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RAD RIDE: Fraser Barnes, left, appears to be having a great time as he and Seth Evanochko take a horse and buggy tour around Ganges.

ENVIRONMENT

SSI Conservancy backs RAR bylaw

Proponents speak up in bylaw's defence

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Conservancy board members call incorporating the riparian areas regulation into a development area permit the "first step" toward protection of the island's drinking water lakes.

"Riparian area regulations are designed to protect fish habitat, but it turns out they will be very useful in preventing nutrient runoff," said John Sprague, a former biology professor who spoke on behalf of the conservancy board at Thursday's Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting.

"The conservancy thinks that we have a serious drinking water crisis on this island. Three

of the lakes have had toxic blooms, two of them have toxic blooms at the moment and we all know that these blooms are caused by excess nutrient runoff."

Given that much of that nutrient comes from land erosion and surface runoff, conservancy board members argue that updated riparian regulations will prevent further degradation of the island's drinking water lakes.

"The conservancy has a view that people on this island want to protect their lakes and adopting these riparian area regulations is a logical first step and we hope you'll support this," he said.

With the exception of concerns put forward by former trustee Eric Booth, the tone at Thursday's

LTC meeting offered a sharp contrast to comments provided at an April 28 community information meeting at the Harbour House Hotel to discuss proposed Bylaw 449.

That's when opponents urged the Trust to hold off until sufficient research and proper mapping to outline areas affected by the bylaw is obtained.

Allegations that the Trust is taking a heavy-handed and premature response were replaced with calls from four speakers at Thursday's town hall session to pursue RAR and DPA 4 amendments as outlined in Bylaw 449.

"I think it's sad that we are not embracing this opportunity," said south-end resident and Parks RAR continued on 2

ISLANDS TRUST

Islands' Citizens' Council petitions ministry

No chance to amend Trust Act soon: minister

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A delegation of 40 residents from across the Gulf Islands travelled to Victoria on May 5 to convince the minister of community, sport and cultural development to amend the Islands Trust Act.

"Trust Council appears to have been hijacked by people who are ideologically driven to protect the environment at the expense of communities," wrote Hornby Island's Larry Pierce in a note that summarized his trip to the provincial capital as part of the Gulf Islands Citizens' Council. "We believe this is wrong and contrary to the clear intention contained in both the Islands Trust Act and the Trust Policy Statement."

Pierce contends that repressive policies are partially to blame for the closure of businesses and the migration of young people from the Islands Trust's jurisdiction.

Pierce and representatives from several islands in the Trust's jurisdiction presented Minister Ida Chong with a petition signed by more than 1,300 people who believe it's time to review the Trust Act.

"The problems have gotten big enough that something will happen," Pierce said. "The ideology is not

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TRUST PROCEDURE

Booth challenges RAR

LTC chair defends process as followed

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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A former Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee member has levied another hurdle against the current LTC's plans to incorporate the provincial Riparian Areas Regulation into its existing Development Permit Area 4 for streams and wetlands.

Speaking during the town hall session of Thursday's LTC meeting, Eric Booth called on trustees to carry out an independent investigation into possible procedural oversights in the lead-up to special LTC meetings held on Feb. 21 and April 20.

The gist of Booth's concerns rest on his belief that the aforementioned special meetings were called by a Trust staff member as opposed to members of the Local Trust Committee.

According to Bylaw 391, Booth argues, only LTC members can call for a special meeting.

"If my accusations are correct, and I stand to be corrected, it follows that any resolutions which occurred at either of those meeting must be struck down," Booth said on Thursday. "Further, any matters which flow out of either Feb. 21 or April 20 meet-

ings must be struck as well."

Such decisions include amendments to the proposed Bylaw 449 addressing the riparian areas regulation and amendments to Development Permit Area 4.

"I submit that it is not good enough for anyone involved, staff or trustees, to plead ignorance of the law," he added.

According to LTC chair Sheila Malcolmson, the matter has been referred to the Trust's legislative services department.

Malcolmson said Tuesday she has been told all procedures were followed and that a letter outlining the process will be sent to Booth and the Salt Spring LTC.

"LTC can't make that decision outside a meeting, but the legislative services manager (Carmen Thiel) says the calling of the April 20 special meeting met the requirements of the SSILTC procedures bylaw," Malcolmson wrote in an email on Tuesday morning.

Thiel did not respond to the Driftwood request for clarification on Monday and Booth was unavailable to provide his reaction on Tuesday afternoon.

Notice of the April 21 meeting was also provided only through the bulletin board in the Salt Spring Trust office.

Trust urged to adopt bylaw

RAR

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and Recreation Commission member Dan Dickmeyer.

"We should be embracing this opportunity to protect our streams and move on."

Dickmeyer called the repeated attempts by opponents to delay proposed Bylaw 449 "diversionary" and "election mongering."

"I do appreciate the Trust appears to be really making concessions and not trying to bulldoze something people don't like," he said. "People don't see that and that bothers me."

Speaker Maxine Leichter said she considers the bylaw necessary for the protection of rich and distinctive riparian communities that ensure the health of broader ecosystems.

Salt Spring's former Capital Regional District director Gary Holman called upon the community, Trust staff and elected officials to follow through with implementation of the riparian areas regulation once and for all.

"This is the Trust area and we are one of the last areas in B.C. to be implementing these regulations," he said. "We should be ahead of the curve. This is a special area under special protection and we should be leading the way, not lagging."

The local Trust committee continues to collect views from the public about proposed Bylaw 449. Submissions can be made to the Trust in person or online.

Staff said they are preparing to host a public hearing where the public will be offered a final opportunity to voice opinions.

Salt Spring's regional planning manager said the public hearing will be supplemented with a "broader communications piece about this bylaw" to wrap up some of the key concerns which have been raised over the past several months.

A date for the public hearing had not been set as of May 10.

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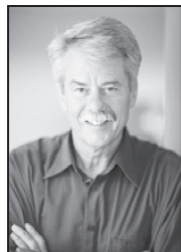


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LIVESTOCK PROTECTION

Sheep and lambs at risk during spring season

Dog owners cautioned to keep pets under control

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Those who have seen the kids' film Babe will find the talking sheep know something humans seem to have forgotten: Crying "wolf!" every time they see one of the resident Border collies, the ewes are all too aware that even loyal companions have a predatory past lurking in their ancestral memory.

Jean Taylor, who has farmed 46 acres on Robinson Road with her husband Wilf for close to five decades, has seen time and time again over the years that the memory is not far beneath the surface. The most recent occasion was on May 2 when three of her market lambs were killed.

"We've had a number of incidents, largely involving neighbours' dogs for various reasons," said Taylor.

"Most of it is — because it's a family pet — they don't believe it's capable of it. And because they live in the country they think it's entitled to roam at large."

The Taylors were fortunate last week in that the dog entered a part of their property that was both sparsely occupied by sheep and close to the house. This allowed Wilf to stop it before it killed more animals, winging but not killing the dog with his shotgun. When it later turned up at a local veterinary clinic filled with shot pellets it was identified as the culprit, despite the owner's earlier claim the dog had never left his property.

"The owner was outraged that I would shoot his dog, claiming the act was immoral," Taylor stated in a report to Capital Regional District Animal Control.

"I calmly explained a farmer protecting his livestock has the legal right to do so."

The right is enshrined in B.C.'s Livestock Act.

CRD bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser said the dog has now been officially declared a dangerous animal, which means it must be leashed and muzzled at all times when off its own property. If it is found otherwise it can be seized and destroyed.



PHOTO COURTESY CRD ANIMAL CONTROL

Two of Jean and Wilf Taylor's market lambs killed by a dog on May 2.

"Dogs pay the price for the incompetence of the owner," Brunnwieser said.

"Sometimes people let their dogs out to do their business in the morning and they don't care where they are [but if the dogs] see an opportunity they go for it. When dogs see something move, the predatory instinct is kicking in."

The Taylors learned that neighbours had already warned the dog's owner after seeing it chasing deer in the past — an obvious pointer of dangerous behaviour, according to Brunnwieser. He said using dogs to chase deer away from gardens is not a good

idea because dogs don't register property lines and don't see the difference between animals. (It's also against the law: people who allow a dog to chase wildlife, contrary to the regulations of the Wildlife Act, can be fined up to \$1,000 or imprisoned for up to six months.)

In the Taylors' case the dog eviscerated the lambs it killed, but the danger can be profound even with dogs that just chase animals. Sheep panic very easily and can die from shock, or from hanging themselves up on a wire fence or by going over a cliff. A pregnant ewe that is chased will

usually miscarry or die during the birthing process.

"I think it's very important for people to know what a dog does once the predatory part turns on," Taylor said.

"The owners that we've identified have all been mortified."

Mike Lane of Ruckle Farm has lost one lamb to a dog attack this year and had eight sheep in total killed throughout 2010. He also witnessed six deer being chased into the water and killed over the past year.

Lane's situation is unique in that his farm is located within the bounds of a provincial park — a place where dogs are required to be leashed at all times but where the owners are either visitors or else don't consider the consequences.

In addition to the loss of income when sheep are killed, Lane said, "It's emotionally devastating. We work to give these animals a good life, and to have them ravished and murdered by someone's dog runs very counter to what we are trying to do."

The owners of dogs that can be identified are responsible for reimbursing livestock keepers for the animals they kill. When the dog cannot be found or its owners identified, the farmer can claim compensation from the CRD. The Electoral Area Services Committee approved a request at its meeting last week to compensate Salt Spring farmer Ted Akerman, who lost 16 lambs during a dog attack on Feb. 15.

Akerman shot and killed the husky type dog, but its owners were never found. He was awarded the maximum allotment of \$750, although his total loss was over \$3,000 at \$200 per lamb.

Don Brown, the CRD's chief bylaw enforcement officer, said it's not uncommon for so many sheep to be killed at once, particularly in the spring when dogs like to roam and when lambing season is underway.

He recommends that people licence their dogs to help bylaw enforcement officers track them, and for farmers to provide a good description of the culprit dogs if they can. Any incident of a dog chasing livestock or wildlife should be reported immediately to Brunnwieser at 250-537-9414.

News briefs

Peeping Tom

Salt Spring RCMP are seeking a young man in his 20s after a woman reported a peeping tom incident on May 3.

The resident of Leisure Lane was getting dressed at around 7 a.m. when she noticed a man standing in the bushes outside her bedroom window. The man was possibly taking a photo.

The witness described the male as being 5'11", about 25 years old, wearing a dark coat and blue jeans, with brown hair cut in a bowl style and shoulder length in

the back. He was last seen walking down a path away from the residence. Police were unable to locate the man on arrival.

On May 4, police received a report that someone had driven onto the lawn of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints property on Vesuvius Bay Road and performed the "donut" maneuver. The act of vandalism had occurred sometime during the previous evening and caused significant damage to the grounds.

Any member of the public with information about these crimes should call

the local detachment at 250-537-5555.

Court docket

A Salt Spring man was fined over \$1,000 after he was found guilty of two charges at Ganges Provincial Court last week.

Kenneth Parkes pled not guilty to the dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and fleeing a peace officer, representing himself at the trial. After hearing the evidence, Judge Robert Higinbotham handed down a \$500 fine and \$75 victim surcharge for each count in response, along with six

months probation.

Also at court last week, Salt Spring's Neal Fraser was given a \$1,000 fine, a 12-month driving prohibition and was ordered to receive alcohol counselling after he pled guilty to driving while impaired on June 12, 2010. Fraser had no criminal record but numerous 24-hour driving prohibitions. He reportedly said to police officers during the incident, "I'm guilty. I'm drunk."

"Your driving record confirms you have a lengthy problem with alcohol. You've taken steps deal with

that," Higinbotham said during sentencing, noting Fraser had already undertaken counselling.

After grad wish list

As Gulf Islands Secondary School Grade 12 parents' prepare for the biggest bash of the year, after grad decorators are looking for a few key ingredients.

This year, the theme of the Class of '11's safe grad party is Alice in Wonderland, and the design committee is going all out to transform the Farmers' Institute into

an amazing trip down the rabbit hole.

On the committee's wish list is a much-needed piece of green carpet or turf. The space to fill is 20 by 30 feet, but anything 10 by 10 or bigger would work, says committee member Glynis Finer. (She can be reached at 250-537-2753.)

Organizers are also looking for two English garden benches and a few mismatched chairs. Anyone who can lend the above items is asked to contact after-grad committee chair Kristina Kilbourn at kilb2@telus.net.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Trust committee adjourns Quesnel case

Legal hearing must
await rezoning
application

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling can breathe a little easier after learning that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee has adjourned legal action against him for the time being. A court hearing had been scheduled for June 20 to determine if John Quesnel's metal recycling facility at 440 Rainbow Road contravenes zoning regulations that determine what can and cannot be done on land in the Rural and

Agricultural 1 zones. The Trust's decision was prompted by a legal opinion to adjourn the trial until a rezoning application submitted to the Islands Trust by Quesnel in early April is resolved. Miles Drew, a bylaw enforcement officer for the Islands Trust, said it's hard to know how long such an application will take but anticipated that it could be completed before the fall. "It's pretty hard to predict, once this process starts, how long it will take," Drew said. "He's in the queue and he'll have to wait his turn." According to a Trust press release distributed on Tuesday, Quesnel's application seeks a rezoning to "permit

industrial and affordable housing uses." The rezoning would also entail an amendment to the island's official community plan. "By agreeing to this adjournment the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is respecting normal local government practice in British Columbia," said Drew. The Islands Trust's Salt Spring planning staff will take the rezoning application through the review process for development applications and submit a planning report to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee. Once the LTC has received the initial planning report, it will decide if the application should advance further

through the rezoning process, which would include public consultation. Should the application succeed, some or all existing uses could become lawful. In the event it's denied, the legal action may be reinstated. Quesnel has argued that his metal recycling business provides a crucial and environmentally friendly service to island residents who need to get rid of scrap metal from their homes and businesses. At a Salt Spring LTC in March 2008, trustees denied Quesnel's temporary use permit application for the site partially as a result of opposition from neighbours living primarily along Rainbow Road and Pallof Way.

CRD

Mail-in ballots turned down for 2011 election

Directors' remuneration
considered

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A proposal to extend mail-in voting provisions to absent voters for this fall's local elections was turned down by the CRD's Electoral Area Services Committee at its meeting last week. A staff report presented to the committee on Wednesday, May 4 noted the mail-in option is currently available under the Local Government Act to elec-

tors who are disabled or who live in an area far from a polling station. Salt Spring's electoral area director Garth Hendren proposed extending the optional mail-in system to help include voters who spend the winter months off-island. "Speculation is that five per cent of those who would be eligible to vote would be away at that time," Hendren said Monday. Hendren reported that a variety of factors resulted in the proposal being turned down,

but primary among them was that the cost of implementing the system on Salt Spring would be shared equally with the other two electoral areas of the Southern Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca. The CRD staff report judged the amount could be anywhere from \$4,500 to \$15,000. The limited timeframe in which to work out a system was also a factor, with elections set for Nov. 19. Although Hendren said he first raised this idea last year, the timing between the report and the elections was

considered to be too short. The committee therefore decided to revisit the idea and work with the Islands Trust to possibly implement the idea for future elections. Also at the Electoral Area Services Committee meeting last week, a proposal to increase remuneration for the three area directors to \$40,000 per year from the present \$28,345 was presented. Hendren said the proposal has gone back to staff to supply more details before going to the CRD finance committee in June.

Chong: No amendment of Trust Act before elections

PETITION

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beneficial to healthy communities." The delegation included a presentation on the declining fortunes of island businesses by Mike Best on behalf of

the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. Speaking on Tuesday afternoon, Chong said she appreciated listening to the contingent's perspective. She said that the Islands Trust Act has been reviewed several times over the past decade. Among the most recent attempts, she said, was the failed 2008 referendum that sought to increase the number of locally elected trustees on Salt Spring from two to four. Chong said her next priority is to sched-

ule a meeting with elected officials and other representatives from the Trust to gauge their sense of what's causing the most political friction in the islands. "We heard their concerns but feel it's unfair to proceed unilaterally,"

Chong said. "There have been opportunities [to amend the Trust Act]. That's why people run for office." She ruled out any possibility of amending the Trust Act before the next series of local elections in November.

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BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Dr. Ron Puhky borrows a familiar expression when it comes to summarizing his attitude towards a healthy lifestyle. It's a saying that encourages people to make fundamental lifestyle changes based on the joy of living rather than a fear of dying. At a free seminar on Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the ArtSpring theatre, Puhky will speak about integrated cancer care, discuss the importance of a healthy lifestyle, reveal new research and offer practical tips that can be easily integrated into anyone's lifestyle. While practising medicine on the island as a general practitioner since the early 1970s, Puhky was exposed to numerous "alternative" healthcare approaches. On top of his medical degree from McGill University, Puhky has collected a distinguished collection of accolades that include being a founding member of the American Holistic Medical Association. For the past four years he has been involved with the successful Vancouver-based InspireHealth, Canada's leading integrated cancer centre. "Integrated cancer care emphasizes placing the patient at the centre of a mind, body, spirit approach to healing," Puhky said. "This comprehensive, whole-person approach is empowering and is extremely effective in improving cancer outcomes and quality of life." To register for the free seminar, send an email to joni.ganderton@nbpcd.com or call Laura Lockhart at 250-537-1654.

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NEWSBEAT

FEDERAL ELECTION

Poll-by-poll results show green tide

Fulford voters went most for May

Which part of the Gulf Islands was the greenest of them all when it came to voting in the May 2 federal election?

Fulford Harbour, of course.

Of those casting ballots at Fulford Hall on election day, 76.8 per cent chose Green party candidate Elizabeth May. The next highest areas for May were Long Harbour at 72.5 per cent, and the busy Salt Spring advance poll, where 71.5 per cent of 1,131 votes went to May.

Conservative incumbent Gary Lunn garnered the highest percentage of Gulf Islands votes at two Pender Island polls on May 2 at 27.2 per cent, with Mayne Island close

GULF ISLANDS FEDERAL ELECTION RESULTS				
	May	Lunn	Loring-Kuhanga	Hetherington
Ganges	2347	695	245	96
Long Harbour	235	68	16	5
Fulford	232	42	22	6
Vesuvius	258	108	35	19
SS Advance	809	224	63	35
Pender	483	215	64	27
Port Wash.	166	73	22	10
Sturdies Bay	110	51	23	6
North Galiano	144	37	19	6
Mayne	280	124	33	21
Saturna	149	45	20	1

nered the highest percentage of Gulf Islands votes at two Pender Island polls on May 2 at 27.2 per cent, with Mayne Island close

behind at 27.

See the accompanying table for more local results.

A student vote taken at Gulf Islands Second-

ary School was overwhelmingly supportive of the Green party, with 108 of 142 eligible votes cast for May (or 76.1 per cent), 18 for NDP

candidate Edith Loring-Kuhanga (12.7 per cent), eight for Lunn (5.6 per cent) and two for Liberal Renée Hetherington (1.4 per cent).

Final vote numbers for the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding were May, 31,890 (46.3 per cent); Lunn, 24,544 (35.7 per cent); Loring-Kuhanga, 8,185 (11.9 per cent); Hetherington, 4,208 (6.1 per cent).

A total of 160 ballots were rejected.

Voter turn-out was 75.2 per cent, the highest in the country. Cross-Canada voter-turnout was 61.4 per cent.

Final seat results were 167 for the Conservatives, 102 for the NDP, 34 for the Liberals and one for the Greens.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Trust launches housing plan

LTC session updates suite situation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Last week's Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting celebrated the release of an action plan to help address the island's affordable housing crisis.

The next step identified in the 33-page Salt Spring Island Community Affordable Housing Strategy is creation of a volunteer-driven housing council linked to the Capital Regional District to oversee and implement dozens of recommendations outlined in the new document.

"I'm very very pleased that we will not have another document that sits on the shelf, that we are moving right ahead into implementation by establishing a housing council," said trustee Christine Torgrimson during Thursday afternoon's LTC meeting. "I'm firmly committed to that and really pleased to see that happening."

Torgrimson chaired a five-member steering committee that brought together representatives from the Trust and Capital Regional District in conjunction with consultant Janis Gauthier. The latest stage of the island's housing strategy draws on research and community input between 2005 and 2011.

"The 'housing council' will initially be structured as a B.C. non-profit society, and we are exploring a possible ongoing, formal relationship with the Capital Regional District," said Salt Spring Island CRD director Garth Hendren in a statement released late last week. "Partnerships will be key to the council's success, with due care taken to avoid duplication of efforts and/or competition with the existing community groups for scarce resources."

Volunteers are needed to participate on the council.

Islands Trust trustee George Ehring said he's optimistic because the community is able to drive the agenda, much as it has in fulfilling many recommendations in Salt Spring's 2008 Area Farm Plan.

"For me, in my experience, I find this analogous to the area farm plan process where a key group of people with a lot of community input came together to talk about ideas to try and address a very difficult problem that we know exists in the community," he said.

"You get a piece of paper and you think, 'oh, here's another report,' but this goes way beyond that. This is a pretty key and pivotal moment for us, a real opportunity to move forward in addressing housing issues in a practical way."

Among recommendations made in the plan is the legalization of suites and cottages in the island's land use bylaw.

Thursday's LTC meeting included all the latest details about Trust staff's ongoing work to legalize suites in one of two pilot areas as part of the ongoing land use bylaw review.

The first option, defined mainly by suites' proximity to transit and adequate potable water, includes more than 1,500 properties on approximately 1,200 acres. The second map includes criteria used for map one as well as sites with potential for farm-worker dwellings for farms not in the Agricultural Land Reserve. The second option covers more than 3,100 properties on nearly 5,000 acres of land.

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issues in a practical way."

GEORGE EHRLING
Trustee, SSI Local Trust Committee

Trustees referred all background materials to the Trust's advisory planning commission and environment advisory committee for review.

A "comprehensive report" from Trust staff is anticipated by the July LTC meeting in hopes to have draft bylaw language prepared before summer's end.

"We need to address the issue of suites," Ehring said. "We are close to making some decision and we need to make sure that doesn't fall of the table."

Legalization of suites and cottages "with conditions" is listed as the most common suggestion from the community when it comes to "quickly providing a good supply of affordable housing."

Trustee Torgrimson asked that staff examine ways to require technologies that have a potential to increase water conservation in legalized suites.

"I think it's really really important that we take some action on this matter and I want to see it addressed," she said.

More information about the new Salt Spring Island Community Affordable Housing Action Plan is available online at www.ssicahs.ca. The plan was made possible with financial assistance from the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, Islands Trust, CRD and Salt Spring Foundation.

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TOHOKU *memories*

Today, May 11, marks two months since a magnitude 9.0 earthquake centered 120 kilometres from Japan's Tohoku region triggered a massive tsunami that washed ashore and killed an estimated 15,000 people.

With nearly 10,000 people still missing, hundreds of thousands of people displaced and continued uncertainty about potential fallout from the region's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear

power plant, people from around the world have come together to help those affected in whatever way they can.

Here on Salt Spring, more than 8,000 kilometres from the disaster zone, many island residents with personal connections to the Tohoku region have spent the past two months glued to their television and computer screens for news about recovery and reconstruction efforts.

Many of these people have been instrumental in local groups fundraising for disaster relief while anxiously awaiting word from friends and loved ones in Japan.

Driftwood reporter Sean McIntyre spoke with some of these Salt Springers in an effort to recall what life in the region was like prior to the disasters and offer hope as the region's inhabitants try to move forward in the wake of the March 11 tragedy.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THEIR TOHOKU MEMORIES.



MICHAEL DRAGLAND
TONO, IWATE PREFECTURE



When Michael Dragland boarded a Tokyo-bound aircraft for his first major overseas trip back in 2006, he never imagined he'd soon find himself building a chicken coop in Japan's Iwate prefecture.

After being amazed by the bright lights of the nation's bustling capital and inspired by his travels through the country's south, Dragland made use of some Canadian connections to settle in with a family from Tono, a town about 40 kilometres from the northeastern coast of Japan where a devastating tsunami washed ashore on March 11.

"I was looking to get into the countryside in a search for the mythological Japan," said Dragland, a trained carpenter who'd spent

While visiting Japan, Michael Dragland visited some of the country's scenic spots and built Tono town's first Canadian-style chicken coop.

several years before the trip learning Japanese and studying the country's folklore and Shinto philosophy.

Dragland's quest for mythology in rural Japan led him to early mornings, hearty farm work and construction of a small greenhouse and "Canadian-

style" chicken house, a life not all that different from the routine back home on Salt Spring Island.

Work on the project drew quizzical looks from the family and many in the neighbourhood who puzzled about why this eager foreigner was building such an elaborate structure for chickens.

"It was the personal connections that made the trip."

Because of its location in the hills, Tono experienced the magnitude 9.0 earthquake but was well protected from any tsunami threat.

Dragland said the aftermath of March's disaster has transformed Tono's schools and public buildings into temporary emergency shelters for many of the thousands of people who are still unable to return home as a result of the earthquake and tsunami.

Dragland, who now owns the popular Café Talia in Ganges, said he was happy to hear that none of the friends, their homes or the chicken coop were injured or destroyed by the natural disasters.



ALAN WARDROPER
MIZUSAWA, IWATE PREFECTURE



When a 20-something Alan Wardroper chose to perfect his martial artistry skills back in the early 1990s, moving away from his native Scotland became a priority.

London may have offered much of the training he couldn't find in the north, but something just didn't sit right with the idea of riding the Tube to the dojo.

"I figured that if I was going to move to London to learn martial arts, I may as well move to Japan," Wardroper said near the Salt Spring office where he edits scientific research papers sent his way from university labs around the globe.

Within a few weeks, Wardroper found himself among hundreds of other students in what's considered the holy grail of Shorinji Kempo, a martial art launched in 1947 that fuses kung-fu and Buddhism to strengthen mind, body and spirit.

Like many English-speaking ex-pats who travel in Japan, Wardroper supported himself financially by "juggling children all day" at a private English academy, called an eikaiwa, in the small city of Mizusawa in Iwate prefecture.

Located about 200 kilometres northwest of the earthquake's epicentre meant Mizusawa felt much of the March 11 earthquake's full force. A protected location helped the town escape the ensuing tsunami but it's since become a major relief centre that offers shelter to thousands of people

from coastal towns and villages fewer than 50 kilometres away. Food and fuel shortages have been a fact of life since the disasters.

Back in Wardroper's day, however, the young martial arts enthusiast recalled a much calmer cityscape. He remembers watching the passing seasons leave their mark on the vast rice

fields that blanket the region and the personal connections that were possible in spite of his broken Japanese and unfamiliar presence.

Wardroper spent a decade in Japan and eventually developed a firm grasp on the language. He credits this with the similarities between many Japanese sounds and his Scottish accent.

He eventually moved to the Kyoto area where he met his wife Shannon and took on the business that he still actively pursues to this day.

"I may live on Salt Spring, but I can say I still work in Japan," he said.



AKI KIKUCHI
SOMA, FUKUSHIMA PREFECTURE



Much of everything in Aki Kikuchi's hometown appeared as it had always been during a visit to see his mother in Soma on Japan's northeastern coast in January, fewer than two months before the March 11 disasters.

The wall of water that followed minutes after the magnitude 9.0 earthquake reached a height of 7.3 metres and travelled up to four kilometres inland, destroying many parts of the town. Some of the most shocking pictures to come out of the area were taken in Shinci-town, a mere 20 kilometres north. To the south, about 50 kilometres down Coastal Route 6 is the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

But the images coming out of the region aren't the same that Kikuchi recalls when he thinks back to his childhood there. The first thing he mentions about

Aki Kikuchi's mother lives fewer than 30 minutes away from Shinci town (pictured), among the coastal settlements most devastated by the earthquake and tsunami.

the 20 years he spent in the town is the region's small farms, fishing ports and rural beauty.

"There are no large factories or plants. It's beautiful," he said. "Some people come back after they have been in the big city when they realize that life in a small town is better or take over their parents' farmland."

In Soma, like much of rural Japan, tradition and history are rooted firmly in stories passed down through generations.

It's the kind of place where Kikuchi's mom never had to go far when she went on her weekly hikes in the local hills. The topography surrounding Kikuchi's old neighbourhood left the family home unscathed.

On March 11, life in Tohoku changed forever. Scars of the disasters, Kikuchi said, will likely be visible for decades to come, if not longer. Based on recent conversations with his mother and friends, life in and around the town is busier than ever as emergency workers and volunteers from across Japan have moved in to rebuild. As is the case for anyone who's spent any time in the Tohoku region, Aki's got plenty of earthquake stories from his younger days in Soma; tales he recounts as casually as a weather forecast.

"We got used to it," he said.

Kikuchi said he hopes that experience will be enough to deal with disasters nobody could have predicted.

NEWSBEAT

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Open house highlights emergency groups

New SAR and fire vehicles part of display

Salt Spring's Emergency Services Program is holding an open house on Sunday, May 15, where islanders can learn more about the program and its first responder partners.

- Participants will include:
- Salt Spring Fire-Rescue, which will have its two newest fire units at the site and will provide information on fire prevention.
 - Search and Rescue, which will showcase their new mobile command vehicle and publicly thank contributors. At a "pass the keys" ceremony at 10:20 a.m., SAR will officially acknowledge the fire board's contribution in donating the F-350 truck to SAR.
 - Emergency Social Services will let people know where the emergency reception centres are located and how people can volunteer to help with the program.
 - Neighbourhood Preparedness (Pod) Program will show people if they are in a pod on Salt Spring and what it takes to develop one.
 - Amateur Radio Club will demonstrate the newest radio technology available and learn how to become a "ham."
- There will also be information on how families can make emergency kits and plans.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Ted Olynyk, manager of community relations for BC Hydro's Vancouver Island division, left, accepts a certificate of thanks from Zeke Blazecka of Salt Spring Search & Rescue. Hydro was one of several agencies contributing to SAR's command vehicle, which will be on display at Sunday's open house.

"Our goal is to encourage preparedness starting with the individual and working our way up ..."

"The Salt Spring Island Emergency Program is working hard on building community resiliency in terms of working together with our residents, first responders and other community organizations (businesses, non-governmental organizations, etc.)," states a press release from the program. "Resilience is about adapting to change and responding to disasters. Our

goal is to encourage preparedness starting with the individual (personal preparedness) and working our way up with our neighborhoods (POD) and finally our community (emergency program)."

The open house runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visitors will have a chance to win door prizes donated by local businesses.

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EDITORIAL

Time to talk

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee chair Sheila Malcolmson has put out a call for input about how the LTC’s town hall concept can be improved.

It’s about time. Change is definitely needed and the main reason is time. LTC meetings now average some seven hours. They usually begin with basic business items such as approving meeting minutes at 10:30 a.m. Delegations, trustee reports and the town hall part begins at noon, and it’s a rare day when the rest of the LTC’s business is completed by 5 p.m. For people with applications to be heard, staff, trustees and members of the public who do want to watch government in action, it’s a ridiculous amount of time to spend at the task. Contrary to popular belief, the meetings aren’t held in public so residents can give a big blast to their elected officials on anything of concern. The LTC is under no obligation to hold an open input session like the town hall each month, nor to automatically hear from members of the public on things like development permits. Public input is useful to trustees for decision-making purposes, but standing up at a regular monthly meeting and stating one’s case is not the only way to do that.

THE ISSUE:
Town hall meetings

WE SAY:
Pull them out of monthly LTC

The Salt Spring town hall emerged in the 1999-2002 term of trustees Bev Byron and David Borrowman after Trust Council introduced its own version for quarterly meetings and found it an effective way to connect with constituents on the various islands. When Salt Spring’s CRD director attended it was useful for more community-wide issues to be raised. Among several good ideas for an amended town-hall format is including reps from other government bodies or to hold meetings on specific issues. Evening town hall meetings have also been suggested, which would allow more broad representation. While trustees no doubt want to rid themselves of what has sometimes been a toxic environment at recent town halls — and who can blame them when it’s not a required part of their business meeting — the main reason to shift it out should be to reduce the monthly meeting length. For the same reason, trustees should also commit to reducing their own verbiage at the meetings. Sometimes, more is not always better.



May 5 made B.C. Midwives’ Day

BY KELLY HAYES

May 5 was International Day of the Midwife, a celebration observed in over 50 countries and recognizing the incredible contribution to quality maternity care that midwives make around the world. Across B.C., and around the world, there were gatherings, picnics and walks to celebrate. In Victoria a rally was held and more than 250 participants walked from Clover Point to the legislature — moms, dads, children, babies, midwives and other supporters. Balloons were flying, signs and T-shirts on display. The rain held off and smiles were abundant. But not only was B.C. celebrating International Day of the Midwife: On May 5 in the legislature the Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier, presented a proclamation declaring May 5 “British Columbia Midwives Day.” The B.C. government made a progressive leap in 1998 when midwifery in our province became a legislated profession and registered midwives became primary maternity care providers. In that first year of legislated midwifery, there were 48 registered midwives and they attended three and a half per cent of the province’s births. Now, more than a decade later, B.C. has over 160 registered midwives who attend 11 per cent of the province’s births. This means that last year alone in B.C. over 4,400 mothers and babies received compassionate, quality maternity care in the hands of a highly trained midwife. Midwives are specialists in “low risk” maternity care and provide full maternity services during pregnancy, labour and the postpartum period, as well as care of the newborn. In B.C., midwives provide care in both hospital and home settings. In fact, in 2010 over 18 per cent of midwifery births were home births. If complications should arise, midwives work collaboratively with other health care practitioners such as family doctors, obstetricians and pediatricians to ensure that mothers and babies receive the best quality care available. Midwifery services are

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fully covered under the Medical Services Plan. Support and demand for midwifery care continues to grow in our province, in both urban and rural sectors. However, there is a serious shortage of maternity care services in northern and rural B.C. This means women and their families are having to leave their home communities, often travelling long distances, in order to receive maternity care. Twenty maternity care services have closed in rural B.C. in the past 10 years alone. But that is starting to change and midwives are a large part of that change. Just two weeks ago, Squamish celebrated its first home birth with a registered midwife. Truly a celebration! With continued collaborative work and support, midwifery can and will continue to grow and more and more families will be able to receive the safe, high-quality maternity in their own communities. Salt Spring Island is truly a fortunate rural community thanks to the hard work and dedication of Maggie Ramsey. A registered midwife since 1998 and owner of Community Midwifery Care, Maggie has been providing maternity services to the island population for over 30 years. Without her ongoing dedication, island families would have no choice other than travelling to outlying areas such as Duncan or Victoria. A very big, special “Happy B.C. Midwives Day” to Maggie! And thank you on behalf of all B.C. midwives; thank you to the families that choose midwifery care, to the physicians, nurses and other medical caregivers with whom midwives work in collaboration, the researchers that show time and time again that trained midwives in both hospital and home settings provide safe, high-quality care, and to our government that continues to recognize the value of midwifery and who is working hard at “putting families first.” Happy “belated” B.C. Midwives’ Day! *The writer has been a Salt Spring resident since 1990 and a B.C. registered midwife since 2005.*

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION:

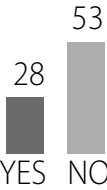
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LAST WEEK’S QUESTION:

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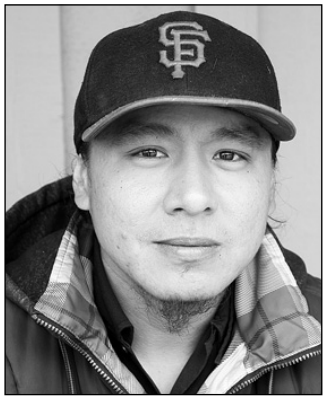
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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Will the Canucks go all the way in the playoffs?



ROB P

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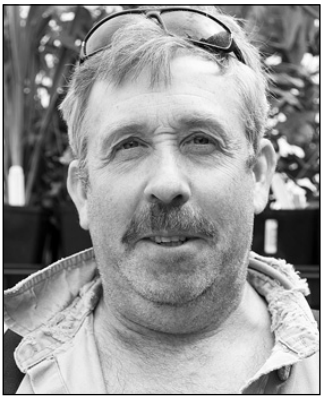
DAN STEVENSON

Oh hell yea! Kesler's taking us all the way.



PATRICK LAROUCHE

Yes! Canucks all the way. They have the best team in the league.



SCOTT ROYAL

Why would they break tradition? They've been losing for the last 40 years.



CATHY TOYNBEE

Yes they will! They're going to beat Boston in the end.

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Time to unite

Canada's multi-party democracy has been dying ever since the right united.

It is now in the oxygen tent, despite the electoral victories of Jack Layton and Elizabeth May.

Without unity of the middle and left, we face one-party rule installed by only four voters in 10.

Canadamustnowbecome a two-party democracy or will be no democracy at all. That's the choice, like it or not. Five steps:

1) The drive to create the "Liberal Democratic Party" of Canada must start right now, while the wounds still hurt.

2) The LDP will bring in the Greens (or at least agree not to compete in certain ridings).

3) For LDP PM: Jack Layton.

4) For LDP Deputy PM

and/or Foreign Affairs Minister: Bob Rae.

5) For LDP Minister of Environment: Elizabeth May.

Stephen Harper has taught us this: unite!

RONALD WRIGHT,

SALT SPRING

Suite for nursing staff

In last week's Driftwood, a letter appeared regarding furnishing of the space on the top floor of the Kings Lane Medical Clinic for "visiting VIHA personnel."

I would like to clarify that everyone who works at Lady Minto Hospital is "VIHA personnel," and this space is used by off-island nursing staff who travel to Salt Spring to work at the hospital.

There has been significant publicity in recent years about the national shortage of nurses, and for

a variety of reasons, many nurses are unable to move to Salt Spring. These issues include family commitments elsewhere, the high cost of housing, and the desire to remain flexible and work in several different places. Daily commuting back and forth is not an easy option due to their 12-hour shifts.

Last year, both the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and the auxiliary joined together to purchase furniture, dishes and linens to make the top floor of the Kings Lane Medical Clinic a comfortable suite for nurses who do not live on Salt Spring to stay overnight before and after their shifts. This location is within walking distance to the hospital and has been invaluable in our efforts to recruit and retain casual staff.

The writer refers to money "for what is an obviously VIHA expense." How-

ever, the history of hospitals across the country is filled with examples of ways in which service clubs and foundations contribute to support health care. At Lady Minto, we feel blessed to have the strong support of a vibrant auxiliary and foundation who help us in so many ways to make sure our hospital can help all of us when we need medical attention.

BILL RELPH,
MANAGER, RURAL HEALTH,
SALT SPRING

Balanced approach needed

Re: Riparian Bylaw 449 — last year I very happily found a tiny Garry oak tree on my property. I marked the spot so that I could monitor its progress, but when I returned a few days later I found it had been

eaten down to the ground by a deer. Disappointed but undeterred, I covered it with a wire cage and can happily report that it has started to flush out leaves this spring.

Eventually, though, as it grows, I shall have to erect a fence or barrier in order to protect it from ravenous browsing deer.

However, if proposed Bylaw 449 proceeds as written, in order to erect this fence I shall be faced with a problem. This Garry oak is growing within 30 metres of a ditch, in an undeveloped, non-landscaped part of my small property within the RAR area. According to the bylaw I shall have to pay a very large sum of money for a permit and for the services of a QEP in order to seek permission to erect this fencing to protect an indigenous and valuable contributor to our native habitat.

I can tell you quite firmly, I am not prepared to pay for

the privilege of protecting this important part of our ecology. Contrary to providing protection for indigenous habitat, the bylaw will both prevent me and discourage me from doing just that. I'm afraid the Garry oak will be no more, a mere mouthful for a hungry deer.

The extreme nature of the bylaw and the dictatorial attitude of our trustees will backfire and cause a loss of support from islanders. I ask the trustee and the Islands Trust to be reasonable and forward thinking. We need a balanced approach to the environment that considers the wider needs of average islanders so that they will support and not ignore habitat protection.

Pender Island's bylaw is reasonable and enforceable. Bylaw 449 is not.

SUE HARLAND,
WOODLAND DRIVE

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What will be next? A flea market for voters?

I know what you're thinking. At last the election is behind us and we can finally move on with our lives. Everything that could possibly have been said about the results has already been written. You are as tired of all the after-election rehashings and post mortems as you were of the many unrealistic pledges, broken promises and character assassinations that went on during the campaign.

So, incredulous as it may seem, this feels like the right time to add my grist to the mill. Let's take a quick glance at the results. The Harper-led Conservatives, whose minority government had lost all confidence both in parliament and with the Canadian public (remember, that's why the election was held in the first place), is swept to a governing majority. The official opposition (the "Miss Congeniality" of Canadian politics) Liberals are decimated and reduced in rank to something akin to a disposable Star Trek crew member (you know, the nameless one who gets beamed down to a mysterious planet with the rest of the regulars and is immediately vapourized by the alien force).

Meanwhile, Jack Layton's New Democrats leapfrog themselves into runner-up position by sweeping the province of Quebec, where over half their seats were won. This outcome would have been about as foreseeable five years ago as predicting the Toronto Maple Leafs would today be defending

their fourth straight Stanley Cup. (You have to wonder whether the NDP will now champion separatism and hold another referendum to take Quebec out of confederation, as this may be their best chance at governing a sovereign nation.)

As a result of the NDP's surprising good fortune, the Bloc Quebecois is almost entirely obliterated from the political map, and its leader, Gilles Duceppe, is forced to resign and look for a position with more promise (like a tree technician for the Sahara Desert Forest Service).

Last, but not least, we witness the inauguration of Elizabeth May to the first ever Green Party seat, which is won right here in our own backyard. In doing so, she dethrones perennial incumbent Gary Lunn, the Tory who had been kicked around cabinet a few times and had once held the crucially essential portfolio of Minister of Basketball (or something like that).

This brings us to the subject of vote trading. You may recall that in the previous election, supporters of then-Liberal candidate Briony Penn appealed to voters to abandon their usual political sympathies and band together in order to unseat the already mentioned Lunn. The rationale behind this thinking was for voters to make their votes count



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

lobbied Liberal and NDP supporters not to waste their "X's" on no-name candidates with no hope, but to rally behind May and help forge history while at the same time end the stranglehold the Tories have had on the Saanich-Gulf Islands constituency.

Nobody asked me, but whatever happened to voting along the lines of party platforms, political conscience and moral principles? How far are we willing to go with these "unholy alliances," choosing the lesser of evils, and the general strategy of "anybody but . . .?"

I'll tell you what. If you really want to talk vote trading, then let's do some heavy-duty horse swapping. In order for the Liberals to get the Green party votes in the next federal election, they must be willing to give the Greenies their votes in the provincial elections. Also, because a national vote carries more clout than a provincial one, the Liberals must "sweeten" the deal by throwing in some future considerations, say, two Green placard signs per each Liberal lawn.

and not waste their ballots on obvious "losers." In this way, they could get behind someone who had a good chance of winning and also had enough party clout to affect policy in Ottawa.

This time around, it was the Green aficionados who

Similarly, the Tories and NDP could sign off on a non-aggression pact with each other. In return for not tearing down and running over New Democrat signs at important intersections, the Conservatives can remain assured that the NDPers will not deface their campaign signs by spray-painting large black moustaches on the smiling visages of their blue-blooded candidates.

Now, isn't that so much more civilized? And why stop there? Why not throw some material goods into these trades. For instance, you might be willing to offer your vote in the next election to an opposing party and include in the deal your grandmother's silver chafing dish (the one that has been gathering dust up on the top shelf of the dining room hutch for the last decade). In return, you would expect a reciprocating vote in one of the following three elections (to be determined at a later date) along with a quality fondue set for eight. What we are embarking upon here is a voters "flea market."

As for me, don't bother emailing me, phoning me, or buttonholing me on the street. The way I vote is between me and myself, and if I want to waste it on a "no win" cause, then that's exactly what I'll do. On the other hand, tell me a little more about that chafing dish.

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I saw an elderly lady the other day who had spent a lot of time, effort and money over her life to keep her teeth. She was now getting cavities in spite of her very good care. What was going on?

As we get older we tend to have less saliva to keep food moving. We also tend to have gingival recession which means that the roots of teeth become exposed. The root surfaces are far more prone to decay than the enamel covered parts of the teeth.

Sometimes we get less dextrous and are not as able to clean our teeth as effectively.

Some solutions that might help are... Drink lots of water particularly after eating. Have regular hygiene appointments with your dentist. Use a flouride mouth rinse.

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Input needed

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee would like to get islanders’ advice on our “town hall” meeting design and conduct. We have heard concerns about the style and timing of the town hall; we want to serve you better, and we want to hear from you.

If you have ideas on the town hall meeting style, goals, location and schedule, I’d

appreciate your input in the next few weeks at smalcolmson@island-trust.bc.ca or c/o the Salt Spring Islands Trust office at 500 Lower Ganges Rd).

We’d like to make changes to the town hall format that make it easier for islanders to give input, without drawing out our business meetings and making applicants wait through discussions that may not be relevant to their applications. Our meetings are usually seven hours long, and we now set almost an hour aside at noon for public input. We’ve polled other local governments, and most have no town hall at all, or they have a shorter session than we do, and have it at the end of the meeting. Some require registration in advance and a vote to accept specific public presentations.

Although we’re confident we are setting more time aside in our business meetings than most governments do, we’d like to make changes that work better for the community. Ideas might include: having the town hall the night before some LTC business meetings; in a different hall; with chairs in a circle; quarterly evening town halls focused on special issues, or with CRD, provincial and federal representatives so topics in any jurisdiction can be addressed. I’m also interested in your thoughts about codes of conduct that will ensure a respectful process that works for all islanders.

In the town hall portion of our business meetings, the LTC especially wants to hear from islanders before we make specific decisions (for example a variance or rezoning proposal on an individual property), and to get ongoing feedback on policy or regulatory changes we’re contemplating (e.g. new policies to implement riparian areas protection, or secondary suites). However, some islanders might only come to the town hall to get answers to other questions (which we might not be able to answer on the spot) or to raise community issues unrelated to the Trust. If we know your objectives, that can help us shape a new format.

We’ll continue to hold community information meetings and public hearings in the evenings, for specific bylaw proposals, but look forward to a revamped town hall format to hear constructive comments and concerns from islanders. Thanks in advance for sharing your ideas.

SHEILA MALCOLMSON,
CHAIR, SALT SPRING
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

Hospital investment

In response to Susan Hayes’ letter in last week’s Driftwood (“Phantom Surgery”), the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation has indeed launched its annual Phantom Ball.

Funds raised from this year’s campaign as well as our other fundraising activities will go to support a much needed expanded laboratory facility, a haematology analyzer, additional endoscopic equipment and improvements to the Extended Care Unit. These are all investments that will help the hospital better meet the needs of patients and staff.

We rely on the support and commitment of our community. We are grateful for the kindness and generosity that enable us to realize the big items as well as the little ones that make a difference to life at the hospital. To clarify, last year, the foundation and the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary collectively made a one-time contribution to provide basic furnishings for an apartment in the King’s Lane Medical building. The apartment is used by nursing and departmental staff who live off-island and who are brought in to cover shifts when the hospital is short-staffed or overstretched by staff sickness, vacations or scheduled training.

We look forward to you “not attending” this year’s Phantom Ball and thank you for your continued loyalty, care and compassion towards the patients and staff at Lady Minto Hospital.

JANINE FERNANDES-HAYDEN,
CHAIR, COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE,
LADY MINTO HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Smart meters safe

This summer, BC Hydro will begin installing smart meters in homes and businesses across the province. Dulcy Wilson’s “Smart meters are a bad idea” Viewpoint in last week’s Driftwood raises a concern regarding potential health effects of the meters, particularly with respect to radio frequency signals resulting from the wireless two-way communication between the meter and BC Hydro. These concerns are unfounded.

Smart meters enable two-way communication between the customer and the utility, giving customers more information about their consumption than ever before. Smart meters will also enable BC Hydro to identify outages immediately and respond more quickly to restore power.

BC Hydro will install a

smart meter where your current meter is located. The new meter will measure the amount of electricity that is being used, and four to six times a day it will send the reading wirelessly to BC Hydro. These transmissions will last approximately one minute in total.

During these transmissions, the signal strength of the smart meter is about one watt and a frequency of 900 megahertz. Smart meter signals will operate at 0.5 per cent of the radio frequency safe exposure limits established by Health Canada. BC Hydro’s smart meters are well within Europe’s safety standards—some of the strictest radiofrequency standards in the world.

To put this in perspective, cell phones, cordless phones, wireless internet connections in your local library or neighbourhood coffee shop all use a far greater radio frequency signal to function. If you’ve been on an airplane, in an airport, or travelled on BC Ferries, you would have been in the midst of traffic control whose radio frequency field far outweighs any smart meter’s short signal.

Scientific knowledge regarding the effects of low-level electromagnetic fields is extensive. Some 25,000 scientific pieces have been published on the subject over the past 30 years. Based on a recent in-depth review of the scientific literature, the World Health Organization concluded that there is no evidence to conclude that exposure to low-level electromagnetic fields is harmful to human health. Health Canada and B.C.’s Provincial Health Officer have also reached the same conclusion.

The smart meter program is safe for the B.C. public.

DR. JOHN BLATERWICK,
FORMER CHIEF MEDICAL
HEALTH OFFICER,
VANCOUVER

Defend democracy

My name is Chester. Most of you know me. I have lived here for 30-plus years.

I am a Canadian citizen, born in Saskatchewan. Proud of that.

My purpose of this letter to the editor is thus: To believe you live in a democracy requires your right to vote must be provided by your government. I witnessed on May 2 at the voting station a very alarming situation.

I talked to a man equal of my age (57) who said he was really concerned when his son called him from Whistler saying, “Dad, I can’t vote. I have no local address nor anyone local to witness my presence as to being Canadian.”

I voted and immedi-

ately went to the Driftwood, saying that this is wrong. If I have a birth certificate confirming that I am Canadian, then by law I have a right to vote — at any voting station in this country. Period.

The tax records say there are only 10,000 people living on this rock, yet my records show 12,000 plus. These are the Canadian people who wash your floors, cut your grass and provide services for minimal wages. They come from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan. Wherever, they are Canadians and under the constitution they must have the right to vote.

To witness a good man’s son not being able to vote today because he is too busy working to feed his family is disgusting. The electoral structures in this country are not in service to the people. My brothers and my friends, my sons and daughters, wake up. The future belongs to you.

Democracy requires, as in all politics, that it be defended. Eddie Blake, an old friend of mine spoke the truth one day when he told me evil only exists when “Good men do nothing about it.” You are the fathers of your children’s future. Do you have the courage to actually help them pay off your “debt,” or would you rather be playing golf, expecting that somehow your “ig-ar-ogance” will help them once you’re gone?

CHESTER LUDLOW,
SALT SPRING

Hike for hospice

I would like to invite islanders to join me for a walk in memory of a loved one, Sunday, May 15 at 11 a.m. at the entrance of Mouat Park.

My goal is 11,000 steps by 2 p.m., but I hope to take even more steps.

This walk is a fundraising event for Salt Spring Hospice.

Hospice provides our community with much-needed services at difficult times. Examples include assistance with care coordination, respite, vigil services and after-hours support.

I welcome your pledges of support for my walk.

And if you would like to have my walk in memory of a particular person, please also let me know.

All donations of any size are gratefully appreciated, with tax receipts for amounts of \$25 or more.

Please contact me at 250-537-4716.

For more information on our walk, or to obtain your own pledge form, please see www.saltspringhospice.org.

SHERYL TAYLOR-MUNRO,
SALT SPRING

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First Nations ignored

I support Chris Arnett's "First nations heritage ignored by islanders" In Depth article of May 4.

We generally diminish the several First Nations peoples who inhabited Salt Spring Island off and on since the last Ice Age. It was rich in wildlife, including herds of elk, great flocks of ducks, teeming fish in all the creeks and lakes, and vast beds of shellfish, which the various families monitored so there would always be enough to the seventh generation. Shiyahwt, or Ganges, was a natural, protected harbour and village site, with a great deal of history built and paved over in the last 150 years.

But we settlers of 500, 150 or perhaps two years ago are dimin-

ished in our acceptance of the myth or belief that this land was unoccupied wilderness and we had the right to claim it in the name of "God" and "King/Queen."

So we despoil God's good earth and toil to continue to support those who rule, in the fiction that we own the land to do with as we want.

Arnett tells of Lieutenant Richard Mayne, on the HMS Plumper, in April 1860, who did not accept the settlers' story that "the Indians had never been there before and that they had established a village there for the sole purpose of asserting their claim to compensation to the land." Lieutenant Mayne thought the people who had obviously lived many years in this place should be compensated, just as any other non-native people would be, if newcomers came to settle on their land.

Why are we current settlers content to remain ignorant of the

land and its significant history?

EILEEN WTTWAAL,
MEMBER, SS ISLANDERS
FOR JUSTICE &
RECONCILIATION

Appendix incident

I have been a resident of Salt Spring for more than nine years. My occupation is a tile setter.

In 2009 I checked into the emergency department at Lady Minto Hospital with abdominal pain diagnosed as acute appendicitis. After phoning around to the southern Vancouver Island hospitals they eventually found me a bed in Victoria General Hospital and told me to report there, where they would remove my appendix the same day. They advised me not to drive myself and my boss took a day off work to transport me to Victoria General.

For some reason they could not perform the operation that day and postponed the surgery

until the next day. As a result, my appendix burst. I had to stay in hospital for seven days due to infection rather than the usual overnight, resulting in a loss of work and separation from my family.

I am told that the complication, as a result of a burst appendix, could result in painful adhesions. The surgeon advised me to take a month off work, but I was lucky. I never developed the adhesions and was able to return to work in 12 days.

Had LMH's surgery still been open, the expense of the trip to Victoria, the separation from my family, the loss of work and the risk of adhesions could have been avoided. For these reasons I support reopening the surgery at Lady Minto Hospital.

JON STOCK,
SALT SPRING

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YOUTH MATTER:

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Bundles of horse chestnut blossoms to the wonderful ladies, Amanda, Sara and Jerry who brought their equine friends to Ruckle Park. The 4H members were thrilled to have you there and you were a huge hit with all the horse lovers. Best to you all and happy trails.

Dozens of sweet African roses showed over Salt Spring. Thanks for your very generous donations on such short notice. We were able to put together 50 layettes to send to Lesotho and had enough left over to fill a tote of extra "stuff." They will leave Vancouver next week for the Phelisanong Project in Lesotho, to be delivered by the Warrior Women to expectant mothers. Your continued support of SOLID and its African partners is greatly appreciated. Meron, SOLID board member

A May filled with blossoms of love and wonder to the children of Salt Spring — and roses of gratitude to the parents who share their children with us each day. Happy Child Care Month from all of us at Tree Frog Daycare.

A rose to all the honest people who make me want to carry on — thank you! Sue, Park Drive

All the roses I can carry for Dawn Davies whose help was indispensable for Ruckle Farm Day 2011. What a gem! Marjorie Lane

A dozen yellow roses (because they were her favourite) from the family of Grace House to Laura and Amanda from the ambulance; Chris, Peter and the other first responders; Dr. Crichton; nurses Pat, Jacquie, Roselyn and Laura at Lady Minto Hospital; and all our friends and co-workers for all their support during this difficult time. Janet, David, Norman and Tina Rothwell, and Linda Pettinger

Roses in recognition of Derek Sowden's generous donation of the antique butter churn for next year's Ruckle Farm Day demo! To Margaret and Tony Threlfall as well, for allowing us to borrow theirs this year. Many thanks! M&M Lane

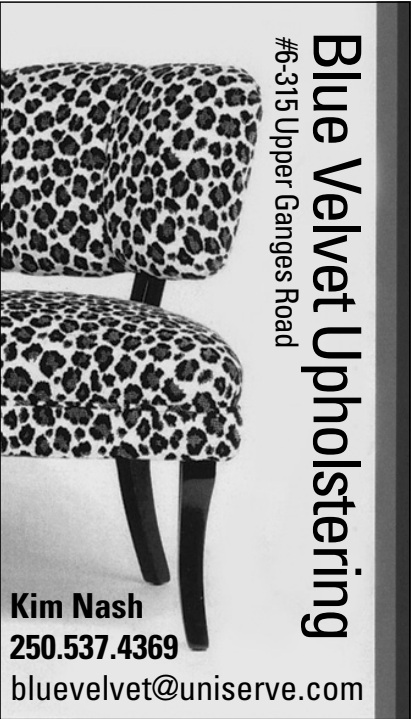
Buckets of roses for all the volunteers at Ruckle Farm Day. Without you it could never happen! Roses with our thanks to all those who came out for a free, family fun day in the sun — clearly we all had fun! Mike & Marjorie Lane

A big bunch of roses to the wonderful community of Salt Spring Island and beyond for your generous support for disaster-stricken Tohoku, Japan. The 2011 Japan Relief organized by the Japanese community on the island has received so much love and sympathy. As we commemorate the two-month anniversary of the earthquake, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to you all. We will be publishing details of the funds raised and how they will be used in next week's Driftwood. Thank you!

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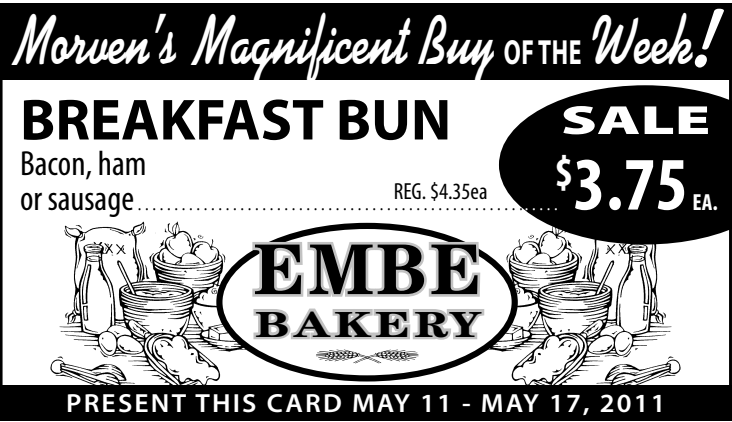


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What's with the dashboard?

Plus ça change, plus ca la meme chose.

The French nailed it: The more things change; the more they remain the same. Take your humble jalopy – or your Porsche Couple Targa 4S for that matter. Take the panel of dials and needles and switches and knobs that runs across the span of the car from port to starboard just behind the steering wheel.

That's right, the dashboard. But why "dash?" It's not as if the thing is running anywhere. Different "dash." This one means, as my dictionary puts it: "to strike or smash violently, so as to break to pieces." Foundering ships get dashed upon the rocks. Hockey players with their heads down get dashed against the boards. Back in the days when vehicles were quite literally driven by horse power, occupants would have been dashed with gravel, grit and mud hurled up by the horses' churning hooves – but for the "dashboard" that deflected the stuff.

It's been a few decades since most people depended on horse drawn carriages to get them down to the mall or up to the cottage, but the dashboard endures, even though it's now embedded with a constellation of gizmos – tachometer, speedometer, odometer, clock, fuel gauge, turn flashers, battery indicator, GPS readout, AM/FM radio and CD player to name a few.

The horn in the centre of the steering wheel endures too –



Arthur Black

WIT & WHIMSY

raids by having the guy with the hardest lungs blow a blood-curdling solo into the narrow end of a hollowed-out cow's horn.

What's more, most automobile dashboards still feature an inlaid lockable recess on the front passenger seat side. We call it a "glove compartment," even though it's usually overflowing with roadmaps, gas station serviettes, a car manual, a tire pressure gauge and a handful of ancient, fossilized candies that only a desperately famished human would bring to his mouth. The glove compartment has become a repository for everything BUT gloves. Come on, now – when's the last time you packed a pair of lambskin gloves in there to protect your hands while you're working the reins?

Ironically, the venerable dashboard concept has made the leap to cyberspace. Keyboard technogeeks routinely download and customize a computer display that keeps them up to date with weather reports, time zones, news headlines, stock prices, phone numbers and pretty well anything else they want to check on regularly.

The name for this cutting edge computer feature? Why, "dash-

and that goes back to the barbaric days of Visigoths and Vikings and the like when marauders summoned their troops or prefaced their

board," of course.

Young'uns must be bewildered by the terminology the rest of us grew up with. Thankfully we no longer have to try to explain concepts like clutches and throttles, magnetos and spark retards.

I'm still trying to come up with a credible story for that little round hole in the dashboard. You know – the one you plug your GPS unit or your cell phone or your iPod or your laptop into.

I can hear the conversation in my head already. "Did you have Xbox and Gameboy when you were a kid, grandpaw?"

No, I will say.

"Then, why'dja have that adaptor on your dashboard? What didja use it for?"

And I will explain that we called that adapter "the lighter." And that, as incredible as it may sound, there was a time when people voluntarily inserted dried weeds wrapped up in a paper tube in their mouth and set fire to one end of the tube, sucking the smoke out of the other. The "lighter" was what we used to ignite the tube of weeds while we were driving.

"Wouldn't that make you sick?" he will ask. Not only sick, I will tell him, it would eventually kill anybody who did it long enough.

"Did it make people happy?" he'll ask. Not particularly, I'll say. In fact, if you stopped doing it, it made you very grouchy.

"But Grandpaw," he'll say, "That sounds crazy."

And I will have to answer, yes. Yes, it does.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY

Fixed income investments and the trouble with interest rates

Fixed income investments – savings accounts, bonds, mortgages, T-bills, Guaranteed Income Certificates (GICs) and the like – are typically viewed as 'safe haven' investments by many investors. And for the past 30 years or so, bonds especially have enjoyed an almost uninterrupted period of steady, if not spectacular, growth. But with interest rates sitting at historical lows, there is likely little opportunity left for further appreciation in the price of bonds. So, what can you expect from an investment in bonds? That depends on whether interest rates begin to go up or remain flat. Let's take a closer look.

If interest rates rise, expect increased volatility in bond prices. As interest rates go up, new bonds are issued at the higher rate, making them more attractive than existing bonds. For example, if you buy a bond that yields (pays) 5 per cent interest and interest rates rise to 6 per cent, your bond will be worth less because new investors are getting a better yield. Keep in mind that the impact of interest rate changes on existing bonds depends on the type of bond you invest in. For example, if interest rates increase by just 0.25 per cent, the value of a long-term bond could drop by more than 1 per cent, while a short-term bond would typically see a much smaller drop in value.

If interest rates experience a steady rise, income from bond mutual funds will eventually climb as fund managers find greater value by adding

bonds with higher yields, which will help to slowly rebuild income levels and provide better volatility protection.

Inflation expectations can also produce bond market volatility. Inflation usually leads to higher interest rates and even the expectation of an inflationary period can drive down bond prices well in advance of an actual interest rate change.

If interest rates remain flat or fall, cash flow from bond interest flat lines or declines making it more difficult to achieve your financial goals and effectively eliminating protection against price increases.

Faced with low interest rates, some investors choose to move to higher yielding corporate bonds in hopes of increasing their income. Corporate bonds typically perform well in a stable economy but during economic crises there is more risk that high yield bond issuers will become insolvent. That creates volatility in high yield bond prices and results in a flight to quality investments and risk free assets like T-Bills or perhaps Canadian government bonds, further reducing the value of lower credit quality assets such as high yield bonds.

Any way you look at it, volatility and low yields are expected continue in the bond market for some time. Even so, investors should still view fixed income investments as an important asset class to manage market risk. The cost for this relative stability is it's lower long-term growth potential, which makes portfolio diversification among all asset classes – cash, stocks, equity mutual funds, bonds and other fixed-income investments – the key to successfully reaching your long-term financial goals. Talk to your professional advisor about how to keep your financial life safe and balanced come what may.



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NEWSBEAT

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Organic living ready to explore at Stowel Lake Farm open house

Plant sale, community activities May 15

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For years Salt Spring residents have anticipated for the plant sale at Stowel Lake Farm as one of the true tests of spring.

This Sunday, in addition to picking up perennials, heirloom tomatoes and basil starts, visitors can take the opportunity to learn more about the daily operations of the farm and the dedicated group of people who live there.

Lisa Lloyd, who has owned the farm for 31 years, explained that being part of the wider community has always been one mandate, but the responsibilities involved in farming have often kept the participants' focus necessarily inward. But now they feel the time has come to invite the community in.

"So many people come here for a retreat or a class or just drive by — and they ask 'What is this place and how do you do this?'" said Jennifer Lloyd, Lisa's daughter and a resident of the Stowel Lake Farm community.

"And we think it's possible to do it other places, so we're ready to open up and inspire people here."

The annual plant sale will therefore include



Tomatoes from the garden at Stowel Lake Farm.

a wide sampling of events that are hosted by the farm's members and which will give a window into their activities. The day includes guided farm tours at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., a saw-mill demo at 2 p.m. and a discussion on community living at 3 p.m.

A bee walk is planned to demonstrate how to sustain the important pollinators with the right plants. There will also be a delicious lunch menu inspired by the farm's available produce and fresh baking, prepared and presented by Haidee McMillan. Other fun components include live music and a sampling of demo-length yoga classes. And there will be an excellent selection of plants for sale that were propagated on site, including herbs, vegetables, annuals and perennials.

The chance to wander through the farm's

beautiful grounds is a highlight anyone will appreciate, but the discussion on community living promises to be especially valuable. Lloyd said that aspect of farm life has been planned for since its inception and has really come into development during the past decade.

"I've always wanted to live in community," Lloyd said.

"I think it's the way of the future — it's good for the planet and it's good for us."

People living at the farm (at present there are 12 adults and 10 kids) are committed to the well-being of the land and of the greater community, who benefit from its certified organic fruits and vegetables. Although the spirit is also served through the yoga classes and meditation retreats offered on site,

the underpinning ideal is one of sustainability.

"We don't have a religious base, it's more of an earth-based philosophy. We love living here, I think that's the primary thing," Lloyd observed.

Housing has been added using trees cut and milled from the local forest. And although the farm does host "WWOOFers" for two-week stints from April through October each year, the people who actually live there are not passing through but in for a long-term commitment.

"What we want to do here is inspire people in the way we live. We support each other and the land supports us," Lloyd said.

For more information on the farm, its classes and retreats, and the plants available for sale this Sunday, visit www.stowellakefarm.com.

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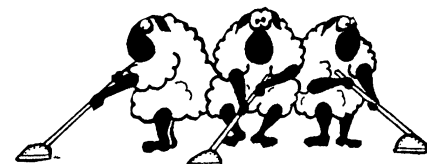
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ISLAND BUSINESS

Artisan roaster perfecting technique at island home

Fresh beans available at Saturday market

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It takes a certain amount of obsession to make any small business idea fly, and when it comes to Mt. Maxwell Roasters, there's no doubt Salt Spring's newest artisan food producers have more than the required allotment.

As the kind of people whose first step whenever they travel is to find the best coffee available, John and Lara Gossett were intrigued to find raw beans for sale during a visit to Hawaii last December.

Their purchase started a process of experimentation that has led to a brand new business, with beans freshly roasted on Salt Spring appearing for the first time at the Saturday market season opener in April.

"I've always been interested in food and I think coffee is right along that spectrum," John said of his new endeavour.

"The thing about coffee



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

John and Lara Gossett at the Saturday market.

is you take a bean, roast it 10 different ways and get 20 different coffees — so there's a bit of experimenting going on. It's not just like putting it in a machine and pressing start."

"It's a science as well as an art," Lara added.

The terms "small batch" and "hand selected" are no mere marketing tools when it comes to Mt. Maxwell Roasters. Gossett's first attempts were done with a hot-air popcorn maker.

He's since graduated to working on an actual roasting machine, but you won't find an industrial factory nestled on the slopes of the mountain that gives the business its name — at maximum output, Gossett can produce just four pounds per session.

The small amount of smoke produced is less than comes out of the family's wood stove and is easily buffeted by the their 10-acre property.

In the months between his first coffee purchase and launching his business, Gossett built up his coffee knowledge through personal research and forming good relationships with a couple of industry insiders, including a mentor in Vancouver and a former Salt Spring Island roaster. He even travelled to Seattle to attend roasting school.

"There's lots of roasting and throwing out beans. It's been a real steep learning curve, but a really interesting one," Gossett said, explaining, "There's bean flavour and then there's roast flavour — and I strive to get both into my coffee. I think there's a real fine line between too much roast and too little bean."

Gossett's preferred espresso, for example, is based on the medium dark roasting level favoured in northern Italy, producing a little sweetness to the cup. Roasting to a darker level starts to take away any of the bean's intrinsic flavour (and its caffeine) and produces the bitter taste of burnt oils.

However, Gossett does go slightly darker for the already popular Saturday Market Blend, acknowledging, "We're on the west coast and people here love their dark roast."

For his raw material, Gossett has found a reliable importer in California, from whom he is currently getting beans from Ethiopia, El Salvador, Brazil and Java. Eventually he would like to expand by creating his own relationships with the growers; a starting point could be the co-op in Hawaii where the first purchase took place.

"They do such a good job before we even get the beans," Gossett noted.

While the business isn't likely to expand hugely, the Gossetts are hoping to get their product into a local cafe and also into a retail outlet so people can find it outside of market hours.

They have an additional goal of moving toward 100 per cent fair trade and organic beans, which are just starting to come up for sale for this year.

For now the whole beans can be found Saturdays at the Mt. Maxwell Roasters stand outside The Local.

"Coffee flavour tends to deteriorate after 24 hours, so my objective is to have fresh coffee for people in the market," Gossett said.

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Birgit Freybe Bateman with one of her photos before exhibit works were sent to Russia.



Bateman work to St. Petersburg

Russian Museum June 2 to Aug. 30

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Photographer Birgit Freybe Bateman was busy this week supervising the crating of nearly 70 photographs bound for the Stroganoff Palace of the Russian Museum.

Entitled Mindful Vision, the solo exhibition of Freybe Bateman's work examines themes of colours and textures, nature and its patterns, and people, framed with a unique eye to find beauty and create art from the everyday world.

"She often captures contrasts that exist in many parts of the world between well-worn ancient structures and the plastic artificial objects of our contemporary society," press material states.

"Her images reveal the infinite variety of shape, form, line, texture and pattern of both the man-made and the natural world."

As described by Dr. E. N. Petrova, deputy director of science at the Russian Museum, "The essence of Birgit Bateman's photographs is not the

subjects in the traditional sense, which contain narration, but the motifs dictated by the expressive forms of objects, fragments and details. Their intense 'elastic' imagery draws a similarity between these photographs and oil paintings."

Freybe Bateman acknowledged in person the show is a rare honour for a living, female Canadian artist. Her work caught the eye of Russia's state museum curator in 2009 when she accompanied her husband Robert Bateman there to view his historic show. She was invited to submit a CD of her images; in the end, all 67 were chosen for the high-profile summer show.

By far the most important show of her career to date, she said, "I'm thrilled to bits because you can't even ask for this."

Freybe Bateman took up a camera at age 16 and later taught the art, and other mediums, as one half of a Burlington high school art department (Bateman was the other half). Her work first gained prominence when it was published in a Peter Mathiessen book about the Antarctic.

"I tend to be more of a journalistic photographer — wherever I am, whatever I see, I look

at with focus," she explained.

"I love the camera because it allows me to select the scene, and lets other people enjoy it as well."

The title of the show evokes Freybe Bateman's practice of paying attention to her surroundings wherever she goes. Her images can be of nature at its most astounding, the richness of cultural difference or the contrast between ancient structures and modern refuse. But whatever the context, there is a unifying artistic vision that finds beauty in the world.

"With so much negativism in the world, I want to show there is still beauty out there — because beauty is what keeps us going, what gives us soul and spirit," Freybe Bateman said.

"If everything is devastating, it just makes us want to give up. If we're constantly surrounded by that it doesn't make us feel good. That can't be a good thing. We want to be uplifted in some way."

Mindful Vision will be on view during the peak tourist season, between June 2 and August 30. The exhibition was organized by the Foundation for International Arts and Education and the Russian Museum, St. Petersburg.

CHORAL MUSIC

Russian choral masterpieces set for All Saints

Voces Intimae visits on May 22

Victoria's only professional choir will perform an a capella concert at All Saints this month, featuring Russian choral masterpieces.

Voces Intimae, conducted by Tony Booker — a former student at the St. Petersburg Conservatory — will present its program cover-

ing almost 300 years of music written for the Orthodox liturgy on Sunday, May 22 at 3:30 p.m.

The choir consists of about 30 singers and the sonorous material includes some "incredibly low bass parts," says press material.

Voces Intimae ("close voices") was founded in Victoria in 1998 by Booker. Recently retired from his posi-

tion of music director at Pearson College, Booker and a small group of other skilled vocalists put together a cooperative choir with costs and profits shared between members.

Repertoire ranges from mediaeval to modern, but over the years a pattern has developed of presenting three concerts per year: one of Slavic material, one of Bach,

and one with large orchestra. Choir participation varies from 10 to 50 voices, depending on the material being performed.

Having studied at the Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) Conservatory, Booker has an affinity for Slavic music and the choir membership includes five Slavic speakers.

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The Green Hornet

I'm sure The Green Hornet is a remake, but I know nothing about the original television series besides the fact that it had Bruce Lee, and neither will anyone else who sees this impressively mediocre film.

Seth Rogen stars as Britt Reid, son of newspaper magnate James Reid (Tom Wilkinson). Reid is out partying it up with dad's money when James is killed by a an allergic reaction to a bee sting, and afterwards is left to ponder what to do with his sudden financial power.

That's when Britt meets his father's multitalented employee Kato (Jay Chou), capable of making both five-star cappuccinos and tricked-out cars. The two hit it off right away, and come up with the plan of becoming a crimefighting duo. Of course, Kato's mechanical knowledge and kung-fu skills mean he does most of the fighting.

Rounding out the cast is Cameron Diaz as Reid's newfound secretary and criminology expert, and Christoph Waltz (the scary Nazi Jew-hunter from Inglourious Basterds) as a powerful L.A. gangster. But The Green Hornet lives or dies on Rogen . . . and as a result it mostly dies.

I've liked Rogen in almost everything he's been in, but here he is both unfunny and insufferably arrogant. Considering he

himself wrote the screenplay along with Evan Goldberg, and the two have combined for hilarious effect before (see: Superbad), I'm inclined to blame the presence of director Michel Gondry.

You might know Gondry from his charming work on Be Kind, Rewind and Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind. His effect is seen all over The Green Hornet, not only through his trademark "simple" visual effects (which are amazing) but in some thrilling action sequences.

It's not that either party is wrong for the project. It's the combination that's just not right. Rogen's goofy, self-deprecating schtick just doesn't combine well with Gondry's meticulous visuals and idiosyncratic editing style. The film feels disjointed, awkward and occasionally tedious.

Yet, there are certainly pleasures to be found, most typically in the scenes in which the director lets his Gondry-ness shine. I did laugh out loud on at least a dozen occasions, which is an improvement over most comedies. In a way, this is probably the best Green Hornet we could get from those involved, which makes it to some degree a serious waste of talent.

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GALLERIES

Catching the art furniture trend

SS Woodworks expands into Duthie Gallery

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The island landscape has undergone a subtle change as Salt Spring Woodworks owners Celia Duthie and Nick Hunt recently switched out old signage in favour of that promoting the sleeker new titled Duthie Gallery.

The name change makes sense as it encapsulates the established arts and culture brand that is Celia Duthie. The former empress of bookselling in Vancouver has made Salt Spring a base for one of the most progressive and exciting art movements the west has to offer in functional art furniture.

At the same time, the new name leaves room for the types of art that are frequently shown but aren't necessarily tied to wood, such as painting, metal sculptures and other formats.

A physical change in the small gallery space has accompanied the name change, occasioned by severe storm damage that caved in the rear roof and impaled a Richard Tetrault wood block print in the process. The damage inspired a renovation (done entirely by Hunt) from shop room to secondary gallery space with a raised ceiling, allowing the indoor exhibition of larger sculptural pieces.

Duthie explained during a recent tour of the gallery that



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Interior scene at Duthie Gallery.

the focus will continue to be on landscape art, studio furniture, sculpture and fine art by North West artists, including those in the forefront of art furniture such as Brent Comber, Judson Beaumont and Peter Pierobon.

Already known as the go-to place from which clients in New York and elsewhere have speciality woodwork pieces shipped, the Duthie Galley is extending its focus on high-end items with cutting-edge design.

An example reigning over the gallery space right now is the eSk-desk by Nicolas and Jess Meyer of Nico Spacecraft. The massive but sleek poplar and glass design made it one of the most talked-about pieces at the 2010 IDSWest show in Vancouver.

Their choice of poplar, an underused domestic hardwood, is an excellent example of why Duthie feels the west coast furniture movement will be the next huge thing: the items being pro-

duced are functional, sexy and sustainable all at the same time.

The gallery also represents Michael Dennis, Kurt Dexel, Christian Woo, Arnt Arntzen, Enrico Konig, Paul Tellier, Ken Guenter, Jeff Trigg, Francis Lemieux, Michael Moore, Seth Rolland, Ben Burnett, Darren Bertuccio, David Greig, Wes Giesbrecht, Richard Tetrault and Kurt Frost "in a constantly changing and growing roster of designers and artists."

The Duthie Gallery will have its official launch of the spring/summer season with a show of new stonework by Ron Crawford.

The Summer Lights exhibit will once again light up the night with illuminated installations by Pierobon, Comber, Guenter and Beaumont open from 9 to 11 p.m. Thursday to Monday nights in July and August.

The gallery is currently open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment.

LIBRARY

Gender issues book collection donated

PFLAG collection part of new materials

BY MAGGIE WARBEY
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Recently, the Salt Spring Library has been fortunate to receive valuable collections from individuals and community groups, including the selection of French language books donated by the Wrights, the eclectic collection on world religions and beliefs from the local Buddhist community, and now a donation of 52 items from the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

This collection includes a number of DVDs and books encompassing a wide range of content for indi-

viduals of all ages: kids, teens and adults. Included in the collection are fiction and non-fiction, self-help, family and parent help, novels, documentaries, movies and stories, all with the theme of gender relations and relationships. To access this vast store of knowledge, experience and thought, just search the library catalogue: enter "PFLAG" for "keyword" then "series."

And while you're still in the reading mode, look over the New Shelf. **Almost Paradise** by local author Dan Mooney is a delightful collection of ruminations, thoughts, memories and other quirky tales about life on the wet coast. Who hasn't considered "From I Do to Adieu" or wondered what cats think about? Readers will find their own "Yeah!" moment of shared insight, as well as "Oh yes!" moments of a new slant on an old idea.

And while looking at Canadian dreams, don't miss **Various Positions: a Life of Leonard Cohen** by scholar and broadcaster Ira Nadel. This biography of a Canadian icon whose fame goes far beyond our borders is thoroughly entertaining while definitely thorough and scholarly. Looking at Cohen as an historical, romantic, contemporary figure who seemingly has done it all and is still doing it all, Nadel gets to the essence of this deeply complex yet accessible man. This book opens Cohen and his life's work to his many followers and admirers.

In **Packing for Mars**, Mary Roach explores what it means to be human in a non-human environment: outer space. Roach is a science writer whose mission is to make the unexplainable clear to the reader in a humorous and entertaining manner. She asks the question we all want answered: How much weirdness can a human take? And she does it by exploring several topics that beg for closer examination. For example, she wants to know: What is sex like in outer space? How do astronauts use the toilet? What do astronauts really eat for dinner? And who cooks it? Basically, Roach asks and answers the question: What happens to humanness when we are deprived of Earth for extended periods of time?

Finally, Cooper and Ainsberg's book called **Breakthrough** is the heartwarming and educational tale of Elizabeth Hughes' battle to overcome diabetes and to live a full, long and productive life. Written as an historical drama, this is the story of the Nobel-prize winning research of Banting and Best and the discovery of insulin, the miracle drug that "turned a death sentence into something more akin to a chronic nuisance." The book inspires hope and sets out the historic and social facts of this great discovery.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART EXHIBIT

Realists bring spring to Starfish

Susan Haigh and Beverley Chicoine make ideal exhibit pair

Spring is in the air: along with blossoms, fairer winds and the first flowers comes a new show at Starfish Gallery. This Saturday, May 14, people are welcome



Yellow Lilies by Susan Haigh.

magic realist. She seeks inspiration from the works of the old-world painters: her work brings a grace to derelict stone barns and captures the austere majesty of the wind-swept prairie. Chicoine sees beauty in all things and finds the earthy, pungent landscape of Saskatchewan a limitless source of painting inspiration.

Born and raised on Salt Spring, Haigh has participated in numerous juried group shows and presented exhibitions throughout British Columbia. Chicoine is the recipient of the Creative Alliance Award from the International Society of Acrylic Painters and won the prestigious Director's Award at the American Plains Artists' Show at the Museum of the Southwest.

The show runs until June 4. For more information or to contact the gallery, call 250-537-4425 or visit the website at www.starfishgalleryandstudio.com.

to drop by for an opening reception between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Grace Point gallery, and linger over sumptuous new works by Susan Haigh and Beverley Chicoine.

"When Susan brought in some of her recent floral paintings it was like spring coming to life in the gallery. Her flowers were so vivid," says gallery owner Andrea Collins. A long-time Salt

Spring Islander, Haigh explores the richness of the natural world, focusing her painter's eye on small moments in the garden, the forest and the shore. Whether exploring the intricacies of a speckled tiger lily or delving into complicated compositions of succulents, Haigh's rigorous approach to light and form nonetheless exude a breezy ease. Her work has an immediacy and intimacy

that make you want to step into her paintings: accessible, alive with motion and deliciously colourful.

"This is Beverley Chicoine's first show at Starfish Gallery and it was a natural pairing to put her together with Susan. Both are strong female realists, absolutely confident in their technical powers."

Hailing from Saskatchewan, Chicoine is an award-winning

LITERACY

Kogawa reads for land conservancy

Benefit at ArtSpring on Saturday night

BY MAUREEN MOORE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

There are books so riveting that a person can remember where they were when they read them — the time, place, season. Obasan by Joy Kogawa was such a powerful book for me.

And not only for me: this gripping novel which tells the story of Ms. Kogawa's family's incarceration in a B.C. internment camp during WWII is considered one of the most important books in Canadian history.

I remember the sun was hot as I, a young mother, sat in my yard, holding Obasan in my hands. Captured by the story, I read on, my body in bright summer, and my spirit entering deeply into

life along the B.C. coast during the darkening period of WWII.

Joy Kogawa, with a poet's lyric skill and perception, tells this story through the eyes of a young child, Naomi, who sees the incomprehensible taking place.

Brought up with gentle carefulness by Obasan (which means, "Auntie"), Naomi tries, during her years in the B.C. internment camp and afterwards, to follow Obasan's model of silence. However, when Naomi becomes an adult, the words of another aunt, who was an advocate for justice, ring in her ears: "You are your history. If you cut any of it off you're an amputee. Don't deny the past . . ." Naomi puts silence behind her to research and tell the story of the heritage of pain and survival that belongs not only to those Canadians of

Japanese descent but to other Canadians as well.

Obasan is a book about the liberating power of truth and as such has a deep spiritual quality that moves me to this day.

Esteemed Canadian poet and novelist Joy Kogawa, CM, OBC, will read from her lifetime of award-winning creative work on Saturday, May 14 at ArtSpring gallery.

MC will be Briony Penn. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and Kogawa reads at 7 p.m. Refreshments. Admission by donation. All are welcome to hear Ms. Kogawa read from her many works for the first time on Salt Spring.

The evening is presented by the Land Conservancy of B.C. to support its preservation of Kogawa House, where Joy grew up in Vancouver, as a heritage site and writers' centre.

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On their website (www.thelaws.ca) people can check out the Laws' other exceptional albums and

peruse their long list of accomplishments, which include: the 2007 Chris Austin Songwriting contest, a writing deal in Nashville, features on CMT, Entertainment Tonight Canada and as "rising stars" on the upcoming PBS special Legends and Lyrics.

The house concert is co-presented by Carl Borgstrom and Tracy Harrison of Fridas Villa, and Diane Kray and Randy Bateman of Long Harbour Bed and Breakfast where the concert will take place.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15 online at www.fridasvilla.com or for \$18 at the door, but RSVP first at 250-537-1059 before arriving at the door to ensure there are still seats left.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ARTS INITIATIVE

Public invited to arts school talk

Next steps plotted at May 12 meeting

The Salt Spring Arts Council's steering committee for a new arts school will present a distillation of recent community conversations at a wrap-up session this Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Mahon Hall.

The steering committee has been researching various models and approaches to guide the process of establishing a regional school for the arts since the summer of 2010.

The community conversations are intended to expand the process with critical dialogue with stakeholders.

As press material explains, "The community conversations play an important part in the steering committee's process of investigating and evaluating the many exciting options and possibilities for a school/centre for the arts on the island."

Participants so far have heard how the formation of a school/centre for the arts would build upon the strong existing arts community and Salt Spring's art reputation, while enhancing local cultural opportunities and the economy.

At the closing conversation, steering committee members will summarize the results of the April sessions, including a session for the general public and specific explorations with key community groups.

The committee intends to produce two possible models and to strategize toward financial support.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

SHINING STAR:

Margit Nellesmann from the Cowichan Valley was the featured artist at the Salt Spring Potters Guild's annual Mother's Day weekend show at Mahon Hall. This year the event was expanded by a day so more people could take it in.

BLUES MUSIC

'Boogie Man' at Moby's

Dinner theatre event runs Thursday

"Boogie Man" Alan Gerber returns to Salt Spring this week, once again weaving his musical magic on stage at Moby's.

This time Gerber's teenage daughter Hannah will join him with her sweet vocal harmonies and the pair will play for dinner guests at Moby's on Thursday, May 12 for a \$12 cover charge. Those wanting to see the show, but not dine, can certainly join in on the fun around the bar.

This will be the second dinner music show presented by Fridas Villa (Carl Borgstrom and Tracy Harrison) at Moby's. A 6:30 p.m. dinner reservation is recommended so the show can get underway at 7 p.m.

According to press

material, Gerber has an intriguing musical past, having toured with BB King, John Lee Hooker, Janis Joplin, Jefferson Airplane, Traffic, Jimi Hendrix, Steppenwolf, Procol Harum, Moody Blues, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Canned Heat and Jeff Beck in the '70s super group Rhinoceros. In 1965, music producer Paul Rothchild (The Doors and Janis Joplin were among the artists whose music he produced) discovered Gerber's talent and soon he was singer, songwriter and keyboardist for Rhinoceros.

"[Gerber's] song writing has been sought after by the best of the craft, including Bob Dylan for his film Renaldo and Clara. But affiliations aside, after three decades of performing, Alan Gerber is still knocking the socks off audiences wherever he plays. He coaxes a danceable

blend of boogie, blues and folk-rock from every instrument that he so adeptly plays — guitar, piano, fiddle or his own voice."

He has six CDs to his credit, including his most recent — Queen of Hearts — which saw his song Dog, Dog hit number one on the Cashbox charts and Gerber on the cover of Cashbox Magazine.

"Seeing Alan Gerber perform live is a joyous experience," says Holger Peterson, host of CBC's Saturday Night Blues. "You can tell he loves to be in front of an audience and truly whips them into a frenzy. He's amazing!"

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MAY DAY:
Be-flowered students at Salt Spring Centre School celebrate the start of May with maypole dances, songs and fresh fruit to snack on. They also had to bring out the umbrellas.



DOCUMENTARY FILM

Plight of the bees

Queen of the Sun at The Fritz next week

A documentary exploring the desperate plight of the honeybee is returning to Salt Spring by popular demand.

Queen of the Sun, which was first screened at the Salt Spring Film Festival earlier this year, claimed the number three spot on the festival's popularity chart.

Since then islanders — especially local beekeepers — who did not get to see this remarkable story of the fascinating and sometimes quirky world of bees and those who keep them have lobbied for a special screening.

It will run at The Fritz theatre on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation.

A recent Salt Spring Conservancy presentation on native bees was filled to capacity, indicating the high level of interest in the topic locally. The par-



Scene from Queen of the Sun.

ticular case of the honeybee is also of concern worldwide and May 29 has been officially proclaimed the B.C. Day of the Honeybee.

Island beekeeper Deb McGovern describes Queen of the Sun as "an engaging and thought-provoking film which does an excellent job of summarizing the ancient associations of bees with human history, culture and even spirituality. It's also beautifully filmed, very visually appealing."

The film's storyline explores the potentially disastrous effect of massive habitat destruction and the lethal consequences

of modern industrial farming methods on honeybees and the entire eco-system in which they thrive.

McGovern adds that "the main message continues to be if you want to support both honeybees and native bees, don't use pesticides, do maintain natural vegetation areas in your yard — bees love weeds like dandelions, so you have a great excuse not to weed the lawn — and plant a variety of flowers and food crops to attract and feed them. I just wish that there had been a film like Queen of the Sun when I started my beekeeping adventures."

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RECITAL

Bach, concerto on season's last Simply Organic program

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For those who have never attended the popular organ recital series Simply Organic, the last one of the spring season takes place Wednesday, May 18.

In a program titled Back to Bach, organist Don Conley will explore the development of the concerto form during the Baroque period, which was a time of flowering of emerging musical forms.

"We will see how composers shared ideas and expanded on one another's works," said Conley.

Conley is being quickly immersed in the musical community as a masterful performer, conductor and teacher, and has endeared himself to audiences with his sense of humour and deep understanding of music.

Wednesday's recital is free and begins at 10:10 a.m. in All Saints church, home of the only pipe organ on Salt Spring.

Coffee and muffins are served after the music at a cost of \$2.

Simply Organic gives way to the weekly summer series of Music and Munch recitals and will return in the fall.

People & Community



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SET PLAY: It's a sure sign of spring as chess players Ted Baldwinson, left, and Mac Mouat move their game into Centennial Park.

EMPLOYMENT

Workplace skills to be shared at Bridging the Gap sessions

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Local youth and adults can practise 21st-century workplace and employment skills at Bridging the Gap workshops.

On Thursday, May 19 and 26, Ahava Shira will facilitate two workshops from 3 to 5 p.m. at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

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Any adults or youth interested in participating or finding out more about the workshops are encouraged to contact Sarah Hook-Nilsson at shook-nilsson@sd64.bc.ca or to leave a message at the high school at 250-537-9944.

Bridging the Gap is sponsored by the Connecting Generations program and funded by Service Canada.

ANIMAL WELFARE

SPCA open house unleashes activities

Info and prizes at May 14 gathering

The Salt Spring Island Branch of the BC SPCA invites the community to an animal-themed day of fun on Saturday, May 14.

The event, presented by Hill's Science Diet, takes place from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Salt Spring SPCA located beneath the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic.

In addition to featuring pets looking for loving homes, activities at the Salt Spring SPCA open house will include shelter tours, refreshments, educational displays and information on adoptions, volunteering opportunities and upcoming events.

There will also be two draws for a chance to win a pet-pampering package sponsored by Star Barks or to have an 8"x 10" portrait of your pet taken by pet pho-

tographer Sean Hogan. Hill's Science Diet is partnering with BC SPCA branches across the province to promote adoption of homeless animals during Be Kind to Animals month in May.

"The open house series is an opportunity for people to meet the animals available for adoption and to

have fun learning more about how to help animals in the community," said Lorie Chor-tyk, general manager of community relations for the BC SPCA. "We are extremely grateful to Hill's for sponsoring this series to showcase the wonderful animals we have for adoption."

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mals each year through its 37 branches. All animals adopted from the BC SPCA are vet-checked, vaccinated and altered (spayed or neutered), and assessed for temperament.

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BY JACKIE TRUSCOTT
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It's all about remembrance. When people die, whether they are a friend or family, they need to be remembered. They want to know that even when they're no longer with us, that they will still matter to us, that we won't forget them. As a child I used to think that's what heaven was, that when I thought lovingly of someone, a light

would shine down on them and on me and reconnect us. This Sunday, May 15, why not join members of Salt Spring Hospice between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Mouat Park and support us by walking in memory of a friend or family member who has died, or to be with a loved one who is not close to you. You can get a pledge sheet at www.saltspringhospice.org, at Island Savings Credit Union, or can simply make a donation. Hospice' second annual hike has a central location,

a variety of beautiful trails and plenty of parking. Our local Pharmasave is sponsoring the hike and is also providing bottled water for thirsty hikers. At Salt Spring Hospice we work with people before and after a death. Our 45 active volunteers are trained to support different people with different needs. We companion people who are dying and also provide vigil-sitting. We work with family members, caregivers and friends throughout anticipatory grief, early bereavement and grief

recovery. Some people are so pre-occupied with the upcoming loss that they are unable to enjoy the last days with their loved one. Others hold on to themselves tightly until afterwards, when the reality of the situation is hard to bear. Some find it is enough simply to talk about their experience with someone who knows how to listen. And almost everybody needs time to process their loss before they're ready to join a grief recovery group. A local hospice with a strong base of community

support will develop and improve its service to those in need. It's not surprising that people in B.C. are among the healthiest and longest-living in the world. We have an active, health-conscious lifestyle and here on the islands, people live even longer — 83.5 years compared to 81 years for the rest of B.C. But death has no set time frame. It comes unexpectedly to young and old. We do know that for those whose lives go into a slow decline your support system becomes increasingly important, and it's expen-

sive. The last two years of life can be the most expensive for individuals, families and the healthcare system as health declines. Salt Spring Hospice is a member of the palliative health care team and knows the challenges people face. Palliative medical care is designed to relieve physical pain for people who are dying. Palliative "people" care is designed to improve quality of life, for the dying as well as for those around them. So take a hike this Sunday at Mouat Park and remember someone special.

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Kiran comes to us with years of experience working with women's issues including sexual assault, childhood abuse, domestic violence and postpartum issues. She also works with people who have experienced racism and oppression. Kiran has a heart and talent for working with youth concerns and invites teens to call with any concerns that they have.

Amber Sell, BSc.

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Depending on the length of your trip you may well need an oil change while you are away, keep an eye on your elapsed mileage. If you have logged 5000 km it would be a good idea to change your oil at that time. Hot summer conditions and a heavily loaded vehicle demand regular checking of fluid levels under the hood, try to find a full service gas station where they will take care of this for you.

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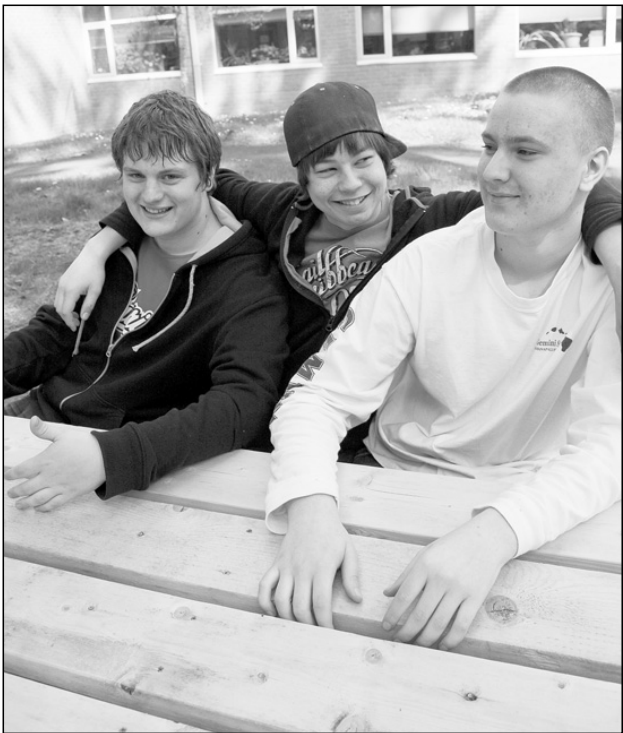
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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

GISS WOODWORKING STUDENTS

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GISS woodwork-
ing program
students,
from left, Josh
Vernon, Arthur
Georgeson and
Kai Corley-Jory
lounge on a pic-
nic table made
by class mem-
bers. Members
of the public can
buy tables and
benches from
the program,
with profits help-
ing to purchase
more supplies.



Students set for
furniture orders

Picnic tables, benches produced
on demand

Woodworking students at Gulf Islands Second-
ary school are observing the change of seasons by
opening their shop up to orders from the public.

The students produce a popular fan-seat garden
bench and full-sized picnic tables that can seat
up to 10 people. They’ve also added to their cata-
logue with a new tot-sized picnic table, with the
first-ever edition donated to the Tree Frog Daycare
auction coming up this Saturday.

Woodworking teacher Jim Watkins said Kyle Hall
and Tilai Ellis-Stairs have been especially enthusi-
astic about making the items.

Approximately 80 students from grades nine to
12 take woodwork classes each year. The money
raised from producing garden furniture projects
goes back into supplies. The shop also receives
generous donations worth thousands of dollars
each year from local businesses.

Woodworking shop assistant Chip Chipman
said students can choose whether or not to par-
ticipate in making the items for sale. Many of their
creations are also donated to the community.

“Some kids become really good at them and
perfect the different components, [but] it’s more
about the learning than the money raised,” Chip-
man said.

“This is the time of year when we get going.”

Picnic tables and benches are available in differ-
ent types of wood and different levels of finishing.
Call the GISS wood shop (250-537-9944 gets the
main office) for more information.

INVESTING

Socially responsible
investing in focus
at Unitarian talk

Whole community welcome to
Sunday session

The Salt Spring Unitarian Fellowship is welcom-
ing interested members of the community to join
in a stimulating service and discussion about
socially responsible investing on Sunday, May 15.

“Living our lives according to our Unitarian
principles affects the way we conduct our eco-
nomic activities,” states a press release about the
event. “Socially responsible investing, with its
environmental, social and governance criteria,
acts as a guide for us when we select our invest-
ments.”

John Taylor is a Unitarian and a part-time resi-
dent of Salt Spring who will give the presentation
on Sunday. A veteran of 35 years of SRI invest-
ing, he has researched and written the SRI policy
for the Canadian Unitarian Council, which was
adopted by delegates at the national CUC confer-
ence in 1998.

Taylor will brief the Salt Spring Unitarian Fel-
lowship and friends on what SRI is all about and
how to use it for their own personal investing,
beginning at 11 a.m. at Salt Spring Seniors.

Riggish game keeps bringing them back

Conservative approach
wins the day on
April 25

BY JILL EVANS

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

ODE TO BRIDGE (apologies
to Shakespeare)

*Age cannot wither it, nor cus-
tom stale*

*Its infinite variety: other games
cloy*

*The appetites they feed: but it
makes hungry*

*Where most it satisfies; for vil-
est things*

*Become themselves in it: that
the wholly bold*

Bless it when it is riggish.

Riggish? The OED says it
means “wanton,” which can also
mean “capricious.” Antony had
been besotted by Cleopatra, but

BRIDGETRICKS

we have bridge.

There has indeed been variety
in the recent results as well as
in the cards. On April 18 among
four and a half tables, Isabelle
Richardson and Jean Elder were
top of the heap, with Flo and
George Laundry next. Then Paul
Retallack and Prem Margoese
were third, with Andy and Von-
nie Bryant coming fourth.

Custom did not stale on April
25 among the four full tables,
in that Joanne Elizabeth and
Jill Evans emerged as winners,
with George Laundry and Paul
Retallack in second place. Flo
Laundry and Gillian Mouat were
third, with Gisela Welsh and
Blanche Poborsa in the fourth
spot. To quote one of the play-

ers about the hands that day,
“Those that took a conservative
approach to these boards did
very well, those that are likely to
push the limits did poorly. Goes
to show you never can tell.”

It seems many players were
made hungry to watch election
results on May 2, because there
were only three tables of bridge
that night. Wholly bold (?) Flo
Laundry and Gisela Welsh tri-
umphed, with Patricia Hewett
and Bob Morrisette in second
place.

If you would like to assuage an
appetite for this caprice, please
go with a partner to the Salt
Spring Seniors centre (across
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normally sold for \$1, would we rush to buy it at \$1.50? And
why is gold so exciting at \$1500/oz when no one gave it a
second thought at \$400? Having a sound financial plan may
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form those annoying vertical water shoots (which take
food supply away from fruit set) and no disturbance
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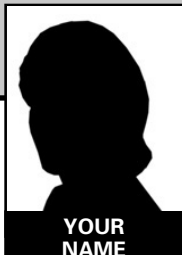
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Wed.

May 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Prophecy. GISPA presents music, dance and theatre production. ArtSpring 7:30 p.m.
Oldtimers Cafe. Musical open stage for all ages at the OAP room at Fulford Hall. Every Wednesday from 7 to 11 p.m.
Open Stage. Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Alfred Temmel Murals. SS Historical Society presentation by Usha Rautenbach at Central Hall. 2 p.m. Plus society AGM.
Islands Trust Community Information Meeting. For proposed Brinkworthy Mobile Home Park strata bylaw. Open house. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Presentation at 6:30 p.m.
CRD Parks. Draft Regional Parks Strategic Plan presentation. Portlock Park portable. Open house, 6 to 7 p.m.; presentation and discussion, 7 to 9 p.m.

Thurs.

May 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Prophecy. See Wednesday listing.
Alan Gerber. Live blues from The Boogie Man at Moby's. 7 p.m.
Peter Prince. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Open Mic. Thursdays at The Local pub. 6 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Arts Centre/School Community Conversation. Closing Community Conversation for the general public related to SS Arts Council proposed project. Mahon Hall. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Fri.

May 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Prophecy. See Wednesday listing.
Blackout. DJ at Moby's.
Billie Woods. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Rollerblading. At Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m. (Last night of the season.)

Sat.

May 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Laws House Concert. Michele and John Law perform in a house concert at Long Harbour B&B. 7 p.m. Info: 250-537-1059; www.fridasvilla.com
Auntie Kate & The Uncles of Funk. Live blues at Moby's.
Joy Kogawa. Poet and novelist will read from her work. ArtSpring Gallery. 7 p.m.

Sat.

May 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Lloyd English. Live at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Live Music. Synergy at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Die Walkure — Met Opera Wagner opera broadcast at ArtSpring. 9 a.m.
Salt Spring SPCA Open House. With tours, displays, refreshments, prizes. 12 to 4 p.m. at the shelter off Sharp Rd.
Second Annual Drop-off of Invasive Plants. Broom, gorse, ivy, etc. Rainbow Park. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Jane, 250-537-0880.
Plein Air Skills Workshop. A SS Painters Guild 3-day outdoor workshop with Liz Wiltzen begins today. Info/register: Ann Holt, annholt47@hotmail.com.

Sun.

May 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Mulroney: The Opera. Film of comedic opera about former PM Brian Mulroney and politics by Rhombus Media. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
The Barley Bros. Live at the Harbour House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Spring Carnival. Games, prizes, great food, live music. SSI Cooperative Preschool family event at the Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Hike for Hospice. Walk in memory of a loved one. SS Hospice fundraiser. Mouat Park. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Stowel Lake Farm Open House. Includes annual plant sale, farm tours at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., plus sawmill demo at 2 p.m. and a discussion on community living at 3 p.m.
Emergency Program Open House. See new vehicles and learn about emergency prep. Ganges fire hall. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Groove Method Fitness. Workshop with Liz Zdunich at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Socially Responsible Investing. Presentation at the SS Unitarian Fellowship by John Taylor. SS Seniors. 11 a.m.

Mon.

May 16

ACTIVITIES

SSI Island Abattoir. Public info session presented by the SSI Agricultural Alliance & SSI Livestock Producers. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.
Simply.ca Seminars on Salt Spring. Introduction to Mac 10:15-11:45 a.m. iPad/i/Pod & AppleTV w/iMovie overview 12:30-2 p.m. Harbour House Hotel. Info: 250-412-6899.

Tues.

May 17

ACTIVITIES

Central Community Hall Society Meeting Board of Directors. At the hall. 7 p.m. Public welcome.
SS Community and Economic Development Commission Meeting. School board office meeting room. 4 to 6 p.m.

Wed.

May 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Back to Bach. Free Simply Organic recital with Don Conley. All Saints. Followed by muffin & coffee for \$2.
Oldtimers Cafe. Musical open stage for all ages at the OAP room at Fulford Hall. Every Wednesday from 7 to 11 p.m.
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CINEMA

Rio — This movie reaches great heights thanks to its colourful visual palette, catchy music, and funny vocal performances. Blu is a domesticated Macaw who never learned to fly, living a comfortable life with his owner and best friend Linda in Moose Lake, Minnesota. Blu and Linda think he's the last of his kind, but when they learn about another Macaw who lives in Rio de Janeiro, they head to the faraway and exotic land to find Jewel, the bird of his dreams.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Starfish Gallery** is featuring work by local artist **Susan Haigh** and Saskatchewan-based artist **Beverley Chicoine** from May 14 to June 4. Opening reception is on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- West Coast Salish artist **Darlene Gait** and Salt Spring artist **Nicola Wheston** show work at the **Starfish Gallery** through Thursday, May 12.
- **Larry Melious** has new photos hanging at **Barb's Buns**.
- **Point Gallery** shows **George Wallace: Early sculpture and Prints** by appointment only for the month of May. Call Mark Wallace at 250-653-9518.
- **Joshua Beckett** shows new work, consisting of paintings and assemblages done in 2010-2011 in the **ArtSpring** lobby during the month of May. Beckett is a long-time resident of Salt Spring and a recent graduate of Emily Carr University.
- **Roger Donnelly** shows his paintings at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
- See **Lyman Whitaker's** wind sculptures at **Grace Point Square**.
- Wood sculpting by **Michael Aronoff** is in the display case at **ArtSpring** through April and May and he will be changing the pieces every few weeks.

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The Phantom Ball couple and mystery knight distribute ball invitations outside Thrifty Foods on Friday.

FESTIVALS

Music and fun-filled Spring Carnival returns for 13th year

At the Farmers' Institute this Sunday

An annual event with a fun, family focus is ready to roll on Sunday, May 15. The Salt Spring Island Cooperative Preschool will host its Spring Carnival in its usual spot

at the Farmers' Institute. Children's games and crafts, storytelling and great food are all available, along with live entertainment for kids of all ages, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entertainers include Jim Rad-dysh, Alan Moberg, Peter Prince and Wesley Hardisty, along with many more.

Admission is \$10 for a family, or \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids under 13. The under-six crowd gets in for free. Proceeds support the island's long-running cooperative preschool, which is located on Aldous Road across from Salt Spring Island Middle School. The school's carnival tradition

began in 1999 when the pre-school needed to relocate from its former spot at Salt Spring Community Services. According to a Driftwood article from 2008, "They began the awesome task of raising funds to secure a property and did every imaginable fundraiser to raise a whopping \$70,000 that

year! Trish Hoffman, Pam Taylor and Julie Sweetnam were the original organizers of the first carnival." Sweetnam recalled that "We really wanted to create an event that would be colourful, energetic, fun and affordable for families with young children" as a thank-you to the community.

Phantom Ball invitations in mail

Winner gets taste of Galiano luxury

It's time to get lazy and gear up for the 15th annual Phantom Ball — the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation fundraiser that makes supporting the hospital easy. The Phantom Ball prize this year is a spa package for two at the exclusive Gulf Islands resort, Galiano Inn – Oceanfront Inn & Spa. "We hope you will join us in the fun of celebrating this Phantom Ball non-event by donating the money you will save by (not) attending," explains a press

release. "When you make a donation to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation's Phantom Ball Campaign, you have a chance to enter your name in the July draw to win the vacation prize. "The lucky winner of the prize draw will sail to Galiano Island on a private yacht and will be picked up again after their two-day stay at Galiano Inn." The prize can be redeemed in September 2011. This year the foundation's focus is on upgrading of the laboratory department and the Extended Care Unit, along with continued support of the nurses' education

fund. "We are proud of our community hospital and the excellent level of expertise and care that is available to us here on Salt Spring Island. "We are equally proud of our community that continues to support our cause so that we can be assured to have superb medical services right here, closer to home." Phantom Ball invitations/brochure packets will be in everyone's mailbox the week of May 9. Islanders might also get a glimpse of the dressed-to-the-nines "phantom couple" out and about in Ganges.

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Financial fraud impacts seniors

Reports of financial fraud related to elder abuse are on the rise on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, an attractive destination for retirees, which makes Vancouver Island a hot bed of activity for unscrupulous scammers looking to take advantage of the senior population.

"Financial fraud is one of the fastest growing forms of elder abuse. Financial elder abuse occurs when seniors pocketbooks are exploited by scammers who take advantage of a persons vulnerabilities that may be associated with their age, like hearing loss, loneliness, physical limitations or impaired mental capacity," says Detective Rick Anthony of the Victoria Police Department. "Elder abuse is a crime and it affects thousands of seniors from all social, religious, economic and cultural backgrounds."

Common financial elder abuse frauds:

- 1) Undue influence** — Vulnerable seniors are often duped into making financial decisions that impact them dramatically by someone they know or someone appearing in an 'official' capacity who swindles them into giving up money, property, decision making capacity or personal information. In some instances elders have been tricked into signing over their homes, making large investments or donating large sums of money. Often the scammers play on the emotional heartstrings of the elder, use confusing tactics or convince the senior that they must take action for their own well-being.
- 2) Unauthorized access to banking or financial information** — Building up a relationship of trust some scammers use this to entice elders to hand over private banking and financial information such as bank account numbers, credit card numbers, account balances, passwords and PIN numbers.
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Safe Boating Week

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Revitalized volunteer coast guard boosts readiness

Unit 25 members enthused about classroom and on-the-water work

Training has been the focus for the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 25, based on Salt Spring, after its members returned to active search and rescue duty in February.

The group, which has a number of new members, has been engaged in classroom and on-the water training to support 24-hour search and rescue readiness.

According to unit leader Tom McKeachie, seven volunteers recently completed the First Responder Level 3 First Aid course, which has given a major boost to the first aid capacity of the unit.

Deputy unit leader Alex Lyons and safety officer Nic Futter have lately completed the SAR NAV 1 course, offered at the CCGA-P base in Victoria. This uses simulator and on-the-water training for operating in all weather conditions, as well as restricted visibility and darkness.

On-call SAR members carry a pager and commit to be ready to deploy with 15 minutes of notice.

McKeachie thanks the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 for its generous donation, which enabled the unit to purchase a new stretcher.

“Unit 25 is proud of its association with the Legion,” said McKeachie.

CCGA Unit 25 volunteers use a fast-response vessel, which is owned by the Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society. It is



PHOTO BY LARRY MELIOUS

CCGA Unit 25 members on the water in their rigid hull inflatable craft.

based in Ganges and the unit covers an area from Nanaimo to Oak Bay and part of the Georgia Strait.

CCGA volunteers assist the professional Coast Guard crews with search-

and-rescue taskings coordinated by the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Victoria.

The vessel and volunteers have also provided on-the-water support for the

Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre and Salt Spring’s ground search and rescue group.

As summer approaches and the boat-AUXILIARY continued on 27

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SAFE BOATING



Unit 25 member Julia Lerner gets set to haul herself out of the water during a training exercise held in March of this year.

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Boat safety urged

AUXILIARY
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ing season picks up, the unit encourages local mariners to do an inventory of their safety equipment, ensuring that their distress flares are current.

In addition to all the required marine safety equipment, a fully charged cell phone can be a useful piece of kit, said McKeachie.

In an emergency, calling *16 puts boaters in touch with Victoria Coast Guard Radio.

People can contact 250-538-8068 if they are interested in returning to active duty as a CCGA volunteer, if they want to learn what's entailed with volunteering for the first time or to help with boating safety education.

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SAFE BOATING



ON DUTY: Coast Guard vessel Cape Kuper cruises into Ganges Harbour earlier this year.

BOATING SAFETY

New pleasure craft operators' requirements more rigorous

Standardized test can be done online

Boaters seeking a Pleasure Craft Operator's Card for the first time will find the requirements are now more exacting than they were before April 15.

The card, which under Transport Canada regulations must be carried by the operator of any pleasure craft with a motor, can be acquired by taking a test with an accredited private sector course provider either in person or online.

According to Transport Canada's website: "The test covers basic boating safety rules and regulations and how to respond to emergency situations.

"Like a driving exam, it includes many questions that require common sense. It also includes more difficult questions that require either taking a course or having a broad boating knowledge."

In the past the exam had 36

questions selected by the course providers. It now has a total of 50 questions which were standardized by the government and include more emphasis on the rules of the water to prevent accidents and deaths.

Transport Canada strongly recommends boaters take a safety course prior to the test, and new regulations include a mandatory three-hour study period before the test can be taken online.

The Salt Spring Island Power and Sail Squadron offers a multi-week course leading to the PCOC exam, among others. The next one is scheduled for January of 2012. Contact training officer Doug Mattka at 250-538-1886 for more information.

The course can also be completed by correspondence or on the internet, or individuals can purchase a training manual and study on their own before taking the exam.

The test includes questions on the minimum safety equipment

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GISS



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GISS students work out on new equipment donated by North End Fitness.

Gym equipment donation lifts GISS weight-room goal

Program aims to increase youth workouts

BY NIAMH MALCOLM
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Gulf Islands Secondary School recently acquired new exercise equipment for its weight room, thanks to a local business donation.

In the first week of May, North End Fitness owner Peter Vincent donated 11 machines to the secondary school. The new equipment has filled the weight room and the goal is to have a room dedicated to yoga and other bone-strengthening activities.

“The treadmills are in use almost every gym class,” said GISS gym teacher Tony Mason.

“There have been a lot of students who aren’t keen on sports who ask to come up here and work out while we play indoor soccer or volleyball.”

While students won’t be able to work out at all times of the day, the weight room will be open whenever the gym is being used for games and sometimes in the morning before class.

“We want students to start good

habits that they can take into the real world. It’s really helping with that aspect,” said Mason.

The athletics department also benefited from a donation of several thousand dollars from the grad class of 2007. That money was put towards rubber flooring and dumbbells.

Since that time, phys. ed. teacher Doug Pearson has been visualizing a space that could draw in students who are less likely to engage in team sports.

“It’s really encouraging to see the sudden increase of people exercising,” he said about the weight room.

The high school’s athletics department would welcome further donations. People can call Pearson at the school (250-537-9944) for more information about what is needed.

According to StatsCan, in 2005 sports participation was higher in smaller cities and towns, and overall it was the lowest in British Columbia and Quebec.

Recently released information also stated that in 2007-2009 only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 were active enough to gain the health benefits.

TENNIS

SSTA season opens in fine weather

Indoor tennis facility plans excite players

BY VIRGINIA GILES
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

On Sunday, May 1, the weather gods relented and served up the nicest day of the year for the Salt Spring Tennis Association’s season-opening tournament at Portlock Park.

Twenty enthusiasts signed up, which meant that there were 10 rounds.

Only a few lasted the course, which didn’t matter, as there were no prizes nor winners, just good fun and the pleasure of being outdoors in brilliant sunshine, not bundled up in sweaters and jackets.

The traditional sumptuous post-opener pot-luck lunch was held, thanks to Rose Heinekey and her crew, at the home of Jack and Virginia Giles, and there was much excited discussion about the indoor tennis facility for win-

ter and rainy-day play to be built on the grounds of the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

Since the demise of the bubble several years ago there has been no indoor tennis on the island, and the new structure, which will be open to members and the general public alike, will enable everyone who wishes to play year-round.

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SPORTS & RECREATION



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HEADER: From a corner kick, Ben Barter heads a ball past the Comox keeper to score the game’s only goal. Salt Spring’s U18 boys won the game 1-0, during a youth soccer tournament held on Salt Spring last weekend.

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PARC NEWS

Bryant Hill trail work widens hiking options

May 14 Invasive Plant Drop-off also on PARC agenda

BY KEES RUURS
PARC MANAGER

The flowers and blossoms are popping out everywhere, a sure sign that summer is around the corner. And since summer on this island means “hiking,” PARC has a new trail ready for you.

Bryant Hill Park

Our trail crew just completed the reconstruction of both the Bryant Hill Park trail and the connecting trail between Bryant Hill and Peter Arnell Park.

Bryant Hill signage will go up soon, but why wait? To get to Bryant Hill Park (formally known as 80 Acres Park or Stewart Road Park), go up Stewart Road, turn onto Jasper, then follow it onto Jennifer and Sarah Way. A trail sign at the end of the pavement at the top of Sarah Way directs you onto a gravel road off to the right.

After a few hundred meters there is a parking lot with the trail starting behind the yellow gate next to that lot.

The Bryant Hill Park trail is 2,200 meters or about 1.4 miles long and it is not suitable for small children or strollers. You’ll need sturdy shoes or boots. About 250 meters up the trail you’ll pass the connector trail down to Peter Arnell Park. However, keep going straight. The first kilometer is an old gently sloping logging road. When the trail turns to the left (south) you’ll cross a little stream and quickly gain back the elevation lost during the first kilometer (in other words it is steep!). From there the trail wanders through a mature forest up and down hills until you cross another little bridge. This puts you back where you started.

The Arnell connector trail was developed years ago by volunteers, but recently became quite overgrown. Our trail crew has also tackled that section and as of mid April you can again hike from the western part of Peter Arnell Park up to Bryant Hill Park. But again that’s a back-country trail requiring some hiking experience.

Seven Pool Highlights

1. Triathlon — June 19 (Father’s Day). A great way to spend his day — swimming, riding and running with dad in our second annual Salt

Spring Triathlon. Check out the triathlon web-site (ssitriclub@meetup.com).

2. Celebration — The pool’s third birthday party is also on June 19. More information to come.

3. Summer Schedule — Available at the pool and published in last week’s Driftwood.

4. Friday Morning Swim Club — Chelsea is back coaching from 9 to 10 a.m.! A perfect way to try out for the swim club. (The Sting-rays swim team trains at the same time.) There’s a \$5.50 “drop-in” fee.

5. Swim to Gabriola? Sign up in the record book at the front desk and then do your laps or class — in the pool, not the ocean. When finished, record what you did. For every one of the 37 “way points” you reach, your name will be entered into a draw for a weekend for two on Gabriola.

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**Central Community
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Tuesday May 17, 2011
at 7 pm
Public Welcome!

Friday May 20 - Talk by Mar-
ilyn Walker - Ethnobotany and
Traditional Medicine from In-
digenous Cultures. Commu-
nity Gospel Hall. 7:00 pm
Saturday May 21 - Walk by
Marilyn Walker - Register by
phoning SSI Conservancy
(250) 538-0318.

CARDS OF THANKS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

JOSHUA BECKETT

Recent Paintings
and
Assemblages

ArtSpring Lobby
for the month of May

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS

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Happy 85th Birthday Ellen Bennett

All her family and friends
Come to the mountain and help
Ellen celebrate

Saturday May 21st
at her home

467 Dukes Road.

Salt Spring Island

Follow the balloons up
Dukes Road

Light refreshments, finger foods and birthday
cake will be served from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wishing well for cards

SAFE BOATING PAGES 26-28

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Tea for Three's

Same day, 2 locations.

E.L.F. centres at Fulford Elementary and
Salt Spring Elementary

Tuesday, May 17 from 2-3 pm.

Three year-olds and their parent(s) or caregiver are
welcome to join in a tea party. There will be story time
and crafts for the children and information for the
adults. The children will go home with a small gift.

*Please let all of the families with three year olds
know about this Ready, Set, Learn event.*

salt spring arts council

Invites you to the

Closing Community Conversation

**SALT SPRING SCHOOL/CENTRE
FOR THE ARTS**

We will be presenting a distillation of
"what we heard" during the recent series of
Community Conversations, held in April.

We will share what we learned, and
where we are going from here.

Your voice at this meeting will make a
difference. Please join the Salt Spring arts
community to help shape our future.

Where: Mahon Hall

When: Thursday, May 12, 6:30 PM

COMING EVENTS

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Hamilton, Caroline

Caroline was born in Oxford England. She attended
Maltman's Green School, followed by art schools in
Winchester and Oxford. She came to BC in 1967 to
teach art at Strathcona Lodge Girls School in Shawnigan
Lake. She later went north to teach in Yellowknife. After
a diagnosis of MS, she stayed for a while with her dear
friend Nonie Guthrie on SSI. Caroline fell in love with
the island and moved here permanently to teach at SSI
Secondary School.

Caroline was deeply religious and in 2005 joined the
Order of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine of Toronto
as an oblate. Her participation in the Anglican community
brought much pleasure to those who knew her in the parish
of All Saints by-the-Sea. She was generous with her time,
leading small religious discussion groups and offering her
brilliant painting and sketching expertise to many older
students and friends in her home. She will be greatly
missed by her friends, as well as by her many art students.

Predeceased by her beloved parents, Kenneth and Doreen,
Caroline will be deeply missed by her sister Boodie (Mike),
brother James (Elisabeth), niece Lydia and nephews Nick
(Heather), Patrick and great niece Madeleine.

Caroline battled her increasingly uncooperative body with
grace and courage. Deep gratitude is due to her wonderful
"minders" who cared so sensitively for Caroline in the later
years of her life - in particular to Georgina Marcotte, who
was her friend and her angel.

The funeral will be held May 12, 2011 at 2 p.m. at All
Saints by-the-Sea Church in Ganges, Salt Spring Island.

Thank You

Ruckle Heritage Farm Day

would like to Thank the over 100 Volunteers who
came out on sunny May 1st to make Ruckle Farm
Day a fun experience for all.

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Dale & Gary Oakes
Natascha & Colin Byron
Kaori & Andrew Lane
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Local & Saanich 4-H Clubs
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The Blacksmithing Club
The Spinners & Weavers Guild
The Quilting Guild
Carron Carson
The Firehall
Thomas Brainerd
Gerri Alton
Ray Fraser

Mark Hughes
Harry Burton
Anne Macey
Margaret Thompson
The Farmers Institute
Lynell & Rick Vipond
Harry Warner
Ben Clarke
Nancy Wigen
Maureen Milburn
Moon Struck Cheese Farm

*and others too numerous
to mention, but equally
appreciated.*

Thank you also for participation from the Barley Bros.,
Peter Prince, BC Parks & K2 Park Services.

Our day would not have been possible without the
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**Many, many Thanks from Ruckle Heritage Farm Day,
Mike & Marjorie Lane**

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DEATHS

Grace Terry (nee Adlam) 1914 - 2011

Mum is finally taking a rest. She wanted to go to work but was not able to today. Mum lived a full busy life and was always ready to help. Predeceased by her husband Bill, sons Bill Jr. and Michael. Left to celebrate her life, daughters Pat O'Neill and Lyn Terry, son Peter Terry (Debbie), 13 grandchildren, 16 great grand children, 10 great great grandchildren and 2 great, great, great grandchildren. A family gathering will be held at a later date. Mum wished to be donated to U.B.C. for anatomical study. In lieu of flowers, donations to Grandmothers for Grandmothers.



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This is a bargaining unit position (CUPE Local 1989). Camp Leaders will be employees of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and are paid every two weeks at a rate of \$12.67/\$14.11 per hour (2010 rates) plus 13% in lieu of benefits (\$14.19/\$15.80 per hour).

First Aid Certification, a Class "4" B.C. Drivers Licence and a clean driving record are mandatory. Lifeguard Certification is an asset.

Reply in writing, on or before May 20, 2011 including a resume and references, to:

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Land Act:

Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land

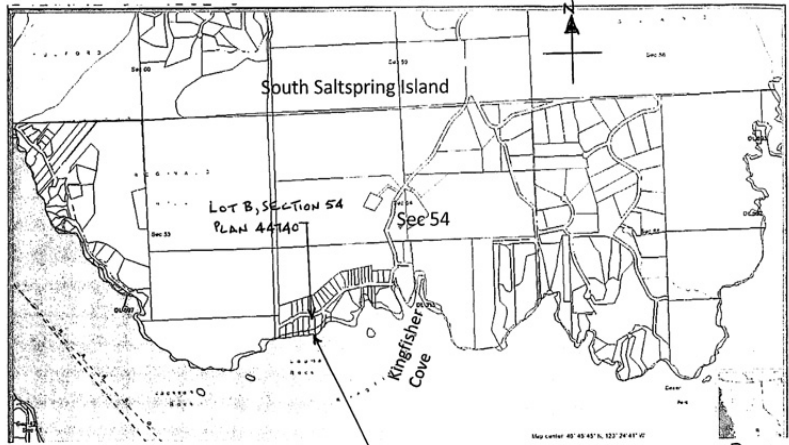
Take notice that **Rodger Lee Ostlund and Gail Toni Muise of Salt Spring Island, B.C.** intend to make application to Ministry of Natural Resource Operations (MNRO), West Coast Service Centre, for **Specific Permission Crown Land Tenure for Private Moorage** situated on Provincial Crown Land located at **211 Menhinick Drive, Salt Spring Island, B.C.**

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is **143562**. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Ministry of Natural Resources Operation at 142-2080 Labieux Road, Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 6 J9, or emailed to: **AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca**.

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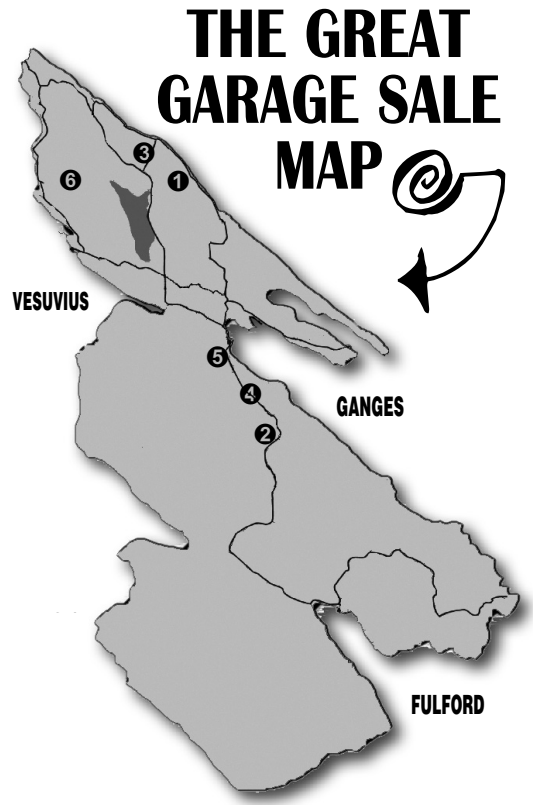
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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)
Establishing a more solid base is on your mind. The challenge includes overcoming an imbalance between ambition and actual energy levels and/or other resources in general. While you feel able you may also feel uncertain of what you really want. All this will change this week as your resolve takes a more certain turn.
Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)
You have entered new territory somehow. You are in the mood to try new approaches. A plan that has been brewing in your mind will finally get a chance to be realized. The time to take key initiatives has arrived. The momentum will rise steadily over the next few weeks and you will soon be taking some big risks.
Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)
The time has come to retreat for a while. You may feel escapist. Yet, you also are feeling waves of love desire. Your mood is revolutionary and your focus is sharp. Yet you remain open to new possibilities. Curiosity is also brimming. You will settle into a more concentrated mode this week.
Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)
Big changes continue to sweep through your world. Perhaps you suddenly are in the spotlight. Whether it is the kind of attention you want is another question. Either way, you are shaking the world and it is shaking back. You must contend with some major power players and or circumstances and this trend will continue for some time.
Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)
If you want attention, now is your big chance to get it. Favours requested and rewards earned will be acknowledged and granted. Gathering tools and resources is on your mind. Giving and/or receiving instruction of some kind is likely. You are gearing up to take some calculated risks to increase your overall revenue.
Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)
Your mood is philosophical and deep. Yet, practicality remains a top priority. You are willing to push extra hard for what you want. Cultural interests and perhaps some travel and adventure is in the mix. Your overall power levels are probably on the rise yet so too is your scope of responsibility.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)
Who has what you want and need? Drawing upon the resources of others feels extra important. You may be on the verge of some long awaited returns. Financial interests and plans are on your mind. You want to discuss terms yet you will also pay close attention to the details and do some research to verify the facts.
Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)
Establishing new relationship foundations is keeping you busy. These will be of both the personal and professional kind. This will soon lead to a measurable increase in your popularity and confidence levels. Yet, you should be willing to put in the extra efforts now. Changes in your lifestyle are part of the plot.
Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)
You desire to establish healthier and more reliable lifestyle patterns. You will make any extra efforts you can. Be willing to give big to the situation. This includes new knowledge and probably some innovation.
Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)
The crest of a creative wave is rising to a peak. This trend will continue this week. Cleaning and clearing dead wood, junk and negativity of any kind and replacing these with something new and better is on your mind. You would like to feel more natural, closer to nature, in the flow.
Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)
A busy time close to home includes many errands and social encounters. A wide array of thoughts, perceptions and people are stimulating your mind. Yet, you are being called to bigger things. Expanding your scope and vision to embrace a wider reality is lingering.
Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)
Mixing adventure with practicality is a current theme. Your thoughts are swinging from the details to more philosophical perspectives. Your ambition levels are likely high yet your energy levels may not be quite so. With emerging levels of responsibility to contend with, you may feel challenged to persevere. Deciphering a realistic strategy, so you can work smarter and not harder, is a main goal.

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