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HIGH JUMPERS: Geoff Laine, Nick Preston and Zac Christianson leap off a tree into St. Mary Lake during the last week of summer holidays. Students of all ages returned to classes on Tuesday.

EDUCATION

Job action greets returning students

Teachers' strike aimed at administrative services

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Children heading to class this week can expect a firsthand lesson in labour relations as the union representing teachers at public schools throughout the Gulf Islands and across the province is standing firm in its demands for fairer treatment, higher wages and smaller class sizes.

Those are but three in a long list of issues that encouraged more than 90 per cent of teachers across the province to approve strike action in a vote conducted in late June.

A failure to reach an agreement over the summer means students, parents and staff can expect a few surprises as students crack open their textbooks this week.

Although classes at Salt Spring's six public school are moving ahead on schedule, the strike action prohibits teachers from conducting any administrative duties outside of instructional time.

That means teachers need not participate in meetings and interviews with parents or district teaching staff, attend staff meetings held by the principal or school district management, prepare course outlines and overviews for the principal, answer phones, or communicate with their school's principal in writing, electronically or orally.

Teachers will still instruct students during regular class time, prepare lesson plans and assess, evaluate and mark their students.

Jeff Hopkins, superintendent for School District 64, said it's still unclear how long phase one of the job action will last or if it will get more severe before an agreement is reached.

"There is a possibility of either escalation or resolution following this phase, depending on how provincial-level work progresses," he wrote in an address posted on the school district website late last week.

Negotiations on a number of outstanding topics on the local and province-wide level are progressing slowly, according to Jack Braak, president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association.

"Where they stand right now, we've got quite a

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HOUSING

Survey reveals suites support

Island-wide option generates majority of support

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

More than 95 per cent of respondents to a survey of island renters believe the legalization of secondary suites would benefit the community and provide needed affordable housing on the island.

The online survey, which was launched by Islands Trust staff in August and runs until the Salt Spring Fall Fair weekend, is part of the local Islands Trust's attempt to gather the public's views on the legalization of suites and cottages. Preliminary survey results were made available in the agenda package that accompanied the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee's meeting on Thursday.

The survey further revealed that 66 per cent of the roughly 50 respondents spend more than 30 per cent of their income on rent. Seventy-six per cent of renters believe suites should be allowed on an island-wide basis as opposed to a pilot-area-based approach.

Survey results and comments will be considered alongside evidence gathered from community groups when trustees address the legalization of secondary suites in the fall.

A concurrent survey of homeowners indicates that 55 per cent of more than 100 respondents would like to have a secondary suite in

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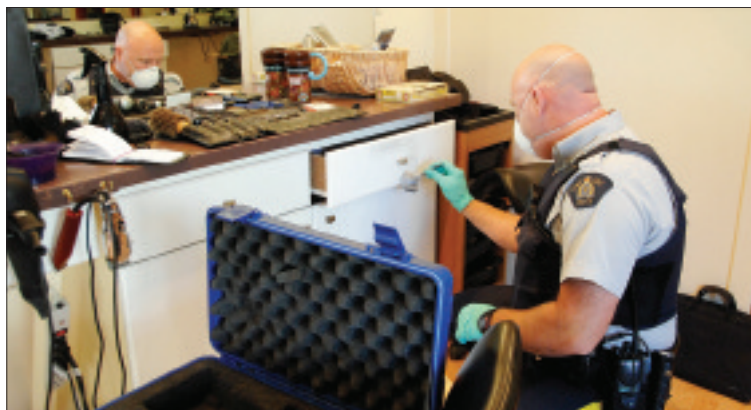
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CRIME SCENE: Salt Spring RCMP Const. Kent Emery dusts for fingerprints at a McPhillips Avenue hair salon — the third business targeted by thieves last weekend.

RCMP

Break, enter spree hits on Ganges businesses

RCMP investigate weekend caper

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring RCMP are on the hunt for whoever is responsible for a series of weekend break and enters that targeted three McPhillips Avenue businesses in Ganges.

Police were still at the scene on Tuesday morning in a search for fingerprints and other clues to help track down the thief or thieves behind what one of the affected business owners calls a “totally discouraging” incident.

A stylist at Grateful Heads hair salon owned by Letitia Lane discovered evidence of the break-in when he passed by his workplace Monday.

The break and enter is the first time Lane has experienced such an incident since she started work at the shop eight years ago. That something like this could happen three times in such a short time span on a usually tranquil and safe island like Salt Spring, she said, only compounds her dismay.

Lane wants other business owners to use these unfortunate events as

a reminder to be extra vigilant and remove anything important from their premises before closing for the day.

“Business owners should be aware,” she said.

Besides the unwanted intrusion, Lane said she’s been left with a locksmith bill and worries about whether her insurance company will offer compensation.

Lane’s was the second of three businesses targeted sometime overnight on Saturday, Sept. 3, according to an RCMP spokesperson.

Police noted that such break and enter incidents are rare for Salt Spring, but advised residents to take appropriate precautions before leaving their home or business for any length of time.

RCMP officers did not release how much loot was taken during the incidents. Based on the RCMP’s investigation, it appears thieves sought to make away with cash only.

Anyone who may have witnessed suspicious activities in the downtown core around McPhillips Avenue during the weekend is asked to call the local RCMP detachment at 250-537-5555 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Teachers aim to regain ‘lost ground’

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divide on the provincial level,” said Braak.

Along with some technical changes to language contained in GITA’s local bargaining agreement, Braak said, teachers seek to redress salary inequity when it comes to aver-

age wages paid across the country.

Braak said the province’s “net zero” approach to its negotiations with the British Columbia Teachers’ Federation means any concessions will only come at the expense of existing conditions.

“What we’re trying to do is move forward so

we are no longer near the bottom,” he said. “We used to be third in the country; now we are sitting at eighth in the country.”

The BCTF argues that the province has done little to address the issue of class-size limits and guarantees of service to students, a perennial concern

in classrooms across the province that has resulted in annual cuts equivalent to approximately \$336 million in 2011 dollars.

“These funds have been illegally taken away from students, from teachers and from the public education system,” said Susan Lambert, BCTF president.

“Teachers are determined in this round of bargaining to regain these lost services, jobs and resources to meet students’ needs.”

Hopkins advises anyone with any questions or concerns related to this strike to contact their school’s principal. The school district will continue to distribute updates as required via the district website at www.sd64.bc.ca and through school newsletters.

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Survey shows lots of support for secondary suites on island

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their home. A further 10 per cent of respondents were undecided.

Nearly 80 per cent said they would like to have secondary suites in their neighbourhood, although 55 per cent of respondents said they have some concerns about secondary suites’ potential affect on water supply.

Almost 80 per cent of homeowners agreed legalization of secondary suites would provide affordable housing and benefit the community.

The survey has been part of an effort by Trust planning staff to

gather islanders’ opinions about the suites issue.

Meetings have been scheduled with the island’s Chamber of Commerce, water districts and Copper Kettle Community Partnership. Meetings have already been held with realtors, North Salt Spring Waterworks District, Capital Regional District building inspection office, Agricultural Alliance and Salt Spring Water Council.

Survey responses can be filled out online on the Salt Spring Islands Trust website or be picked up at the local Trust office in the BC Hydro building at #1-500 Lower Ganges Rd.

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ART & HEALTH

Island weaver reopens studio after lengthy illness

Art helps motivate recovery process

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Diane Mortensen, formerly one of the island's most successful artisans, is set to put herself back on the studio tour map and recover some time lost after contracting Lyme disease in 2003.

Mortensen has always been a highly motivated person. Her drive and her skill as a textile artist saw her forge a business that included five employees working the loom under her direction and her work represented in up to 25 shops. She did teaching tours of Canada and the U.S. for 25 years and even ran a consulting business advising fashion designers and other businesses how to train weavers and get the most out of their looms.

An extremely unfortunate tick bite eight years ago — and a misdiagnosis of her subsequent illness — brought an end to that career and drastically affected Mortensen's health, to the point where doctors believed she had little chance of recovery. But with her innate drive and creativity to aid her, along with strong support from her husband Klaus, Mortensen is finally at a point where she can return to a version of her former life.

"I tried to keep the studio running, but I got sicker and sicker," Mortensen recalled.

She knew she had been bitten by a tick and even brought the offending insect in to her doctor, but the physician believed Lyme disease was not an issue here and refused to consider the idea.

Eventually, after a year of fighting it, Mortensen was hospitalized and inspected by a range of specialists, none of whom could help her. In the end, an infectious disease specialist was brought in and recognized Lyme disease right away. Unfortunately, by that time it had attacked Mortensen's brain, causing her to lose up to two thirds of her synapses. It also got into her nerves, tissues, heart and lungs. She lost words, the ability to walk and even the simplest math skills.

After a course of specialized antibiotics that were administered via a line straight to her heart, Mortensen started seeing a neuro-psychologist.

"She didn't hold out much hope that I would improve, but she saw that I was a very determined person and said if anyone could do it, I could," she said.

Over the years, Mortensen gradually worked to reconnect her synapses. She did brain-stimulating games for up to three hours a day. She learned to walk again by adding one step each week, until one day two years ago when she achieved a personal milestone.

"It's one kilometre from here to Duck Creek, and the day I got into Duck Creek and walked there for the first time, I knew I'd made it," she said.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Diane Mortensen back at work at her Monteith Drive studio.

Despite her progress, pain is still a constant issue. Her ribs hurt every time she breathes, her lungs burn and her heart beats too quickly.

For daily management she wears morphine patches on her arms. Another saving grace has been discovering Tucson, Arizona, where she's spent a couple of months the past two winters.

"It's just wonderful — it's like a little window where the pain lets up," she said, explaining that changes in barometric pressure affect her greatly, and in Tucson the weather reliably stays the same.

Mortensen's art has also had a factor in her healing process. The act of weaving is itself beneficial, she said, although she's had to give up her most complex loom with its computer interface and mathematical formulas. The need to create has perhaps been even more motivating.

"I love what I do," Mortensen said. "I love creating, I love weaving. I've always been a fairly driven person. I've done things with passion . . . and I couldn't see not coming

back."

During the long and grueling process, one positive aspect has been an expansion of Mortensen's art. She took up painting when she was still unable to weave, although she did not feel the same confidence that she could produce what she conceived. Now that weaving abilities have returned, she's also seen a strengthening of her painting skills.

"I feel as though the painting and weaving have now joined. It's like a circle. I'm a stronger artist now than I ever was before."

Mortensen reopened her studio to the public in January, and for next year she'd like to rejoin the studio tour.

"Unfortunately, they can't cure Lyme disease at this stage. All I can hope for is a long remission," she said. "But I want to try."

Mortensen hopes her story will help other people on the island to be aware of ticks and that Lyme disease is possible to contract here.

News briefs

Rotary Club mad for muffins

Fall Fair participants of all ages will be gathered at one single attraction on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 18 as they wait for a special cow to perform her business.

Where she does it will determine who goes home \$1,500 richer.

Only 400 tickets are sold for Muffin Madness each year, one of several annual fundraisers for the Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island. Participants

pick their choice from a numbered grid laid out over the pasture where the cow is left to graze undisturbed.

The Rotary Club has raised thousands of fundraising dollars and benefitted many programs in its 20-plus years doing Muffin Madness. The club has an international student exchange program, enhances community life with projects like the Rotary Dingy Dock and Marine Park in Ganges and partners with service providers like the fire department and search and rescue on other projects.

To learn more about Rotary International, or to pick

your favourite grid number, join the Rotarians for lunch Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. at the Harbour House Hotel.

Muffin Madness tickets are available from any Rotarian, and at the Rotary booth at the fall fair. But be warned: they are generally sold out by the time of the event.

Abattoir granted final approval

Members of the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance can move forward with construction of a mobile abattoir

after local Trust committee members approved a development variance permit to permit construction of a septic field within 60 metres of a water body leading into Ford Lake.

A hydrological assessment concluded the abattoir facility posed a "very low" contamination risk.

Anne Macey, an Agricultural Alliance spokesperson, told trustees the facility will be required to follow through with closely monitored operation standards, including provisions to deliver all blood to a rendering facility in the Cowichan Valley.

"We are doing our utmost to make sure there are no problems with the system," she said. "We're meant to stick to the process we've written down step by step."

Trustee Christine Torgimson commended the Agricultural Alliance on the careful way it has approached the application.

"They want to be really good community partners and continue to be good neighbours," she said. "Their track record will be very important."

Salt Spring's LTC members approved a temporary use permit for properties at 1447 and 1449 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

at their July meeting. The TUP is valid for three years and can be renewed for a second three-year period. Agricultural Alliance members said they hope to secure a permanent site for the abattoir by 2016.

According to Margaret Thomson, chair of the Salt Spring Livestock Producers group, less than \$30,000 is needed to reach the preliminary goal of \$350,000.

Donations of \$50 or more qualify for a charitable receipt. The project would also welcome the donation of a travel trailer to be used as the employee lunch and change room.

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TRANSPORTATION

Report notes Fulford-Ganges danger zone

Beddis Road development proposal to cause minimal added risk

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians passing through the intersection of Beddis and Fulford-Ganges roads are twice as likely to be involved in a collision than at an average non-signalized two-lane intersection with similar traffic volumes elsewhere in B.C.

The finding is from a traffic study conducted in May that recommends several ways to improve safety and ease traffic flow.

Among these are recommendations that the provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure "undertake to do a more detailed design of the intersection" and creation of a bus pullout for use by public transit providers and school buses.

Any redesign, the report adds, should give special attention to creating a single location for southbound left turns and more straightforward connection between Beddis and Charlesworth

roads.

The report further recommends clearance of some roadside vegetation and installation of an advisory speed sign of 40 km/h on the northbound side of Beddis Road south of its intersection with Douglas Road.

The report cites data that shows nine serious traffic incidents occurred at the intersection from the start of 2006 to the end of 2010.

"Five of the accidents were rear-end collisions, two involved wildlife and the other two involved failure to yield right-of-way for northbound traffic when southbound traffic was making a left turn onto Beddis Road," states the report.

The Transportation Impact Assessment was commissioned by Beddis Development Ltd. as part of the company's land-use application to amend the island's official community plan and rezone properties at 201 and 225 Beddis Rd.

The report was made available during the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's regular public business meeting on Thursday afternoon.

"That intersection is of great concern to me and of great concern to the commu-

nity," said trustee Christine Torgimson.

The company seeks to rezone a section of the split-zoned property from Agriculture (A) to Industrial and Commercial Services (I) to permit construction of a new Slegg Lumber building supply centre. The company currently uses the site to store building supplies.

According to an Islands Trust staff report presented Thursday, the new centre would consist of a retail wholesale store and outside storage, some of which will be covered.

"The intent is to have a retail and wholesale store with a building footprint of up to 3,250 square metres (34,982 square feet)," reads the report.

The Agricultural Land Commission's conditional approval to exclude land from the Agricultural Land Reserve is contingent on the company's provision of an "agricultural benefit."

Through negotiations with the Salt Spring Island Farm-land Trust Society and Agricultural Alliance, Beddis Development Ltd. has agreed to provide nearly an acre and a half of land next to the proposed store. The company has also agreed to build a structure to house a produce distri-

bution centre and endow the Farmland Trust Society with \$40,000.

"The rezoning and subdivision application is important for agricultural development and food security on Salt Spring," said Pat Reichert, speaking on behalf of the Agricultural Alliance during Thursday's LTC meeting.

According to the traffic study, the developments may result in a roughly 10 per cent increase in traffic volume at the intersection of Beddis, Fulford-Ganges and Charlesworth roads, and a 75 per cent increase along the north end of Beddis Road.

"While there would be a noticeable increase in traffic on this section of Beddis Road, it is well within . . . capacity," reads the report.

LTC members directed staff to prepare draft bylaws and forward the application to the Trust's environmental advisory, agricultural advisory and advisory planning commissions for further review.

"We have had so much input about big buildings and big box stores and concerns about heritage aspects of the neighbourhood, it will be something I will be curious to hear about from the community," Torgimson said.

BC POLITICS

BC NDP leader speaks at Meaden Hall Sunday

NDP brunch and fundraiser for local candidate

Adrian Dix, leader of the Official Opposition in B.C., will be on Salt Spring on Sunday, Sept. 11 for a potluck brunch and fundraiser.

Beginning at noon at Meaden Hall, the local NDP club will host Dix and Saanich-North and the Islands candidate Gary Holman.

"Adrian Dix comes with an optimistic view of how we can contribute to a more caring and fairer British Columbia," states a press release. "Gary and Adrian both support a sustainable province with protection of the environment and an economy that takes everyone into consideration."

Dix represents the Vancouver Kingsway riding and this spring he became the leader of the NDP. He has a strong background in government both as a ministerial assistant and later as an MLA. During Mike Harcourt's government he was

ministerial assistant to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Employment and Investment. He then became chief of staff to Premier Glen Clark.

During this time the Nisga'a Treaty was negotiated, and Holman was involved in this treaty working for the Nisga'a on fishing rights.

Under Clark, Dix worked for improved labour standards, a competitive tax structure for small business and the establishment of the Columbia Basin Trust.

Between 2001 and 2005, Dix was a sought-after political commentator and journalist, writing a column for the Victoria Times Colonist and the Source. He also contributed to the Tyee and the CBC. At the same time he served as executive director of the Canadian Parents for French, B.C.-Yukon Branch.

"Dix is aware of the problems facing small business since both his parents supported their family as sole proprietors. He has also taken a strong stand regarding the present health care system and its many failures."

"Holman has a proven record serving as the Salt Spring CRD director for six years. During that time he established local transit and worked on a number of other projects to improve the environment and quality of life for Salt Spring-ers."

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$25 and tax-receiptable (although the cost can be negotiated).

The lunch will begin shortly after noon — as soon as the food is out — and will be followed by talks by Dix and Holman with lots of time for questions and answers.

A silent auction will run in conjunction with the event that will end around 2 p.m.

Suggested potluck brunch items to choose from include muffins, Danish, bagels, fresh seasonal fruit, eggs (that will be scrambled for you), juice, smoked salmon, cream cheese or butter. Hot drinks will be provided.

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NEWSBEAT

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BACK ON

THE BUS: School bus drivers like Per Svendsen were back on the job Tuesday as students returned to school. Drivers are reminded to heed the school bus signals — flashing red lights indicate traffic must stop in both directions.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Department acts to secure new hall

Islands Trust receives ALR-exclusion application

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District has submitted an application for non-farm use of agricultural land in its bid to secure a donation of land to house an emergency services centre.

According to information filed with the application, the facility would “house a fire hall, search and rescue centre, ambulance hall and emergency response centre totalling between 12,000 and 16,000 square feet” on part of a two-acre site near the intersection of Lower Ganges and Atkins roads, close to the Brinkworthy Place mobile home park.

During its annual general meeting in April, the fire district announced that Tristar Properties Ltd., owner of the

Brinkworthy development, was considering donating the land for a proposed emergency services centre.

The fire district submitted the land-use application to the Islands Trust on behalf of Tristar in mid-August.

Richard Hannah, a fire district trustee who sits on the board’s fire hall committee, said the prospect of receiving the land has the potential to save taxpayers substantial funds if and when a new fire hall facility is built.

“Negotiations are still underway with the owners of Brinkworthy and no formal agreement has yet been signed,” Hannah said on Monday.

“Much of this hinges on whether the Agricultural Land Commission will grant non-farm use for the site.”

Fire district members say the site, currently used for hay production, is the only property in the area that meets the department’s specific

requirements for a new fire hall, including direct access to a major road, water and sewer, and required services of power.

The fire district letter notes the fire department’s intention to construct the new facility to the “highest environmental standard” and highlighted plans to minimize consequences on surrounding property owners.

“Noise impact and visual impact will be minimal due to extensive screening and careful placement of the facility,” states the letter. “Creation of dust, odours and obstruction will not occur.”

Hannah said presentations have been made to the Farmers’ Institute and residents of the Brinkworthy complex.

“The neighbours of the property have also been informed and they have not raised any strong objections,” he said.

“[Fire district] trustees are planning to meet with

other community groups and they are keen to keep everyone in the community fully informed as this project progresses.”

The application is the first major public step fire trustees have taken to acquire a possible fire hall site since 2008, when a referendum to permit the borrowing of up to \$500,000 for a site at 300 Upper Ganges Rd. was defeated in a 789-551 vote.

According to the fire district’s letter, existing fire facilities in Ganges “are considered inadequate, seismically unsound and poorly located.”

A Trust staff member will be assigned to the file and a report is expected as early as the next local Trust committee meeting on Oct. 6, according to regional planning manager Leah Hartley.

Should non-farm use be granted by the province’s ALC, the subject property will require subsequent subdivision and a rezoning.

ISLANDS TRUST

RAR consultations continue at Trust events

Brinkworthy strata get final approval

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A series of public consultation events about implementation of the Riparian Areas Regulation will continue until November at the very least, according to Islands Trust staff.

Public consultation sessions have been held with community groups as well as the Islands Trust’s agriculture advisory and advisory plan-

ning committees since Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members voted to proceed no further with proposed Bylaw 449 in June.

Minutes from the APC and AAC August meetings indicate continued concerns about RAR’s excessively onerous criteria, infringement of property rights and uncertain costs.

Staff have begun to survey costs and communications strategies associated with mapping RAR-applicable streams in communities that have already incorporated the provincially mandated

regulations into their land use bylaws.

Brinkworthy strata

Trustees gave third and final reading to a land-use bylaw amendment that will convert the Brinkworthy Place mobile home park into a bareland strata development.

“It’s an important part of the community and it’s an issue that relates to an important segment of the community who are at a vulnerable point in their lives,” said trustee Christine Torgimson.

Bylaw 450 will offer Brink-

worthy Place residents a chance to buy their lots from park owner Tristar Properties Ltd.

A covenant associated with the property will secure the tenure of those who do not wish to purchase their properties.

Under the current arrangement, residents of the park own their homes but rent individual lots from Tristar Properties Ltd.

The trustees’ decision followed an information session and public hearing held at Meaden Hall on Aug. 31.

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ISLANDS TRUST

All-island trustees’ meeting set for SSI

BC Ferry Commissioner among agenda items

Islands Trust Council is holding its next quarterly business meeting on Salt Spring from Sept. 13 to 15 at Community Gospel Hall.

The public meeting starts on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 1:45 p.m. and is expected to finish by 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15.

The town hall session begins

at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Also on the agenda for Wednesday are “election season best practices” and a meeting with San Juan County Council.

A report on the Salt Spring Area Farm Plan is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 1:50 p.m.

A variety of decision and information items will be addressed late Tuesday and on Wednesday.

On Thursday from 10:30 a.m.

to 12:30 p.m., BC Ferry Commissioner Gordon Macatee will engage in a discussion with council before his meeting with the public at the Harbour House Hotel at 2 p.m.

On Thursday, trustees will review the past term of office, identify progress and consider advice for the next council.

An agenda package is available for viewing at the Trust’s Victoria, Salt Spring and Gabriola island offices.



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OUR ISLAND, OUR GOVERNMENT

Incorporation and the Islands Trust

A look at the mandate and the money

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Whenver the topic of incorporation arises on Salt Spring, one question is inevitably heard: "But what about the Islands Trust?"

As most people who live here understand, if Salt Spring became a municipality it would remain part of the Islands Trust. All of its bylaws would be required to heed the Islands Trust Policy Statement and would be sent to the Trust Executive Committee for review, while official community plan amendments would require that committee's approval.

Two municipal council members would represent Salt Spring at quarterly Trust Council meetings and participate on TC committees and/or the Trust Fund Board, the land acquisition arm of the Trust.

What would change is that land-use planning — the stuff of rezonings and development permits — would be handled by municipal staff, not those of the Islands Trust. Decisions currently made by the local Trust committee of two Salt Spring trustees and an off-island chairperson would instead be made by the municipal council.

"What will happen is that there will be a bureaucratic shift," predicts Ken Marr, a Salt Spring business owner and former president of the Islanders for Self Government group.

And instead of Salt Spring property taxes subsidizing the local planning part of the Islands Trust function for other islands, that money would be available for the island's municipal budget and local priorities.

According to numbers based on the 2009-10 budget year and presented by the Islands Trust to an ISG-sponsored education meeting in May of this year, Salt Spring taxpayers contributed \$2,035,549 to the \$6,313,036 budget in 2009-10. If the island was incorporated, that amount would have been \$470,000, representing only costs for Trust area-wide services.

The Trust's chief administrative officer Linda Adams says a net loss in Trust funding of about \$739,000 is expected if Salt Spring incorporated and did not contract local planning services to the Trust. The Trust would lose Salt Spring revenue, but wouldn't have to provide planning services to the island, unless contracted to do so by the municipality.

Adams said the \$739,000 amount represents somewhere between eight and 12 Islands Trust jobs, although Trust Council could address that shortfall by hiking property taxes on other islands.

"If Trust Council chose not to cut any services and to meet the financial gap solely through a tax increase, it would require a tax increase of approximately 22 per cent in other unincorporated parts of the Islands Trust Area (about \$63 on an average home). Trust Council would most likely close the financial gap through a combination of these two things (cost reductions and property tax increases for the remaining Local Trust Areas), so both the number of jobs lost and the tax increases would likely be less than the above numbers."

Since 2003, the Islands Trust budget has risen from just under \$4 million to almost \$6.5 million, a 62 per cent increase.

As a proportion of the average Salt Spring home owner's tax bill, the Trust takes only about 12 per cent, so that total should be kept in perspective, but the increase paid by the owner of an average-assessed property between 2003 and 2011 was \$133.89.*

The Salt Spring Island Restructure

Study Update of 2002 predicted that same property owner would be paying between \$105 and \$192 more in total property taxes after eight years of incorporation (an average of \$148.50), primarily due to the cost of maintaining our roads. Instead, islanders have ended up paying 90 per cent of that amount to the Trust.

According to Adams, the extra funds that were especially raised between 2006 and 2008 have been required to pay for legislated employee salary hikes, increased bylaw enforcement and legal expenses, staff to meet increased demands for service and to build up a contingency fund. The latter fund has risen from \$350,000 in 2006 — when a Trust Financial Planning Committee briefing recommended the Trust should have approximately \$1 million in surplus "to enable the Trust to pay its bills without borrowing" — to just over \$1.9 million at the end of March 2011.

"Incorporation on Salt Spring would impact the financial viability of the other islands in the Trust area and weaken the role of the Islands Trust as a federation of protected islands."

PETER LAMB
Former Salt Spring trustee

If Salt Spring became a municipality, it would still contribute to laudable Trust-wide activities such as the Trust Fund Board, protecting the marine environment, Crown lands and endangered ecosystems, and other special projects, and would still be under the "preserve and protect" mandate.

For words that have been so often quoted by islanders, the "preserve and protect" mantra has sometimes been powerless in the face of real threats to our environment.

In cases where the Trust Policy Statement comes up against provincial government legislation, such as the Private Managed Forest Land Act or the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act that includes aquaculture, the preserve and protect mandate is sorely outmuscled.

Salt Spring Islanders who've been around for a while will recall the persistent but futile attempts in 2003-2004 to halt the use of Walker Hook, one of only three places in the OCP cited for a future park acquisition, and a First Nations archaeological site, for a saleyfish hatchery, with its effluent pumped into Trincome Channel.

The development occurred despite Trust policies that state "aquaculture is a valuable activity in the Trust Area if compatible with maintenance of the Trust area's ecosystems and community character," that "aquaculture should be directed to sites away from areas of recreational significance" and that "aquaculture-related development, activity, buildings or structures should not result

in site alteration," and a number of policies related to marine environment protection.

While a municipality would likely have had no impact in that case either, unless it had somehow been able to buy the land, it illustrates how ineffective words in a policy statement document can be.

Former Capital Regional District director Kellie Booth also recalls how the community could not affect Texada Land Corporation logging in 1999-2001, except by controversial "direct action." As a municipality, though, it could at least have instituted a weight limit on the logging trucks using its roads, reducing the rate of tree removal and perhaps making the whole business uneconomical for the company.

In Booth's view, it was but one example of how off-island developers perceived an unincorporated Salt Spring as easy pickings, despite being in the Trust area.

Tom Reid of Sussex Consultants Ltd. also summarized how environmental protection would be stronger if Salt Spring was a municipality. It would have more robust tree-cutting bylaws (although could also not halt logging on private forest land) and, as Reid states in the 2002 SSI Restructure Study Update, "Because it has more comprehensive and concentrated powers, a municipality is in a better position to dovetail various policies for the protection of the environment."

According to Adams, the Islands Trust has no official position about whether a Trust municipality can more effectively implement the preserve and protect mandate.

"While individual trustees have a variety of views on this topic, Trust Council's position in regards to incorporation is neutral," said Adams. "It has never undertaken a formal examination of the topic, nor taken a position as to whether the Islands Trust mandate is stronger or weaker under incorporation."

But former Trust planner trustee Peter Lamb (2002-2005), who has also written a history of the Islands Trust called The Islands Trust Story, believes incorporation would harm the preserve and protect mandate in two ways.

"A municipal council would always be looking for ways to increase revenue, to pay for [new] services and to avoid ever-increasing property taxes on landowners. They would inevitably be more subject to pressure for 'growth and development' than the local Trust committee is today."

As well, he notes, "Incorporation on Salt Spring would impact the financial viability of the other islands in the Trust area and weaken the role of the Islands Trust as a federation of protected islands."

During a Trust Council discussion about allowing incorporation within the Trust held on Saturna Island in 1995, that argument was expressed by then Hornby Island trustee George Buvyer.

"I really wonder whether it is in the Trust's best interest to consider separate municipalities within the Trust area at all," he said. "We're setting ourselves up for a slow erosion. I see this as a first step in the slow erosion of the tax base."

Then, as now, no government body wanted to lose a chunk of the property owners that fund its operations, or take the unpopular route of making the remaining ones pay more taxes.

*Average SSI residential property assessment and 2003 taxes: \$264,779 X mill rate of .7902 = \$209.22.
Average SSI residential property assessment and 2011 taxes: \$530,649 X mill rate of .6466 = \$343.11.

Bowen and the Islands Trust

Again — what about the Trust? In the past we've heard that the Trust's presence faded on Bowen Island after that Howe Sound island incorporated.

That's despite having highly participatory trustees representing the island at Trust Council — long-time trustee Alison Morse chairs the Trust's Financial Planning Committee and Nerys Poole serves on the Trust Fund Board, for example.

Bowen taxpayers' contributions to Trust-wide services have also risen from \$67,000 in 2002 to \$235,000 this year, which was just under eight per cent of Bowen's annual budget and about 3.5 per cent of the Trust's budget (up from 1.8 per cent in 2000).

Frinton, who has been a municipal councillor since 1999 and was also a municipal trustee from 1999 to 2002 and 2005 to 2008, says the Trust has definitely "receded into the background from a public perspective — and that is reasonable as council is the front line and very accessible with its weekly meetings, multiple committees and a full-time staff complement providing services from subdivision approval and rezoning to parks to snow clearing and community recreation."

Still, he adds, there is widespread support for the object of the Trust on Bowen.

"In fact, with no local Trust committee to get mad at, public perception of the 'noble goals' of the Trust has become more favourable."

Frinton said Bowen Island Municipal Council is always aware of the Trust when making decisions and "conservancy types still reference the Islands Trust Policy Statement every time they oppose a particular initiative."

With the hiring of former Islands Trust planner Jasmine Jawanda (who worked on Salt Spring), there's been more collaboration with Victoria-based Trust staff. He notes that mapping of Bowen's environmentally sensitive area development permit areas was done using Trust technology and resources.

"This resulted in a map different from what we started with, and I think, a lot better."

The Islands Trust Executive Committee is currently reviewing Bowen's new OCP "and still have the expressed authority (and duty) to either approve, deny or request changes. Their authority can only be overridden by ministerial appeal from Bowen."

Back to public perception, he adds: "The anti-Islands Trust contingent hardly fault or even identified the Trust as the source of evils — that has transferred quite handily to council."

A proposal to include part of the Bowen Island land base in the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve has been particularly contentious in the past year, and a right-of-centre group called One Bowen is set to run a slate of candidates in this fall's municipal elections.

Islands Trust Area
Incorporation Votes

WHERE	YEAR	RESULT
Bowen	1991	Defeated
Bowen	1999	60% Yes
Salt Spring	2002	70% No
Gabriola	2004	87% No

Municipal OCPs and the Trust

"Municipalities in the Trust area, like local Trust committees, are directed to address certain matters in their official community plans. Where a particular policy requires a municipality to address a particular matter, the official community plan must contain policies that implement the policy stated by Trust Council unless the municipality sets out explicitly in the plan the reasons and justifications for local policies that do not do so."

*Islands Trust Policy Statement,
Bylaw 42*

NEWSBEAT



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FOX FUN:

From left, Richard Bennett, Catherine Bennett, Patti Field, Jean Southgate and Jack-the-dog gear up for Sunday's annual Terry Fox Run. Participants can walk, run, bike, blade, wheel the one-km, five-km or 10-km routes, beginning at Salt Spring Elementary School at 11 a.m. Registration begins at 10 a.m. People are encouraged to bring their old running shoes for recycling.

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PRIDE

Film night shows sexuality politics

SS Forum teams up for Pride event

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An equal measure of celebration and serious conversation is on the menu for Pride's official opening event, a salon and screening with filmmaker Bob Christie at Mistaken Identity Vineyard this Thursday, Sept. 8.

Beginning with a wine and cheese mingle at 7 p.m., the co-presentation with the Salt Spring Forum will move into a panel discussion of international gay rights at 7:30. A screening of Christie's documentary *Beyond Gay: the Politics of Pride* begins at 8:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Pride coordinator Amy Phillips said the panel will include members of the transgender community as well as Christie and his film's star, Vancouver Pride director Ken Coolen. The discussion will touch on the ongoing human rights struggle happening around the globe, as well as the surprising limitations closer to home.

"I want to recognize that for some people, it's life or death for them to express who they are. It's painful to be held to an assigned gender that they don't identify with," said Phillips, noting in Canada there is no legal protection for transgender rights, leaving people open to domestic violence, sexual crimes and little housing or job security. In other parts of the world, the situation is even worse: there are still many countries where homosexuality is a crime punishable by death.

Christie's film, which started off as a documentary on Vancouver's successful Pride festival, charts more serious territory as he follows Coolen to violence-prone events in Eastern Europe.

"You kind of hear things about the Middle East and Africa, but for me I didn't realize Eastern Europe was quite as repressive as it is," Christie said, acknowledging queer people on the West Coast might live in a bit of a bubble.

Travelling to places where people had to plan Pride events in secret and faced violent clashes when they put them on, Christie and Coolen got re-engaged with the global perspective. The film moves from the serious to the uplifting, a format that Christie said has been effective in getting a hopeful message across.

"I think that inspires people — that's what people tell me," he said. "It shows people where we can go and what we achieve . . . It's an inspiration for all people to get involved and wake up their political action."

The two were in Warsaw to film its third legal Pride parade in 2008, and then returned to see much more support and participation when they returned to screen the finished documentary there for Europride 2010.

"You could just see the pride and strength welling up in everyone involved. I think that's the most remarkable change that I've seen," Christie said.

"People might expect a film about Pride to be a really light, party-centric story, but that's not really what it's about. People come away with a new understanding of why it's important."

There is a \$20 suggested donation to cover costs of the event.

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EDITORIAL

Suite relief

What makes the numbers about affordable housing even harder to handle is that they seem to keep getting worse each time another batch of statistics is served up by housing groups and local government agencies at work on the island.

In 2009, almost 45 per cent of renters were determined to be in "core housing need," a fancy way of saying they paid more than 30 per cent of their income on rent.

Two years later, as staff at the Islands Trust try to gauge public sentiment towards the legalization of secondary suites, nearly 65 per cent of respondents to an online survey say they spend more than 30 per cent of their income on rent.

THE ISSUE:

Secondary suite accommodation

WE SAY:

Trust survey provides valuable info

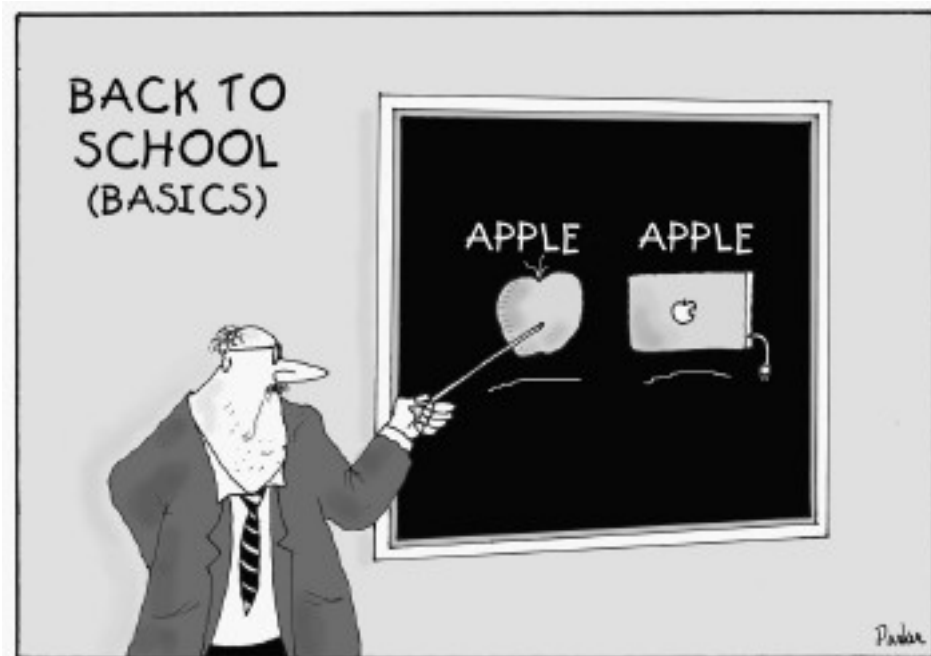
seen as a cure for Salt Spring's shortage of affordable housing, information made available by the Islands Trust's ongoing laudable public education campaign reveals legalization could offer affordable rental accommodation to 66 per cent of the island's renters.

Results from the Trust's secondary suites poll show extremely widespread support and high hopes for legalized suite rental across the island, with the exception of areas with chronic drinking water supply shortages and concerns.

Included alongside these results are dozens of comments from islanders who've taken the time to voluntarily convey their stories of substandard housing, unanticipated and unwelcome relocation and outright lack of tenant rights for the many islanders who live with what's become known as the Salt Spring shuffle.

It's comments such as these that give statistics a human context and reveal that action to legalize secondary suites should be front and centre among islanders and all of our elected officials.

Kudos to the Salt Spring Trust office and local Trust committee for being so proactive in involving the public about a topic that is of obvious concern to so many.



Take advantage of commissioner visit

BY HAROLD SWIERENGA

The BC Ferry Commission is a provincially appointed, independent, regulatory body which has, among its responsibilities, the setting of a "price cap" for the fares charged by BC Ferries.

This price cap has since the Coastal Ferry Act of 2003 been set at a level to theoretically allow BC Ferries to meet its financial obligations, but as a result fares have, on the minor routes especially, increased at a rate several times the rate of inflation and, on some routes, over 100 per cent. Until this year the commission had no responsibility to consider the impact of the price cap and fares on the ability-to-pay by the ferry users or on the economies of the coastal communities. With the passage of new legislation (Bill 20) the commission now has that mandate.

The BC Ferry Commissioner, Gordon Macatee, and Deputy Commissioner Sheldon Stoilen are conducting a series of public meetings in the coastal communities to gather input from the public regarding the impact of BC Ferries' fares and service on the coast. The meeting on Salt Spring Island is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15, 2 to 4 p.m., at the Harbour House Hotel.

I would strongly encourage any and all residents, business operators and visitors concerned about the impact of rising fares and the current fare level to attend this public meeting. The commissioners are very approachable and genuinely interested in hearing from the public on this matter. I would emphasize that the commissioners are not BC Ferries personnel and are not directly involved in operational issues such as the Fulford ferry line-up, the Swartz Bay connection to Tsawwassen or the quality of seats on the ferries.

The concerns of the commission at these meetings relate to the setting of fares and the impact of these fares and the ferry services provided on island residents, visitors and commerce. There has been considerable anecdotal comment on the impact of higher fares in the Driftwood and other media. Both passen-

VIEWPOINT

ger and vehicle traffic on the ferries have declined during the last few years. The current economic conditions, demographic changes, the decline in tourism from the U.S., the strength of the Canadian dollar and other developments may have been factors leading to this decline, but there is no question that, to coastal residents, the rapidly increasing fares have been the major factor.

It is not useful to speculate at this point on where the commissioners' review of the Coastal Ferry Act may lead. When established in 2003, the act included as two of its six principles that "cross-subsidization from (profitable) major routes to other routes be eliminated" and that "ferry routes move towards a greater reliance on a user-pay system." At the same time, the provincial government effectively froze the provincial contribution to the operations of the minor routes such as Fulford-Swartz Bay and Vesuvius-Crofton at the level of 2003. As a result, any increase in costs such as fuel and wages/salaries have had to be entirely borne by the ferry users through higher fares. Historically, the profits from the major routes helped off-set the losses on the minor routes and the provincial government increased, in general terms, its contribution as costs rose. The changes made in the Coastal Ferry Act of eight years ago have led to the current level of fares and the resultant impact on ridership and the coastal communities and economies.

A thorough review of the act will hopefully lead to a more equitable and sustainable method of setting ferry fares on our coast.

I would strongly encourage all concerned to take advantage of this opportunity to provide input to the commissioners at this public meeting.

The writer is chair of the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee.

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should oil tankers be banned from the Gulf Islands?

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NO YES

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I think a little bit of jolting is good. That's what art is supposed to do..."

CANADIAN SINGER KATE REID

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What was your favourite thing you did this summer?



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PATTI NORDINE

Spending time with my family was awesome.



DAVE HOWELL

Leaving Salt Spring and going to Quadra.



KAREN HUDSON

Opening up the temporary library location on Jackson Avenue.

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Deeply disturbing

Many thanks for the excellent Aug. 31 article by Sean McIntyre on the threat of increased tanker traffic by Kinder Morgan ("Pipeline proposal could triple oil tanker trips").

Few British Columbians realize that tar sands crude is already moving through our waters.

Plans to expand the operations five-fold will increase the risk even further to the people and marine ecosystems. The lack of consultation and the nearly invisible nature of the National Energy Board review of the applications is deeply disturbing.

In an effort to raise awareness of this threat, I held a press conference in Sidney on Nov. 3, 2010 with my deputy leader Adriane Carr and then another in Ottawa on Nov. 15, 2010.

As the Member of Parliament for Saanich Gulf Islands, I pledge to work across party lines to legislate the tanker prohibition and extend its reach when the House of Commons resumes sitting on Sept. 19.

ELIZABETH MAY,
SAANICH GULF ISLANDS MP,
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Every year, I and thousands others volunteer, knowing we all can make a difference.

Working together to outrun cancer. This is the year!

Come and share in that tradition, share the dream, be part of our Terry Fox Run, walk, bike here on Salt Spring Island.

It's on Sunday, Sept. 11 with registration at 10 a.m. and the event starting at 11 a.m. There is no reason not to be there and keep the dream alive.

CATHERINE BENNETT,
TERRY FOX RUN COMMITTEE,
SALT SPRING

Watch 9/11 film

As we all know, this Sunday is the 10th anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001.

After a decade of wars,

war crimes, special interest mega-profits, the loss of so many thousands of innocent lives, and so many stolen freedoms and democratic rights, we should never forget how we got to this place.

It was my intention to hold a 10th anniversary event at ArtSpring this coming Sunday, but my health has forced me to cancel it, and instead I am writing this letter in the hopes of bringing clarity to the issue.

I respectfully implore everyone in our community — skeptics, fence-sitters and "9/11 truthers" alike — to go on the internet and watch the film called Core of Corruption by writer/director Jonathan Elinoff. It is a two and a half-hour documentary exposing the truth about 9/11.

It's my sincere hope that people of all stripes, politics and ages would get together

in groups to view this film and discuss its implications.

Above all, I hope our search for truth would lead to an open and honest investigation, and bring to justice those who actually committed the crime of 9/11.

KEN ROULEAU,
SALT SPRING

HST

Re your Aug. 31 "Life after the HST" editorial, the HST referendum result is drastically short of what would have been needed to kill the tax if former premier Campbell had not changed the "threshold for success" under the Recall and Initiative Act brought in under the former provincial NDP government.

Under the initial rules, Fight HST would have needed 50 per cent of all eligible voters or about 1.5 million people to vote in favour of killing the tax for the HST to

be scrapped.

If the rules had been applied, the Aug. 26, 2011 tally would have failed by more than 640,000 votes.

Bill Vander Zalm thanked former premier Campbell for these changes because if they were not made, there is no way the HST would have been defeated.

Adrian Dix, on the other hand, has chosen not to comment on this topic, as the old rules were initiated by the former NDP government.

Dalton McGuinty, premier of Ontario who also brought in the HST on July 1, 2010, commented after the HST vote in B.C. that as "steady as she goes, the HST has stabilized the Ontario economy, more new jobs this year than the rest of Canada.

We have the advantage."

JOE SAWCHUK,
DUNCAN

MORE LETTERS continued on 11

Jack Layton proves that you die how you live

We were at the 13,000-foot mark on Mount Wheeler in the Great Basin National Park, Nevada, when Nancy's cell chimed, alerting her of an incoming text. It was from her daughter-in-law, Meghan. It was short and sharp: "They are pulling the plug on Dad."

Meghan's father was a well-known surgeon specializing in liver transplants. Dr. Keefe spent a good part of the year globetrotting, lecturing at conventions. A lovely, engaging man full of life, felled suddenly, instantly, irreversibly, by a brain aneurysm — an artery that ruptures in your brain. Aneurysms are exceedingly difficult to predict and harder to repair. He went into a coma. Three days in, the family had to make the agonizing decision: "Do not resuscitate."

This tragic bit of news was quickly followed by two more. Steve Jobs announced he was stepping down as CEO of Apple Computers. Under his wing, Apple had gone from a company circling the drain in the early 1980s to becoming the second most valuable company in the world, at \$350 billion.

Jobs had been diagnosed with a rare form of pancreatic cancer around eight years ago. In spite of this bit of devastating, lethal news, Mr. Jobs continued on at Apple, continued leading the planet in computer innovation, fulfilling perhaps

his most famous utterance, "We are here to put a dent in the universe."

On the heels of the Jobs announcement came news of Jack Layton's death at the very pinnacle of his career. As the head and driving force of the NDP here in Canada, Layton had led his party during the recent election to the position of Official Opposition for the first time in history, soaring from 37 to 103 seats in the House of Commons.

But what a price to pay. In late 2009, Layton was diagnosed as having prostate cancer, undergoing that whole nightmare of chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. In March of this year he underwent an additional three-hour surgery to repair a fractured hip, days before the federal election was called. He spent the next six weeks hobbling around on crutches or a cane campaigning like a mad man. One can only imagine how physically damaging and painful it must have been to be on the campaign hustings — long, hard hours, sleeping in your clothes, smelly buses, fast food and cold coffee. And all the while with the remnants of prostate cancer and a broken hip.

On May 2, 2011, Layton became the



Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

Leader of the Opposition. By June, there were whisperings about his gaunt appearance and general frailty. In July, he announced that another undetected cancer had been diagnosed and he would be stepping down for a while, like it was just a bad case of the flu. On Aug. 21, he was in bed fully

dressed, exchanging pleasantries and stories with friends and colleagues. On Aug. 22, he was dead. Bam. What a price to pay.

Initially, I was annoyed at Layton, subjecting his recovering body through the meat grinder of a federal election. I was annoyed that following his stunning victory he did not take six months off to take care of himself. After all, this is Canada, not Libya. Our reigning prime minister is not mowing down innocent civilians in the streets. The worst we get is maybe a disgruntled postal employee. There was nothing that couldn't keep.

I was totally annoyed that morning in August to hear on CBC Radio that he had succumbed. In my opinion, Jack Layton had become the first politician since Pierre Elliott Trudeau to have an actual pulse, to show a significant spark capable of igniting Canadians of every stripe, not just the hard-core, dyed-in-the-wool NDPers. It

would have been a very small leap indeed to see Layton as prime minister, initiating a made-in-Canada sea change in the "same old, same old" politics.

Through rest, diet, meditation and assiduous medical care, Layton may have possibly lived to fight another day. But that was just not part of his DNA — to sit quietly in an Adirondack chair watching the tide come in and go out. As Teri Crockford, a senior palliative care nurse in Ontario was quoted as saying in the Globe and Mail: "You die how you live."

Every death is a reminder of one's own mortality... the more famous the deceased, the greater the reminder. (Would someone please explain to me how Keith Richards is still alive?)

When we brush up against eternity, we all get a not-so-gentle reminder that time's a-wastin'. Our own personal dents in the universe don't have to be as spectacular as a computer company or saving lives with a scalpel, but I think we owe it to the human race to do a little something to nudge it forward. It could be as big as Layton's nation building or as small as adopting a rescue dog, but to sit on the sidelines is a criminal waste of life. And if you haven't figured that out yet, then you don't know Jack.

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ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing on a series of proposed bylaws that would amend the OCP. In general terms the purpose of the proposed bylaws is as follows:

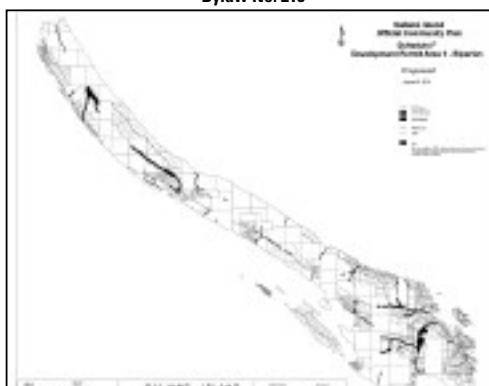
General OCP Policy Amendments:

- Bylaw No. 214 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 1, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw 214 would amend policy statements and objectives contained in Section I (Community Objectives) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995.
- Bylaw No. 215 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 2, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 215 would amend policy statements and objectives contained in Section II (Land Use) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995.
- Bylaw No. 216 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 3, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 216 would amend policy statements and objectives contained in Section III (Services) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995.
- Bylaw No. 217 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 4, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 217 would amend policy statements and objectives contained in Section IV (Conservation and Environment) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995.

Development Permit Area OCP Amendments:

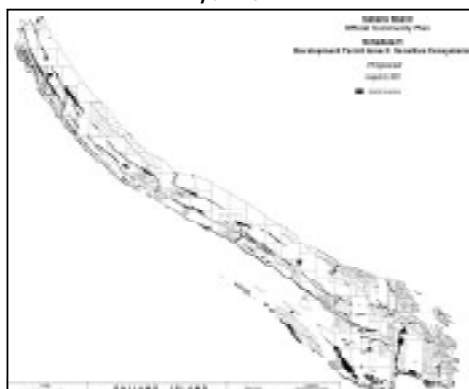
- Bylaw No. 218 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 5, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 218 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by designating a new Development Permit Area 1 (Riparian) indicated on the map below, in which many types of development will require the land owner to obtain a development permit.

Bylaw No. 218



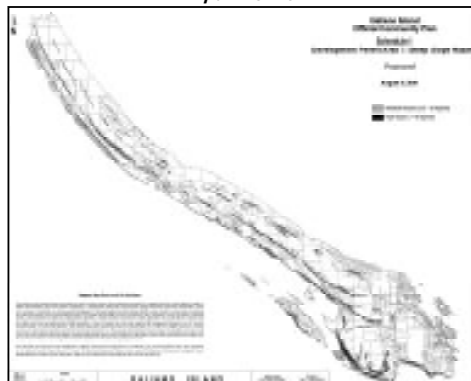
- Bylaw No. 219 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 6, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 219 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by designating a new Development Permit Area 2 (Shoreline and Marine) on all marine waters in the local trust area and on land 15 metres upland of the natural boundary of the sea in which many types of development will require the land owner to obtain a development permit.
- Bylaw No. 220 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 7, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 220 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by amending provisions of Development Permit Area 3 (Tree Cutting and Removal) and Development Permit Area 4 (Elevated Groundwater Catchment Areas).
- Bylaw No. 221 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 8, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 221 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by designating a new Development Permit Area 5 (Sensitive Ecosystems) indicated on the map below, in which many types of development will require the land owner to obtain a development permit.

Bylaw No. 221



- Bylaw No. 222 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 9, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 222 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by designating a new Development Permit Area 6 (Commercial and Industrial Form and Character) on lands zoned C1, C3, C4, C5, C5A, C6, C7, L1, FI, MCW and MCL in which many types of development will require the land owner to obtain a development permit.
- Bylaw No. 223 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 10, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 223 would amend Section V (Development Permit Areas) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by designating a new Development Permit Area 7 (Steep Slope Hazard) indicated on the map below, in which many types of development will require the land owner to obtain a development permit.

Bylaw No. 223



Amendments to the OCP DAI, Administrative and Temporary Use Permit sections:

- Bylaw No. 224 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 11, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 224 would amend provisions contained in Section VI (Development Approval Information) and Section VII (Administration) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 and renumber Section VII to Section VIII, and insert a new Section VII designating areas where temporary use permits may be approved and circumstances and objectives concerning the issuance of temporary use permits.
- Bylaw No. 225 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 12, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 225 would replace the current map schedules B, C, D, and E of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, applicable to the whole local trust area.

Sitespecific amendments to the OCP and Land Use Bylaw:

- Bylaw No. 226 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 12, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 226 would amend Section II, 1.4 (Rural Residential) of the Galiano Island Official Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by inserting a new policy (e) applicable to the lands shown on the map below and by amending Schedule B by redesignating those lands as Rural Residential and Nature Protection.

Bylaw No. 226



Bylaw No. 227



- Bylaw No. 227 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 2, 2011.” Proposed Bylaw No. 227 would amend Section 5.4 (Rural Residential zone) of Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999 by inserting new subsections 5.4.10 and 5.4. applicable to the lands shown on the map below and by amending Schedule B (Zoning Map) by rezoning those lands as Rural Residential(a) and Nature Protection.

The public hearing is held for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **12:30 p.m. Sunday, September 11, 2011 at the South Community Hall, 141 Studies Bay Road, Galiano Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

Copies of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing August 31, 2011 and up to and including September 9, 2011.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing August 31, 2011 and can also be viewed at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca> and selecting <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/itc/gl/bylaws.cfm>

Written submissions may be delivered to:

- The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 4055155 or can be sent online by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/itc/gl/meetings.cfm> and completing the “Public Hearing, September 11, 2011, Submission Form”, prior to 4:30 p.m., September 9, 2011;
- After 4:30 p.m., September 9, 2011 to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 12:30 p.m., September 11, 2011.

The public is encouraged to send any electronic response by using the online public hearing submission form. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written submission.

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager, at (250) 4055159 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 6602421 and elsewhere in BC 18006637867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary

OPINION

CRD needs pushing for better cycling links

BY STEVE PETERSON

Representing Salt Spring I recently helped develop the Capital Regional District's 2012-2021 Regional Parks Strategic Plan.

I volunteered because of my belief in the need for a regional trail on Salt Spring to promote local non-motorized transportation. Perceived as a cycling destination, we need it to not only satisfy safety concerns but also for our economy.

In his recent column Peter Vincent correctly states "no one can deny we need a dedicated cycling lane from Fulford to Vesuvius." The CRD knows it too. They even drew the trail on their RPSP map back in 2000. Even the Greater Vancouver Regional District wants to link up via Long Harbour and Swartz Bay. The plan envisions a loop where one could ride from Beacon Hill Park, across Salt Spring to Crofton and back to Victoria. With only minor gaps remaining, the Victoria-Swartz Bay and Crofton-Duncan components are complete.

Some work has been done on our component. A small stretch of Vesuvius Bay Road behind the ball field was paved several years back. Unfortunately, without markings or upkeep it has become a diminishing

IN RESPONSE

right-hand turning lane onto Lower Ganges Road (trails require maintenance too). Island Pathways continues to do its thing, and very successfully, I might add. Several of these pathways will undoubtedly form part of our regional trail in the future.

But where will our trail go? Previous studies propose two general routes. Both require expropriations or easements across private properties, a Pandora's box. Putting a cycle lane beside existing roadways remains the easy solution, but roads need widening and hydro poles need repositioning, similar to the Cowichan Valley Regional District's recent work on the drive from Crofton to Duncan.

It's not cheap and Vesuvius Bay Road presents serious challenges here.

Another cross-country route joins the Ducks Unlimited property and Ford Lake to the Stewart Road Park Reserve and beyond, eliminating much of the highway work, separating cyclists from motorists and eliminating the Lee's Hill climb.

When will the CRD start the project? In

the newly released RPSP, the CRD states Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands are a "key missing link" in its regional trail strategy. Now one could argue the new proposal encompasses the entire Gulf Islands, increasing the scope and cost while quite possibly diminishing the likelihood of anything becoming a reality anytime soon.

My apologies to friends on the other islands, but I tried hard to get the wording changed to simply state Salt Spring, as surely logic dictates our main artery needs to be completed first. Regardless, before any physical work begins, the CRD will want to know the exact route along with costs, a project unto itself.

So how can we become a priority? The RPSP is a legally binding document. It lists eight objectives the CRD must adhere to when prioritizing regional trail projects. Our job is to hold them accountable. When we establish that this project satisfies those objectives to a greater degree than other higher profile and potentially more politically motivated regional trail initiatives on their docket, we could see something happen.

The writer is former chair of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

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Fire the failure

It's time to fire the million-dollar-a-year failure. That's right! Christy Clark has made the correct decision to not hold an election this year and to spend the time more wisely correcting the many errors in judgement made by her predecessor. One of the big corrections to be made is to fire the million-dollar-a-year-failure at BC Ferries.

Ferries CEO David Hahn refuses to acknowledge that relentlessly increasing fares and reducing services has an effect on the viability and profitability of the system. Even the local, corner mom and pop store has more business acumen.

The BC Ferries system is being ruined. The viability of our coastal population is being seriously threatened. Tourism is down, ridership is at all-time low levels

because our population can't afford to use the ferry any more.

Simply stated, he is a failure, should never have been hired and wouldn't have been hired if the selection committee had done the job they should have done.

Here is a guy who can find hundreds of thousands of dollars to purchase needless advertising and corporate perks for the top overpaid executives to utilize at the Rogers Centre, but can't find the money to publish new schedules for the users of the ferries.

Are we missing a little priority setting? How much did it cost for the "Thank you for using BC Ferries" announcement? Do we have a choice? If it cost anything, it was too much.

He has an employment contract as do most senior executives.

However, let's understand that a contract is to define what is to be produced by the individual and what the compensation would be for that success. It isn't to reward

failure. He has failed and we have every right to fire him with just cause. In other words, terminate the contract and stop paying other senior executives bonuses for failures.

Do the right thing, Christy. The population of B.C. deserves more careful husbandry of our limited tax dollars.

BILL WARD,
SALT SPRING

Silent suffering

On Friday, Sept. 9, Burma's embassies throughout the world will be subject to protests for the military dictatorship's harsh and torturous repression of their own citizens.

Since 1962, the military junta (400,000 strong) has ruled without conscience, amassing millions of dollars from natural resource exports while spending a pittance on health care and education: 1.3 and 4.3 per cent respectively. In contrast, the military coffers capture 25 per cent of the national income.

Political prisons have also been a fact of life for thousands of innocent civilians over the past 50 years. Maggot-infested food, random whippings, torture and rape are common measures of discipline. More than 2,000 ethnic villages have been burnt to ashes, accompanied by torture and rape. Peaceful protestors from the 1988 student demonstrations were given sentences of up to 20 years in solitary confinement. Buddhist monks — in a country that is over 90 per cent Buddhist — are presently serving time for their peaceful participation in "the Saffron Protests" in 2009. Suffering in silence.

Most renowned is Nobel Peace Laureate, Aung San Suu Kyi, the charismatic leader of the peaceful opposition movement. After her party won 82 per cent of the votes in the democratic election in 1990, the military forced her into house arrest, where she has spent 15 of the past 21 years. Now "technically free," she is trav-

elling through Burma and in her gentle Buddhist way attempting to open dialogue between the powers-that-be and the powerless — the citizenry. To date, little has changed. Most feel that it is just a matter of a few words that will force her into house arrest yet again.

Perhaps, those of us fortunate enough to live in "our here and now" should listen and learn from Aung San Suu Kyi's telling words: "If you are neutral in a situation of injustice, you have chosen to side with the oppressors."

At the Salt Spring Saturday market on Sept. 10, Amnesty International will be sponsoring a "Free Burma" petition site, offering one and all the opportunity to ask questions, read relevant information and sign on the dotted line towards freedom. Hope to see you there.
DAVID KOS,
SALT SPRING

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Rants

A cargo container full of bull manure to the wannabe cop filling "speeders" on Cusheon Lake Road. Take the phone out of your ear and your camera, and go back to wherever you came from. I am one local who does not "speed" through there. Get a life. Mind your own business. Arlo McGowan

Roses

Endless thank-you roses to Dr. Paula Ryan and all the staff at Kings Lane Medical Clinic, Dan and Kelly, Jim, Slegg Lumber, Nancy, Nita, Debbie E., Ingrid, Virginia, Geoff, Vince, Todd, Fred W., Fred and Maryann, Steve, Mike P. Travis, Catherine — you know why. And sweetheart roses to all my customers for their kind words, prayers and well wishes during this difficult time. Also a

special thank-you to Wendy and Denise, Lisa, Drew and Toby

A huge kitten hug to everyone at the Gulf Islands Vet Clinic. You helped me when I didn't have a leg to stand on. Now watch me run and jump. Bob

A big purr to the kind human who brought me my new bed. Now I have to nap. Makita at Windsor Plywood

A bouquet of late-blooming roses for the Trincomali couple who, after a long day in Vancouver, had the kindness to look after my tired girlfriend from Germany on the ferry, give her shelter for the night, feed her breakfast and drop her at my front door the following day. True Salt Spring style!

A home full of perfect roses to Mike Hardy at Pemberton

Holmes for helping us find our ideal home. We really appreciate your patience and all the extras that went above and beyond. Ed, Johanna, Carolyn and the girls

Do zenso fro sest oLorr aine att heD riftwo od for creating the PERFECT eye-catching ad. More roses to the printing press for making it unforgettable! We all had a good belly laugh from it! The Persnickety team

Blossoms of love and hopes for many happy years in "big school" to Arthur, Dakota, Emily, Kaytzeah and Kieran — and to Kiel, our very last "kindie kid" ever. From your early days with us as very small children right through to the beginning of your next adventure in school, we have loved being your first teachers! You will always be Treefrogers to us! Lisa, Mona, Debbie, Jennifer and Jody xoxo

OUT IN THE WORLD

**SALT SPRING PRIDE
SEPT 8-11, 2011**

**Pre-Pride Events
PRIDE ART SHOWS
BANNER WORKSHOP**

**Thursday September 8
SALON AND FILM NIGHT 7pm**
**Friday September 9
ZE CABARET 7:30pm**
**Saturday September 10
ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE noon**
PRIDE IN THE PARK
featuring Jose Sanchez 1pm
PRIDE DANCE 8pm
**Sunday September 11
PRIDE GOLF TOURNAMENT! 10am**
PRIDE UNITARIAN SERVICE 11am
PRIDE PICNIC Noon

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What's On This Week



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Wed. September 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Harry Warner & Friends. Music & Munch recital at All Saints. 12:10 p.m.
Wednesday Night Live. Open stage hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.
Sweet Water Revolver. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

A Good Day in Ghana. Plus Women in Blue Jeans, two mini-documentaries by Paula Stromberg that explore gay and lesbian lives in a United Nations refugee camp in Ghana. Part of Pride festival. Salt Spring Library. 5 to 6 p.m.

Thurs. September 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Stowaways. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Simone & The Soul Intentions. Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Open Mic. Thursdays at The Local Bar. 6 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Pride Salon and Film Night. Mistaken Identity Vineyards. Wine and cheese mingle at 7 p.m. Presentation on International Gay Rights and discussion at 7:30 p.m. Film: Beyond Gay, the Politics of Pride at 8:30 p.m. www.glossi.org.
Viva Voce! Community Choir. Registration and first rehearsal. SSI Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Rd. 6 p.m. Info: Brenda 250-537-2840 or www.vivavocesaltspring.com.

Fri. September 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Stowaways. Dance/folk at Moby's. 9 to 12 p.m.
Simone & The Soul Intentions. Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Mike Alviano. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Pride: Ze Cabaret. Fulford Hall. Cabaret with drag, burlesque and more. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Dress-up dance party from 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tickets at Island Star Video, SS Books and at the door. www.glossi.org.

Sat. September 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dave Lang and Mike Wren. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
The Barley Bros. Salt Spring Inn. 6 p.m.
Oysters and Wine Amid the Vines. Second annual oyster fest with oysters by the Oysterman and music by Simone. Mistaken Identity Vineyards. 4 to 7 p.m.

Sat. September 10

ACTIVITIES

Pride Parade. Meet at Mahon Hall at 11 a.m. for noon start. Followed by Pride in the Park: Jose Sanchez, speakers and more. Centennial Park.
Pride Dance. Barb's Buns. 8 p.m. Tickets at the door (cash only).
Free Burma Petition Site. Amnesty International sets up at the Saturday market.
Inspire the World Fundraiser. Dinner, live and silent auction in support of the expansion of the B.C. Cancer Agency's centre in Victoria. Meaden Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets available at Thrifty Foods.
Know Thyself. A Day of 5Rhythms® and The Way of Council for Women workshop. Ganges Yoga Studio. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info/register: Shauna, 250-709-1921 or shaunadevin1@gmail.com.
ION Sailing Championships. Remote-control racers at SS Sailing Club. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun. September 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Pogo and the Carrot Revolution / Man Cubs. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Synergy. Fiddle player live at Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Terry Fox Run. Annual event based from Salt Spring Elementary School. Register at 10 a.m., start at 11 a.m.
Adrian Dix Potluck Brunch. BC NDP opposition leader and local NDP candidate Gary Holman at Meaden Hall. Brunch at noon, followed by talks and Q&As, plus silent auction. Info/tickets: Irene, 250-537-5347 or Claudia, 250-653-4100.
Pride Unitarian Service. With guest speaker Dene Rossouw. Seniors Centre, 379 Lower Ganges Rd. 11 a.m.
Pride Golf Tournament. Blackburn Meadows. 10 a.m. shotgun.
Pride Picnic. Ruckle Park site #3. Noon.
Dancing Classes Open House. Round, ballroom, line dancing. Core Inn. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Ron and Kathy Weisner 250-537-5058, ballroomonsaltspring@gmail.com.
ION Sailing Championships. See Saturday listing.

Mon. September 12

ACTIVITIES

Chefs Across the Water. Michael Jacob of Le Crocodile in Vancouver is the guest chef in the Hastings House series. www.hastingshouse.com
Seven Stars Tai Chi Club. Yang Style Beginners. Cedar Lane studio, 210 Cedar Lane. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info/register: Osman, 250-537-5667.
Salt Spring Toastmasters. Harbour House. 7 p.m. Info: Laura Patrick, 250-538-0215.

Tues. September 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage with David Jaquest. At the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Islands Trust Council. Quarterly meeting of trustees from 13 islands at Community Gospel Hall. Begins at 1:45 p.m.
Tuesday Morning Market. United Church Meadow. 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wed. September 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday Night Live. See last Wednesday's listing.

ACTIVITIES

Islands Trust Council. Quarterly meeting of trustees from 13 islands at Community Gospel Hall. 9:45 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.
SSI Historical Society Meeting. The History of the Islands Trust, presented by Peter Lamb. Tea/coffee to follow. Central Hall. 2 p.m.
Liz Wiltzen: Shapes, Values & Colours. SSI Painters Guild workshop with Don Hodgins, Dulcy Wilson and Milan Stevulak. ArtSpring. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Info/register: www.ssipaintersguild.com.
SD#64 Board of Education Meeting. School board office. 1 p.m. To view agenda: www.sd64.bc.ca/board_meetings.html.
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EXHIBITIONS

- Eric Klemm — Forever Green.** New photographic series premier at Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art opens on Friday, Sept. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. Runs until Oct. 1.
- The 2011 Pride Art Show** fills the walls of Art Spring and TJ Beans for the month of September. See images from *Walk With Pride*, a one-year photographic project to capture pride events around the globe.
- Gallery 8** presents *Symbolically 8*, new work by gallery artists, daily until Oct. 1.
- ArtCraft's Showcase Gallery** presents *In the Skin of the Forest*, paintings by Barbra Edwards and basketry by Debbie Magnusson, at Mahon Hall daily until Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along with the ArtCraft gallery and gift shop.
- Photosynthesis** — the 11th-annual exhibition of work by Salt Spring photographers — runs daily at ArtSpring through Sept. 11.
- Morley Myers Summer Show** runs at #7-315 Upper Ganges Rd. (Merchant Mews).
- Duthie Gallery** on Churchill Road is open Thursdays through Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Fridays through Sundays from 8:30 to 10 p.m. for the **Summer Lights** night exhibition until Sept. 18.
- Wendy Wickland** shows paintings and mixed-media works at **Country Roasters Cafe** in Country Grocer through September.
- A selection of local artist **Sav Boro's** originals and prints are on display at the **RE/MAX** Salt Spring office for the summer.
- Macdonald Realty** is showing work by **Deon Venter** in its Ganges office through the summer.
- The Porch Gallery** is open Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mother Tongue Publishing's Mona Fertig & Peter Haase, 290 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Featuring work of **George Fertig, Jack Akroyd, Irene Hoffar Reid, Wim Blom, Ina D.D. Uthoff, Gary Sim, LeRoy Jensen, Gordon Caruso and Peter Haase.**
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** welcomes work by **Dawn Davies, Joan Warren and Tom Debrayanna.**
- Photographer **Curt Firestone** has images from his *Morning* series hanging at **Bocados Bistro.**
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Arts & Entertainment



MUSIC



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ArtSpring executive director George Sipos hangs 120 Union Jacks outside the arts centre, which is broadcasting the Final Night of the Proms on Saturday.

Live broadcast of the Final Night of the Proms on tap at ArtSpring

Lang Lang is featured soloist at BBC Symphony Orchestra event

BY GEORGE SIPOS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

For music lovers, what could be more English than summer evenings at the Royal Albert Hall taking in the Proms?

Especially if you should luck out with a pair of tickets to the Final Night of the Proms when international soloists join the BBC Symphony Orchestra for one of the world's most popular musical events.

This year there is no need to book a flight to London, as

ArtSpring will present a live satellite broadcast of the whole event starting at 11:30 on Saturday morning, Sept. 10.

The featured soloist this year is piano sensation Lang Lang playing Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Chopin's Grand Polonaise Brillante. Bartok, Wagner and Britten also make appearances, as well as lighter fare from Percy Grainger and Rodgers & Hammerstein.

The highlight, however, is Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March, and mass singing of Rule Britannia and Jerusalem. Far from being tired chestnuts, when performed at the Albert Hall, these are stirring expres-

sions of grand feeling from a bygone era of confidence and national pride.

What is now the Proms series of summer concerts started in 1895 and moved to its present home at Queen Victoria's beloved Albert Hall in 1941. The series is called the Proms after the habit of audiences to promenade around certain sections of the hall during performances.

Tickets for ArtSpring's presentation of the live concert broadcast are available now at \$19.95 for adults, \$17.95 for seniors and \$12.95 for youth. The showing will last approximately three hours with an intermission for sustenance in the middle.

PRIDE ART

ArtSpring and TJs two Pride art venues set for this month

Walk With Pride photos main show feature

Salt Spring's Pride festival is filling the walls of the ArtSpring lobby with an eclectic mix of art this month.

According to a press release, pieces include photo montages of last year's Pride parade, created by Grace Sevy, and work by painters and photographers Jade Nikki Baure, Elehna de Sousa and Alia Love.

Other pieces include a card table turned into a piece of art by Jonn Ashlie and colour field abstracts by Laura Hughes McGrath.

"An incredible group of photographs entitled Walk With Pride

is the main feature of this year's art show. The images were taken as part of a one-year project to document Pride events around the world. The pieces show the pride of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered people as they march with pride. There is also the darker side as neo-Nazis and religious groups protest Pride events and a transgendered woman shows the results of an attack visible in her black eye."

Images come from as far away as Russia, Croatia, the Philippines and London, England.

TJ Beans cafe will also feature art as part of this year's Pride events, including Hide 'n' Seek by George Durocher.

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BROS ARE BACK: The Barley Bros. have found a new home at the Salt Spring Inn. From left, Tom Bowler, Dave Roland and Buck McDonald will take the stage there regularly on Saturday nights.

PERFORMING ARTS

Academy kids: new options, space

Musical theatre, ballet, acro-dance and more

The Salt Spring Arts Academy begins its fall 2011 season with several new programs and in a fresh location.

The academy will be using the Ganges Yoga Studio on Kings Lane for most classes this year, with ballet barres, mirrors and a skookum new dance floor.

Programs include ballet teacher Lisa Hall offering a company class that will see students working on a full-length contemporary ballet to be staged at year end, written and choreographed by Hall.

Sue Newman is offering musical theatre for the first time

through the academy. Plans to stage the musical called Seussical Junior at year end are underway. A few more spots are left in this program which requires a cast of 12. Seussical highlights include Circus McGerkrus, which will provide an opportunity for Naomi Jason's new dance troupe to show their stuff.

Sneak peaks of progress from these three performance classes will be highlighted at the academy's holiday show in December.

Kristen Lewis has a whole lot of choices for preschoolers and kids this fall: ballet, creative dance and a new program called acro-dance. Parent and child movement classes, preschool movement explorers and acro-dance for ages 5 and up are all

about getting and keeping kids moving, tumbling, dancing and developing body awareness, along with healthy movement skills.

Back from a year off is the Let's Make A Movie class with Cindy Jacobsen. Students aged eight to 14 are invited to learn just what it takes to make a movie.

The academy says enrollment in ballet is almost full, although some spots are available in preschool and ballet 1 and in Jason's teen/adult ballet technique classes. Hip hop, jazz, tap and creative dance classes are also filling up fast.

See www.saltspringartsacademy.ca for more information, or call the academy at 250-537-4294.

CONCERTS

Folk artist Kate Reid back for intimate SSI concert

Lions Hall show Sept. 16

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Singer-songwriter Kate Reid returns to Salt Spring next Friday for a concert at Lions Hall during a tour of her just-released album *Doin' It For the Chicks*.

Reid has most recently entertained local audiences as the headlining act of last year's Pride in the Park event and an evening of humorous dinner theatre at Moby's. Winning fans from all demographics for her expert song-crafting that effortlessly moves from humour to straight talk, this out and proud entertainer is pleased to be back.

"I love Salt Spring. I love the people there. I have a good time — that's why I keep coming back," Reid said during a phone interview while touring the United States.

Despite the ironic title of her third album, Reid is a committed musician and performer who creates songs based on stories that touch or inspire her in some way. Whether the theme is defending yourself against charges so ridiculous you just have to laugh (*Doin' It For the Chicks*) or real-life issues that will make you cry to hear about them (*Revolution*), the songs in Reid's roster have the ring of truth. That honesty, as well as a "couple of killer guitar licks," create a strong connection that's won over critics and audiences alike.

The title track of her new album was

written in response to the conservative minister of a north B.C. church, who booked Reid for a house concert and then got into an uproar about her "lifestyle" when he learned more about her.

"I'm merely on a divine plan to convert you all to the dark side of the bedroom," she tells the ladies in the hilariously sarcastic tune. "I'm on a full-blown recruiting crusade."

My Baby's in the Beer Tent Again is just as funny. And Hot Dog is a thumpy bluegrass update of a classic Led Zep-pelin tune.

Revolution, however, tackles a number of horrendous crimes against women in an ongoing unspoken "war" that Reid believes must be spoken about to change.

"I think a little bit of jolting is good," she said of the more serious material.

"That's what art is supposed to do — one of its purposes is to change the world, to expose things."

"We're so desensitized to violence against women [as seen on TV]. . . . Hearing about it in lyrics, with music, touches a different chord in our body, and then hopefully moves people to action around it."

However, Reid leaves lots of room for the lighter touch.

"I feel like humour's a really good tool to get my point across. It's really fun to write those songs — it's a different ride than the serious ones," she said.

The Sept. 16 concert begins at 8 p.m.

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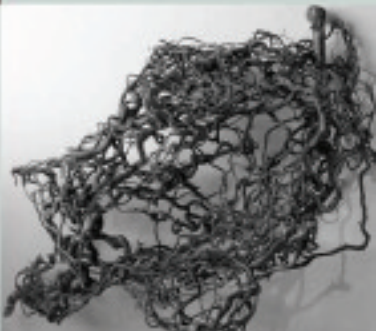
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BANNER DAY: Cherry Jensen, left, and Kate Leslie work at the Core Inn, creating banners for this Saturday's Pride Parade in Ganges.

DANCE

Lobby Dancers reformed to create fresh performance piece

Multi-generational group begins classes Sept. 21

A new session of dance performance

classes unfolds this month, led by Salt Spring dancer Anna Haltrecht.

Instructor Haltrecht is looking for a new troupe of Lobby Dancers to create a contemporary dance

piece for performance in ArtSpring's lobby in January 2012.

The 12 classes will be held on Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in her Cats Pajamas studio at 104 Langs Rd., beginning Sept. 21. Dates are

Sept. 21 to Oct. 12, Nov. 9 to Dec. 16 and Jan. 2 and 9.

Even people who do not want to perform at the Jan. 16 event are welcome to join the class.

The multigenerational class is suitable for dancers of all levels who wish to be part of a fun, creative process. It will continue through the winter and spring with the possibility of more performances.

Course cost is \$175 for adults, \$150 for youth and \$275 for a parent and child pairing.

For more information and to register, contact Haltrecht at 250-537-5681 or send an email to anna@bonesforever.com.

Haltrecht has been teaching and dancing on Salt Spring since 1986.

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ART REVIEW

Viewers enter forest realm at final ArtCraft stage show

In the Skin of the Forest on thru Sept. 18

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

ArtCraft's final stage show of the season brings viewers into an alternate reality, experiencing nature through the unique perspective of painter Barbra Edwards and basket maker Debbie Magnusson.

The exhibition title *In the Skin of the Forest* comes from one of Edwards' inspirations, who in a reverse of her usual pattern actually came up with the phrase first and was then compelled to create a series around it.

Matching up the Pender Island artist's expressive abstract rain-forest paintings with Magnusson's sculptural baskets was the brain child of ArtCraft director Helen Mears. Although the two artists didn't see each other's work or even meet each other until the show's opening night, Mears foresaw how their work would combine to create a holistic experience.

"Their work seemed to integrate so well," the curator noted. "Debbie's work signifies the forest floor, and Barbra becomes the forest walls. It just came together so wonderfully."

Magnusson's loose, organic baskets hardly seem shaped by hand, they appear so naturally formed. Using materials such as honeysuckle vine, seed pods and the curly vine of Henry Lauder's Walking Stick (also known as corkscrew hazel), she creates open work objects that delightfully showcase materials with the use of negative space.

Winter II - Shell combines a delicate string of dried arbutus berries threaded through arbutus branches and vines and the more dramatic bottle-tree seed pods. In the dried form the berries take on almost the same colour as the tree's bark, but with richer saturation. It's a beautiful yet subtle ornamentation that contrasts with the



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Barbra Edwards' paintings and Debbie Magnusson's baskets.

thicker frame.

In Winter II - Swirl, Magnusson incorporates a nest of twirled Cary grass, with tiny seed heads still attached. Winter I - On the Grass is large at around five feet across. The arbutus branch frame is woven with honeysuckle vines into a complex pattern of bridges, arcs and sections.

Old Man's Circle contains a homely satisfaction in its simplicity. The large, shallow dish of jasmine and honeysuckle vine is uniformly brown and unadorned, just solid and comfortable.

Edwards' abstract paintings serve to illuminate the forest's active growing life. Images are framed in the close view so there is no distance between the viewer and what is being shown — symbolically bringing one into the forest itself. Her muted palette does not include the bright greens of the tropical jungle, but instead puts ruddy browns with greens that are almost yellow, often with cool aqua shades for contrast.

Tribes, a very close view of an alder thicket, puts the viewer immediately before the trunks. While another artist might be interested in reproducing a pattern of straight lines, Edwards'

depiction of indistinct wavy forms suggests constant movement and activity. Whitish trunks with black patches and vivid moss look not just rounded but actually twisting.

With Rainforest, Edwards travels further along the spectrum from representational to abstract, with vertical swaths of colour that suggest a drooping canopy of mosses and vines. She brings things to a more solemn note with plum and deep mauve undertones.

Early Summer Night gets hot and vibrant with splashes of red and yellow in the trees. The forest itself seems to be celebrating the season's heat, while a small dog looks on from the immediate foreground.

Big Yellow Taxi is also bright. This tribute to Joni Mitchell showcases a single tree in the foreground against a pattern of dramatically contrasting patches of shadow and light. Mossy-looking tree boughs in yellow are just tinted with green.

People who haven't seen the show yet will still have their chance through ArtCraft's closing date for the season on Sunday, Sept. 18. The exhibition and ArtCraft gift shop are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily until then.

THEATRE SCHOOL

StageCoach expands roster with new classes

Sessions begin Sept. 19 to 23

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

StageCoach Theatre School is gearing up to begin its 2011-12 program with a stronger-than-ever menu of offerings for kids.

Serious actors aged 10 and up will want to participate in the returning and popular Onstage theatre class with program directors Adina Hildebrandt and Maggie O'Scalleigh, while O'Scalleigh's Senior Musical class is sure to bring out the island's budding Glee stars.

Options that are new on the list are also set to provide fun ways for expressing creative energy, such as a Friday morning class formulated just for the youngest players with improv artist Scott Chamney.

Chamney is the former president and passionate leader of the improv club at the University of Edmonton, and carries with him a willing enthusiasm to work with kids aged five to seven.

"I've found that kids are very good storytellers. There's a lot of raw creativity there and I'd love to take that and channel it and see what these kids bring forth," Chamney said.

"It's going to be fun, and one of the best parts is bringing these kids together, working together and hopefully making some friends."

Chamney said kids don't need anything other than themselves to participate, although they are welcome to bring in any costumes or props they'd like to use.

Another fan of improvisation, Bob Twaites, will bring his considerable knowledge coaching older kids for the Canadian Improv League to kids aged 10 and up. Like Chamney, Twaites thinks kids are natural storytellers.

"The great thing about younger kids is they're not locked into set cultural ideas, so you get these beautiful stories that come out," he said.

Twaites said the StageCoach class will be a great place for

kids to learn about focusing and listening, and will also be a good training ground for anyone interested in joining serious improv teams down the road.

"They'll learn the basic improv skills and then they'll be totally prepared by high school," Twaites said.

Dance for Actors is a brand new offering that will unite three professional dancers with kids who have never taken a dance class. Instructors Naomi Jason, Jekka Mack and Amy Walker will give students aged 10 and up an opportunity to get a taste of many styles, covering ballet, hip hop, jazz, modern and flamenco.

"Theatre students will get exposure to dance styles that they may need for the roles they are playing, or just for fun," the school's website explains.

Registration and a complete list of course offerings can be found online at www.stagecoachtheatre.net. Classes run mid-September through mid-April, with breaks for school holidays.

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BUDDHISM

A chance to meet 21st-century Kalu Rinpoche

New leader of Shangpa lineage uses social media

BY MATTHEW COLEMAN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Almost 40 years ago to the day, Kalu Rinpoche made his first trip to Vancouver. He was one of the first Tibetan lamas to visit North America.

It was soon after, in 1975, that Kalu Rinpoche founded the meditation retreat land, the beautiful 160 acres with shrine, rooms, kitchens and retreat cabins up on Mount Tuam here on Salt Spring.

Since then many retreats, some up to three years in duration, have taken place. He continued touring and teaching for the next 18 years and delighted all that came into contact with him. For many others who were very young at that time, he reached us through his writings. Even through his written word he was able to touch hearts very deeply.

Kalu Rinpoche will be back in his young, present incarnation on Saturday, Sept. 17, the day of his 21st birthday. He comes to us in a new form: a songwriter, a writer, a blogger and someone who posts late-night status updates to his



Kalu Rinpoche will be on Salt Spring teaching a retreat on Sept. 17-18 on Mount Tuam, and at the high school for a public talk on Monday, Sept. 19, beginning at 7 p.m.

many friends on Facebook. He is both familiar with the internet and global interconnectedness as well as being well versed in traditional dharma study and meditation, having completed a three-year retreat.

As he puts it on a recent blog post, "Remember I am not a god, I'm just wearing Kalu Rinpoche's name and doing my best to make you happy." He comes to the West with his clarity and informal

ways of relating to others.

He is the new leader of the Shangpa lineage, which dates back to the 11th century and two female yoginis.

When asked what advice he had for young people, Kalu Rinpoche said, "The future depends upon the young. I feel that even if it seems for young people that it is too difficult, or that the challenges are too great, in fact the world is full of possibilities. We need to have confidence that any-

thing is possible. We need to first focus on ourselves to find happiness, clarity and peace within — then we can work to help others and improve the world. Most important is to learn to live with less selfishness and more love. This way we can truly transform the world."

This incarnation of Kalu Rinpoche was last here when he was five years old. Even at that tender early age he gave teachings and introduced

people to the Buddhist path. Now as a young man, having been steeped in the monastic way for his first 18 years of life in the hills of Darjeeling, India, he is returning to Salt Spring. On the way here he travelled throughout Europe, Asia and the United States and has been attuning himself to life in the 21st century.

Having reclaimed his life after leaving the monastery, he is exploring the world, both its joys and sorrows, and finds that the traditional approach of transmitting the teachings does not correspond and communicate to the modern world. He is finding a different, somewhat revolutionary way to pass on these ancient teachings.

Like his last incarnation, he doesn't want to be held back by traditional cultural forms. From all his travels he finds North Americans most receptive to his more open, heart-felt approach.

Kalu Rinpoche will be up on Mount Tuam teaching a retreat on Sept. 17 and 18, and will give a public talk at 7 p.m. on Monday the 19th at the high school.

For more information and registration, see <http://kkc-kd01.org/content/kd01> and his personal website: <http://www.paldenshangpa.net>.

Islands Trust - Local Trustees

Notice of Nomination | 2011 General Local Election



Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of **Galiano Island, Mayne Island, North Pender Island, Salt Spring Island, Saturna Island and South Pender Island Local Trust Areas** that nominations for the office of **Local Trustee** will be received between: **9:00am, Tuesday, October 4, 2011 and 4:00pm, Friday, October 14, 2011.**

During that period, nomination documents shall only be received during regular office hours, 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday excluding statutory holidays, by a person designated by the Chief Election Officer at the **Capital Regional District, Legislative Services Dept., 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, B.C.** Should anyone wish to file nomination documents in other than office hours, arrangements may be made by phoning the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Representation for the Islands Trust will be as listed below and shall be for a 3-year term commencing December 2011 and terminating in 2014 after the election held in accordance with the legislation in the Local Government Act (2014):

Galiano Island	Two Trustees	Salt Spring Island	Two Trustees
Mayne Island	Two Trustees	Saturna Island	Two Trustees
North Pender Island	Two Trustees	South Pender Island	Two Trustees

Candidates shall be nominated in writing by two duly qualified electors of the Local Trust Area in which the candidate is running for office. The nomination documents shall be in the form prescribed in the *Local Government Act* and shall state the name and residence of the person nominated in such a manner as to sufficiently identify such candidate. The nomination documents shall be subscribed to by the candidate. At the time of filing the nomination documents, the candidate shall also file with the Chief Election Officer or a person designated by the Chief Election Officer a written disclosure, as required under the *Financial Disclosure Act*.

Further information on the requirements and procedures for making a nomination and copies of all forms are available at:

- **Capital Regional District**, Legislative Services Dept., 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC Tel: 250.360.3128 or toll free 1.800.663.4425, local 3128 for Gulf Island residents;
- **Islands Trust**, #200-1627 Fort St., **Victoria, BC** Tel: 250.405.5188;
- **Islands Trust**, #1-500 Lower Ganges Rd., **Salt Spring Island, Tel:** 250.537.9144;
- or by calling the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2011
Thomas F. Moore, Chief Election Officer

The following constitutes the designated Island Local Trust Areas for the purpose of electing local trustees to the Islands Trust:

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Mayne Island Local Trust Area - Mayne, Curlew, Georgeson

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Saturna Island Local Trust Area - Saturna, Anniversary, Belle Chain Islets, Cabbage, Java Islets, King Islets, Lizard, Pine, Samuel, Trevor Islet, Tumbo, Lot 65 East of Samuel.

South Pender Local Trust Area - South Pender, Blunden Islet, Skull Islet.

BOOKS

Floathouse events, foibles captured in just-released book

Mary Hughes tells the tales of the Zastrozzi

Salt Spring resident Mary Hughes has just released a new book that's an insider's look at the ups and downs of life on the water — *The Life and Times of the Floathouse Zastrozzi*.

Getting a 1917 Heintzman piano down the ramp at Fisherman's Wharf in Victoria was one of the minor challenges compared to what Hughes and her husband Alan faced in their 12 years of a live-aboard life.

Hughes says that life on the floathouse Zastrozzi was an adventure in many flavours, with a cast of intriguing and memorable characters and a slightly off-beat way of life.

"Over the years, Zastrozzi narrowly avoided a near collision with the Coho ferry, repelled a mink invasion and barely survived sinking at the dock," she said. "Then there was the daunting challenge of moving her ashore onto Salt Spring Island in 2002."

Salt Springer Jennifer Howard has read the book and commented: "I have so enjoyed the book! It is funny and quirky! The foibles and adventures were absolutely mind-boggling. My eyes have definitely been opened re: the 'romance' of floathouse living. I've read the humorous sections of it out loud to [my husband] Mitch, and we've cracked up."

There's a healthy dose of harbour politics and the author's take on the harbour divestiture story, as well as some stories of floathome life early in the last century.

Hughes is currently selling books for \$15 a copy at Volume II Books and Salt Spring Books, or she can be contacted directly at maryhughes@saltspring.com, or through the website at www.floathousezastrozzi.com.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

FOOD

Up close and personal — the story of Sip & Savour

Interview with Salt Spring chef Bruce Wood

BY LES BROST
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Bruce Wood is a uniquely passionate man. That sounds a bit strange, for the world is full of passionate men.

Why is he unique? Wood, owner and chef of the successful Bruce's Kitchen on Salt Spring Island, is

more sense than the cheap-food policy fostered by generations of Canadian politicians.

The big man walks his talk. "I believe people should be encouraged to eat seasonally, and I only put seasonal food on my plates. If it costs me business, so be it," he said.

So what would a smash-hit Sip & Savour Salt Spring look like to Bruce Wood? Wood predicts the gala wine-pairing dinner on Friday night will be outstanding for the "glorious" camaraderie and collaboration between chefs.

Wood sees the natural competitive instincts of chefs challenging each to produce their very best. His own contribution will be a seafood sausage with Sooke trout, Qualicum scallops, side-stripe prawns and tarragon, sitting on a puree of parsnip and pear.

"It will be spectacular," he promises.

The Saturday "grazing experience" component of Sip & Savour will close the food circle for farmers, chefs, vintners and guests.

"What makes it so great is that guests meet the farmers producing the food, and visit with both the farmers and chefs jointly responsible for the wonderful food they've eaten," explains Wood. By the wine pairings they offer, local and regional vintners will enhance the experience enjoyed by guests.

Wood, a culinary artist and social change pioneer, is driven by the wisdom of "slow food" guru Carlo Petrini and American farmer and philosopher Wendell Berry.

Petrini said, "There can be no gastronomy without social responsibility."

Berry puts it even more succinctly: "Eating is an agricultural act."

Yes, Bruce Wood is a passionate man who "gets it." If you attend Sip & Savour you will "get it" too — a unique opportunity to sip, savour and cherish the very best that Salt Spring has to offer.

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For tickets to Sip & Savour, call 250-537-8320 or visit www.sipandsavoursaltspring.com.



Salt Spring's Bruce Wood is a participant in the upcoming Sip & Savour event.

unique because he is a passionate man capable of systems thinking. He understands the "big picture" driving the food industry, and he "gets" the forces driving the food revolution happening around the world.

So why is a busy like man like Bruce Wood investing his time, energy and passion in Sip & Savour Salt Spring, a food and wine festival taking place Sept. 23-24?

"It's the best possible way to market the Salt Spring community, our talented Salt Spring farmers and the chefs who work with that food," said Wood. "The public is realizing that food security is the most important issue of our time, and this event showcases the gifts that Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands offer to the rest of Canada."

Wood sees the food process as a circle. It begins with local farmers producing fresh, tasty, organic food. Local chefs then find simple and exotic ways to work with that food. Consumers like the results, and the farmer is encouraged to grow more. This win-win outcome makes a lot



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BIKER BLITZ: Participants in this year's annual toy run roar out of the Gulf Islands Secondary School parking lot, led by Santa Claus on Saturday.

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

CONSERVATION

Students become nature ambassadors

Robert Bateman, Parks Canada partners in Get To Know Camp

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

This summer 17 emerging student artists were treated to a personal tour of his home and studio by a recognized master of wildlife art, Robert Bateman.

Hailing mainly from across Canada with a couple of visitors from the United States, the students were all winners of the Robert Bateman Get to Know Contest.

Since 2000 the contest has invited youth to enter creative work that celebrates nature, with categories for visual art, digital photography, video and writing. For the past three years running, the contest's grand prize has been a week-long camping trip in one of Parks Canada's special sites.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Wildlife artist Robert Bateman talks to students in his Salt Spring studio.

came with their books ready to sign."

Other camp activities offered fun and creative ways to absorb the transformative education part of Parks Canada's mandate, which Goggin said also includes species protection and visitor experience.

Popular events were geo-caching, ephemeral art on the beach and a species at risk program in collaboration with local First Nations, who discussed the diverse but highly endangered Garry oak ecosystem. Students also did a service component, pulling invasive species such as St. John's wort at Fort Rodd Hill.

"When you're connecting with nature, it's also important to connect with nature that's in dire straits and really needs our help," Goggin said.

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GENEVIEVE GOGGIN
Parks Canada

Previous years have taken winners to Jasper and Waterton Lakes National Park. This year the prize combined a stay at Sidney Spit (part of the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve) and the Fort Rodd Hill National Historic Site.

Being just in the neighbourhood, so to speak, 2011 contest winners also had the added bonus of spending a day on Salt Spring. They spent time viewing the special aesthetic and natural considerations that went into the Bateman home, learned about a master's creative process in his own studio and hiked the area surrounding Ford Lake.

Parks Canada outreach education specialist Genevieve Goggin said although last year's students did connect with Get to Know's celebrity founder via Skype (projected onto the wall of a teepee), having the personal meeting was definitely a highlight.

"The kids really loved it," Goggin said. "It was a really unique experience. A lot of them

One of the most popular activities, both for students and local boat campers, was a night watch on Sidney Spit discovering bioluminescence and sea creatures by flashlight.

Participants also toured the site of the new Robert Bateman Centre at Royal Roads University and visited the Coast Collective Art Centre, whose members visited in return the following day and led a sketching and painting class at Fort Rodd Hill.

The aim for Parks Canada and the Get to Know program is to create a life-changing experience that will inspire youth to become nature's champions — which was doubtless the case for the recent participants.

None were from B.C. and only one had ever been camping before.

"We're really working with Canadians and trying to increase people's awareness and understanding and desire to be stewards of these places," Goggin said.

"Really our goal is to create ambassadors for

parcs, historic sites and national marine conservation areas."

Get to Know contest winners who choose to take the next step as ambassadors take their experiences back to their communities with school presenta-

tions, interviews with local media and postings on social media sites. They will receive a certificate that will bolster future resumes, and also, Goggin said, give them the tools to promote their art and their causes.

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Capital Regional District

CRD

Notice of Advance Voter Registration & Availability of List of Registered Electors 2011 General Local Election

Public notice is hereby given that **Advance Voter Registration closes on September 27, 2011** for Capital Regional District (CRD) Lists of Registered Electors for:

- Juan de Fuca Electoral Area
- Salt Spring Island Electoral Area
- Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area (Galiano, Mayne, North and South Pender, Saturna and Piers Islands)

CRD Lists of Registered Electors are used for voting for Electoral Area Directors, referenda, School District Trustees and Islands Trust Trustees in the CRD.

Elector Qualifications

Resident Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 19, 2011), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in your community for 30 days (the residency qualifications are set out in the *Local Government Act*), you are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector.

Non-Resident Property Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 19, 2011), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community for 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you: a) have registered on or before September 27, 2011, or b) register at the time of voting (note that *Certificates to Register as a Non-Resident Property Elector* are no longer required).

The following information is required at the time of application:

- a recent land title registration of the real property (may be obtained at the Land Title Office) or property tax notice, showing the names of all the registered owners,
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Please Note:

- Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property regardless of the number of owners.
- No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote.
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You may register on voting day if you meet the elector qualifications set out above. For information about registering as a Resident or Non-Resident Property Elector call 250.360.3129. Port Renfrew and Gulf Island residents may call toll free, 1.800.663.4425, local 3129.

List of Registered Electors

The preliminary Lists of Registered Electors will be available, upon signature, for viewing at the CRD offices listed below from 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday, unless otherwise noted. You may also call the offices to enquire whether your name is on a CRD List of Registered Electors:

- Legislative Services - 250.360.3129, 625 Fisgard St., **Victoria, BC**
- Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Planning & Building Inspection - 250.642.1500, #2 - 6868 West Coast Rd., **Sooke, BC**
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Following the close of Advance Voter Registration and beginning Tuesday, October 4, 2011, until the close of general voting, a copy of the final Lists of Registered Electors will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the CRD offices listed above.

An elector may request that personal information respecting the elector be omitted from or obscured on the List in accordance with S.63 (protection of privacy) of the *Local Government Act*.

Objection to Registration of an Elector

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the List of Registered Electors may be made to the CRD Corporate Officer, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, until 4:00pm on October 14, 2011. An objection must be made in writing, may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the CRD, and can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the CRD.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2011
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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

Great time to get on the cycling bandwagon

I don't often say this, but Peter Vincent and I are riding the same train of thought lately.

With Vincent's Aug. 24 column headlined "We're so last century when it comes to cycling" published around the time I was penning my own two bits on the subject, it would seem that cycling on the rock is a hot topic — regardless of age, profession or political stripe.

While I don't oft ride



Meghan Howcroft

LIVE AND LEARN

a two-wheeled horse myself, I'm married to a certified bike-o-holic, which gives me a bit of street cred on the subject.

Like a toddler with a favourite teddy, my husband never goes anywhere without his bike. Every morning at 5:30 a.m. (gag), he pedals his way down to Fulford to catch the 6:15 ferry, and every evening, he retraces his route back home. On weekends (when any sane person would be resting his legs), he's either mountain biking the trails of Channel Ridge, jaunting out to Vesuvius on his road bike, repairing bikes, talking bikes, or perusing the latest cycling articles and gear online.

Even though I'm not an avid cyclist myself

(the hills simply don't agree with my delicate nature . . . and by "delicate" I mean lazy), I can definitely see the appeal. Whenever I climb aboard a two-wheeler, I'm always amazed at the unique perspective it gives me. I notice houses I've never seen before and get to see what produce is piled up on the neighbour's farmstand. With the wind on my arms and bird chatter in my ears, I'm reminded of what I love about this island . . . all the things I took for granted once I stopped appreciating the view.

Instead of zipping along in a car with your mind fixed on your destination, when you're riding a bike, it's all about the journey. That disconcerting feeling you get when arriving somewhere in your car with absolutely no memory of how you got there just doesn't happen when you're puffing your way up Ganges Hill with your heart pumping out of your chest. There's simply no way to forget that journey!

And yet, I still haven't jumped on the cycling bandwagon. And it's not because of my delicate (aka lazy) sensibilities, or the fact that I'm not especially keen on people witnessing my pain (or my butt in spandex) as I struggle up Lee's Hill. To be honest, I haven't taken up cycling simply because I'm afraid.

What with our windy, pothole-infested roads, the non-existent shoulders and the speeding vehicles that are too impatient to wait and pass safely, I feel exposed and at risk every time I gear up for a ride.

My husband, who spends more time with his feet on pedals than on the ground, doesn't feel unsafe — he's built up his confidence and knows he's doing everything he can to be safe on the road. But it's not him that I worry about. It's Right-Wing Randy in his gigantic half-ton zooming by just a few centimetres to his left that makes me bite my nails with worry. I know one too many people who have been smacked by careless vehicles, and some of their lives will never be the same as a result.

That said, I'm amazed by the number of cyclists I see on the rock at this time of year. Somehow we've given the world the impression we're a "biking destination." While the scenery may be quaint, with no bike lanes, limited bike signage and the disrespect with which so many drivers treat those on two wheels, Salt Spring is

no more a cycling destination than it is a Mecca of hot new fashion trends.

What would go a long way towards making this reputation a reality is, as Peter Vincent suggests, wider lanes along the most popular cycling routes, from Fulford to Ganges and on to Vesuvius. If we want less vehicle traffic in the Ganges core and fewer cars plugging up Fulford at ferry times, we have to make it more appealing and safer for people to cycle both into and out of (not just around) both villages.

It also couldn't hurt to have some education for both drivers and cyclists about the rules of the road and a commitment from both groups to treat each other with respect. I do believe it's possible for cars and bikes to get along, as long as both freewheeling groups let go of the notion that one form of transport is more deserving than the other.

Cycling is great for the environment, incredible for your health, solves the "too many vehicles on the road" syndrome, all while emphasizing that life is about the journey not the destination. Cycling culture is "blowing up" these days and with various bike groups, bike events and bike rental and repair shops cropping up around the island, now is the time to put our two-wheeled mark on the world. Otherwise, I'm afraid Salt Spring will be left languishing on the side of the road.

WORKSHOP

Women benefit from 5Rhythms and 'way of council' session

Led by Shauna Devlin this Saturday

Two powerful practices will be combined in a workshop set for this Saturday, Sept. 10 at Ganges Yoga Studio.

Shauna Devlin will lead Know Thyself: A Day of 5Rhythms and The Way of Council for Women from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The 5Rhythms is a simple yet profound moving meditation practice that encourages freedom and fluidity in our movement and in our lives," says Devlin in press material.

"The 5Rhythms are a resource, a means back to our centre, our core, our knowing of ourselves. Simply by moving our bodies through these distinct rhythms we empower ourselves to discover and remember who we are."

She also explains that "council" is an ancient practice where people sit in a circle to share the stories of their lives.

"Non-judgmental listening and authentic heart full communication are integral to this practice. Council supports us in accessing and expressing our deepest truths. By speaking and listening from our hearts we enhance our empathy for others and ourselves. No one is ever forced to speak in council and all sharing arises from the level of safety which one feels in the container we will create together."

To register or for more information, call Devlin at 250-709-1921 or email her at shaunadevlin1@gmail.com.

Notice of Application to Volunteer as a Scrutineer & Advance Voter Registration

Galiano Island Community Use Building Referendum

Public notice is hereby given that the assent of the electors is required with regard to:

- Bylaw No. 3792, "Galiano Island Community Use Building Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2, 2011"; and
- Bylaw No. 3793, "Galiano Island Community Use Building Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2, 2011"

Qualified electors of the Galiano Island Community Use Building Service Area within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area in particular Galiano, Retreat, Wise, Parker and Gossip Islands, will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, November 19, 2011**:

Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District Board adopting both of the following bylaws:

- Bylaw No. 3792, "Galiano Island Community Use Building Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2, 2011" authorizing the Capital Regional District to establish a service to provide a library, community and local government use building and to raise a maximum annual requisition of the greater of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100,100.00) or \$0.165 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) of taxable land and improvements for the purpose of funding the capital and operating costs of the service; and
- Bylaw No. 3793, "Galiano Island Community Use Building Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2, 2011" authorizing the Capital Regional District to borrow an amount not to exceed SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$730,000.00) for the purpose of paying the net costs of planning, designing, constructing and equipping a new library, community and local government use building on Galiano Island.

YES or NO?

Scrutineers

Applications to act as a scrutineer for those organizations for and against Bylaw Nos. 3792 and 3793 shall be received at the offices of the Capital Regional District (CRD), PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm from **Tuesday, October 4, 2011 until Friday, October 14, 2011**. Application forms and information on the requirements and procedures for making an application are available at the CRD by telephoning toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129 or at the address noted above.

List of Registered Electors

Beginning Tuesday, October 4, 2011 until Friday, November 18, 2011 a copy of the List of Registered Electors for Galiano Island will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the CRD office listed below, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday. You may also call to enquire whether your name is on the List: CRD Legislative Services Dept., 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, Telephone Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129.

Notice of Advance Voter Registration

Advance Voter Registration closes on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 for the List of Registered Electors for Galiano Island. Voter qualifications are set out below. You may also register on voting day if you meet these qualifications: You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector or Non-Resident Property Elector if you are: 18 years or older on voting day (November 19, 2011), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, and either:

- have resided in the Galiano Island Community Use Building Service Area for 30 days; (If registering as a Resident Elector on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency, one of which must have a signature); OR
- have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the Galiano Island Community Use Building Service Area for 30 days and do not qualify as a Resident Elector. If registering as a Non-Resident Property Elector on voting day, you must provide the following information:
 - a recent land title registration of the real property or a property tax notice, which will show the names of all the registered owners; and
 - 2 pieces of identification (one of which must have a signature), and
 - in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property

For more information about registering as a Resident Elector or a Non-Resident Property Elector, call Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129 or 250.360.3129.

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Dated this 4th day of September, 2011

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Chief Election Officer

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COMING EVENTS

TRADITIONAL KARATE lessons. Rammed Earth Dogo. Tue. 7 to 8:30 pm and Thur. 8 to 7pm. \$45 per mo. ages 14 and up. Instructor Pat Byron, 4th Dan. 271 Furness Rd. rammedearthdogo@shaw.ca or 250-653-9295.

IN MEMORIAM

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

PIANO TUNER coming to Salt Spring Sept. 28 to Oct. 2. Book appt. 804-732-7863 or silverwoodpianos@shaw.ca www.silverwoodpianos.com

IN MEMORIAM

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COMING EVENTS

ADRIAN DIX AND GARY HOLMAN invite everyone to a potluck brunch at noon on Sunday, Sept. 11, in Meaden Hall. This is a fundraiser for the local candidate and the Provincial NDP. Silent auction, short speeches and Q&A. Everyone welcome. Tickets and information from Irene at 250-537-5347 or Claudia at 250-653-4100.

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seven stars tai chi club

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 Chen Style Beginners
 Mon. Sept. 11.
 6:30-8:00pm
 Yang Style Beginners
 Tues. Sept. 12.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Salt Spring Island
 Fire Protection
 District
 Residents within the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District are hereby advised that the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection Trustees will be giving final reading of the 2012 Fire Budget at our next public meeting, held at
**105 Lower Ganges Rd.
 Monday, Sept. 19, 2011
 at 7:30pm.**
 All are encouraged and

Salt Spring Island
 Studio Tour Group
Annual General Meeting
 September 14, 2011
 7 pm.
 Lions Hall
 103 Bonnet Ave.

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**Pump Primers
 Co Ed Exercise Class
 for Heart Health**
 7:45am - 8:45am
 Mon. Wed. Fri.
 All Saints by the Sea,
 Anglican Church
 New season starts on
 Monday September 12th
 \$50 per month
 \$8 drop in
 This class is suitable for
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 Doing it for your
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COMING EVENTS

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SSI HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Regular Meeting
 2:00 pm Sept 14, 2011
At Central Hall
A History of the Islands Trust
 presented by
Peter Lamb
 Tea/Coffee to follow the
 meeting.
All are welcome.
Annual Memberships
are now due
 Check out our Website
 for more information
<http://saltspringarchives.com/historical>

INFORMATION

Alcoholics Anonymous Service Meetings
 Salt Spring: 250-637-7573
 Galiano: 250-530-2222
 Pender: 250-629-9321
 Women's Only
 Monday noon
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ATTENTION RESIDENTIAL School Survivors! If you received the CEP (Common Experience Payment), you may be eligible for further Cash Compensation. To see if you qualify, phone toll free 1-877-988-1145 now. Free service!

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GREG COLES informs friends: Will be listing property at 217 Frazer Rd. 250-748-6560.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (Salt Islands)
 A regular meeting of the Board of Education
 will be held at the School Board Office
 Wednesday,
 September 14, 2011
 at 1:00 p.m.
 Public welcome!
 To view the agenda for this meeting, please refer to
www.s64.bc.ca/board_meetings.html

LEGALS

SHEILA LONGPRE: Take notice that the Salt Spring Mini Storage will be seizing and selling the contents of your locker to pay for rent in arrears. You have until September 22, 2011 to pay your arrears or make other satisfactory arrangements for payment. Ph # 250-537-5888.

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Cathrine Honour Halliwell

April 24, 1984 –
 September 6, 2010

*A Smile
 Never Forgotten*

Your laugh cracked for miles,
 You were learning to cry,
 We miss you, we love you,
 we won't say good-bye.

A moment of change, a blink of an eye,
 With you again, we'll meet in the sky

Strong friend, your body so fit for the race,
 Mint tea and dark chocolate a treat for the pace

Your spirit and soul align with your mind
 To soar on forever a life lived divine

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Thurs, Sept 8, 6pm

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 Brenda @ 250-537-2840
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September 2011 Workshop

AN INTRODUCTION TO BRAIN HEALTH

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Level II Fridays, Sept. 16 - Oct. 28 9:00-10:00 am. For the
 relatively fit and active, this class adds more challenge.

Cost: \$84 / 7 weeks. Register by Sept. 11.

Trisha Moroz, CPT

trisha@synergyfit.ca 250.653.4656



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Sept. 17 & 18 - KDOL Mt. Tuam
 Meditation Retreat
 Register online at: www.kkc-kdol.org

Sept. 19 - 7pm at GISS - by Donation
 Public Talk: "Free Your Heart and
 Free Your Mind"

Visit Kalu's website:
www.paldenshangpa.net



Cathrine Honour Halliwell

April 24, 1984, Sept. 6, 2010

*Our beauty, our blessing, our treasure, our pearl,
 She was our beloved dragonfly girl.*

*We miss you, we love you,
 we think of you always on all days.*

*God gathers the flowers for HIS garden
 when they are the most beautiful.*

*Loving you and missing you forever, our
 greatest gift, our greatest treasure, our greatest love.*

Your adoring Mom and Dad

Please remember that she donated five organs
 and two corneas that she might help others.
 Five lives have continued because of her gift
 and two people have regained their sight.

Heartfelt thanks to our families, our friends,
 and our community for showing such love and
 support through this extremely difficult year.
 We send our love, our gratitude and appreciation
 to each and everyone of you who reached out so
 generously to show us how much you cared.

The Cathrine Halliwell Scholarship fund can be
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LOST AND FOUND

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LOCATION: Powell River, BC
Closing Date: September 23, 2011

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Patrick Davidson, Business Manager
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DATE: Thursday September 29, 2011

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Lady Minto Hospital meeting room (the portable)
Crofton Road, Ganges, Salt Spring Island

MEMBERSHIP: Persons who have reached 19 years of age, who reside in the Gulf Islands - namely Salt Spring, North Pender, South Pender, Prevost, Saturna, Samuel, Mayne and Galiano - who have made written application for membership in the Society. Memberships for the Society can be obtained at the Greenwood's Care Facility.

VOTING PRIVILEGES: Members in good standing who annually renew membership prior to the commencement of the annual meeting, are entitled to vote. Persons who have applied for membership during the past membership year (which extends from the conclusion of the last annual meeting until the commencement of the current annual meeting) are eligible to vote providing their membership application before August 31, 2011.

Please join us for our 31st AGM!!



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 64 (GULF ISLANDS) NOTICE OF NOMINATION 2011 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) that nominations for the office of Trustee will be received at the offices of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands), 112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. between the hours of 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, the fourth (4th) day of October 2011 and 4:00 P.M. on Friday, the fourteenth (14th) day of October 2011 and during that period the nomination documents shall only be received on regular office days and hours. Should anyone wish to file nomination documents in other than office hours, arrangements may be made by phoning the Chief Election Officer at (250) 472 0059.

Trustees will be elected for a three (3) year term commencing December 2011 and terminating after the election held in 2014 in accordance with the legislation in the Local government Act (2014) as follows:

Galiano Island	One Trustee
Mayne Island	One Trustees
Pender Islands	One Trustee
Salt Spring Island	Three Trustees
Saturna Island	One Trustee

The mode of nomination shall be as follows:

Candidates shall be nominated in writing by two duly qualified electors of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands). The nomination documents shall be in the form prescribed in the Local Government Act and School Act and shall state the name and residence of the person nominated in such a manner as to sufficiently identify the candidate. The nomination documents shall be subscribed to by the candidate.

At the time of filing the nomination documents, the candidate shall also file with the Chief Election Officer or a person designated by the Chief Election Officer a written disclosure, as required under the Financial Disclosure Act.

Copies of all forms are available at the Offices of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands), 112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. or by calling the Chief Election Officer at (250) 472 0059.

Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this fifth (5th) day of September, 2011.

Thomas F. Moore,
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10:00 - 11:30 am, Galiano Community Hall,
141 Sturdies Bay Road

Pender Island, Friday, September 16,
2:00 - 4:00 pm, Anglican Church Hall,
4703 Canal Road

Mayne Island, Saturday September 17,
2:00 - 4:00pm, Mayne Island Community Hall,
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Saturna Island, Saturday October 1,
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DANCING

Weisners share secrets of RBL Dance

Fun way to get moving

People who've thought about joining Dancing with the Stars need not venture that far thanks to a new series of dance classes that will be introduced this weekend.

Ron and Kathy Weisner are offering a new series called RBL Dance — Round, Ballroom, Line Dancing — with an open house on Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Core Inn from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The first class in a six-week series begins the following Sunday, with newcomer lessons from 6 to 7 p.m. and advanced steps and styling from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

RBL Dance is unique, say the Weisners, in its combined use of essential RBL dance moves, and live calling and cuing for the combinations.

Classes will cover basic steps, their names and the combinations to the commonly accepted round dance tunes, as well as more advanced steps. Those will draw from popular ballroom forms such as the waltz, foxtrot and cha cha.

"As students become familiar with the steps and patterns, any of them can be danced to any piece of suitable music, without cuing," press material explains. "In other words, any waltz round dance or waltz steps can be used or combined in dancing to a waltz tune."

The use of cuing or calling also helps beginning dancers.

"The leads and follows both know what's coming," said Kathy.

"Dancers can gain confidence quickly through the calling or cuing, which allows both partners to be familiar



PHOTO BY DENRICK LUNDY

with the routines."

Kathy began dancing with tap, character and Scottish Highland styles, winning silver and gold medals. While at UBC she began ballroom and square dancing and met her dance and life partner Ron.

She later added Middle East folk and belly dancing and taught, choreographed and performed Middle East dancing with her dance troupe.

After pursuing her teaching career, building a home and raising two children she has taken up ballroom dancing and is a member of the Victoria Ballroom Dance Society.

Ron began his dance career with ballroom dance and the square dance club at UBC. For many years he was a square dance and round dance caller and teacher in Ontario and B.C., and is a member of the Victoria Square Dance Callers' Association.

Both Ron and Kathy are studying standard and Latin ballroom dance at bronze and silver levels, and have been teaching newcomer dancers on Salt Spring.

Cost for the six-week session is \$60 per person for six weeks or \$10 per drop-in.

For more information, contact Kathy at 250-537-5058 or ballroom-saltspring@gmail.com.

Ron and Kathy Weisner, right, during a summertime ballroom class. An open house for their Round, Ballroom, Line Dance classes runs this Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Core Inn from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in advance of a new six-week series of dance lessons.

This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor
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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

You are in an analytical mood. You want to make improvements in your life. Health is a top priority. The quality and rhythm of your lifestyle choices is under review. Renovations and such in your home are featured. Family members may feel the pressure to oblige. Generating more personal power is a core commitment.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

A creative cycle is yours to enjoy. Your focus is critical and exacting. The season is turning and you want to get a lot done. Fortunately, your energy levels are running high. A push for change is coming from within and without. Aligning your energies with those of others feels important. Share your creative offerings, yet listen and learn too!

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

The focus now is upon home and family. You also want to reclaim your own center, to feel connected and grounded. The process of purging continues and it is evident in your living environment. At worst, you feel confused about where you belong or fit or what is your role. If you are carrying a light of love and peace for others, anything else is a bonus.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

The stone keeps rolling and is losing the moss. Opening new doors and exploring new facets of your self and the world feels right. Facing fears to access hidden talents and other treasures is your current task. See the bigger picture, set intentions and make plans. Access your feelings, notice if there is fear, dismiss it and advance.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)

Building upon new foundations continues. Your focus is sober and pragmatic yet creative and inspired. Investments of time and energy upon projects feel right. You are determined to expand your scope of influence. Balancing prudence with risk is important. Pay attention to the details and make your mark.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

Taking pioneering risks and leads is likely now. You want to break through to new levels. Your mood is a mixture of determination and rebellion. Your convictions are strong. Yet you are also wise to keep an open mind and avoid causal conclusions. Take a bold approach wrapped in grace and humility.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)

A period of rest and rejuvenation is the call now. If your schedule is full, set clear intentions to take time out - more sleep, less socializing and quiet moments nurtured with positive thinking will prove healing and may well feel ideal, even necessary. Meanwhile, cooperate with the deep changes and challenges that are disrupting your health, home, family and/or career.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

Gaining your center and composure is extra important now. This means being your own best friend. Choose to like yourself. Push through limiting self-concepts. Be open to the possibilities regardless of what you have or have not done before. Allow old modes of expression to dissolve and tune-in to what inner command wants you to do next. Breathe fully and practice patience.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)

Make a list and check it twice to get the attention you want and need. Tending to your health stands to be paramount. Whether your priority is physical, emotional, mental or spiritual, and/or is the health of your place in the world... focus on improvement. Practice practical magic: clear intentions and positive affirmation blended with organization and discipline.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

Positioning and reputation are two steeds of success. This is a prime objective for you now. Others are pushing and you are wise to accept their challenge to improve. Fortunately, you are in a sporting mood and are willing to take some creative yet calculated risks. Avoid trying to change anyone but yourself. Take an inventive approach.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)

A rich exchange of energy and resources is likely now. A willingness to both give fully and to receive is important. Your confidence levels are on the rise. It is important that you be willing to learn from every person and situation. Get past what you think things should be and focus on what is. Surrender simply to the demands of the moment.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

A rich exchange of energy and resources to inspire you. New friends and associations indicate the beginning of important relationships. A deep and spiritual influence is flowing into your life so tune-in to receive it. Let go of old roles, attitudes and interpretations that no longer serve. Embrace the process and prospect of renewal.

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RISING STARS: Blennerhassett Equestrian Centre riders returned from the Rising Stars youth dressage competition in Chilliwack with honours, competing against riders from B.C., Alberta and Washington. Laura Klemm, 12, won champion in her age group at first level, riding Tango, with an average percentage of 62.374. A reserve champion was won by Marina Holding, 18, riding Gaviota at first level with an average percentage of 65.909. The girls are coached by Jacky Cooper.

GOLF North end rules in fantastic Salt Spring golf fundraiser

Course enhanced by friendly competition

BY DOUG WELLINGTON
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Seventy-nine Salt Springers took part in a friendly competition Aug. 27 to decide if north-enders or south-enders would be the dominant golfing force on our island.

Eighteen holes of golf were played to determine golf supremacy and island bragging rights, which saw south captain Wes Akerman present north captain Doug Wellington with the prestigious North vs. South Plaque, donated by Gardy Webster.

The competition included a unique experience, provided by Steve Marleau — the head professional at Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club — on hole #2, where players had an opportunity to “beat the pro.”

Rounds of the day came from Jim Charlton’s amazing 69 and Don Sharp, who recorded a 76, resulting in an equally amazing net 58.

After golf, players were treated to a fan-



Wes Akerman, left, presents plaque to winning north team captain Doug Wellington.

tastic BBQ lunch prepared by Akerman and his crew of volunteers.

Gord Hollingsworth, assisted by Vanna (aka Denise Heaton),

auctioned off some great donations collected from members by men’s captain Bob Woodhouse.

Those included a four-course dinner complete with French maid and butler, two nights at About Thyme B&B, a gorgeous wood-turned bowl, an evening of fly fishing on St. Mary Lake followed by two single malt whiskeys and a patio water feature.

The 50/50 prize box totalled \$436 and was won by Glenn Woodley, who generously donated his winnings to the fundraiser’s project.

The tournament raised more than \$7,000 for a project to enhance the golf course.

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Oliver Cannon puts
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paces and gets a
salt water shower
as part of the Salt
Spring Island Sail-
ing Club's junior
program.



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Island to
host national
championships
this weekend

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For the fourth time
in six years, Salt Spring
is set to host some of
the best model sail-
boat racers on the con-
tinent as the Canadian
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ociation's International
One Metre National
Championships get
underway on Friday,
Sept. 9.

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"It's exactly the
same thing as the larg-
er-sized boat racing
except things happen
a lot faster," he said.

The weekend's races
will have seasoned
powerhouse Peter
Van Rossem of King-
ston, Ont. in search of
yet another national
crown against racers
from across B.C., the
Western U.S. and an
impressive flotilla of
skilled island-based
racers.

With years of expe-
rience behind them,
Neish said, this could
be the year that a
member of the "little
islanders" pulls off an
upset.

Locals Roger Kib-
ble, Ole Andersen,
Martin Herbert and
Hornby Island's Gra-
ham Herbert will set
out to wrest the cham-
pionship by claiming
a victory in familiar
waters.

Neish said specta-
tors are welcome to
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