crash on Fulford-Ganges Road has killed a 25-year-old Salt Spring man and left the 25-year-old female driver recovering from her injuries in a Victoria hospital.

Reid Curtis Parent was travelling in the passenger seat of a 2010 grey and silver Dodge Challenger when the north-bound vehicle went off the road and slammed into a tree stump near the top of Lee's Hill just before 9:30 a.m.

"The driver appears to have lost control of the vehicle," said Corp. Martin Beardsmore of the Salt Spring RCMP. "The passenger side of the vehicle sustained significant damage."

Parent was an aspiring musician and artist who recently moved to the island from the Yukon, according to Emily Farrell, a friend who knew him since Grade 2 at Whitehorse's Hidden Valley Elementary School.

"He was well-known in the Yukon and B.C. as a talented and committed musician, having contributed to many high-profile public performances as well as casual workshops and jams with fellow musicians," Farrell wrote in an email from Toronto.

"His skill as a lyricist will be remembered by those lucky enough to know of his music — his poetry was grand and gorgeous."

"Reid has one of the big-

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NEWSBEAT

WEATHER

Wind storm darkens Gulf Islands homes

Power outages resolved quickly

Homes across the southern B.C. coast went dark Monday night as the season's first major windstorm swept across the area. Salt Spring residents living in all parts of the island were affected with at least four incidents of trees coming down

on B.C. Hydro lines. The power provider reported more than 5,384 clients lost power around 8 p.m. that night. All customers' service was restored by around 3 a.m. the following morning. Residents of the Southern Gulf Islands were also affected, with close to 3,000 clients losing power for about three hours. Salt Spring Fire-Rescue

personnel were kept busy responding to reports, including a tree branch that hit the lines close to Fulford Hall and then caught fire, blowing out the transformer. Audience members attending Salt Spring Folk Club's concert at the hall were treated to an unexpectedly intimate evening when the power went out just as headline act Lunch at Allen's was being introduced.

"We lit more candles and did it acoustically without amplification," folk club coordinator Trish Nobile said the following day. "People still really enjoyed it and responded well, and gave them a standing ovation." Nobile said she was impressed by the performers' professionalism and ability to "go with the flow" under less than ideal circumstances.

Accident victim was fine lyricist and poet

CRASH

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gest personalities I'll ever know but somehow his heart was impossibly bigger." The stirring tribute to Parent's character is echoed in comments posted to the Driftwood's website after news of the crash was published. "Reid was one of the most loved people of the Yukon," wrote Ashley Fraser, another of Parent's long-time friends. "He inspired so many people to do great things, and was always willing to help any way he could." Parent is reported to have died on the scene as a result of injuries sustained in

the crash, Beardsmore said. Ambulance, RCMP and fire-rescue department first response teams arrived on the scene where they found the vehicle in the ditch. Beardsmore said police received numerous reports of the incident from neighbourhood residents who heard the crash. A preliminary investigation indicates the vehicle collided with a large tree stump on the roadside in the 1700-block of Fulford-Ganges Road. North-south traffic was diverted along Stewart Road until 3:30 p.m. as rescue and recovery teams cleared the scene. Beardsmore said the driver was flown

to Victoria General Hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries. He said the woman has Salt Spring connections but currently lives in Victoria. Police had not released her identity as of Tuesday afternoon. An investigation continues to determine factors that led to the crash. Beardsmore asks anyone who saw the vehicle before the incident to contact the RCMP at 250-537-5555. "Anybody who may have seen something may also have information about the case," he said. An earlier version of this story was posted to gulfislandsdriftwood.com on Monday morning.

Volunteer objects to spiralling fire budget

FIRE DEBATE

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that between 55 and 60 per cent of the fire district's overall budget is spent on wages. Schubart, himself a volunteer firefighter who served for 10 years, defended the board's commitment to operating an efficient department and confirmed support for the department's volunteer aspect. He noted the district's budget is consistent with those serving similar-sized communities. "Essentially we have done a good job. We do the best we can," Schubart said. "Don't ever think that anybody on this board is against volunteers because that isn't true."

Additional full-time paid firefighters, he said, have enabled the department to offer countless hours of fire education to community groups and conduct hundreds of safety checks in homes and business across the island. "In this case an ounce of prevention is really worth a pound of cure," said board member Ron Chamney. Board members agreed to meet with volunteers at the Volunteer Firefighters Association's Dec. 8 business meeting to resolve some of the smoldering tensions. Irwin encourages more people in the community to attend the fire district's monthly board meetings and

become engaged with the operations of the island's fire service. "It's something that should be constantly talked about," he said. "It's people's tax dollars and people need to get involved." Fire district meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Ganges Fire Hall. The next meeting is on Dec. 20. In other fire district news, board members announced the successful completion of an alternate approval process (formerly called a counter petition) to secure ratepayers' permission to borrow up to \$345,000 for the purchase of a new mini-pumper vehicle.

Signatures from 10 per cent of island property owners were needed to force the matter to a referendum. Trustees said they received a grand total of two submissions against the proposal. Fire chief Tom Bremner has stated that the new vehicle will replace one of the department's two aging and inadequate mini pumpers and serve as an integral firefighting and emergency response asset for the next 15 years. Delivery of the new unit is anticipated in late 2011.

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ENVIRONMENT

Garry oak ecosystems clinging to survival

Climate change projections pose added challenge to ecosystem’s recovery

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The threat to Canada’s Garry oak ecosystem is put into perspective by stepping back and taking stock of how things once were.

Back in 1800, Garry oak ecosystems in the Victoria area and Saanich Peninsula covered about 10,443 hectares of land. The ecosystem’s gnarly namesake tree, flowering meadows and abundance of wildlife covered much of what is now downtown Victoria, Langford and Sooke. Extensive swaths of Garry oak meadows could be found along parts of the Saanich Peninsula and, near the present-day Victoria International Airport, the meadow spread across the peninsula’s entire breadth.

By 1997, however, Garry oak cover across southern Vancouver Island had been reduced to a mere 557 fragmented and isolated hectares.

Numbers in the Cowichan Valley and on Salt Spring Island follow a similar trend, dropping from 3,125 to 702 hectares during the same period.

Collectively, less than five per cent of the original Garry oak habitat remains in a near-natural condition.

Perhaps due to a combination of isolation, relatively late colonization and abundance of protected areas but Salt Spring’s Garry oak meadows are in relatively good shape when compared to those on Vancouver Island.

Significant meadows can still be found along the western sides of Mount Maxwell, Mount Bruce and Mount Tuam, around Reginald Hill and near the island’s northern tip.

While many of the few Garry oak meadows left are protected by various levels of government, conservationists and scientists on the Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Team think it’s far too early for people to sit back and celebrate their efforts.

“The number of ‘at risk’ species and loss of habitat in the surrounding area makes [the Gulf Islands National Park Garry oak ecosystem] one of the most vulnerable in Canada,” said Parks Canada scientist Marlow Pellat during a recent talk sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

“All the Garry Oak ecosystems are fairly threatened for a number of different reasons,” he said.

According to climate change models developed by Pellat and his fellow team members at GOERT, little of the Garry oak ecosystem’s prospective range over the next century is currently protected.

“We could see how much more fragmented [the ecosystem may become],” he said. “Very little is actually protected.”

Virtually all of Canada’s remaining Garry oak habitat is



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

A Gulf Islands Garry oak meadow.

in the Gulf Islands and southern Vancouver Island. In the United States, the ecosystem stretches along dry inland areas from central California to Washington State.

Pellat has spent 12 years trying to determine a way to ensure the Garry oak ecosystem can maintain its modest foothold in southwestern B.C. A central component to any solution, he said, is understanding the threats.

“Understanding mean fire return intervals, ecosystem dynamics over time, and the role of people in this ecosystem structure is critical to the success of programs that are designed to ensure the long-term survival of these communities,” reads part of a study Pellat and eight other scientists prepared for Parks Canada in 2007.

“Strong recruitment has not occurred since the late-1800s and early 1900s,” he adds. “Fire suppression, shading by conifers and changes in grazing patterns are likely causes of this phenomenon.”

Pellat and others at the Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Team, have launched a multi-disciplinary study to tackle the issue from a number of different perspectives.

Unlike most conservation projects which tend to focus on a single species, GOERT members have taken an ecosystem-wide approach given that there are so many species at risk under the ecosystem’s “umbrella.”

Several Garry oak ecosystem-dwelling species have already been eliminated in British Columbia, including fragrant popcornflower, the western bluebird and the large marble butterfly. More than 100 species are considered at risk.

GOERT’s approach combines partnering with multiple levels of government and private landowners to preserve high-priority areas across the region.

To help spread awareness about the need for more work, GOERT has set up an extensive and up-to-date website where anybody who is interested in contributing to the Garry oak cause can learn more about the science and keep informed on new initiatives and campaigns.

More information about the drive to protect the last remaining Garry oak ecosystems is available at [www.goert.ca](http://www.goert.ca).

News briefs

**Idol entrant makes the finals**

A Victoria Idol contestant from Salt Spring has advanced to the finals of the acclaimed competition.

In a qualifying round held Saturday night, Kaya Hunter made the cut after singing Defying Gravity from the hit Broadway musical Wicked.

She will now vie for the top spot at an event at the

Royal Theatre on Jan. 13.

See last week’s Driftwood for a story about Hunter’s aspirations and participation in the show.

**Solar panel funds**

Lady Minto is among 38 schools, universities and hospitals that will share \$2.8 million in funding to install solar panels to reduce natural gas or electricity consumption.

The funding comes from the Public Sector Energy Conservation Agreement

and its partners: Terasen Gas, SolarBC and Natural Resources Canada.

Lady Minto’s grant of \$129,600 will help reduce other energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

**Heliport closed for upgrade**

The heliport at Lady Minto Hospital was closed until further notice on Sunday afternoon.

The closure is to facilitate upgrades to meet new

Transport Canada regulations, says the Vancouver Island Health Authority. Portlock Park has been designated as the alternate landing site during the construction period.

It is estimated the heliport could be closed for eight weeks.

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue will secure the park during incoming and outbound helicopter flights and will remain at the landing zone for the entire time the helicopter is on-site at the park. There is an average of three helicopter

medical transports out of Lady Minto Hospital per month.

VIHA apologizes for any inconvenience and appreciates the community’s understanding and flexibility during this time.

**Ferries’ fuel rebates to end**

B.C. Ferries has announced that it will remove fuel rebates on its major and minor routes as of Dec. 1 because of

increased fuel costs.

According to a press release, for nearly two years B.C. Ferries has offered fuel rebates as high as 10 per cent on the minor routes and of two per cent for Horseshoe Bay–Langdale customers. Fuel rebates of two per cent were placed on three major routes connecting the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island in April 2010.

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10:05	12:58	1:01	1:05	1:12
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4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22
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S2 Combined Routing: Trip routes via 1 Ganges Local, 3 Vesuvius and 5 Fernwood. Drop off only at Hospital and Brinkworthy.

**2 Fulford Harbour**

To Fulford To Ganges

Monday to Saturday

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7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
9:00	9:06	9:13	9:17	9:20	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
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**3 Vesuvius**

To Vesuvius To Ganges

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**4 Long Harbour**

To Long Harbour To Ganges

Monday to Friday

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2:50	3:00	3:00	3:10


**5 Fernwood**

To Fernwood To Ganges

Monday to Saturday

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NEWSBEAT

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire district axes training ground site

Trustees considering pair of potential sites

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Trustees representing the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District have nixed plans to construct a firefighter training facility beside the Fulford Fire Hall.

“It isn’t that we’ve abandoned the training ground, it’s just that it isn’t very plausible to

use that particular site at this particular time,” said Michael Schubart during Monday evening’s monthly fire district meeting.

“Nobody wants a training ground any more than this board does and, unfortunately, we don’t have control of this process.”

Schubart pinned blame for the failure on complex bureaucratic procedures, lengthy permit and procedural requirements and ongoing opposition from at least one of the property’s neighbours.

“I am more than a little disturbed by the way the political process works, but, frankly, we’re a small fish in a big puddle and we don’t really have any pull in Victoria or Vancouver. We are just a little caboose at the end of a great big train,” Schubart said.

“I don’t like it, I’m sure the trustees don’t like it, the staff don’t like it and I’m sure that the volunteers don’t

like it, but there are lots of things in life that we have no control over and we do the best we can.”

Schubart did not have a specific dollar figure to represent the amount of money spent on the training ground proposal since it was initiated five years ago. He said the project has involved countless hours of work from all segments of the fire protection district board, staff and volunteers.

Trustees decided to can the training ground facility when it became apparent the province’s Agricultural Land Commission would not extend a three-year window that allowed for temporary construction and use of a training ground on the property.

“They didn’t seem to have any appetite for renewing,” Schubart said of his latest correspondence with ALC representatives.

The training ground’s demise was sealed

for good when Schubart and fellow board members received news that the three-year trial period had been reduced to little more than a year given the Islands Trust’s one-year approval process and seven months required to compile all the requisite engineering documents.

“Essentially they said we could use it for three years, but we could never use it for three years,” Schubart said.

“The land commission informed us that the three years began at the close of the meeting at which they granted the resolution.

“We didn’t feel it was appropriate to invest \$300,000 of the taxpayers’ money in something that we only have use of for a year or so,” Schubart added.

At its September meeting, board members passed a budget request for the approximately \$300,000 needed to construct the training hall. Schu-

bart confirmed that those funds are still part of the 2011 budget request, even though plans for the facility have stalled.

Bruce Patterson, a fire protection district board member who also sits on the training ground committee, said work to build any type of temporary facility in the Burgoyne Valley has reached a standstill.

Board members are considering several sites that may be suitable for construction of a training ground.

Specific locations were not identified on grounds that negotiations between the fire protection district and property owners are ongoing.

The fire protection district has argued that a training facility on the island is needed to reduce costs associated with sending staff and volunteer firefighters to train at facilities on Vancouver Island or the Lower Mainland.

HOSPITAL

Hospital board asks VIHA to halt dismantling of operating room

SOS committee gets CRHD support

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A local effort to restore surgical services at Lady Minto Hospital received welcome support at the Capital Regional Hospital District board meeting last Wednesday.

Representatives from the Vancouver Island Health Authority and the Save Our Surgery Committee presented the board with the case for and against the plan to repurpose the operating room.

Additional presentations were made by Salt Spring electoral area director Garth Hendren and the past director Gary Holman, who was in power when the renovated hospital space was opened in 2004.

In light of its previous capital investment of more than \$1 million to renovate the operating room, the CRHD requested VIHA suspend its plans to repurpose the space while the board con-

sidered information presented by both sides.

In its motion the CRHD asks VIHA to “live up to the commitment made to the taxpayers and residents of Salt Spring Island and the Capital Regional District and continue their search for a general surgeon for Lady Minto Hospital” and ensure surgical equipment stays on site in the meantime.

The CRHD further asks VIHA to accept an offer made by two resident general surgeons, Dr. Pami Sira and Dr. Roy Preshaw, to act as locum surgeons while a permanent candidate is sought.

VIHA’s vice president of communications Neil Sweeney said his delegation was disappointed with the CRHD’s response.

“We have a very good relationship with the CRHD and we are partners in a number of capital projects,” Sweeney said, adding he understood the board’s desire to have such investments carried out properly.

“What we told the CRHD was the money invested at Lady

Minto will be for the benefit of Salt Spring Island residents, whether it is for full surgical services or for other uses such as endoscopy.”

Sweeney said Tuesday that VIHA had yet to receive a copy of the CRHD’s amended motion and would not take any action until it learned exactly what the health authority was requesting.

In regard to accepting the offer made by doctors Sira and Preshaw, Sweeney said the two would first have to apply to VIHA to receive credentials and he was unaware of any applications. He noted the “incredibly high safety standards” such credentials require.

SOS chair Phyllis Bolton said her group was pleased by the way last Wednesday’s meeting went, but will now have to wait to see what action, if any, VIHA takes to meet the CRHD requests.

“In the meantime it is very, very important that we continue the fight on all fronts — and we will not sit back and wait,” she said.

Impaired charges dealt with at Ganges court

Drinking and driving tops list of offences

COURTDOCKET

A Salt Spring man received the mandatory minimum fine and driving prohibition for an impaired driving charge heard in Ganges Provincial Court last week.

Joshua Lacey pled guilty to the second of two counts he was charged with after he was pulled over at a police road check on April 23, 2010.

The court heard Lacey gave two samples of .130 after he was taken

back to the station.

Judge Evan Blake handed down the minimum fine of \$1,000 plus a victim surcharge of \$150, as well as a one-year driving prohibition.

Also in court last week, Salt Spring resident Brad White pled guilty to operating a vehicle while prohibited. Judge Blake suspended the fine and issued a probation period of 12 months

for White, who the court heard has battles with alcohol and mental health.

“I do appreciate there are some significant demons you are dealing with and I think it is more meaningful for you to deal with some of those demons [than to be otherwise penalized],” Blake said in his ruling.

“But let us be clear: a prohibition is not a gentle guideline, it’s a court order and disobeying it frequently leads to jail.”

The next sitting of the court will be Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m.



NEWSBEAT

ISLAND BUSINESS

Mark's expansion in Ganges opposed

Grassroots petition aims to preserve diversity

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A local woman's campaign to save four small businesses located on a visible downtown street front has gained support from others concerned about losing diversity and small-town appeal. The small shops along Fulford-Ganges Road are slated for demolition in 2011 and will not be returning to their former locations when a new building goes up. Instead, a much expanded Mark's Work Wearhouse franchise is planned for that space. Salt Spring resident Emily McIvor initiated an online petition stating: "We oppose the current plan to evict Admiral's, Windflower Moon, Acoustic Planet and S.S. Soapworks. We strongly request the preservation of the four storefronts at 146-150 Fulford Ganges Rd."

As of Tuesday morning, 175 people, around two per cent of Salt Spring's population, had registered online



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Emily McIvor with her petition.

signatures. McIvor also suggested people send paper letters voicing their concerns to the Mark's Work Wearhouse corporate office in Calgary. Of the people who chose to include comments as well as their signature on the petition, many expressed support for Mark's, but felt there was either no need to expand or that an expansion would be better suited to another location. Melissa Searcy stated, "I do understand that the buildings are tearing down, but I urge you to reinstate these clients in the new structure, not turn it over to a national

chain like Mark's. Trading local colour for the boring gray of Mark's is not the way to maintain downtown Salt Spring's attractiveness to our tourists — or our local population." According to Stacia Kennedy, "These four storefronts are a visitor's first impression of Ganges as they come down the hill from the Fulford ferry. Do we really want a big box store representing our town? The charm of Salt Spring is in its small town feel." Jonathan Yardley, who is the new building's architect, is a heritage consultant whose work received several awards in the past year for proj-

ects including the rehabilitation of the iconic Woodward's building in Vancouver. Yardley said that the building plans for phase three of the Creekside building were drawn up 20 years ago and are now being amended to include current bylaw requirements. Visually, the building has the same design features of the neighbouring section of the complex, including recessed doors and windows and covered patios for the office space upstairs. The new building is designed to be divided into three smaller store fronts if Mark's ever chooses to move. Yardley also noted that of the four businesses in question, only one, Saltspring Soapworks, had signed a lease with landowner Leon Aptekmann while the others are renting on a month-to-month basis. As a result, Soapworks will have a spot in an existing part of the Creekside complex. Two of the remaining three businesses had been offered long-term leases but refused them. "From the owner's perspective, if he can get a good lease and ensure more money

from the relationship, he will build the space for them," Yardley said. "He's got a very good tenant and he wants to keep a very good tenant."

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NEWSBEAT

EMPLOYMENT

Grant aids study of youth employment

Literacy centre committee covers wide community interests

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A special grant received by the Salt Spring Literacy Centre will provide funds to study the problem of youth employment on the island and help

the centre meet young people's employment needs.

Project consultant Gordon Handford reported that \$28,000 of funding awarded through the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Development Agreement is going toward a project that began Oct. 4 and ends March 31, 2011.

As a free service that unites aspiring learners with volunteer teachers in a wide variety of areas, Salt Spring Literacy has recognized pre-employment training as a strong need among its users.

"Many of our clients seek to improve their success in the labour market," the centre stated in its grant application.

"They see Salt Spring Literacy as a means to identify their educational needs and support their efforts to meet their goals."

For the first phase of its work the new youth employment steering committee is gathering

information on where jobs are in the community, how much they pay and how things have changed over the past year. Models of self-employment will be considered.

"The formed intent is to attempt to read the job needs of the businesses on Salt Spring," Handford said. "What do they look for in new employees?"

The committee will also speak with youth to see what their training needs are and where those would best be fulfilled to orient young people into the local economy and employment.

Jamie Alexander, who sits on the steering committee as a representative of Community Services, said he sees the need to connect youth not just with employment but the tools to get them ready for work.

Some of these are the same types of services he helps provide for homeless people or people new to the community: things like a

phone number and an address to be reached at, a shower, laundry and a resume.

"All the things you need to get going," he observed.

The second phase will see the committee come up with some potential solutions to underemployment problems. Handford said although the committee's mandate is solely to look at employment issues, there will no doubt be related economic development ideas that can be passed on.

"I think there's a really exciting potential with this. We see this as the other side of the housing strategy," Handford added.

Alexander said he hopes the project will help develop ideas for a broader island economy, instead of one he feels is dominated by just three fields: real estate, contracting and well-funded RRSP investments.

"I'm hoping that more middle-class families can make a go of it . . . We need to make it easier to balance what you can earn with the cost of living."

The steering committee represents a broad cross-section of the community, with members from CRD, Islands Trust, Copper Kettle, Salt Spring Community Services, Salt Spring Literacy Society, the Chamber of Commerce and Community Education, among others. There is still room for participation for anyone who would like to join, with as little or as much time they have available.

"We want whatever investment people can give. We're going to bend over backwards to help people participate whatever way they can," Handford said, adding he's already been impressed by the community's participation.

"It just has touched me what depth of passion there is about this place. People feel strongly about Salt Spring Island."



Islands Trust

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE  
PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 445

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 445**, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions. The Public Hearing will be held within a regular Local Trust Committee Meeting that begins at 10:30 AM.

**DATE:** Thursday, December 2, 2010  
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**TIME:** 10:45 AM – Public Hearing

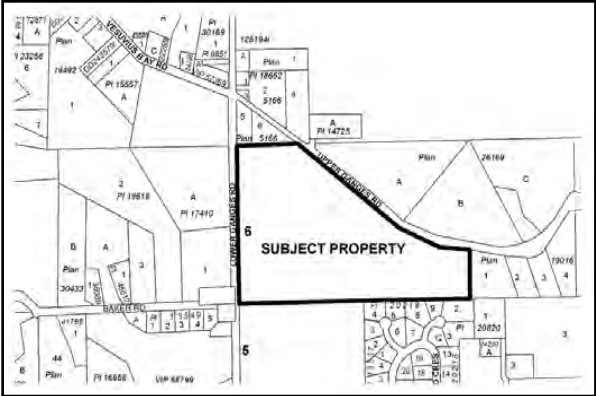
1. **Proposed Bylaw No. 445, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 2, 2010".**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 445 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

- By adding a new Parks & Reserves 3 Zone Variation (a) – PR3(a) that will permit a "single court indoor tennis or other similar sports facility" as an additional use.

By changing the zoning classification of Section 6, Range 2 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Except the Easterly 6.75 Chains Thereof; Except Parcel B (DD 770361), and Except Part in Plan 14185 from Parks & Reserves 3 (PR3) to Parks & Reserves 3 Zone Variation (a) – PR3(a), as shown on the following plan:

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Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, November 17, 2010 and up to and including Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 445 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca)

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Planner Stefan Cermak at (250) 538-5608 or to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at (604) 660-2421, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

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AGRICULTURE

Burgoyne Valley farmland deal finally in sight

Lengthy formalities near conclusion, say parties

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A groundbreaking amenity rezoning deal approved by the island's local Trust committee more than two and a half years ago may be resolved in time for the new year.

That's still a significant maybe, according to Rick Vipond, president of the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute.

"I really can't say anything about the whole thing at this point," he said. "Every time we think we're close, something else comes up."

Back in 2008, Salt Spring's LTC concluded a one-of-a-kind amenity rezoning application that provided the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute with a 61-acre Burgoyne Valley property to develop as a community farmland trust.

The agricultural amenity was offered by Three Point Properties, a Victoria-based real estate development company, in exchange for permission to build three homes on a property at 203 Musgrave Road.

The application resurfaced at November's local Trust committee meeting only to be tabled until lawyers representing Three Point Properties and the Farmers' Institute can overcome final negotiations concerning the property's transfer.

Leah Hartley, regional planning manager for Salt Spring's Trust office, said completion of the application has not been confirmed but is imminent.

Three Point Properties' Mark Wyatt is optimistic some form of resolution may come about by early January.

"It's just been a complicated file," he said. "It's a win-win for everybody and the Trust staff and all the parties have had to do their due diligence."

"It's gone on longer than anybody had anticipated but, at the end of the day, it's a really good move."

Given the application is the first amenity rezoning application for the island, Wyatt said, the extra caution is justified.

"The time delays have been process driven, not driven by personalities," Wyatt added.

Creation of a community farmland trust is among the recommendations of the island's area farm plan. Such a trust would support the expansion of agricultural activities and promote food security on the island.



# NEWSBEAT

## CULTURE



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Ashton and Rama Cheromaya of Sweetwater Revolver and other bands want local support for busking.

# Public music debate resurfaces

Buskers question community values

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's reputation as a haven for the arts is not standing up to scrutiny, according to two women trying to make a living from busking.

Ashton and Rama Cheromaya have travelled North America supporting themselves with their music.

They are members of the folk group Sweetwater Revolver and the bluegrass band Over Under Yonder.

Since moving to Salt Spring earlier this year they have performed as the bluegrass duo Old Roots, New Blooms and have impressed music lovers enough to buy their locally recorded CD.

"Busking is our bread and butter — we've made our living that way for the past four and a half years," Rama Cheromaya said, noting they prefer to perform places where no one has to purchase a beer.

Since the fall rains have started, one of their preferred locations is the covered area outside uptown Pharmasave, but an incident earlier this month saw the complex's acting manager ask them to leave.

The Cheromayas allege this person was rude and threatened police involvement.

According to the buskers, people were happy to hear them play and were snapping up CDs prior to their removal.

"Minstrels are a vital part of the community, and I think Salt

Spring understands that," Ashton Cheromaya said.

"We sort of feel like the stores are starting not to represent the community."

Country Grocer manager Paul Large, who represents the shopping centre on behalf of its landlord, was away at the time of the incident but said he understood the acting manager and staff acted with complete politeness.

**"Minstrels are a vital part of the community, and I think Salt Spring understands that."**

ASHTON CHEROMAYA  
*Busker*

He also pointed out that people can request to use the covered space and said all requests are listened to.

"All they had to do was follow procedure. I think they went about it backwards," Large said.

The debate revisits a similar matter that arose in the Thrifty Foods parking lot in February 2008, when a group calling itself the Spirit Parade was asked to leave by Mouat's manager Kevin Bell.

Bell said he hasn't had many problems with the area since then, but he frames the issue as being that of unlicensed com-

merce competing with established businesses on the sites they legally occupy and pay for.

Whether the goods being sold are songs or handmade jewelry is irrelevant.

"It's always a little bit awkward — I don't really like doing it," Bell said, but added, "having people outside businesses deflects the purpose of those businesses."

For people involved specifically in making music, however, the question is not just one of commerce.

Busker Chris Auld can often be found on dry days on the rock near the steps of B-Side clothing.

"It's not a money-making venture," Auld said. "The money you make most people would consider short of a day's work."

Auld has busked all over the world and admits locations outside North America have cultures more sustaining of public music.

But he's often had the experience during his eight years on Salt Spring of turning people's bad days around with his songs. He's even had people request a song to lighten up their day.

"It's an odd thing — it's a difficult thing to do — but the rewards outside the financial can be wonderful, with exchanges that are beyond price. I personally like Salt Spring because I can talk to people about music and art," Auld said.

"I don't believe culture just comes from a gallery," he added. "I think culture is intuitive and the more you have the more you understand."

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EDITORIAL

## Support Route 9

It's no surprise that eliminating the Long Harbour ferry terminal and the southern Gulf Islands ferry route has shown up on a document titled Opportunities for Enhanced Efficiency in Performance Term Three.

The Long Harbour to Tsawwassen (Route 9) milk-run route is a natural target for elimination, especially with a ship replacement bobbing on the horizon.

BC Ferries CEO David Hahn stressed the proposal is simply one idea among many for achieving efficiencies in an effort to avoid grotesque fare hikes between 2012 and 2016 if the provincial government doesn't raise the annual service fee it gives the "publicly owned but private-functioning" ferry company.

But Route 9 is not really a rusty anchor dragging

THE ISSUE:

Idea to scrap Long Harbour-Tsawwassen ferry

WE SAY:

Route 9 provides essential service

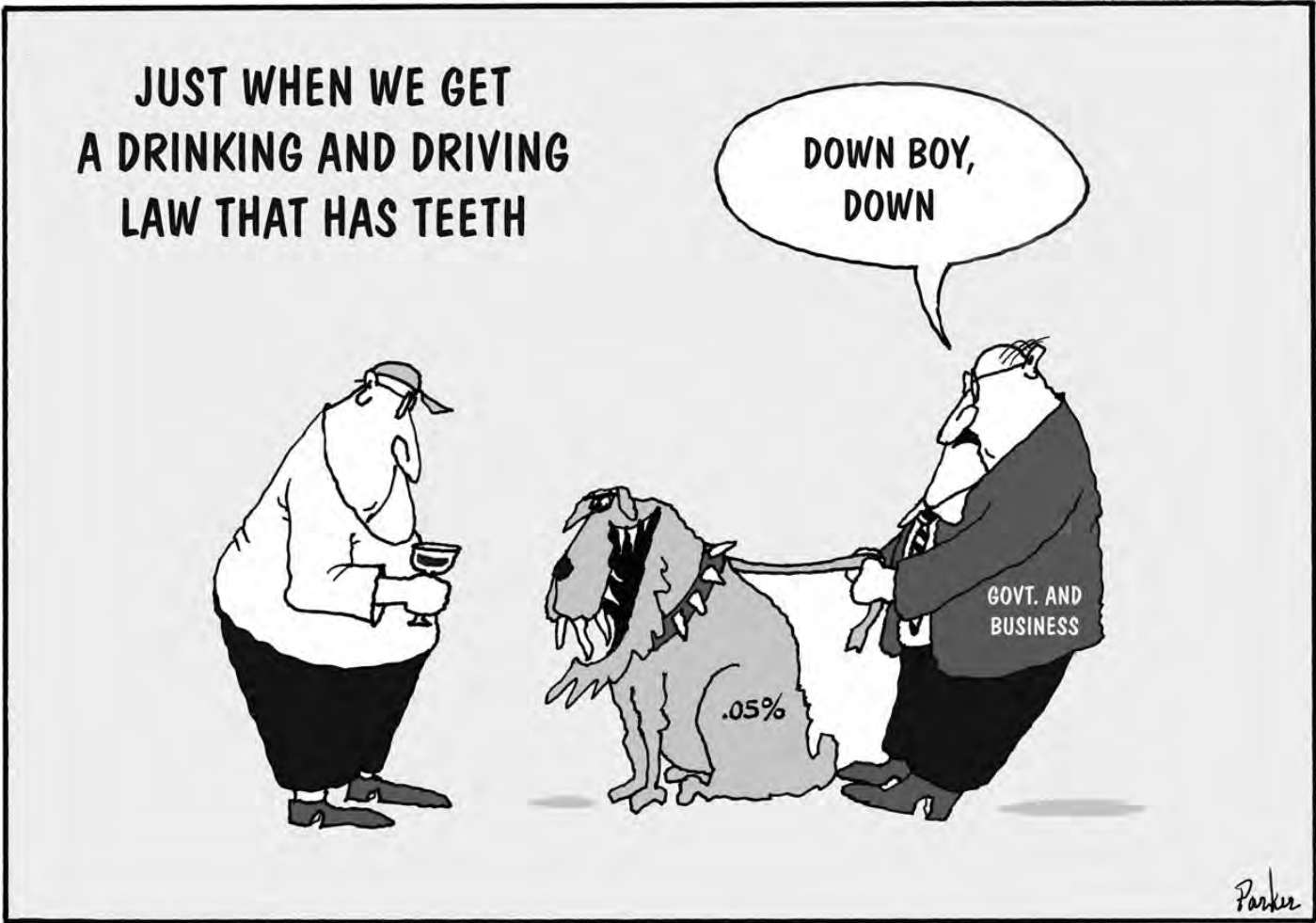
hole substantially bringing down the overall numbers.

In terms of how much the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route is used, the ship carried 47.4 per cent of its capacity last year, better than the 42.3 per cent average of all 18 minor routes.

As for the route's inability to maintain a schedule, its users have come to expect delays and can plan accordingly. It's infinitely better than the crazy system of transferring on or off the "big ferries" at Swartz Bay and having a 50/50 chance of landing on a desired connecting ferry. It's impossible to rely on that service to get where you need to be. Yet that's the system some 20,000 full and part-time Gulf Islands residents and all annual visitors from the mainland and beyond would be forced to use if the Long Harbour to Tsawwassen route is cancelled.

BC Ferries' mandate is not to assure the viability of the communities it serves, but promoting healthy service and tourism industries in those places should be a serious concern of the provincial government.

With a shift of leadership imminent for the Liberal party and government, it's an ideal time for a change of course when it comes to funding BC Ferries. Raising the service fee and leaving Route 9 in place is one place to start.



## Treating the rainwater is the key

BY ROSS KING

I write in response to Mr. Larmour's Nov. 10 article headlined "Water shortage is valid constraint to unrestricted rental housing on islands" (in which my previous viewpoint is quoted).

It is clear that his primary concern is "unrestricted rental housing on islands" and he is trying to support his crusade by claiming there is a water shortage. In this latter regard, he dons his "water expert" hat ("former manager of North Salt Spring Waterworks").

He tackles my contention that there wouldn't be a water-shortage if we all augmented our supply with the God-given water that falls on our roofs . . . collect it and use it! No, says Mr. Larmour, that constitutes a "cross connection" and is therefore "illegal." Period.

If homo sapiens can get to the Moon, it can rustle-up an anti-cross-connection device preventing a backfeed of roof-water into the public supply. (Actually, I have the design to hand, using standard plumbing parts!) Mr. Larmour seems prepared to accept the law as-is, without question, rather than "think outside the box."

Adopt a simple device that removes the threat of water-shortages and restrictions on rental-housing? Perish the thought!

How about encouraging more "off-grid" water consumption so as to conserve the facilities we have without necessitating further capital improvements? (The wind-turbine industry started out this way.)

As to the quality of rainwater collection via a roof, I'm sure it is a darned sight cleaner than what lands in St. Mary Lake. To get there, the surface water has to traverse forest floors littered with feces and urine from dogs, deer and other wildlife, and cattle in the lower fields. Add the discharge (overflow?) from residential septic fields. Disgusting! "Ah!" Waterworks

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will say: "We treat our water!" If, as I advocate, collected rainwater is treated using a proprietary residential package system (which is not very expensive, I know, because I have one), we would have the equal, if not better potable water than what gets served up from a polluted lake, chlorinated to hell and undrinkable much of the time.

Were all new development required to include comprehensive rainwater catchment, storage and local treatment provisions to tide us over the dry months, we would have a growing number of mini-reservoirs to boost the "biggies" in Salt Spring's lakes. "Distributed storage" if you will. Using Mr. Larmour's per person consumption rate, an average house and outbuildings can support about three people all year (with appropriate storage) independent of the mains' water supply. Why, rental-housing could be more or less independent of the mains!

In many drier areas of the world, roof catchment and storage in basement cisterns is essential and universal. By Mr. Larmour's own recognition, Waterworks can't keep pace and we are being asked to think as if we live a dry climate! About one metre of water falls on Salt Spring each year. If Waterworks can't catch enough of it, get homeowners to do it on site.

As a parting shot, I am not even going to touch the disgraceful situation pertaining to the (mis)management (by the CRD) of the Beddis Water System, except to say that if that's what Waterworks is sending down the pipe, we had all better start planning our own rainwater catchment systems sooner rather than later.

It may well be cheaper, more reliable and provide far better water to drink.

The writer is a Beddis Road resident.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

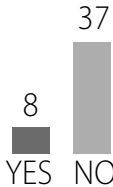
Are the new drinking-driving laws too harsh? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cast your ballot online at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) before

Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Will you miss Premier Gordon Campbell?



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# IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“We are just a little caboose at the end of a great big train.”

FIRE BOARD CHAIR MICHAEL SCHUBART

## SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How are you prepared to cope with the cold winter Environment Canada predicts?



**DOMINIQUE O'NEIL**

*I have one small heater . . . so I guess I'll have to get some more heaters.*



**JIMMY DEE**

*I live on the water and I have a feeling from Mother Ocean that it's going to be a fine winter, just like last year.*



**JULIA LERNER**

*Huddle for warmth.*



**KLEE ROGERS**

*We moved here from Alberta so even if it's a severe winter here it will be mild in comparison.*



**RAZALI WAHAB**

*I don't mind the cold. I love it.*

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Read and reply to letters online at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) under the Opinion tab.

### Leave dogs at home

I have just come home after taking part in another moving Remembrance Day service. It was so nice to see all the sailors from the Orca and Raven vessels joining our parade in honour of the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Navy.

I was also pleased that the sound system was working again and we were all able to hear the messages and prayers.

I “think” we had two minutes of silence, but several people asked the same question — “Did we?” At that moment someone’s dogs started howling. I don’t know if they were fighting or what, but please people, your dogs do not belong and probably do not want to be taken to such events.

Don’t get me wrong, I love dogs, usually have treats at my desk for them and I know that they may be like family, but they should not

be brought out to events where there are crowds. Even if they are not fighting with other dogs, they can trip people or get stepped on. Leave them at home where they can be safe and warm and we will all thank you.

**CLAUDIA FRENCH,**  
SALT SPRING

### Human rights session

I really like the idea of the UBC students having a human rights workshop on human rights and social justice in the “most intellectually dynamic, socially progressive community in Canada,” as Michael Byers states in last week’s “UBC students hold public workshop on human rights” article — a powerful statement.

**SUZANNE SHAW,**  
SALT SPRING

### Real danger

When the road lines were painted this year by road maintenance, the white line

on the lake side of North End Road by St. Mary Lake was not renewed.

Also since then, road surface repair has obscured the centre lines in some places so they are no longer visible. This creates a very dangerous situation for anyone driving on dark, rainy, foggy nights. Although there are concrete barriers on one dangerous corner, most of the lake edge has no curb, paint, reflectors or protection to define the road edge.

Cars going north have the cliff on their right to guide them, but those going south are in real danger. Something needs to be done now before a tragedy occurs and someone drowns in the lake.

**NANCY WIGEN,**  
SALT SPRING

### Hendren missing point

In response to my public request of electoral area director Garth Hendren to

attend the town hall session at local Trust committee meetings, he is quoted by the Driftwood as stating that “I choose not to participate in Trust meetings as . . . my responsibilities are outside of the Trust mandate.” (“Holman chides island CRD rep,” Nov. 10 Driftwood.)

This response entirely misses the point, which is that the town hall provides an opportunity for the director and the trustees to provide regular updates on their activities and to be available to the public for questions with respect to any issue of community concern.

But director Hendren’s statement about the Trust and CRD having completely separate mandates is also clearly not true. Affordable housing and the location of our new library downtown are also key Islands Trust goals as specified in our official community plan.

While the legislative tools of the Trust and the CRD are

different, these are shared goals, and those elected to represent these mandates have a responsibility to work together in public and behind the scenes to further them.

He states that the library, affordable housing and incorporation are the only issues he was elected to pursue and ones which “occupy all of his time.” This begs the question of director Hendren’s view of his role with respect to other CRD responsibilities such as PARC and the Transportation Commission, which, by the way, also depend on a good working relationship with the Trust.

It is also disconcerting that incorporation still occupies so much of the director’s time, since it was taken off the table by the province over a year ago, due to funding constraints. Surely with incorporation now set aside for the time being, the director could afford to divert one hour per month to attend a town hall

session, which has been a tradition on Salt Spring for over a decade?

Director Hendren’s refusal to attend the town hall appears to be part of a larger pattern. The Driftwood editorial of Oct. 20 states that Hendren “would not be reporting to the public in print as a matter of course,” although he does answer questions from the press “when he can be located.”

This should not be acceptable to our “newspaper of record,” to Islanders for Self Government (who endorsed Hendren’s candidacy), and most importantly, to voters.

All of these stakeholders, regardless of their views about the current system of rural governance, should be encouraging our CRD director to do everything he can to make it work.

**GARY HOLMAN,**  
FORMER CRD DIRECTOR,  
SALT SPRING

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## Trust club reinforces political polarization

Human nature being what it is . . . a decade ago, give or take, I had the experience of being step-dad to a pair of girls in their early teens — ages 11 and 14. The elder was quite gracious, accepting, chatty and easy-care. The younger, not so much, leaning toward uncommunicative, resentful, troublesome. Naturally, I gravitated toward the 14-year-old, taking the path of least resistance.

I knew this was wrong. I knew the younger girl desperately needed the attention and guidance, but I couldn’t help myself. I enjoyed being around someone who liked me. We became closer, while the younger girl drifted further away, garnering attention the hard way, which meant visits to school counsellors, emergency rooms and police blotters.

Human nature being what it is, the microcosm of my little step-world is reflected in the macrocosm of Salt Spring politics. Like me, our local trustees have chosen the path of least resistance, surrounding themselves with essentially like-minded islanders who won’t be any trouble. As much as they disseminate the fairy tale of islanders of all differing backgrounds squatting around a campfire in Birkenstocks, holding hands and singing folk ballads, at the end of the day that campfire circle is populated by unabashed

Trust devotees.

Some examples? In last week’s Letters to the Editor section, one Ted Bartrim calculated that 15 of the 23 trustee-appointed committee members had publicly endorsed the present trustees in the last election. That’s about 65 per cent card-carrying club members right out of the starting gate.

What of the other eight? If you want their names, you have to go down to the Trust office with a pencil and paper, because the staff will not let you photocopy. In fact, they have only recently pried open the books after a great hue and cry over the initial refusal to make the committees’ rosters public, proclaiming that they weren’t required to divulge. Add to that the recent debacle where the trustees refused to allow video taping of public meetings and it becomes quite evident that the Trust has circled the wagons. As George W Bush famously announced, “You’re either with us, or you’re against us.”

There are other examples. Recently the Islands Trust granted itself a third temporary use permit (TUP) to continue operating out of the BC Hydro building. The rules are very



**Peter Vincent**

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clear on this. Only one renewal is allowed. Trustees may call it a new application, but it’s the same space, the same people pushing the same pencils. There is nothing new about it. This is the trustees granting themselves a privilege they would be loathe to grant anyone else.

God help you if you are outside the circle. John Quesnel has not only been refused a TUP while he scratches around hunting for a location that has the Trust’s seal of approval, but is presently awaiting his day in Supreme Court, where the Trust intends to permanently shut him down. You’re either with us, or you’re against us.

More? Obviously I am not privy to the inner Trust chamber, but I found it pretty curious that the Trust required thousands of dollars worth of studies from PARC for the proposed Burgoyne Bay sports fields, effectively crushing the application, but there has been nary a whiff of a study requested for the indoor tennis facility on the same type of Agricultural Land Reserve restricted property.

The most troubling is that even when such travesties are pointed out to the Trust through this paper and other outlets, it doesn’t seem to matter. They treat dissent as a minor annoy-

ance. The hubris is palpable.

It’s a pretty dysfunctional system. All three members of our Islands Trust are in lock-step. Most of the Trust-appointed committee members are gushing Trust supporters. There is little left of democracy here. We have become an oligarchy — a small number of people controlling everything on this island from hot dogs to holiday accommodations.

What can be done? Not a whole lot, until the local elections in November 2011. There should be two addenda over and above the election of trustees. We should revisit the concept of having two more trustees at the table, for a total of five. We would then be pretty much guaranteed at least some different perspectives.

Secondly, we should set term limits. Like TUPS, trustees should only be allowed two terms. Someone (it may have been our own beloved miscreant Eric Booth) once told me that in a politician’s first term, they learn the power, the second term they use the power and in the third term, they abuse the power. Two terms. Two more trustees. Let’s see if we can’t break up this political log jam in the next election.

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# OPINION

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### What we voted for

What a surprise it was to learn that when we voted in Garth Hendren as our CRD director we handed him a “mandate” to help shove incorporation down our throats. (“Holman chides island CRD rep,” Nov. 10 Driftwood)

In response to Gary Holman’s remarks at last week’s town hall session, Mr. Hendren reportedly stated that, among other issues, “The mandate that I was elected on was to guide the process of incorporation.”

Really? Guide us which way? Guide us safely away from an irreversible disaster that 70 per cent of voters wisely voted against in 2002? Nope, I reckon it’s just the opposite.

I’m afraid the phrase “guide the process of incorporation” means that our elected director feels that he has a solemn duty to usher in yet another layer of government (along with the huge costs involved) for the benefit of a community that has voted a resounding “no” to incorporation. Is this what we voted for?

JIM RUSSELL,  
SUN EAGLE DRIVE

### Need to believe

The Remembrance Day tributes are touching, having us thank vets for our freedom.

I agree, of course, but we should also thank vets for their optimism. We could use it.

The spirit of We’ll Meet Again comes from agony of separation, then hope something better lies ahead. I am

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in awe that so many put their lives on the line as tiny elements of the solution. We need that spirit in our research to fight cancer and AIDS, in our personal journeys battling recession and depression.

We need to believe there will be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover. Remembrance Day is also about that lesson.

BEVERLEY SMITH,  
CALGARY

### Building and serving

Driftwood readers learned from last week’s issue that the local Trust committee has approved the library board’s plans for the new building.

The LTC will next be asked, on Dec. 2,

to “sign off” as well on a facility in downtown Ganges that will house the library for the 15-month-or-so period, expected to start in April 2011, when construction is underway.

So the library will remain open during 2011 and will continue to serve the community while construction is underway. But to do that as well as we would like, we need your support for the library’s 2010 annual giving campaign.

Thanks to some of our “repeat donors,” that campaign is already off to a strong start. But to make the campaign a success, we need more gifts, large or small, from first-time donors. So if you haven’t donated because yours could

only be a small gift, please reconsider. It all adds up and your gift will show you care.

Where will the money go? It will be spent on summer and Saturday student help for our volunteers, on expanding the audio book collection, on better meeting the needs of both youngsters and teens, and on purchasing equipment useable both now and in the new building.

Convinced? If so, please bring your donation to the library or mail it to the Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2T6. **STAN SHAPIRO,**  
FOR THE SSI LIBRARY BOARD

### No more war

As an addendum to the honour of remembering war vets and the

common goal to end war, Peace Works! and community members prepared the following document which was first read on United Nations Day 2010 at Mahon Hall. Children and adult voices rang loud and clear in songs of peace.

The original letter uses Elephant font to represent the voice of the future — our children — and symbolizes their strength, energy, patience, wisdom, honour, reliability, dignity, pride, determination and happiness. With their advanced sensitivity and social connection, they will carry the world on their backs with intelligence and the capacity to remember: NO MORE WAR.

We chose 18-point letter size to emphasize the hundred years it will be, from 1918 to 2018, reminding us all of the treaty promise for: NO MORE WAR.

This is the command letter read at the Oct. 21 event and signed by Abbie Sherwood, Vladimir Horsdal (Valdy), Barbara Slater and Sue Newman.

“By the authority of the children, youth and adults of School District #64 and the Southern Gulf Islands, in the Salish Sea on Coast Salish Territory, British Columbia, Canada, and all those in attendance here today, We Command the United Nations and all the governments of the world to bring World Peace and the complete end to all wars on Planet Earth by Nov. 11, 2018, 100 years to the day that the Treaty to End All Wars was signed. Today, war is obsolete and unsustainable.

“On Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, Germany made its last reparation payment to the allies, France and Belgium, for the first world war. Debts are paid in full and now the promise must be kept: the end of all wars on Earth by Nov. 11, 2018 and a Peace Treaty signed by all that brings complete and permanent peace among all the people of our world.

“This command letter is dated and signed Oct. 21, 2010 in Mahon Hall at The Fifth Annual Children and

Youth Peace Assembly of School District #64 of the Southern Gulf Islands, on Salt Spring Island, in the Salish Sea on Coast Salish Territory, B.C., Canada.

“PEACE”

Peace Works! would like to thank Abbie Sherwood for the initial reading and Ruby Black for the proposed reading on Nov. 11, 2010. Thanks also to CFSI 107.9 FM, the Sounds Like Salt Spring program with Bill Nash, for broadcasting the Children and Youth Peace Festival on Oct. 24. If there are enough phone-ins to hear a rebroadcast of the occasion, it will be played again!

For more information about participating in or creating other events, contact Peace Works! at 250-537-1720.

SUE NEWMAN,  
SALT SPRING

### Normandy murder

As we are still remembering our fallen comrades who gave their lives for freedom, peace and democracy, they will find another reason to remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice by reading the article in the Royal Canadian Legion magazine for Nov.-Dec. 2010. The article is headlined “Murder in Normandy” by Terry Copp.

It describes how in one instance a Nazi sergeant was searching unarmed Canadian prisoners, one of whom he found with a grenade hanging on his belt and opened fire with a sub-machine gun, killing him instantly.

In the same region near Buron and the Carpiquet airport, the prisoners were force marched back to prison behind the enemy lines.

One prisoner of war had been wounded in the legs and couldn’t march any further and fell down. The Nazi non-commissioned officer shot him and left him there to die.

These killers were convicted after WWII but were never sentenced. It is saddening to think that they still may be here and amongst us.

KEN BYRON, SR.,  
EPRON ROAD

## Capital Regional District



### Notice to Electors

## Within Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the Capital Regional District

#### Elector Approval Process for CRD Bylaw No. 3740 - Amending the Maximum Requisition Rate to \$0.044/\$1,000 (\$146,250 in 2010) for the Transportation Component of the Community Transit and Transportation Service on Salt Spring Island

**Notice is Hereby Given** that the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional District (“CRD”) proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 3740, “Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2010” to increase the annual maximum requisition rate from \$0.014/\$1,000 to \$0.044/\$1,000 (or from \$46,250 to \$146,250) for the transportation service on Salt Spring Island. This service includes but is not limited to:

- transportation studies;
- construction, installation, maintenance and regulation of sidewalks and bicycle paths;
- construction, maintenance and regulation of parking spaces, areas and facilities;
- implementation and providing transportation demand management programs;
- construction and maintenance of pedestrian safety and traffic calming facilities.

In addition to planning for transportation projects, this service would potentially invest Federal Gas Tax Funds to implement the North Ganges Village Transportation Plan and partner with other groups to improve transportation infrastructure, systems and services.

The taxation impact for the transportation service, per average residential assessment of \$550,539 at the \$146,250 requisition level, is approximately \$26.56 per annum.

The Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is the participating area for this service.

**Take Further Notice** that the CRD may proceed with Bylaw No. 3740, unless at least 877 electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD indicate by signing the elector response forms, that the Board must obtain the assent of the electors by way of referendum before proceeding to adopt Bylaw No. 3740. The CRD has estimated that the total number of electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is 8,779 and that 10% of that number is 877.

The elector response form must be in the form as established by the CRD and forms are available from the CRD on request. The only persons entitled to sign elector response forms are electors of the area to which the alternative approval process opportunity applies. The alternative approval process opportunity applies within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD.

The deadline for delivering the original signed elector response forms to the CRD, in relation to Bylaw No. 3740, is 4:30 pm on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 2011. Forms must be received by the deadline to be counted.

For technical information regarding the service, contact Bob Fenske, CRD Manager, Transportation Operations, Salt Spring Island, tel. 250.537.6227, email bfenske@crd.bc.ca or Robert Lapham, General Manager, CRD Planning & Protective Services, PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6, tel. 250.360.3285, during regular office hours Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until the 4th day of January, 2011.

#### Qualifications for Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors

• **Resident Elector:** You are entitled to submit an elector response form as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for 6 months and in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD for at least 30 days prior to signing the elector response form.

• **Non-Resident Property Elector:** You may submit an elector response form as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for 6 months, have owned and held registered title to property in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD for 30 days and do NOT qualify as a Resident Elector. If there is more than one registered owner of the property (either as joint tenants or tenants in common) only one individual may, with the written consent of the majority, submit an elector response form.

To obtain an elector response form, or for further information about the elector approval process, please contact Sheila Norton, CRD Administration, PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, 5th Floor, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6, or telephone (toll free) 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. A copy of the elector response form may be downloaded from [www.crd.bc.ca/election/](http://www.crd.bc.ca/election/)

Elector response forms may also be obtained at the CRD Salt Spring Island Building Inspection Office, #206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2S4 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm).

A copy of Bylaw No. 3740 and a copy of this Notice may be inspected during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until the 4th day of January, 2011 at the following locations:

- public notice board in the lobby of CRD headquarters, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC
- Building Inspection Office, #206-118 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- on the CRD website:  
for Bylaw No. 3740: [www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/bylawssubjecttorefer\\_/](http://www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/bylawssubjecttorefer_/)  
for this Notice: [www.crd.bc.ca/election/](http://www.crd.bc.ca/election/)

Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this 10th day of November, 2010.

Sheila M. Norton  
Acting Corporate Officer  
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OPINION

Copper Kettle gifts

I learned recently that the Copper Kettle Community Partnership has had to cut back on meals; that means more hunger here on Salt Spring.

I also learned that many groups, individuals and businesses help keep Copper Kettle going — just a few examples: the folk club and the tennis association, the accommodations group, a doctor who gives regularly through post-dated cheques, the “pie ladies,” the CRD, IWAV and of course the people who do the collecting and distributing. Thank you!

Maggie Schubart was very supportive; indeed it is her kettle that gave the group its name and “mascot.”

One of the Copper Kettle’s fundraising projects is selling its beautiful hand-made books, Some Encouraging Words.

Maggie contributed these words: “Eradicating poverty would cause the meltdown of the fear and anger that have built up on this planet over the years. War would unravel into peace. We would love and trust each other. It’s worth the effort!”

So, let’s remember the Copper Kettle as we prepare for the holiday season. A donation to the Copper Kettle in the name of someone you love would make a great gift!

**IAN SLAKOV,**  
SALT SPRING

Clarifying nations

Why does Chris Dixon use the term “sovereign nation” in saying new fighter aircraft might be useful if Canada decides to invade another nation? (“Abusive government” letter, Nov. 3 Driftwood.)

The moral issues are whether or not activities from an area are an objective threat to us, in which case it is essential that we eliminate the threat, or honest individuals are being harmed in that area, in which case we would be justified in helping them, though not obligated to.

**KEITH H SKETCHLEY,**  
SAANICH

Opera sensation

For opera lovers and all those who feel pride when a young Canadian is the most sought-after conductor in Europe and North America, then be sure and get a ticket (there may be a few left) for Don Carlo this Saturday, Nov. 20 at ArtSpring.

Yannick Nezet-Seguín (surname a combination of his



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**VIMY MEMORY:** Eddie Westcott shows some of his grandfather’s war paraphernalia — including a photograph of him at Vimy Ridge. Westcott was among the many people at the Legion on Remembrance Day.

parents) has been conductor of Orchestre Metropolitain de Montreal for 10 years. Last year he conducted his first opera at the Met.

Carmen was a musical and visual smash hit.

He has signed up to do five more at the Met in coming years.

The members of the Rotterdam Philharmonic have chosen him as their next conductor.

The London Philharmonic have signed him up as their principal guest conductor and the ailing Philadelphia orchestra — one of the USA’s big five (former conductors Toscanini and Stokowski) — have appointed him their next conductor, certain that he will revive it. His two concerts there this year have sold the most tickets.

If you google him, go to Wikipedia and scroll down to “Canadian Musicians.” You will learn something interesting of his private life.

**JACK HALLAM,**  
BRINKWORTHY

Canadian Cannabis Co-op

The CCC would like to inform readers that the co-op is still in need of proper time to relocate to Salt Spring Island.

We are looking for a place that will be suitable for all members’ needs, zoned to the right area of town with the building being suitable for people in need of disability services.

We will provide services to help in many different areas, not only including cannabis and cannabis products.

We will be offering counselling services due to health issues or related matters, body work due to problems due to chronic pain and education to help educate the public on cannabis and related issues.

At this time we are looking at hiring staff and are accepting membership applications. We at the co-op

thank you for understanding.

It’s time for a change. We need to do everything we can to make this country a better place and help our fellow human beings.

If there are any concerns, please e-mail cccoop@hotmail.com.

**MICHAEL KLEINERMAN,**  
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NOVEMBER 27  
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**12:45 pm: ARRIVAL** – Welcome Santa as he flies into Ganges Harbour piloted by St. Clair McColl of Salt Spring Air. Children can greet Santa at the Ganges Float Plane Dock.

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OPINION



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**FARMER IN THE MARKET:** Liam Cuddy was spotted at the Saturday market in Centennial Park, selling huge, leafy cabbages.

RANTS *and* Roses

Rants

To whom it may concern: please return the three hand-carved stone bowls you took from my truck on Thursday, Nov. 4. It was parked outside of Mouat’s. One of the bowls was in the shape of a heart especially carved for a memorial for someone who recently passed. You can’t look at them and feel good inside! Return them to the truck. From Wild Stone-works. (250-537-4357)

Roses

A basketball hoop full of roses to the following for helping make the Harlem Crowns SIMS sports fundraiser a huge success: Country Grocer, Sports Traders, Uptown Pizza, referees Lorne Bascom and Rowan Hughes, Lisa Halstead, GISS boys Scorpions, parent and student volunteers, and all the fans. Thank you!

Fifteen ruby-coloured roses to the 15 friends, led by Linda, Ron and Joan, who gave us the most wonderful surprise 40th wedding anniversary party on Nov. 9. We were taken totally by surprise and had a most wonderful evening. We feel truly blessed. Margaret & Aubrey

A bouquet of roses for the Community Gospel Chapel: thanks for opening your doors for the recent flu clinics. Your accommodation and generous hospitality was exemplar — from the setting up of tables and chairs to the providing of tea and coffee for the nursing staff and volunteers. With grateful thanks, the Salt Spring Island Health Unit.

A beautiful rose to each of the lovely volunteers at the Salt Spring Island flu clinics. Thank you so much for all your time, work and your smiles. You are all greatly appreciated for your Salt Spring spirit of helping. With much gratitude, the Salt Spring Island Health Unit.

Roses to Claire Sigvaldason for taking the idea of Frogapalooza and turning it into a fun and hugely successful fundraiser for Tree Frog Day-care. Your hard work and dedication are so appreciated! Love, everyone at The Frog

Roses of gratitude to Doug Archer for being such a helpful and skilled volunteer handyman for Tree Frog. Your time and energy has made a difference!

Roses to Verna and John Elliott for their support of the Jamie Reimer fundraiser and being so generous with their contribution to us. It was a great crab feast! And a thank you bouquet to the crew of the Bowen Queen who rescued me and made it possible to get the crab feast to the birthday party on time! Happy Birthday, Arden.

Roses to Kevin Bell and Chuck Hamilton for finding and returning a long lost IODE framed poster advertising a bake sale at “boat time” in 1916. Lucile Adderley, IODE past president

A bouquet of fragrant roses to the kind person who handed in my car keys to Country Grocer and to Gail for all her help. Margot

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NEWSBEAT

HIKING

PARC opens new Channel Ridge trail network

Upgrading project four years in the making

BY JANE HORSBURGH  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Prepare your boots, backpacks, cameras, because here is your Christmas gift from PARC. Its trail crew has completed, after five months of hard work, an extensive trail system throughout Channel Ridge.

Existing trails have been upgraded and/or expanded to create a complete network. And you can't get lost because PARC has also installed direction signs at every intersection and also at several trail head access points along West Eagle, Sunset, Canvasback, Merganser, Sir Echo and Pringle Farm roads.

This elaborate trail network has been four years in the making. In 2006, PARC/CRD signed an agreement with Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. to obtain rights of way across private property for many of the trails on Channel Ridge. It then took some time to have all these trails mapped using a GPS system.

Next PARC had to confirm which trails would be developed as part of this first phase and which would be closed for now due to ongoing construction.



PHOTO COURTESY PARC

New sign with map of trails in Channel Ridge.

Since 1992, and twice within the last two years, resident surveys have identified as a top priority the development and improvement of hiking trails on the island. To respond to islanders' wishes, PARC hired Ron Chamney as a trail coordinator on a 12-month contract in 2009 and included in its 2010 budget funding for a trail

crew. In June 2010 that trail crew — Justin Byron, Dylan Marsden, Kurtis Buyze and Chuck Goruk — went to work.

After spending a few weeks upgrading some of the shorter trails around Salt Spring, the crew moved to Channel Ridge with spectacular results that islanders and visitors can now

enjoy. In 2011, further improvements will be made both to the Channel Ridge trail system and to other existing trail systems at Peter Arnell Park, Bryant Hill Park, Mouat Park and Duck Creek Park.

Opening a trail does not mean simply hacking out brush and removing fallen trees. For example, when a large field of invasive Scotch broom was encountered, new trails were constructed around the field and split rail fencing was installed to block the old trail through the broom field.

This had to be done in order to keep people safe from that very flammable vegetation.

Some surrounding private property owners consider the trail system so important that they have given PARC a right of way across their property to link a surrounding street or drive to the trail system itself.

Their assistance to the Salt Spring community is greatly appreciated. But remember that you are crossing private property on these trails, so please obey the signs (such as those stating no motorized vehicles on the trail). We also ask that you pack everything out that you pack in and that you keep dogs under control.

Of course, PARC has not concentrated solely on trails to the exclusion of other recreation activities. Efforts to provide playing fields, which our surveys showed are so sorely needed, continue.

The 2009 resident "top priority" list also included more water access points and since 2008 six have been developed. In 2008 we redeveloped two existing access points (Churchill and Quarry) which had become almost unusable by the time the repairs were made. In 2009 we did one (Harbour's End) and in 2010 we did three (Kingfisher Cove, Madrona Bay and Drummond Park).

The first two issues of an ongoing leisure guide have also appeared. The next PARC publication will be a simple brochure that will show all the PARC trails on the island. In the meantime, small maps of the Channel Ridge trail system are now available at the PARC office at Portlock Park.

If you have questions or comments about the Channel Ridge trails or any other trail on the island, do not hesitate to contact the PARC office by telephone (250-537-4448) or email [ssiparc@crd.bc.ca](mailto:ssiparc@crd.bc.ca).

*The writer sits on the Parks and Recreation Commission.*

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NEWSBEAT

NATURE

Discovering the natural history of Vancouver Island's ptarmigan

Environment Canada expert speaks to Salt Spring crowd Nov. 26

BY SUSAN HANNON  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The alpine is a very harsh and unforgiving place. The plants and animals that live there must adapt to very short growing seasons and long, cold and unpredictable weather conditions in winter.

The white-tailed ptarmigan, the smallest member of the grouse family, is one of only four bird species in North America that breed only in the alpine. In fact, it lives year-round in this ecosystem and is superbly adapted to it.

Some of you may have come across ptarmigan while hiking in summer in the alpine on Vancouver Island.

At this time of year their plumage is mottled with brown, gray and black, making them hard to see against the tundra vegetation. In winter, ptarmigan molt to a completely white plumage that matches the snowy background.

They also increase their downy body feathers by 40 per cent to keep them warm and grow more feathers on their feet, which function as snowshoes.

She will talk

about the rigours

of alpine life and

how birds adapt

to it and what

the future holds

as the climate

warms and tree-

line advances up

the mountains.

Their ability to dig burrows in the snow enables them to sit out long winter storms in relative comfort.

None of our "mountains" on Salt Spring are high enough to have true alpine habitat, but take a trip to Vancouver Island and you will find plenty, including many popular ski areas. The first written record of white-tailed ptarmigan on Vancouver Island was in 1905.

In 1938, well-known biologist Ian McTaggart-Cowan described the bird on Mount Arrowsmith and decided it was a distinct subspecies of white-tailed ptarmigan. Recently, Environment Canada

declared the white-tailed ptarmigan to be a blue-listed species (species of concern) in British Columbia.

However, little was known about the ecology and distribution of this bird, which lives in such remote and inaccessible locations. Enter Kathy Martin, professor in the Centre of Applied Conservation Biology and research scientist for Environment Canada.

Fresh from studies on willow ptarmigan in the Canadian Arctic and white-tailed ptarmigan in Colorado, she embarked on a study to find out the status of this bird on Vancouver Island and to learn more about its behaviour and ecology.

Along the way she recruited hikers and naturalists to help her learn more about the distribution of this bird across the mountains and to find out what habitats it used.

Martin is the next speaker in the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's education program.

She will talk about the rigours of alpine life and how birds adapt to it and what the future holds as the climate warms and tree-line advances up the mountains. One significant challenge facing alpine animals is how to disperse from mountain top to mountain top.

Using a combination of techniques, Martin will show how effective the birds are at moving across this inhospitable landscape.

Finally, she will talk about how she engaged citizens to help her determine the status of this fascinating species.

Her lecture is on Friday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel. Admission is by donation.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

MEATY CHEQUE:

From left, Pat Reichert of Island Natural Growers, Hastings House general manager Kelly McAree and Margaret Thomson of Windrush Farm feed a sheep for the island's Save Salt Spring Lamb project to acquire a mobile abattoir. Funds of \$1,100 were provided to the project by the Hastings House, through its Chefs Across the Water dinner series. "This donation has given us a tremendous boost and we want to thank Hastings House staff and owners for their generous support," said Thomson.

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# NEWSBEAT

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**BLOOMING TRUMPETS:** Brae-haven resident — and evident green thumb — John McMahon shows off his impressively and robustly blooming trumpet plant.



## YOGA Acroyoga workshop takes flight

Session offered on Saturday, Nov. 20

It seems every time one turns a corner, a different version of yoga has struck a pose. There's hot yoga, jivamukti yoga and anasara yoga, for example. According to Celeste Mallett of Ganges Yoga Studio, "It's all good. More ways of yoga mean more opportunity to find your way into this transformational practice."

One of the new but old forms of yoga is acroyoga — also called partner contact yoga or aerial yoga. It blends passive stretches found in Chinese and Thai massage with hand-to-hand balancing from circus and yoga postures. Acroyoga includes partner poses that bring deeper understanding to old favourites, and therapeutic postures, where one partner offers his or her weight to deepen a stretch. The most dynamic expression of the form involves a base, a flyer and often a spotter. The base lies on his or her back, flying their partner on hands and/or feet.

"Seemingly difficult moves and inversions are achieved with simple stacking of bones, awareness of counterbalance, concentration and presence," states press material. "Trust and surrender form the foundation of acroyoga, and the focus and inversions of the work bring on a delicious state of yoga bliss."

An introductory workshop on acroyoga will be held at Ganges Yoga Studio on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m.

It will be led by a teacher with extensive experience. Anthea Browne has recently returned to the west coast after training with Acroyoga Montreal.

"Starting from a strong background in yoga, dance and contact improvisation, she took to acroyoga like a bird to flight. She is adept at offering the practice to fit varying levels of comfort and experience. Her calm, knowledgeable presence and joyous enthusiasm are contagious."

A partner isn't required in order to attend the workshop, but people should have been practising yoga at least two years.

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Special thanks to all our volunteers. We could not have put on this event without you. Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band was "Spook-tacular" as usual and, last but not least, a BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EVENT!! All monies raised stay on SSI!

## SHOPPING EVENT

# Home-based businesses focus of fair this Saturday

Annual event runs at Harbour House

Local Christmas shopping choices are more diverse than ever this year with the Third Annual Salt Spring Home-based Business Fair running on Saturday, Nov. 20.

This year it takes place in the Green Room of the Harbour House Hotel — accessed at the back of the hotel property — from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participating so far are Eco-Living, Epicure Spices, Mary Kay, Regal Gifts, Avon, Tupperware, Watkins, Arbonne, Controlling Clutter and Primary Roots Software.

Organizer Angela Anderson observes, "It's good for people to know there are these businesses on the island."

While most of the participants offer catalog shopping, the fair gives people a chance to see the products beyond the pages of a book or website.

This time a couple of service providers have also joined the event, with a decluttering service and software company in the mix.

Anderson says running a home-based business with a catalog connection is ideal for some people, and it's great if the community can support those participants and their families in the local economy.

Tea and coffee will be available at Saturday's event.

While this is the third annual fair spearheaded by Anderson, she said a home-based business fair ran for 12 years a number of years ago, organized by Lianne Fidler.



Islands Trust

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Opportunities for Home-Based Businesses and Industrial Land Uses

Enhancing the economic self-sufficiency of Salt Spring Island consistent with the objectives of the Official Community Plan is a key priority of the Local Trust Committee.

You are invited to attend a family-friendly Community Open House to gather input and share ideas, regarding potential changes to the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) in order to consider:

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- Allowing **agricultural-industrial activities** on industrial lands
- Improving the viability of **home-based businesses**.

We encourage you to ride-share or take the bus. In order to support transit riders, free tickets will be provided to anyone who arrives and/or leaves using the bus. Please confirm the transit schedule as service ends prior to 7:00 pm.

**Who** should come: Property owners, industrial business owners, owners of home-based businesses, and anyone else interested in improving opportunities for development and land use activities consistent with the objectives of the Official Community Plan.

**Where:** Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club) 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island

**When:** 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 30, 2010

# Sports & Recreation

VOLLEYBALL

## Young GISS team qualifies for finals

Event at high school on Friday and Saturday

Gulf Islands Secondary School Scorpions concluded the North Island boys volleyball championships Saturday with a 5-2 record and third place, ensuring a spot at this weekend's island finals at GISS.

The boys came out of Friday play with a 3-0 record and competition began Saturday morning with a straight set win over Woodlands from Nanaimo. Then the home team ran into a red hot Highlands squad and suffered their first loss of the tournament.

Next was a three-set match over Carihi High from Campbell River.

The final match of the tournament turned out to be a battle for second place, pitting the Kwalikum Kondors against the Scorpions. In a very close affair, the Kwalikum team nipped the Scorpions with set scores of 22-25, 25-22 and 16-14.

"I am very proud of my young team," said coach Kellie Booth on Monday. "They continue to learn and battle against the best AA teams from the Vancouver Island zone. We are well positioned for a run at one of the three provincial berths up for grabs starting this Friday at 1 p.m."

Booth said spectacular play by senior



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Gulf Islands Secondary School Scorpions volleyball player Aaron Kyle spikes the ball over Cedar blockers in tournament action last weekend.

team members Marc Spiess, Aaron Kyle, Charlie Holmes and Ben Hunter led the young team's performance.

Junior libero Matt Stubbs provided solid defence and played his position like a veteran, keeping the Scorpions in many rallies. Middle blocker Jackson Sweetnam provided the power to finish a number of rallies in favour of the home team. Junior setter

Ben Richardson did a great job running the offence.

Power hitters Kyle Matheson, Peter van Roessel, Carson McCormick and middle blocker Chris Perrins gave the team a spark when called upon. Grade 9 athlete Lucas Wenzel played with nerves of steel as he served like a pro when the game was on the line.

"The team had great support from the com-

munity with many fans taking in the action at the GISS gym," said Booth.

Eight teams will vie for three available provincial championships positions at the Nov. 19-20 island finals. People can watch games at the GISS gym between the hours of 1 and 8 p.m. on Friday and 9:40 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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Three local sports teams received a surprise boost this month with \$1,500 in donations from the Saunders Family Foundation in Victoria.

Subaru dealer Bob Saunders awarded the funds after being in conversation with Rob Grant, director of Salt Spring Island Community Services.

"Bob's pretty active on the island here, and we've had an ongoing dialogue about our services and youth sports," Grant explained.

Recent discussions have been about the Core Inn's efforts to establish a road hockey program, and the attending

need for nets and helmets.

Saunders remembered that discussion when he launched the Saunders Family Foundation earlier this year, and invited Grant to come and pick up a cheque for \$500 during a ceremony held on Nov. 4. He also decided to donate \$500 each to Salt Spring girls' softball and the U12 girls' soccer team.

According to the Goldstream News Gazette, the foundation raised \$37,000 at a golf tournament held last May.

Edie Foster, Saunders' daughter and second in command at the car dealership, said the business plans to keep raising money and dishing it out as needed to youth sports groups.

"We're just happy to support and give back to Salt Spring," she said.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

**SALT SPRING COLOURS:** Alice Paveley and Tess Eddington recently returned from five weeks in Ghana, where they volunteered in an orphanage. Thanks to a donation of shirts by Malcolm Legg and Salt Spring United Soccer, the girls say, this Cape Coast rugby team of 10 - to 14-year-olds — sponsored to play in a tournament in England — now has a team uniform “so they can not only play like a team but look like one too.”



## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# United bounces back from unexpected loss

Home turf game sees 4-2 victory

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring United's loss to the Cordova Bay Cascades last week proved an uncharacteristic blip in its recent run of victories after their 4-2 win against the Lakehill Heat on Sunday. Team spokesperson Sue-Anne Donaldson reported that despite the previous 2-1 loss, the Division-2 players were motivated and strong on the field. “Cheryle Johnson had an incredibly stellar game on defence and forward . . . She rocked it.” Back on home turf, the Salt Spring players came out strong for the next game and put on the pressure, but could not put the ball in the back of the net. Lakehill Heat came up with the first goal. United quickly answered back with a through ball to Donaldson, who dribbled the ball and tied it up. “Our passing was solid and our

movement was successful — we dominated much of this game,” Donaldson said. Valri Cunningham took a perfect penalty shot to give United a 2-1 lead, which Lakehill responded to with its second goal just before the end of the half. That proved to be the end of the team's points for the day, however, as United stepped up its game. “We came out a little flat-footed in the second but we were able to grip our hold on the game,” said Donaldson. Salt Spring took the lead when Joelle Morrison dribbled through a couple of players and laid down an amazing shot outside the 18-yard box. Kloe Holmes then brought a great volley into the back of the net to secure the 4-2 win. Valuable players for the day included Erica Rimmer, who had a great game in midfield, creating many chances for the team. Tami Benoit had a strong game on midfield. Katie Severn was an integral part of the defence and Alexa Matheson had a stellar game in net.

## YOUTH SOCCER

# U15 girls still undefeated

• Salt Spring's undefeated U15 girls met Juan de Fuca for a rematch of a close game in Langford Saturday. The first half saw lots of back and forth action with Abi O'Donnell covering the net, and regular keeper Cassidy Fraser fielding strong shots on the defence. Half way through the period, Brenna McIntyre made a beautiful set up with a pass to Zorah Wiltzen, who scored for the 1-0 lead. Linda Herbert repeatedly blocked the opposition attempts to get down field, while the girls passed it back up towards the goal. After one attempt, Jasmine Cooper stole the ball from the defence while the keeper was still out of the box and raced in to score on the open net for 2-0. The second half saw JDF come out strong, but the girls kept the game even with big kicks, including one impressive long pass by Fraser near the net and O'Donnell was there to score for 3-0 before the keeper got in position. Juan de Fuca took numerous shots, but rookie keeper Eliza Moat shut them down. After a JDF corner kick, Cooper made an amazing block, followed by a header by Sophia Pickstone, but Salt Spring got a penalty before getting out of the box. Moat

stared down the kicker and when the kick came over her head, Moat jumped up and tipped it just over the net. Hannah James and O'Donnell kept driving on offence, while Moat defended the net and the team made quick controlled passes despite the wet, muddy conditions. At the 40-minute mark, Maggie Birch sent a pass to James, who scored just before the whistle for the 4-0 shut-out. The previous week saw the girls beat Cowichan by a 6-4 score. • The U11s hosted a skillful Gordon Head team on Saturday. In an exciting and fast-paced game, Salt Spring came out winners 3-1, having dug deep to find the goals to make the difference. Nico Reindl opened the scoring with a well-taken striker's goal, only for Gordon Head to come right back and tie the game up. From a corner, Jimmy Steel found Brennan Shaver in space on the edge of the box, and Shaver unleashed a thunderbolt high into the roof of the net. It was a great goal. Tajo Fisher increased the lead after good work from Kaleb Morgan to make the score 3-1, and complete the scoring.

## SCHOOL SOCCER B.C. berth eludes boys

Scorpions miss finals by a pinch

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys soccer team saw its 2010 season roll to a stop on Thursday after it bowed out of the Vancouver Island Championships in Qualicum Beach. “It's a bit of a bummer,” said coach Doug Pearson about his team's 0-0-3 performance. “I thought the boys played really well and controlled the play.” But a solid performance couldn't earn the Scorpions enough points to finish among the tournament's top-three teams and clinch an appearance at the provincial championships. The Scorpions began the tournament with two scoreless draws on Wednesday, Nov. 10. New rules stipulate that teams tied at the end of regulation time no longer compete in a penalty kick shootout to determine a winner. Instead, each team receives a single point. With two points and a shot at winning the pool, the Scorpions went into Thursday's final round-robin match against Lambrick Park in need of a victory. “We couldn't afford to tie another one,” Pearson said. Ronan Gunn tied up the match by scoring a penalty kick awarded after he was cut down close to the net in the first half. Fellow Grade 10 student Nevan Young put the Scorpions ahead with a goal early in the second. With the winds picking up and time running out, however, Lambrick mounted a late-game surge to tie up the match and give the Scorpions a third-consecutive draw. “It deflected off the bottom of the crossbar and went in,” Pearson said. Pearson credited everyone on the team with a strong performance. He said senior players like Kevan Brown and Rhys Hardy were especially dominant on the field. Given the breadth of young talent at the school, Pearson said, the senior boys can look forward to a competitive 2011 season. Timberline, Lambrick Park and Kwalikum will represent Vancouver Island at the provincials later this month.

## SOCCER KICKS

SPORTS & RECREATION

MEN’S SOCCER

SS FC shuts out visiting Sagres

Old Boys end scoring drought

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Players on Salt Spring FC earned a key victory in front of their hometown fans on Saturday, moving within a single point of third place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League’s highly competitive second division.

“It’s nice to get back on a winning page,” said player Jordan Morrison.

Stephen Severn scored his first goal of the season and Harrison Jason knocked in his second of the year to give the home side all the offence it needed to carry the day.

A strong start gave the team an opportunity to sit back and control the play for the second half.

“They had a couple of chances, nothing fantastic, but they could have sneaked one or two in,” Morrison said.

Keeper Miguel Alvaredo closed the door on any chance of a late-game comeback by nailing down his fourth shutout of the season.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Jeremy Morrison races for the ball in Salt Spring FC soccer action.

Morrison credited players Gordy Akerman and Tom Langdon with strong showings on the field.

The victory gives Salt Spring FC a two-way tie for fifth place with 15 points and a 4-3-3 record.

FC gets a chance to overtake the fourth-

place Prospect Lake Lakers (5-4-1) when the team travels to Vancouver Island on Nov. 21.

In Masters-A division play, Salt Spring’s FC Alumni dropped a 3-1 decision to division-leading Vantreights (8-2-0) on Saturday evening.

FC Alumni has lost three games in a row and sits in sixth spot in the Masters-A division with a 2-6-1 record.

The team will try to turn things around when it hosts the winless Castaways Juniors on home turf on Sunday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m.

The Salt Spring Island Old Boys may have lost their weekend match to Fernwood, but had one good reason to celebrate thanks to a goal from Mike McCormick.

The goal is the Old Boys’ first score in four matches and McCormick’s first of the year.

The Old Boys (0-8-2) are three points out of seventh spot in the VISL’s Masters-B division.

Players hope to extend the team’s scoring streak and earn a much-sought-after first win of the season when they travel to take on Vic West FC (2-4-3) on Sunday.

SPORTS NEWS

Biathlete Jaime Robb visits local students

GISS leadership group nets prize for Hoops for Heart

Students of Salt Spring middle and Gulf Islands secondary schools were treated on Tuesday to a visit by Jaime Robb, an eight-year member of Canada’s national biathlon team.

Robb, a current member of the Cana-

dian Esteem Team, was on Salt Spring as the result of a leadership prize awarded by the Heart & Stroke Foundation of B.C. and the Yukon. GISS leadership students won the organization’s Hoops for Heart Leadership award for organizing the sold-out fundraiser basketball game featuring the Harlem Crowns last month.

Jaime Spyksma, school programs coordinator for Vancouver Island, the Gulf

Islands and Powell River, said she invited the group to apply for the award after a previous strong fundraising effort last year.

“They were just so exceptional,” Spyksma said.

The Hoops for Heart campaign encourages kids to be active in the community as well as physically active, particularly in basketball.

CYCLING

Cycling enthusiasts gear up for forum

Head to Fulford Hall on Nov. 27

For people keen to improve cycling on Salt Spring, Fulford Hall is the place to be on Saturday, Nov. 27 from noon to 4 p.m.

Island Pathways and the Salt Spring Transportation Commission are hosting the best gathering yet for all-things-cycling on Salt Spring and beyond. People should come to:

- Find out the results of the cycling survey for islanders and visitors completed this summer;
- Learn about the history of islanders’ biggest cycling wish, documented since 1992, to have safer cycling routes;
- Find out what’s been done over the years to slowly forward this;
- Meet who’s new on the scene, working to make this big wish come true;
- See who the regional partners are, what they’ve accomplished and the great vision they share;
- Add voices and support to this much-needed island improvement;
- See some interesting bicycles (electric-assist, great for our hills; recumbent) and other gear;
- Enjoy refreshments and a great cycling slideshow, from Salt Spring to the tip of the Baja peninsula, by Torill Gillespie and Brydone Dewar.

The schedule of activities is as follows:

- Noon to 2 p.m.: Tour the exhibits by the 12-plus participating groups and individuals; talk to them about their interests and undertakings.
- 2 to 2:30 p.m.: Island Pathways’ annual general meeting, outlining its 2010 activities for improving non-motorized travel on island.
- 2:30 to 2:45 p.m.: Break for cookies and coffee/tea/juice.
- 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.: A great tour of pedal-power down the Pacific coast to Mexico.
- 3:15 to 4 p.m.: Q&A of speakers and other participants, last look at displays, wrap-up.



Sidewalk Superintendent

The business beat of the Gulf Islands

By Peter McCully

Irrigation & outdoor oven businesses fired up

• **Lewis Landscapes** is now a member of the Irrigation Industry Association of B.C. and its Salt Spring owner, **Andrew Lewis**, has recently qualified as a certified irrigation technician. This certification is part of a suite of certification programs designed to promote standards and specifications for the design and installation of irrigation systems, and in this case, was sponsored by the CRD.

“The goal for Lewis Landscapes is to offer a superior island service that promote water, soil and energy conservation practices with cost effective and efficient irrigation systems,” says Andrew.

Lewis Landscapes is a landscape design and construction business operating in the Victoria and Gulf Islands region since 1991.

See Andrew’s online landscape portfolio at [www.lewislandscapes.com](http://www.lewislandscapes.com).

Andrew Lewis has also created a new business: Garden Ovens and Outdoor Wood Burning Pizza Ovens. He says the round-domed Tuscan and Neapolitan brick ovens of Italy date back many hundreds of years and are safe, fast to heat up, fuel efficient and a pleasure to use.

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consultation, design and installation of modular, assembled and custom-built brick wood-fired ovens. For more information, check out [www.gardenovens.ca](http://www.gardenovens.ca).

• **The Harbour House Hotel** was recently awarded a Certificate of Excellence for 2010 by TripAdvisor for Business, having received a customer rating of 4.5 out of 5 on the online travel information site.

• **Island Savings** was ranked as one of Canada’s 50 Best Employers in the Nov. 8 issue of Maclean’s magazine. This year marks the first time Island Savings has appeared on the national listing.

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Betty was predeceased by her parents, Fred and Sarah Hartley, brother Eric Hartley, and husband John Rimmer. She is survived by her daughter Alison



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**PLACE: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Ave**

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Re: The estate of **PAUL ANTHONY TOMLINSON**, Deceased, formerly of 138-135 Brinkworthy, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1S2. Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **PAUL ANTHONY TOMLINSON**, are hereby notified under section 38 of the *Trustee Act* that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executors at Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2W1, on or before December 16, 2010, after which date the Executors will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executor then has notice. James Pasuta, Solicitor for the Estate of **PAUL ANTHONY TOMLINSON**

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Salt Spring Island, BC  
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Flexible scheduling.  
Must be available weekends. \$15/hour.

**Application Deadline: November 23, 2010**

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HELP WANTED

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Salt Spring Island Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking an experienced consulting firm to prepare an overall PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN, including a specific Master Plan for Rainbow Road Park.

Details regarding this RFP request can be obtained from:

Kees Ruurs, Parks & Recreation Manager  
SSI PARC Administration Office  
145 Vesuvius Bay Road  
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1K3

by calling 250 537 4448  
or emailing a request to [ssiparc@crd.bc.ca](mailto:ssiparc@crd.bc.ca)

DEADLINE for Proposal  
Submissions is Friday,  
November 26, 2010 at 4:00pm.



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PROFESSIONAL/ MANAGEMENT

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**ISLAND PLANNER  
PLANNING OFFICER R27**

**SALARY RANGE:** \$61,342.99 - \$70,165.09  
(plus 3.3% temporary market adjustment)  
Full Time, Permanent – BCGEU Position  
**LOCATION:** Salt Spring Island, Bc  
**Competition: CD2010:1671**

The Islands Trust is incorporated under the Islands Trust Act of British Columbia. The objective of the Islands Trust is to preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust area and of the Province generally. The Islands Trust is comprised of 16 distinct corporate entities: the Trust Council, 13 Local Trust Committees (LTC), one municipality and the Trust Fund Board.

There is a Local Trust Committee for each island or group of islands designated as a local trust area under the Island Trust Act. Comprised of locally elected trustees and one Executive Committee member, a LTC is responsible for land-use planning and regulation for its area of jurisdiction. As such, its responsibilities include preparation and adoption of an Official Community Plan, comprehensive land use bylaws, regulation of soil removal and deposit, and authorization of certain Local Government Act permits.

Reporting directly to the Regional Planning Manager for the Salt Spring Planning Team, based on Salt Spring Island, you will be responsible for a broad range of land use planning functions inherent in a small island community operating under the Islands Trust Act. You will provide support to Local Trust Committees and community committees within an assigned regional area of the Islands Trust. Acting under moderate supervision by a Regional Planning Manager (RPM), the Planner 2 is responsible for addressing a number of planning related duties including, public enquiries, site visits, policy development, research, processing moderately difficult development applications including development permits, development variance permits, Official Community Plan amendments, and amendments to an LTC Land Use Bylaw.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The key qualifications for this position include:

A graduate degree in planning or a another related degree such as geography or environmental science and at least five years experience in the planning field, with preferred experience in small local governments, environmental projects, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Knowledge of relevant sections of applicable legislation and policies including Part 26 of the Local Government Act, the Islands Trust Act and Islands Trust Policy Statement, Community Charter, Agricultural Land Commission Act, and the Land Title Act and related regulations and a thorough knowledge of planning and common law principles. Strong understanding of community planning issues and approaches, particularly those that would relate to the preservation and protection of the natural environment and unique amenities of a small island community. Eligibility for membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners.

**SKILLS AND ABILITIES** needed to be successful in this position:

Exceptional leadership, communication and team-oriented interpersonal skills;  
Ability to work well under pressure with a strong customer service orientation;  
To be a strong advocate for community planning and for the policies of the Islands Trust;  
Ability to effectively deal with political issues and their impacts, and ability to establish and maintain constructive working relationships with a wide variety of public/private officials;  
Demonstrated oral and written communication skills; and  
Ability to work independently and proactively in a supervised team environment.

Applications may be considered for other current or future vacancies, including permanent, and/or temporary positions in this office. An eligibility list may be established. Required to work evenings/weekends. Travel and Overtime are requirements of the job. Must have fully qualified valid BC drivers license. Flexible work options may be available.

For a complete list of qualifications and responsibilities, please review the [duties and qualifications](#).

Please quote the Competition number **CD2010:1671** in your application and submit it to:  
Islands Trust, 200-1627 Fort Street  
Victoria BC V8R 1H8  
fax 250-405-5155 or email: [employment@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:employment@islandstrust.bc.ca)  
Closing Date: **November 25, 2010.**

**For more information please contact Leah Hartley at 250-538-5607.**

Since the salary is stated up front at the top it probably doesn't need to be restated in the ad to save a bit of space and \$\$ - why not include it in the more complete job description?

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to our patients

Please be advised that the office of

**DR. ROBERT CRICHTON  
WILL BE CLOSED**

Tuesday, November 23 - Monday,  
November 29

The office will reopen  
Tuesday, November 30

We apologize for any  
inconvenience

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LEGALS

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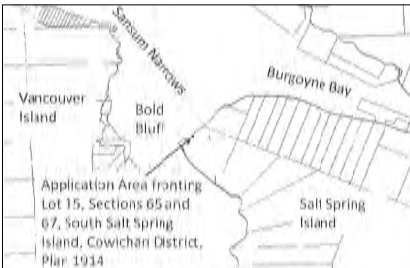
**Land Act:  
Notice of Intention to Apply for  
a Disposition of Crown Land**

Take notice that **Tamar Griggs** of **Bold Bluff, Salt Spring Island, BC**, intends to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), West Coast Service Centre, for a **Private Moorage License** situated on Provincial Crown land located at **Burgoyne Bay**.

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is **File# 1413448**. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Integrated Land Management Bureau at 142 - 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9, or emailed to: [AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca). Comments will be received by ILMB until **December 16, 2010**. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website: <http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca> under the link: **Applications & Reasons for Decision** for more information.

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**ISLAND WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE**  
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DEADLINE:

Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on  
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This Weeks

Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

The shift from Scorpio may prove to activate you at deep levels. The light of the full moon could stimulate an awakening to or stimulation of your spiritual beliefs and convictions. You may even find yourself passionately asserting your position, taking yourself and others by surprise. A deepening of desires will accompany this transit, prompting you to realize even more of your power potential.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Exchanges of thoughts, ideas and plans with others will become evident under the light of the moon. Your ambitions are running high and your focus will be zeroed in on the practical. Clear realizations that you cannot achieve what you want on your own; you will seek to merge your energies and talents with those of others. The extra good news is that you stand to learn and earn more!

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Relationship interests and aspirations will accelerate along with the waxing moon. These may well lean to the romantic, yet you are also extra interested in the spiritual side of things somehow. Letting go of old security attachments and/or domestic roles are central themes. Your sights are set on the future more than usual. You may be aware of the spiritual and healing needs of the larger collective and want to do make extra efforts to help.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Your ambition and drive is on an upward swing. You are ready and willing to take new risks. This may well include investments. Big changes are brewing in your public and professional life but these may only come to fruition in the New Year, perhaps not until mid spring. For now, make sincere efforts to acknowledge, face and overcome lingering fears where new initiatives are required.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

You are coming around an extra creative curve on your road. This turn stands to produce many spiritual insights. New levels of confidence are also likely and you are wise to take deliberate action. These efforts will include others so be on the look out for opportunities to engage with key players. Be careful that your ambitions do not exceed your integrity and sense of fair play.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

A busy cycle full of errands and communications will enter into a quieter stage once the moon begins to wane. You may still want to get things done close to home, yet with less external business. Taking time to strengthen your overall foundation on both material and spiritual fronts is likely. This may well include quality time interactions, philosophical and spiritual exchanges with others. Your openness to new perceptions will bring rewards.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

New adventures are brewing. The shift may take several months to materialize yet your sights are set. In the short term, this includes communications and networking. You may feel challenged to proceed with confidence, but it is the best way to go after all. Your willingness to enter new territory both literally and figuratively is important. New creations always begin with fresh ideas!

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

You may find yourself in foreign territory these days. Your ambitions are high and visions of possibility are active, yet indecision and questions about timing may be confusing. Your willingness to let go of previous dreams, ideals and self-concepts may be necessary for you to open more fully to new possibilities. Be willing to see yourself and the world and in the world in new ways.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

You will ride out of the curl in the wave this week. Yet, there is reason to believe you are just getting warm with the new game you are playing right now. Returns for past efforts are rolling in and the bag may be mixed. Securing a more reliable foundation is on your mind. This has already directed you into new territory and this trend will continue. To feel extra secure, keep your ambitions humble and realistic, if you dare!

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Sometimes we are called to enter boldly into the unknown. This stands to be true for you now. The full light of the moon is shedding light on realities you may not have considered. The good news is that these may well produce many new and exciting perceptions and realizations. Rubbing elbows with others with influence, affluence and talents that compliment your own is likely if you focus and pray for it.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

The full light of the moon will shed light on hidden talents and new possibilities for you this week. By inspirations and/or feelings of desperation you may feel ready to take risks and initiatives that you never thought you would. A dynamic learning curve is implied leading you to nurture latent resources and service skills. ‘Surrender simply to the demands of the moment.’

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

The full moon energies will activate your ambitions this week. You may feel prompted to take risks that you would not otherwise. You yearn to be seen and heard somehow. You could present a passionate and powerful display of oratory to any audience present. Although you may not feel as confident as you would probably like, new responsibilities are on the rise requiring that you remain committed.

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## THEATRE REVIEW



Actors Jacqueline Szoke and Martin Thorn rehearse for *The Dining Room* which runs again this weekend at Mahon Hall.

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# Community actors cover stage range

Final weekend of  
*The Dining Room* Nov. 19-21

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

**S**alt Spring Community Theatre actors are busy exercising their skills this month with their presentation of *The Dining Room*, a script featuring dozens of characters and situations centred around the one-time heart of family life.

Island newcomer Terry Oliver is the director of the ambitious yet well-handled play that takes the audience through time to the 1930s and back again in a series of vignettes.

The script does not follow a regular plot line in that the scenes are not directly connected, and no single character appears in more than one scene. The pastiche of scenarios instead comes together like musical notes to form a harmony — the theme is changing cultural and social patterns in upper-middle class North America. The dining room is both the symbol and most clearly observed site of this change.

A statement repeated several times in the play is “I grew up in a room just like this,” and I suspect many local audience members can relate. Although the vanishing WASP culture of boarding school, cocktail hour and maids isn't one we all have in our backgrounds, the shifting focus away from meal times spent together as a family is definitely an issue of our times.

The challenge for the actors and director is to make sure the pastiche produces harmony, rather than dissonance, and for a mixed group with varying levels of experience and skill, they do a very admirable job.

The cast of 13 portrays 58 different characters between them, in scenes at times humorous and at times emotional.

Scott Merrick, last seen in *Cole* and

*Linda* and *The Rocky Horror Show*, is an impressive amateur whose range seems to deepen with every performance. Playing characters like an architect bent on dividing the dining room — supposedly to house a doctor client's home office but actually motivated by his own demons — Merrick gets the timing and gestures of speech just right.

His portrayal of a father with a grown daughter hoping to return to the family home is nuanced and believable, in which he's alternately in denial, sympathetic and firm. As a grown man listening to his father plan out his own funeral, he portrays deep emotions even through a series of two-word responses.

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Jacqueline Szoke also puts in a good turn as a series of housewives, many of whom are having affairs. A clever move on Oliver's part was casting Martin Thorn as her lover in several scenes, with good chemistry between the two actors. The result is that although the characters are different people in each case, the layering of associations makes their connection more real.

Community theatre stalwart Ann Stewart teases the audience by appearing in just a few scenes, but is delightful as both a quicker-than-appears-to-be Irish maid and a family matriarch looking back at all

the parties given in the dining room over the years. She is very strong as another matriarch in senility.

Other highlights include Andrea Rankin's outrage at finding her prized collection of family china and crystal become the exhibits of an anthropology study on vanishing cultures conducted by her great-niece. Fred Williamson is entertaining as the overbearing patriarch, especially while dictating exactly how his funeral will go.

The three youngest actors, high school aged or recent graduates, (MacKenzie Williamson, Connor Berkman and Grant Lacher) show enthusiasm and promise. It's great to see this young generation participating on the community stage.

Short music cues are good indicators of the time periods, and costuming by Jenny Barrio and Jill Sydneysmith provided visual context — I particularly liked the modern chic look worn by Nanci Dixon involving white-on-black polka dot rain jacket, black mini skirt and boots. Some of the wigs, however, seemed more jarring than necessary.

One criticism involves the set of the dining room itself, which characters constantly referred to as being beautiful but just didn't look that way. I understand the simple black walls were meant to allow all the time periods to exist within the space, but I felt something more needed to be done with it.

The Saturday evening performance I attended had one of the largest audiences I've seen yet for Community Theatre, and this play reflects well the mandate to include a wide variety of participants. The cast can be congratulated for an engaging performance.

People who missed last weekend's shows have three more chances to see *The Dining Room*: Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets at the door at Mahon Hall.

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Clockwise from back right, Patricia Brown, Connie Holmes, Phyllis Hatch and Beth Gessinger are seen with a Cynthia Bonesky tapestry at a textile art exhibition at ArtSpring. Turning the Tide — One Ripple at a Time is benefit for the Stephen Lewis Foundation to aid grandmothers raising grandchildren in Africa.

### ART BEAT

# Penn medicine wheels charm

New artists also on exhibit at Starfish

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The never-ending cycle of life as found in the ecosystems of the Salish Sea is rendered into art in Briony Penn's new series of medicine wheels, now on display at the Starfish Gallery in Grace Point Square.

The watercolour originals combine calligraphy text and illustration in mandala form in one wheel for each of the seasons and one dedicated to salmon.

These lovely creations have all the design merits that make images pleasing: judicious use of colour, repetitive patterning with the variation of individual elements and clever drawings.

The Salmon Wheel has drawings of four fish in different stages of maturity at its outer rim, with spokes that include seaweed, an eagle feather and a heron skull. Winter's squared corners bring in the human part of ecosystems with images of First Nations culture such as a sinker stone carved as a shaman head and a sun motif spindle whorl.

Penn explained in press material that including text was important because knowing the names of things is a critical ele-

ment of stewardship: "I use calligraphic titles as a key part of the design because the first step towards getting to know your place is to learn the names of your neighbours; intimacy and caring starts with learning their name."

Informative as well as visually delightful, the medicine wheels can be read in many ways, which underlines the interconnection of the elements. Going around the top of the Salmon Wheel's outside rim, for example, the text moves from great blue heron to bull kelp to sockeye. Or, one can choose to move inwards down one of the spokes, which are the visual representations of those words. Bull kelp leads to red cedar, to mew gull, to dog fish, to maggots: all part of the ecosystem that includes salmon.

Fall contains several cheery shades of red in both text and illustration, with words like rowan, Nootka rose hips, honeysuckle, arbutus berries and red hawthorn emphasizing forest's bounty in autumn. Watercolour berry drawings contrast with the greeny-brown stalks that make up the spokes.

Penn's original paintings on display are for sale, but giclée prints are also available. A portion of the proceeds will go to The Land Conservancy of B.C., which Penn co-founded.

Also new at Starfish Gallery are oil paintings by Victoria artist Suzanne Lee. In two luscious still lifes of pears, the fruit takes up almost all of the frame. Green Bartletts depicts three whole pears with one cut in half, revealing radiant white flesh. A soft chocolate background is the indistinct environment where these seductive curves rest.

Lean on Me has three golden pears in a row, perhaps on a wooden counter or table-top. Lee brings out the curves with subtle orange and red tones, and perfectly catches the light off the stems.

Dawn Over Birches is a landscape with almost African tones, a line of trees screening the yellow and orange sunrise. The canopy is not thick, suggesting leaf fall has already begun and at the same time letting through the disc of light rising just over the horizon.

The gallery is showing two of Michael Wall's photographs taken on Bryant Hill. Foxglove Sunset captures a dying flower stalk and grass in the foreground, with crisp shadows and almost liquid light bouncing off the rock wall behind. The fluid nature of the colours and the contrast of the elements in the short depth of field provide many curious avenues for the eye to travel along, as well as a pleasing overall composition.



"Wolf" by Tina Louise Spalding

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CHURCH EVENTS    BOOK REVIEW

Local story in glass window

All Saints vesper service blesses patron saint of music window

St. Cecilia will get her moment in the sun on Sunday, Nov. 21 — the eve of the Feast of St. Cecilia — when a recent stained-glass installation will be blessed at All Saints By-the Sea.

The window depicts St. Cecilia, a third-century martyr in Rome, who has long been revered as the patron saint of music, playing a lute.

The vesper service, which takes place at 4 p.m., will include congregational singing as well as some of the poetry and lore associated with this saint.

The stained glass work, which is now mounted and backlit above the choir area in All Saints, already has a history, says Salt Spring Anglican Parish rector Richard Stetson.

“It is a gift of Barnaby Guthrie to All Saints’ church, where his mother, Noni Guthrie, worshipped for many years. He commissioned his good friend, island artist Caroline Hamilton, to design the window in the late 1970s.”

Hamilton is also a long-time parishioner of All Saints, said Stetson.

In an article she wrote for the parish newsletter called Salt, Hamilton said, “The project intrigued me as I had never done anything like that before. Barns is a musical gentleman and he wished the window to preside over his music room on the mezzanine floor. This room had a pitched roof so the window could not be perfectly rectangular, but I was young and foolish and saw no problem in the project.

“I got out my trusty sketchbook and started to draw. Barns, who is interested in Tibetan Buddhism, mentioned a god of music, but also gave me the choice of St. Cecilia, who was much more familiar to my western imagination.

“I was delighted with the job the stained glass maker had done, particularly in the wood grain surface of the lute.”

The window was created from Hamilton’s design in Victoria. When Barnaby Guthrie moved from East Sooke in 1996, the window moved with him and since then has graced homes he has owned in Comox, North Cowichan and Salt Spring Island.

Local writer chronicles journey through near death experience



Denise Johnson, above, is the author of How to Win the Lottery.



How to Win the Lottery book signing event on Nov. 20

BY JACKIE BRENNER  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

When I first picked up Denise Johnson’s new book, I was obviously taken by the title: “How to Win the Lottery.”

Who wouldn’t be? But equally intriguing on turning the first few pages is her unique personal style. Therein lies a whimsical yet highly charged combination of drawings, poetry and prose, which culminate in an intensely emotional and autobiographical story. And Denise has lovingly hand-lettered every word.

The book is, literally, a gut grabber that relates a searingly painful series of experiences, which led her to her life’s purpose and journey on the planet.

Besides being a writer and artist, Johnson is

an extremely gifted psychic reader/channeller whose near death experience paved the way to increase her ability to help people with their problems and provide insights at a very deep level. In fact, that is where her expansion of insights started — in the light.

If you are a seeker in these times which are considered scary, troubling or unpredictable, taking a page or two out of her book certainly points to how one can develop their own winning strategies for living. She provides a roadmap on how to find our own life’s purpose and the simple steps involved.

If you’re thinking, “Oh, I’ve heard this stuff before,” prepare to be surprised. This book is touching, attention-grabbing and a testament to courage and love. I couldn’t put it down.

Johnson lives with her partner and three children on a 50-foot sailboat called Mystic

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FAMILY FUN

Island school heats up dance floor for 2nd annual fundraiser

Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band at SS Elementary Friday

Salt Spring Elementary School invites islanders to fall into winter at its second annual dinner and dance featuring Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band.

It all happens on Friday, Nov. 19 with doors opening at 5:30, dinner at 6 p.m. and the dance beginning at 7 p.m. at the Salt Spring Elementary School gym.

Jim Raddysh will lead his big band through a couple of swinging sets to get everybody on their feet for the all-ages event.

Attendees are eligible to win door prizes and a silent auction has been organized for the school fundraiser. Sponsors include Salt Spring Air,

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Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$5 for students and \$45 for families, with kids under five getting in free.

Tickets are available from the Salt Spring Elementary School office, Persnickety kids' clothing in Grace Point Square, or contact Darcy Graham at [darcygoestosaltspring@yahoo.ca](mailto:darcygoestosaltspring@yahoo.ca)



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Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band member Dave Astill at the band's Spooktacular Bash gig on Halloween.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Dance photos at Barb's Bakery

Larry Melious exhibits images from 20-year span

The beauty of the dance is in focus at Barb's Bakery this month as Salt Spring photographer Larry Melious shows a special collection of his photos.

Images were taken at various points in the past 20 years.

"Having four dancing daughters ages 17 to 35, I have had many opportunities to watch and photograph dance performances," he explains in his artist's statement. "From sunflowers dancing and giggling across the stage to mind-blowing avant-garde movement interpretations, I have been a fan of the dance."

Melious says that although dancers are great photographic subjects, the technical aspects of capturing the dance can be quite difficult.

"Stage lighting is not intended for posing subjects and so the camera has to be quick and clever."

Melious uses post-production methods in his imagery to help alleviate some of the lighting problems posed by the stage and also to enhance the visual experience of the image.

For more information, call Melious at 250-537-4449.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

BOOK REVIEW

Mother Tongue’s novel contest nets a captivating new writer

Everything Was Goodbye a bitter-sweet pleasure

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Without having read the other submissions for the Great B.C. Novel Contest sponsored by Mother Tongue Press of Salt Spring, I have no doubt that Gurjinder Basran’s novel fully deserved the top prize.

Everything Was Good-Bye is in some ways a familiar tale: the story of a young woman caught between traditional immigrant family expectations and the freedoms of her wider community. In film, that theme was beautifully explored by Mina Shum in Double Happiness, a semi-autobiographical story of growing up as a Chinese-Canadian woman in Vancouver.

Basran likewise draws on the raw emotions of her own experience, in her case of growing up in the Punjabi community of Delta and the Lower Mainland.

She started with her own journals and developed the themes into fiction, somehow finding time between her career as a regional manager with Bell Mobility and being a married mother of two boys to join the creative writing program at Simon Fraser University.

Her book was shortlisted for the 2008 Amazon Breakout Novel Award.

Now with Mother Tongue’s award and publication, a fresh new perspective on the Canadian experience has been released.

We first meet Basran’s protagonist Meena as a high school senior in North Delta.

The youngest of six daughters raised by a traditional, widowed mother, Meena has seen all her life’s possibilities play out before her.

Three of her sisters are married to “suitable” matches, with varying degrees of happiness

The difficulty of finding the courage to act against family and cultural expectations is something anyone can relate to, even readers coming from less gender- and tradition-bound backgrounds.

and resignation. The eldest, Serena, suffers from spousal abuse, extreme weight loss and multiple miscarriages brought on from overwork.

A rebellious sister, Harj, has refused to live by tradition and has therefore been completely outcast from her community and family.

Meena’s teenage years include a soundtrack of the darkest ‘80s new age pop artists like the Smiths and Joy Division.

She falls in love with Liam, another rebel, and yet her responsibility to her mother makes her unable to accept a writing scholarship in Toronto.

She follows the accepted path through university and although she delays it, eventually agrees to a “suitable” marriage of her own.

In clear but effective symbolism, Meena is forced to change her name to Surinder to appease the astrologers: although it means something like “chief of the gods,” in English it sounds appallingly like “surrender.”

There are sympathetic and conflicted male characters throughout the book as well, which is a testament to Basran’s ability to create a nuanced portrait rather than a black and white sketch.

Her uncle is a strong source of support for his widowed sister; her father-in-law is bewildered but gentle and loving. Even her violent and possessive husband Sunny struggles to live up to his culture’s demands.

While Basran’s novel follows some familiar plot lines, the deeper one gets into the narrative the more surprises emerge (which I will leave readers to discover on their own).

At the same time, Meena develops as a sympathetic and realistic character, who is never a victim despite the heartbreaking events she will experience. It’s the kind of book you won’t want to put down.

The Vancouver setting is also a bonus for people living in B.C. Basran contrasts the bleak suburban landscape of Delta with sleek, affluent Yaletown as effectively as she calls up the women’s culture of the “aunties,” where endless visits are punctuated with spiced chai and barbed gossip.

Basran was quoted in a 2008 Vancouver Sun spotlight on “Ones to Watch” that she hoped the novel would “resonate with all kinds of people.” The beauty of her writing is that it is sure to do so.

The difficulty of finding the courage to act against family and cultural expectations is something anyone can relate to, even readers coming from less gender- and tradition-bound backgrounds.

Basran’s novel illuminates the conflicting desire and need to somehow stay within culture’s embrace even while challenging it.

Even more so, she charts the always difficult nature of existing as an individual.

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### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Simply Organic.** Organist Don Conley presents a pre-Advent program called Prepare the Way. All Saints. 10:10 a.m.  
**Lloyd English Trio.** Live jazz every Wednesday at the Harbour House.  
**Open Stage.** Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Afternoon of UNO**  
At SS Seniors. 2 p.m.

## Thurs. November 18

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic.** Thursdays at the The Local pub. 6 to 10 p.m.  
**Donn Tarris and Tess Fama.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**ISG Town Hall Meeting.** Learn about the Bowen Island 10 years of experience with incorporation with two Bowen councillors. Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.  
**Pink Mountain.** Photographer Ron Long gives presentation on wildflowers of a fascinating northern B.C. mountain. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.  
**Bingo.** At Meaden Hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month. 7 p.m., with early bird games at 6:30. Proceeds benefit bursaries to Salt Spring students.  
**Green Drinks.** Environmental socializing at the Harbour House Hotel. 5 to 8 p.m.

## Fri. November 19

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Dining Room.** SS Community Theatre presentation of the A.R. Gurney play at Mahon Hall. 8 p.m.  
**Uncle Jim's Blues Band.** Second annual dinner & dance fundraiser for SS Elementary at the school gym. Doors at 5:30; dinner at 6 and dance at 7 p.m.  
**Paul Mowbray.** Harbour House Hotel.  
**David Jacques.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.  
**Broken Strings.** Live at Moby's.

### ACTIVITIES

**Late Harvest Celebration Dinner.** Four SS chefs team up with GISS students to present a Growing Up Organic program fundraiser at GISS. Gourmet local food meal and silent auction. 6 p.m. Advance tickets only through ArtSpring.  
**Senior Boys AA Vancouver Island Volleyball Championships.** At GISS. 1 to 8 p.m.  
**Rollerblading.** For all ages at Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Tango Practice.** Core Inn, third floor. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Mana, 250-653-0099.

## Sat. November 20

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**We Are One.** Viva Voci! choir, directed by Deb Toole, presents a heartfelt concert of peace, freedom and unity. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.  
**Denise Hagan.** Singer-songwriter from Ireland performs at All Saints. 7:30 p.m.  
**Harry Manx Concert.** Celebrating the release of his new CD, Isle of Manx. Fulford Hall. 8 p.m.  
**The Dining Room.** See Friday listing.  
**Vaughn Fulford.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.  
**Broken Strings.** Live rock band at Moby's.

### ACTIVITIES

**Human Rights Workshop With UBC Graduate Students.** Grad students present papers and lead discussion at free event at GISS. 2:30 to 7 p.m.  
**Third Annual Home-Based Business Fair.** Businesses set up shop at the Harbour House Green Room (around the back). 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Angela, 250-537-2437.

## Sat. November 20

### ACTIVITIES

**Senior Boys AA Vancouver Island Volleyball Championships.** At GISS. 9:40 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**How to Win the Lottery Book Signing.** With author and psychic reader Denise Johnson at Croftonbrook lounge, 132 Corbett Rd. 1 to 3 p.m.  
**An Introduction to Acroyoga.** Taught by Anthea Browne at Ganges Yoga Studio. 1 to 4 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-2444; www.gangesyogastudio.com  
**Why Waldorf Works: Literacy in Waldorf Education.** Kathy Brunetta, Waldorf teacher, mentor and pedagogical administrator at the Calgary Waldorf School, leads session at the SS United Church. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Empowering Your Acrylics.** Two-day workshop with Janice Robertson through the SS Painters Guild at Lions Hall. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To register, contact Ann Holt at annholt47@hotmail.com.

## Sun. November 21

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**We Are One.** See Saturday listing, except the concert time is 2 p.m.  
**Harry Manx Concert.** Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.  
**The Dining Room.** See Friday listing, except start time is 2 p.m.  
**The Barley Bros.** Harbour House Hotel.

### ACTIVITIES

**Human Rights Workshop With UBC Graduate Students.** Grad students present papers and lead discussion at free event at GISS. 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Vesper Service for Feast of St. Cecilia.** Dedication of stained glass window at All Saints. 4 p.m.

## Mon. November 22

### ACTIVITIES

**Montessori Education.** Presentation by Alison Brown on preparing your three-year-old child for school, plus an intro to Montessori. SS Centre School. 1 to 2:30 p.m. RSVP to 250-537-9130 or to info@saltspringcentreschool.ca  
**Toastmasters.** Crofton Room in the Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.

## Tues. November 23

### ACTIVITIES

**Grief Recovery Group Christmas Session.** How to cope with the pressures of the holiday season while suffering the loss of a loved one. Croftonbrook Lounge. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: Noreen, 250-537-2654.

## Wed. November 24

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Stage.** Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.  
**Lloyd English Trio.** Live jazz at the Harbour House.

### ACTIVITIES

**SWOVA AGM.** At the SWOVA office. 5 p.m.  
**Drawing/Painting the Figure.** Two-session workshop with Dee Tessmann through the SS Painters Guild at ArtSpring on Nov. 24 and Dec. 1. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info/register: Ann Holt at annholt47@hotmail.com.



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### EXHIBITIONS

- **Starfish Gallery & Studio** is currently exhibiting **Medicine Wheels**, a series of watercolours and calligraphy by **Briony Penn**. Plus original paintings by **Nicola Wheston, Tina Louise Spalding** and **Suzanne Lee**.
- **Diana Dean: Selected paintings**, works on paper and bronzes at **Pegasus Gallery**, seaside at Mouat's, until Nov. 20.
- **Patricia Brown** shows her paintings in the **ArtSpring** lobby through November.
- **Margaret Threlfall's** miniature original watercolours are now available in the **ArtSpring** lobby display case.
- **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art Co-operative** is showing the work of its 14 members featuring acrylic, oil, pastel, and mixed media painting, photography, bead and gold and silver jewellery, pottery, stained glass, and sculpture.
- **Larry Melious** shows photographs on a dance theme at **Barb's Bakery & Bistro**.
- **Delaine Faulkner** shows work at **Island Savings** through October.
- **Kalvin Clark** has paintings at **Talia Cafe**.
- **The Salt Spring Photography Club** displays photos by club members at the **Salt Spring Coffee Company** on an electronic picture frame, with updated photos every two weeks.
- **Margaret Ann Argiro**, visual artist and photographer, has eight photos and one pastel painting hanging in **Bruce's Kitchen**. Images feature fruits, vegetables and the Northern Range as seen through the notch in Mt. Belcher.
- **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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## remembering



War veterans, Legion members and a contingent of navy personnel were among those participating in this year's Remembrance Day ceremonies on Salt Spring, where several hundred people gathered in Centennial Park to mark the memory of Canada's war dead.



photos by  
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Above, this year's parade numbers were augmented by navy sailors from the HMCS Orca and HMCS Raven; at far right, the parade makes its way through Ganges; at right, Nils Christensen carries a wreath to the cenotaph.



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BOOK LAUNCH



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Jason Cressey swimming with a dolphin  
in Mozambique.

Author presents new book  
on whales and dolphins

Human mythology and  
interaction explored

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Oxford-educated psycholo-  
gist Jason Cressey will discuss  
world beliefs and stories regard-  
ing cetaceans at the upcoming  
launch of his book *Deep Voices:  
The Wisdom of Whales and Dol-  
phin Tales*.

The multimedia presentation,  
set for 1 p.m. next Saturday (Nov.  
27) at ArtSpring, is the chance to  
discover why people have con-  
nected so strongly to whales and  
dolphins, as seen across cul-  
tures from modern times back  
to ancient ones.

Cressey himself switched  
career paths after an encounter  
with a wild bottlenose dolphin a  
Western Australia in late 1993.

Since then he has championed  
the rights of whales and dolphins  
to live in the wild, led small  
eco-tours to remote regions for  
non-invasive encounters and  
facilitated Dolphin Vision Quest  
meditation experiences.

*Deep Voices* is an anthology  
of mythologies and indigenous  
beliefs which Cressey gathered  
in research conducted around  
the world. What he's found is that  
people's fascination with whales  
and dolphins is not the product  
of modern tourism but goes back  
thousands of years — and even  
extends to one desert culture  
with no contact with the sea.

"My background as a psy-  
chologist means I'm naturally  
very interested in people, so my  
passion for dolphins and whales  
has included why people were  
telling these stories. It's more  
than just dolphins and whales,  
but the relationship people have  
with them," Cressey said.

There are five or six themes  
in cetacean mythology Cressey  
has found that cross cultures  
and reappear often. The sighting



JASON  
CRESSEY

of dolphins at the start of a voy-  
age, for example, has typically  
been seen as an omen of good  
luck. Some cultures have taken  
an even stronger view, howev-  
er, and consider the animals to  
be gods or the reincarnation of  
dead relatives. Cressey noted a  
modern example with the First  
Nations of Gold River, B.C. and  
the orca whale Luna.

The mythology has almost  
always positioned cetaceans  
in a positive way, and although  
some cultures were terrified by  
whales because of their size,  
they still viewed the creatures  
with respect.

The meaning of our contin-  
ing attachment, Cressey finds,  
is not just because dolphins are  
cute or whales are impressively  
large.

"I think it's because we see our-  
selves in dolphins and whales.  
We see intelligence, playfulness  
and family-oriented pleasure-  
seeking beings. And I think we're  
quite lonely as a species. There's  
something reassuring about it  
— we feel a little less lonely and  
a little more connected to the  
world as a whole."

Cressey believes that exploring  
our history with dolphins and

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JASON CRESSEY  
Author

whales can positively affect our  
culture and our environment.  
By looking at what our ancestors  
did or believed, we can gain a  
more balanced relationship with  
nature. This includes looking at  
current practices of whale hunt-  
ing, and realizing we no longer  
have the need for this resource;  
at the same time recognizing  
our tools are too sophisticated  
to ensure a sustainable harvest.  
Cressey said the famed Maori  
whale hunters of New Zealand,  
for example, have channelled  
their traditional knowledge and  
skills into a successful eco-tour-  
ism business.

Seen metaphorically, whales  
demonstrate it's possible to live  
in the world without being dom-  
ineering or destructive.

"You can have a big brain and  
a lot of physical force and power,  
but can live intelligently in the  
full sense of the word. I think  
whales and dolphins remind us  
of that — they teach by exam-  
ple," Cressey said.

Cressey's presentation will  
include readings of some of his  
favourite myths as well as videos  
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# ISLAND WHEELS

a driftwood guide to island transportation, sales, service, accessories and more!

NEW CAR REVIEW

## Lexus luxury flies no matter what the weather

Lexus IS 350 AWD has lots of extras

BY JIM ROBINSON  
METROLAND MEDIA  
CARGUIDE MAGAZINE

Lexus thinks it's got a grip on what Canadian consumers want with the 2011 IS 350 AWD (all-wheel-drive).

Canadians are increasingly opting for AWD, partly because of our changing climate, but also for the sense of security that comes with knowing there are four tires with traction, not just two.

The IS 350 AWD is a new model for 2011 and joins the IS 250 rear drive, IS 250 AWD and IS 350 rear drive. The IS 350 AWD pricing starts at \$44,950.

A 2.5-litre DOHC V6 producing 204 hp and 185 lb/ft of torque powers the IS 250. The IS 350 gets a 3.5-litre DOHC V6, making 306 hp and 277 lb/ft of torque. The IS 250 rear drive comes with either a six-speed manual or a six-speed automatic transmission while the other three models are all equipped with a six-speed automatic.

The IS 350 AWD as tested gets 11.4/7.8/9.8L/100 km city/highway/combined.

Both AWD models come standard with Lexus' Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management system, which combines all current driver aids such as stability control, traction control, antilock brakes, electronic brake force distribution into one system.

Styling has been revised on all four models with a new front grille and fog lamps, while the rear gets new taillights and a different exhaust pipe design.

All models are sold with a long list of standard features like dual-zone climate control, driver and front passenger knee airbags, the Lexus Premium Sound System with 13 speakers and smart access



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New for 2011 is the all-wheel-drive version of the Lexus IS 350. Visual changes for 2011 include a revised grille and the inclusion of HID headlights with LED daytime running lights.

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CAR TALES

## Van still rolling along after 2.6-million kilometres

Tour operator and her wheels reach celebrity status

BY ALYN EDWARDS  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The operator of Helen's Travel N' Tours doesn't know how much further her venerable 15-passenger shuttle bus will travel. But she knows it's her last truck.

The 71-year-old resident of the city of Surrey says times have slowed down and it would be a challenge to come up with the money to put a new van on the road. She feels lucky her 1994 Ford Econoline van continues to give such good service. After all, the van travelled nearly two million kilometres before she replaced the engine and she has only had the transmission rebuilt twice. Her van has now travelled an astounding total of 2.6-million kilometres.

Outside the dealership where she purchased her vehicle, Helen Fosnaugh chats with Ocean Park Ford general manager Mike Pridie as a procession of sales and service personnel come by to say hello. She is treated as a celebrity at the dealership where she has faithfully had her van maintained for all the kilometres she has driven it. The mileage has been meticulously documented by the dealership.

"The secret is to drive the vehicle easily and get it serviced regularly," Fosnaugh says as she pulls in to the Fast Lane service bay area which is part of the dealership. There, manager Greg Trohan gets a hug as his team gathers around to say hello to their customer with the most enduring vehicle — by far.



PHOTO BY ALYN EDWARDS

Helen Fosnaugh behind the wheel of the 1994 Ford Econoline shuttle bus that has travelled an astounding 2.6-million kilometres.

Fosnaugh purchased her vehicle in 1995 as a one-year-old trade-in with 36,000 kilometres on the odometer. She had been a school bus driver and tour bus operator for 30 years and had gotten her motor carrier licence to operate a

shuttle bus as her own business.

Over the years, she has driven the vehicle up to 10,000 kilometres a month. She hired extra drivers to handle the off hours when she wasn't behind the wheel and her shuttle bus was always on the

move. She has regular customers who all get a hug when they are picked up at their homes heading for airports in Vancouver, Bellingham or Seattle. Then she is there to give them another hug when they arrive back at an airport and

she safely conveys them home. She also regularly picks up passengers at the cruise ship terminal and the kilometres just roll by.

"I love my customers," says the never-married jovial driver who  
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## Van keeps on ticking

**VAN TALES**  
continued from B11

decorates her van for the season.

At the time of writing there was a Halloween theme on the dashboard and on the windows. They have just replaced Thanksgiving decorations. Soon it will be Christmas and then Easter.

"My customers call me Helen the Bus Driver and they really enjoy the decorations," she says. "Very often I'm picking customers up at four in the morning and it gives them a lift."

Fosnaugh and her beloved Ford van have settled into a routine. She gets it serviced at least once a month and always uses the same brand of heavyweight oil in the replacement 351-cubic-inch engine that has already powered the van nearly 700,000 kilometres.

She replaces the brakes on a regular basis and has new tires installed every December, so she knows her van will go through the winter months with lots of tire tread.

Remarkably, the van has all original upholstery. She has just had to have some seams re-sewn.

"The only damage to the body is from other vehicles," she says about her accident-free record.

There is no rust and the vehicle must pass regular government inspections as a condition of the licence to carry passengers.

As the van's odometer steadily heads toward the 3-million kilometre mark, the fan club for Fosnaugh and her van is increasing. The service staff at the Ocean Park Ford shop are like cheerleaders when Fosnaugh brings her Econoline van in for service.

Then the sales staff come over to check on the mileage, which is carefully logged according to motor

**"But the fact that it is still going is really pretty remarkable. I still like to drive this van and my customers seem to like it too."**

HELEN FOSNAUGH  
*Van driver*

carrier regulations. More and more people are hearing about the length of travel this van is becoming famous for and word is spreading fast.

Sitting in the driver's seat, the proprietor of Helen's T N' T takes it all in good stride.

"I've got a lot more miles on me," she quips, referring back to her early days as a school bus driver and tour bus operator taking visitors to the Rockies and into the United States.

At 71, she has no plans to retire. And she has no plans to retire her 1994 Ford Econoline 15-passenger shuttle bus.

"I've spent a lot of money keeping her going," she says. "But the fact that it is still going is really pretty remarkable. I still like to drive this van and my customers seem to like it too."

The only thing that she can say with any confidence is that both she and her shuttle bus will retire at the same time.

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continued from B8

The IS 350 AWD as tested gets a bevy of extras like heated leather front seats, including eight-way power adjust for the driver, leather trim throughout, front headlight washers and HID headlights with LED daytime running lights.

On a wet and windy day with low cloud, I took the IS 350 AWD for a spin on cottage country roads and, as expected, I could not tell where the torque was going. Suffice it to say this is what you want an AWD system to do, be transparent and get the job done.

I tried it out on narrow and slick

By their very nature, AWD tends to give a sensation through the wheel of being numb on centre. There was some of it on the Lexus but not much.

I also tried the back seat. With the front seat all the way back, I found it tight at the knees, but getting in and out was not a problem.

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# People & Community

ISLAND BUSINESS

## Retailer brings shopping home

Local ‘roadshow’ has ease and service in the bag

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Even in a marketplace where online sales increasingly attract shoppers who have neither the time nor the mobility to get all their holiday shopping done, the Mouat’s Clothing Co. roadshow is proof that good old fashioned customer service isn’t quite a thing of the past.

Staff from the well-known Ganges clothing outlet literally set up shop at Heritage Place for an afternoon last week to make things easier for a small group of the store’s valued customers.

“We have people here who have been shopping with us for years and years and we thought it would be nice if we could bring the store to them,” said Arletta Byers, an employee at Mouat’s Clothing Co. who came up with the roadshow idea.

On display were a range of holiday gift items for friends and family, along with a few



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Juanita Brown gets a head start on some holiday shopping with Arletta Byers of Mouat’s Clothing.

special somethings for those in attendance.

Byers diligently explained each of the items up for sale and left time for any questions shoppers may have had.

“Do those slippers have grippy soles?” asked someone in the audience.

Juanita Brown, 96, couldn’t resist buying a package of colourful socks to get her through the cool days to come. While she was at it, Brown got a jump on her Christmas shopping and bought four ladybug-motif toques for her grandkids.

“This is tremendous,” Brown said. “As soon as I go into the store,

I’m overcome by all the lights. This makes it so easy.”

Things were made even smoother by the complimentary sherry offered to anyone who stopped by the Heritage Place display, a feature sorely lacking with the plethora of online retailers that choke the internet.

Considering the stats, however, old-fashioned bricks and mortar retailers still have their work cut out for them.

Results of a Statistics Canada survey released in September indicate that British Columbian shoppers lead the way when it comes to online purchases.

Roughly 47 per cent of B.C. shoppers placed an online order in 2009, up from 36 per cent in 2007. In Canada as a whole, 39 per cent of people aged 16 or older bought something over the internet in 2009.

Given that the average online sale is approximately \$170, retailers are wise to take the threat seriously and develop their strengths.

For a company like Mouat’s Clothing Co., that means offering to wrap and ship customers’ purchases anywhere in the world.

Shoppers with reduced mobility, Byers added, can always come down to the store, take a seat and have staff answer any questions about anything in stock.

The program’s initial success, Byers added, will determine if the roadshow will become a regular feature.

Judging by the brisk sales at the Nov. 10 event, it’s clear some customers still appreciate face-to-face shopping and friendly banter over the click of a mouse and an electronic invoice.



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**POPPY-EYED:** Gabriel Xavier checks out the poppies during the Remembrance Day pancake breakfast at the Legion.



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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

SERVICE CLUB

Rotarians set 2011 priorities

Fire prevention, picnic tables and library enhancements the focus of next Rotary Club projects

Salt Spring's Rotary Club has just announced three forthcoming service projects, two of a short-term nature and one of a longer duration.

The first is to work with the fire department to assist island senior citizens in purchasing and installing smoke detectors in their homes, while existing devices will be tested and brought up to code as needed.

"Research shows that almost 75 per cent of fires in Canada and the U.S. are residential fires, and each year nearly 5,000 people die in these fires," states a Rotary press release. "Further research reveals that 63 per cent of these residential fires occur in homes that have no smoke alarms or non-working smoke detectors. In other words, so many of these residential fires could be prevented by having functioning smoke detectors, resulting in thousands of lives saved and millions of dollars in property damage spared."

The second service project involves the purchase and/or construction of picnic tables to be installed in parks and along trails around the island.

"Salt Spring Island has an exceptionally active population that enjoys the beautiful parks and intriguing trails scattered throughout the woods, lakes, shores and mountains."

The third, longer-term service project entails working with the library board to help fund and create a children's corner, garden, fountain or other needed items for the new library in Ganges.

The Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island was chartered on May 9, 1969 and its motto is "Service Above Self," with the club members donating thousands of hours of community service to various projects.

Perhaps the most famous Rotary project is Rotary International's commitment to end polio worldwide.

"All Rotary clubs have been working to eradicate polio since the mid 1980s and the campaign is succeeding. From an initial 125 countries reporting cases of polio at the onset of the campaign, there are currently just four."

In addition to the above-mentioned service projects, a few of its completed local service projects are:

- 1. The Rotary Marine Park with its plaza and benches, its lovely Narissa mermaid sculpture and the dinghy dock. The infill land on which the park sits was filled, flattened then deeded to the Rotary Club. Rotarians worked hard to turn the park into the enjoyable open space that many people now stop to enjoy.
- 2. Croftonbrook is managed in conjunction with the Lions Club and the Legion. It is a 20-unit residential complex for low-income senior citizens.
- 3. Youth exchanges for high school students. The Rotary Club encourages and creates exchanges for a Salt Spring youth to spend the school year abroad while a student from another country comes here to go to school and resides with Rotarian families on the island.

For more information on the Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island, call president Jim Helset at 250-537-1037.

EDUCATION

Montessori explored at Centre School event

Alison Brown at the school Monday

Parents of three year olds are invited to hear a Montessori expert speak on Monday, Nov. 22, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Salt Spring Centre School.

Alison Brown, ECE educator and co-president of Vancouver Island Montessori Association, will talk about preparing three-year-old children for school, along with an introduction to Montessori.

She will offer practical ideas using the Montessori approach and tips on getting children ready for a successful, easy transition to schooling. While parents are listening to Brown, children will be involved in hands-on activities led by SSCS teachers. Refreshments and a take-home activity kit will be offered, and there will be a draw for some books. Tours of the school will be led by leadership students.

To ensure space (and enough snacks) for the free event, people should RSVP by Nov. 18 to 250-537-9130 or by email: info@saltspringcentreschool.ca.



**BEAR FOR GRABS:** Cherie Geauvreau was spotted at last weekend's Fulford Hall flea market, selling teddy bear raffle tickets in aid of the Copper Kettle organization.

HEALTH

Positive psychology speaker at upcoming prostate group meeting

Trina Holt on Salt Spring Nov. 25

An experience like cancer can drive home how precious life really is, says a member of the Salt Spring Prostate Cancer Support Group.

"But anybody with a life to live might be interested in our November meeting," adds Chris Rieder. "This time we're going past surviving an illness and looking at what makes that survival worthwhile."

The group has invited Trina Holt to talk about some of the findings of a branch of science called positive psychology. This study is not about malfunctions of the mind but what it is that generally makes human beings happy and gives them rich and rewarding lives.

Holt has a Master of Science degree and heads Live. Work. Thrive!, a program of workshops she leads in the Victoria area. She has facilitated adult learning for about 15 years and has volunteered as a lay counsellor for four.

"She's the best advertisement for positive psychology one could possibly have and we're looking forward to welcoming her. I think even somebody who thinks of him or herself as a generally happy person will find a lot of what Trina has to say very interesting and maybe even useful. We're inviting anyone interested to join us."

The meeting takes place Thursday, Nov. 25 at the Farmers' Institute upstairs meeting room at 1:30 p.m. There will be a short break with refreshments.

A small donation to cover expenses will be much appreciated but is not obligatory.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20:

- 2:30-2:45 PM..... **Introduction and Welcomes**
- 2:45-3:45 PM..... From Statelessness to Global Citizenship
- 3:45-4:45 PM..... Gay Rights are Human Rights  
Virtuous Circles? Sexual orientation and human rights
- 5:00-6:00 PM..... Sex Worker Rights  
Child Prostitution and International Law
- 6:00-7:00 PM..... Drug Policy  
When Rights Conflict

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21:

- 9:00-10:30 AM..... Right to a Clean Environment?  
Indigenous rights and environment protection  
Drawing a Line in the Sand: A Comparative Case Study of Resource Extraction vis-à-vis Indigenous Group Rights
- 10:45-12:15 PM..... Is Water a Human Rights Issue?  
The Human Right to Water  
Water as a Human Right
- 1:00-2:30 PM..... Water, development, and the public private debate: alternatives for a pro-poor policy  
Recognizing the human right to water - A Canadian concern?  
The Right to Survive: Water Access in the Vancouver Downtown Eastside

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