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Gulf Islands Secondary School student Maddee Nash participates in an open dialogue event with BC education minister George Abbott, while high school principal Judy Raddysh looks on. Abbott visited Salt Spring on Monday.

WILDLIFE

Youth meets bear on Ganges pathway

Islanders advised
to take basic
precautions

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Springers are advised to watch out for a large black bear that got up close and personal with a teenage girl on a trail between Long Harbour and Churchill roads.

According to Capital Regional District animal control officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser, the bear approached as 14-year-old Joanna Lussenburg was on her way to the Salt Spring Island Middle School on Thursday at about 8:20 a.m. Lussenburg had reportedly tripped and was tending to an injured ankle when the bear emerged from the dense foliage beside her.

"She did the right thing, she didn't move," Brunnwieser said. "A passive defence is usually the best defence."

Although Lussenburg said she often saves 10 or 15 minutes by using the forested Churchill Trail on her walk to school, she never imagined running into a full-sized black bear along the familiar path.

"My attention was focused on my ankle and, while looking down, I saw a huge black paw and then a full grown bear," she said. "It started to sniff me and got really close to my face."

Before she knew it, the bear began to rub against her shoulder. She said the

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Education partnerships get go-ahead

Community land-use plans finalized during district visit

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two projects that partner community amenities with Gulf Islands School District properties will be going ahead after years of planning, following Education Minister George Abbott's visit to the area on Monday.

"I think these are great initiatives because they're a way to bring the community together with the school," Abbott told the Driftwood.

"The start of a good education system is when you have a strong relationship between parents, students, the community and schools."

Monday marked the official announcement of an affordable housing partnership between the Capital Regional District and the school district.

Abbott had previously granted approval for the plan, which will see SD64 transfer a 3.25-hectare (eight-acre) portion of the five-hectare (12-acre) Phoenix Alternative Elementary school site to the CRD for affordable housing.

The housing project has been in the works for almost a decade and is supported by the Islands Trust, Capital Region Housing Corporation, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Victoria Real Estate Board and local housing advocates.

School district superintendent Jeff Hopkins said plans to sell off the surplus land were first discussed when the provincial funding formula changed. That left the board scrambling to make up the shortfall. The idea was dropped as a

short-term solution but evolved into one that was more about the good of the community.

A committee that includes members of the school board and the CRD is currently working out criteria for the future construction, but Hopkins said island families will form a major consideration.

"We'd really like it to serve young families and single parent families. The housing situation is very unstable on Salt Spring, and we know it impacts education greatly, so we'd like to create a bit of stability for them."

Hopkins said with approval just granted, the lengthy community consultation process has to begin. However, the idea of building 30

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Bear encountered on Churchill Trail

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bear was so close to her face, she could smell its breath.

"It was gentle, kind of cozy but hard enough to bang you around while sitting down," she said. "It didn't smell very nice. It smelled kind of gross."

After about eight minutes, she said, the bear moaned and walked away, heading towards Hastings House.

When Lussenburg got to school, about half-an-hour behind schedule, her teacher and classmates immediately asked why she looked so pale.

Lussenburg realized how fortunate she was after the shock of the incident began to wear off later in the day.

"It was strange. It was amazing to be that close but then I kept on thinking 'this is it, I'm going to die,'" she said on Friday.

No bear sightings have been reported on the island since the incident, Brunnwieser said Monday.

"They are pretty elusive and they don't really run around," he said. "This seems to be a pretty healthy bear and poses no threat."

Frank Ritcey, provincial coordinator of the BC Conservation Foundation's Bear Aware program, said Lussenburg's experience is uncommon but totally plausible, based on his experience with bear-human encounters across the province.

"It is quite conceivable that a bear gets that close to a human without there being dire consequences," Ritcey said. "Of course, we would



Joanna Lussenburg, 14, is seen near the spot where she was approached by a full-size black bear.

"I kept on thinking 'this is it, I'm going to die.'"

JOANNA LUSSENBURG
Student, Salt Spring Island Middle School

never recommend it."

The concern, he said, is that the bear appears to have shown no sign of fearing humans. Bears that become habituated to people, he said, are usually the ones that cause problems and are often killed by conservation officers.

"A good bear is the one you

see from behind leaving at a high speed," he said.

He said the number of bear-human conflicts reported across the province in recent weeks is not unusual for this time of year.

Brunnwieser said people should not try to run away if they are within sight of the animal. He advises people to keep their garbage cans neatly stored and sealed.

"We don't want a garbage bear because then we have to destroy it," he said.

Although black bears seldom attack livestock and pets, Brunnwieser recommends people

keep a close watch over their animals. He continues to monitor the situation.

"At this point in time, we don't do anything," he said. "They come and they go."

Most of the bears spotted on Salt Spring swim to the island from Vancouver Island, he added.

Sightings of the black bear can be reported to Brunnwieser at 250-537-9414 and the provincial RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277.

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Partnership results in housing, library

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to 50 family units, most likely in townhouses or row houses to save on heating costs, was raised in the early discussions.

"What's really nice is it's so close to Ganges, it doesn't have to be so car oriented," Hopkins said, adding the local participants are excited to see what kinds of alternative designs people come up with.

Current school operations on the site will not be affected by the land transfer.

The district will continue to use the remaining portion for education purposes at Phoenix School.

While on Salt Spring, Abbott also signed on documents that will allow the Galiano

Library Society to build its new building at Galiano Community school, and discussed personal learning programs in an open dialogue with Gulf Islands Secondary School students and their principal, Judy Raddysh.

On Galiano, the CRD will take a long-term lease of a 300-square metre (3,229-square-foot) portion of the school property for the library project.

The new library building will mark the latest amenity to find housing at the site, which Hopkins calls "a true community school."

Community funds helped bring a fitness room and tennis court to the site, and contributed to the gym built by the school district.

"It's nice to have this sharing. The school gets to use these

resources and the community gets to use the space," Hopkins said.

(Another partnership allows the Galiano Community Food Program to use the school's garden and greenhouse throughout the summer and to share these resources with students during the school year. Food program coordinators and community volunteers teach kids about gardening and ecology, and food grown at the school can be enjoyed by the entire community Wednesdays during harvest season.)

During his visit, the minister also took the water taxi to Saturna Island to view the SEEC program first hand. See next week's Driftwood for more on Abbott's view on SD64's leadership role in the BC Education Plan.

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MAMMALS

Nutrias, muskrats and rabbits bemuse islanders

Rabbit task force on order

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring resident Arlo McGowan awoke Saturday morning to find a strange dead creature lying between his family's two cars.

After finding his 12-year-old female dog Lucy had suffered bites and scratches sometime during the night, McGowan came to the conclusion his pet had battled and defeated the mysterious animal — a 19-inch-long rodent with orange, beaver-like teeth, powerful claws, and a soft furry body ending in a long flat tail.

An internet search suggested the animal might be a "nutria rat" or coypu from South America. The massive rodent was imported to B.C., along with many other North American locations, in the late '30s by people wanting to farm its fur and its meat. A nutria farm is rumoured to once have existed in the Burgoyne Valley on Salt Spring.

"It's not a big deal to me particularly. I just think people should know they're out there and they're dangerous and they're the size of a small dog," McGowan said after the encounter.

Initial investigations seemed to confirm McGowan's identification. The animal is listed on the Salt Spring Conservancy's list of invasive species, and at least one was collected from Cusheon Lake Farm. Subsequent information put the dead mammal on another conservancy list however: its flat tail marks it as a muskrat, a native but little-seen species.

Salt Spring farmer and veterinarian Malcom Bond reports nutria sightings on Salt Spring date back 50 or 60 years. He recalls neighbour Dave Ryan, owner of the Blue Gables resort (now Lakeside Gardens), seeing them while fishing St. Mary Lake. Residents of the Cusheon Lake neighbourhood have also reported their cats bringing nutria in from time to time.

Wayne Hewitt, founder of the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee, said he did a lot of research on the rodent when he was first active on the project in the early '90s.

"The bad thing about nutria is they are vegetation destroyers," he explained.

"In Louisiana they have great big barbecues to try to get the population down. We rely on aquatic vegetation like cattails and pencil reeds for protecting the water, and that was our big concern."

Hewitt said he believed the alien rodent (which can weigh up to nine kilograms or 18 pounds) had been eradicated in the rest of B.C. some time ago by the Environmental Stewardship Division of the Ministry of Environment.

However, the eradication does not appear to have been effective on Salt Spring. Salmon enhancement specialist



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

A dead muskrat that turned up at 620 Fulford-Ganges Rd Saturday morning is pictured against an 11 by 17 inch sheet of paper. The aquatic mammal was apparently killed in a fight with a dog.

Kathy Reimer confirms there are active coypu and native muskrat populations in most island watersheds today.

"They're just fine. They're harmless little animals and they're very gentle," she said of the muskrat. As for coypu, "They're very elusive and they don't bother anybody."

Reimer has seen signs of muskrats and coypu around Blackburn Lake, the Booth Canal watershed and Burgoyne Creek, and once found a dead coypu measuring close to two feet long.

Populations of both species, Reimer said, fail to get very large because their young are prey to otters and they're also victim to diseases like distemper.

Neither species is normally dangerous to other animals. And although coypu have caused damage in some areas by burrowing into dams or by removing excessive vegetation, Reimer said, they actually help maintain local watershed health by keeping plants at a manageable level.

A rodent-type mammal that is far more visible and abundant is causing concern, however, as feral pet rabbits and

the introduced cottontail continue to top gardeners' hit lists.

Tony Threlfall of the Farmers' Institute said although the agricultural body has not developed a strategy as of yet, rabbits will most like be on the agenda when things settle down for farmers in the fall.

"Everyone talks about sustainability and sustainable agriculture, but if you have rabbits attacking the garden you won't have any sustainable growth," he observed.

"Rabbits can wipe out your crop damn quickly. I don't know the rate at which they multiply, but it's huge."

Threlfall said the main problem with animals like rabbits and deer is communities have wiped out most natural predators. In his case, a healthy owl population is helping keep the smaller pests at bay.

An education program guided by expert advice will most likely be how the Farmer's Institute will address the problem, Threlfall said.

News briefs

Company claims shoreline junk

Ontario Place residents can rest assured that no illegal dumping has taken place near their beloved shoreline access.

David McKerrell, an employee with Island Marine Construction, said a large pile of broken concrete and rebar that's been sitting on the Long Harbour

shoreline for at least three weeks is a result of recent work on a local dock.

McKerrell said the company has been unable to remove the debris because of unfavorable tides that limit access to the shoreline. An effort will be made to properly dispose of the material when tides cooperate.

Neighbourhood residents voiced concerns about possible beach dumpers when they noticed the debris while walking in the area.

Fight spills into traffic

What appeared to be a pedestrian accident was actually a fight between two willing parties, according to an RCMP report.

Police responded to a call regarding two males fighting in front of the Salt Spring Coffee Company at approximately 4:45 p.m. on Friday and found a male lying in the street. He was transported to Lady Minto

by ambulance as a precautionary measure and was released shortly after injury.

The second male, who is known to police, reportedly fled the area before police arrived. Both men were intoxicated. Police will not be filing disturbance charges.

LTC set for Thursday

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee mem-

bers have a busy Thursday in store as they prepare to consider third readings for two significant land-use applications.

Trustees are expected to discuss and vote on Slegg Lumber's Beddis Road application and a land-use proposal to expand medical office facilities on Kings Lane (see stories on page 4).

Also on the agenda is a decision about the ongoing saga that involves Salt Spring Metal Recycling at 440 Rainbow Road. Prop-

erty owner John Quesnel has applied to convert his split-zone rural-agricultural property to industrial zoning. The change is required to bring his business into compliance with the island's land-use bylaw.

Trust staff have recommended against the application in a May 30 report, citing that it contradicts the island's Official Community Plan. The decision follows similar recommendations presented at LTC meetings in October and January.

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Noise among concerns as LTC hosts Slegg hearing

Applicant to address noise and runoff issues

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People who live near the site of a proposed Slegg Lumber retail store at 225 Beddis Rd. expressed concerns about noise and

stormwater runoff as a public hearing for the land-use application concluded last Wednesday night.

"My main concerns for the site are sounds and other disturbances that might occur to my business," said Ian Kyle, owner of the neighbouring Mowhinna Creek Campground.

Kyle asked Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members to do what they can to restrict noise and hours of operation before the development's approval.

Kyle acknowledged the applicant has been "very cooperative" about a request for a visual buffer along the property's southern boundary, but would like to see more done to monitor runoff from the site.

"I'd like to make sure that the runoff water from the catchment system is tested minimally annually before it enters the creek so we have some kind of baseline monitoring system for any efflu-

ent that comes from the runoff from this property," he told LTC members.

Kyle's points were shared by many of the at least five other neighbourhood residents who submitted letters to the LTC before the formal public hearing.

Kelly Gesner, a Victoria-based consultant who leads the company's application, said the applicant has changed its original site plan, and will now see employees park farther away from the neighbour's camping area.

In a Thursday morning email, she said runoff "will prove to not be an issue to worry about" since whatever water leaves the site will be oil-screened and filtered before it receives further filtration by a man-made bio-swale.

"[The applicant] is planning to test the outflow from time to time, to ensure the quality is acceptable," Gesner said.

If given third reading, pro-

posed bylaws 457, 458 and 459 will amend the island's land-use bylaw and official community plan to permit construction of an up-to-3,250-square-metre (35,000-square-foot) retail and warehouse space. The application has also required exclusion of land from the province's Agricultural Land Reserve.

According to terms of the ALR exclusion, Slegg will gift a .6-hectare (1.5-acre) portion of the property to a local agricultural group, construct an agricultural produce distribution and storage facility on the site, and provide roughly \$40,000 in start-up funding to the project. Estimates peg the total cost of the Slegg gift at approximately \$400,000.

Representatives of the island's agricultural sector view the proposal as a major boost for island agriculture.

"I think there's three things that are essential to life on this island: food, water and

good air; this caters to the good food," said Marguerite Lee, president of the Farmland Trust Society, during the public hearing. "I'm glad to see that Beddis Developments is doing their best to provide for those kind of services on this island."

Anne Macey, president of the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance, confirmed that her group does not intend to build an abattoir or commercial composting facility on the property.

"It's just not suitable for that and it's also not a suitable site for a commercial composting facility, which was the other concern raised," she told LTC members.

The application is set for consideration of third reading by Salt Spring LTC members on Thursday, June 7.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Views sought for Kings Lane proposal

Hearing set for tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the public have one last chance to have their say about a proposal to construct five buildings that will house doctors offices and other medical-related uses on Kings Lane, when the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee holds a public hearing tonight (Wednesday, June 6).

Proposed Bylaw 456 seeks to amend the island's land-use bylaw to include medical offices as a permitted use at 154 and 164 Kings Lane.

If approved, the application will convert the split-zoned commercial/residential property to a community facility zone.

According to Dr. Shane Barclay, chief of staff at Lady Minto

Hospital, the new clinic space is "a huge attraction" when it comes to enticing much-needed family doctors to the island.

"[Family practitioners] are not interested in solo practice anywhere/anymore," Barclay said in an email.

"They want time off, support, etc. . . which a clinic can provide. This is documented in studies in Canada looking at doctor demographics in new grads."

Although Barclay concedes the proposed clinic does not represent a guaranteed solution to the island's shortage of working doctors, he said it will sweeten the prospect of working in a relatively isolated community where young physicians can expect heavier than average caseloads, longer hours and less support.

The 3.4-acre (1.39-hectare)

site currently hosts a medical clinic, a small garage, bowling alley, restaurant and residential unit.

The five new buildings, which would be built in stages, will match the existing Kings Lane Medical Centre.

All buildings would be used for healthcare-related uses, according to an Islands Trust staff report.

A community information meeting on the application will be held at Lions Hall between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6. The public hearing will follow at 7 p.m.

LTC members are prohibited from receiving any further information about the proposal once the hearing is concluded.

For more information, contact the Salt Spring Island LTC office at 250-537-9116 or online at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

FERRY WORKERS

Howe Sound seaman Chris Abbott new ferry workers' union president

Fair labour negotiations at issue

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Chris Abbott was elected as president of the BC Ferry and Marine Workers' Union last week with a nearly two-to-one result over incumbent Richard Goode.

The Howe Sound Queen deckhand received 978 votes to Goode's 480.

He is taking a leave from his 22-year career to serve the union for a three-year term that started on June 1.

"I was given a clear mandate," Abbott said, "although the turnout, like most other recent elections, was low. That was disappointing."

The new president expects to have a busy term leading up to contract negotiations due in 2015.

Ferry workers are concerned

about a number of ongoing and new issues, including the precedence given the Coastal Ferry Act over other considerations when negotiating the collective agreement.

"That conflicts with our constitutional right to bargain for fair labour," Abbott said.

Changes to the act are necessary, Abbott believes, especially given the uncertain economic times.

"Our view is the ferry service is a form of transportation, and it's one of the lowest subsidized forms of transportation in the province," he said, adding recent changes and additional government funding for this performance term are "basically a stop-gap measure, barely covering costs that have been imposed in the first place."

BC Ferries' decision to exclude senior officers from the bargaining process is

another ongoing issue Abbott feels must be addressed.

He says the move has caused significant instability in the company.

A new issue is the proposal to install a cable ferry on the Denman-Hornby Island run. While the staffing ramifications of such a plan are not yet clear, Abbott said, the idea poses a safety threat, especially given recent cuts to coast guard services.

"Most vessels have shepherd boats and the marine crew to operate them," Abbott said, citing ferry crews' ability to respond to other boats in emergency situations.

"But if you're attached to a cable there's limited access to respond."

On a positive note, Abbott plans on building leadership in the union among young workers and has several young team members on the new executive.

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TENT CATERPILLARS

Creepy critters rile fruit tree owners

Churchill Road residents promote 'caterpillar cull'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of Churchill Road residents want Salt Springers to adopt a pro-active approach to squashing the current tent caterpillar population explosion.

Edward and Julia Chen, and neighbours Frank and Melissa Normile decided to mobilize a caterpillar cull in response to the apparent devastation being wrought on heritage fruit trees along Churchill Road.

"We'd like to see this happen sooner rather than later," said Frank Normile on Monday afternoon. "You can beat them, you just have to be on them. I just don't understand this let-it-happen attitude."

The Chens and Normiles have spent the past several weeks clipping, pruning, collecting and burning tent caterpillar-infested fruit tree branches. They've begun to urge others across the island to follow suit.

In his neighbourhood, Normile said, destruction of the tent caterpillars is the only way to preserve the health of the area's old fruit trees, many of which have already succumbed to the critters.

In his backyard, Chen points out a tree that never recovered after it was totally overcome by tent caterpillars about three years ago.

Besides the possible harm to their trees, Chen said, the prevalence of creatures are giving visitors a bad impression of the island.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Churchill Road residents Frank Normile (right) and Edward Chen want islanders to take a more pro-active approach to fight tent caterpillars.

Amid the call to cull, Salt Spring entomologist Linda Gilkeson said the best thing islanders can do at this point is to simply let the caterpillars undergo their cycle.

"Most people are freaking out because they are wandering," she said. "There's a huge misunderstanding about the whole thing, people should just let them be. Eventually they'll just walk away."

According to information by the Capital Regional District, tent caterpillars are normally kept in check by natural predators such as birds, predatory wasps, parasitic flies and wasps, and ground beetles. Salt Spring, the southern Gulf Islands and much of the province are witness to the crest of the creature's natural population cycle of between seven and 10 years.

Although foliage of most affected trees will be restored before the end of summer, the

CRD information suggests control measures may be required when populations are exceptionally high. Tent caterpillars rarely result in the death of an infested tree but can impede growth and flowering.

The CRD suggest people handpick caterpillars and egg masses. These can be crushed or dropped into soapy water.

Nests should be pruned out and tree bands may be considered during winter months to prevent any potential infestations. A commonly available non-toxic bacteria called BTK can be sprayed on leaves. Toxic pesticides are not recommended because of their potential effects on the tent caterpillars' natural predators.

More information about how to deal with tent caterpillars is available by following the links at www.crd.bc.ca/ gardening or calling the CRD hotline at 1-800-663-4425.

BUSINESS

Chamber emerges from the red

Energy and optimism highlight 2012 AGM

Having emerged from a state of "technical bankruptcy," the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce continues to show signs of prosperity and hope for members and the local business community, according to information presented during last week's Annual General Meeting at the Lions Hall.

"By making money, we then can put it into programs and events designed to improve our island economy," said chamber president Robert Steinbach. "It is our job to give back in helping to build the business community."

A list of financial highlights presented at the AGM on May 31 shows the chamber has doubled its asset base, increased revenues by nearly 30 per cent, held expenses in check, increased event revenue from zero to \$23,783, tripled its bank balance, increased membership revenue by 62 per cent and reduced program

expenses by 75 per cent.

The uplifting financial indicators are very different from last year's negative reserve fund balance and many at the chamber believe there's good reason to be even more optimistic about the future.

Chamber manager Janet Clouston said she looks forward to continuing bridge building efforts with neighbouring island communities and the B.C. Chamber of Commerce over the coming year.

"We've been pretty isolated in terms of how we've been doing things and that hasn't served us well," she said.

The chamber welcomes new board members Genevieve Price (Fishbowl/Purely Salt Spring), Frederic Lizotte (MLW accountants), Marnie McAughtrie (Mouat's Clothing) and Amber Ogilvie (Driftwood Publishing).

They join returning board members Ken Byron, Mike Best, Bryce Chapman, Blair Howard, Murray Nurse, John Quesnel, Li Read, Matt Steffich, Robert Steinbach and Mark Wyatt.

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ISLANDS TRUST NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Community Information Meeting and a Public Hearing within a Special Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 190 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 1, 2012”;
- Proposed Bylaw No. 191 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 2, 2012”;

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 23, 2012, at the Anglican Parish Hall, 4703 Canal Road, North Pender Island, BC.**

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.

Proposed Bylaw No. 190 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 1, 2012”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 190 is to permit the construction of a seawall on the seaward side of the natural boundary of the sea. The purpose of the seawall is in part, to protect an archaeological site.



Proposed Bylaw No. 191 – cited as “North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 2, 2012”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 191 is to permit the placement of an ocean-based, closed loop geoechange (geothermal) system for the purpose of domestic heating and cooling for the upland residential property.



A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the 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 June 6, 2012 and up to and including June 20, 2012.**

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 North Pender Island, B.C., commencing June 6, 2012. The proposed bylaws can also be viewed on the internet at www.islandstrust.bc.ca and selecting Under Local Trust Areas: North Pender Island Planning Bylaws.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be **sent on-line** by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: Under Local Trust Areas: North Pender Island Meetings Schedule and completing the “Public Hearing, June 23, 2012, Submission Form”, prior to 4:30 p.m., **June 20, 2012;**
2. After 4:30 p.m., **June 20, 2012** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **10:00 a.m., June 23, 2012.**

The public is asked to send any electronic response by using the on-line public hearing submission form. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the North Pender 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, Andrea Pickard, Planner, at (250) 405-5189 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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

Kathy Jones, Deputy Secretary

NEWSBEAT

COMMUNITY

Non-profit groups making plans for Shared Space Salt Spring

Funds needed for the next step

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local community groups could soon have the opportunity to partake in a collective location, resources and projects with help from the Salt Spring Foundation and a new non-profit organization.

Board members of Shared Space Salt Spring, which achieved status as a charitable organization this spring, have been working behind the scene for several years to bring a needed community amenity to light. Just what that amenity would be was not clear at first, but a \$500,000 bequest to the Salt Spring Foundation provided the impetus for its discovery.

“It’s been a long journey going along and doing everything that needed to be done in the process,” board member Lyle Petch said this week, announcing that after three exploratory years, coordinators are ready to announce their intentions for the shared space project to the wider community.

The Salt Spring Foundation approached Petch, along with Maryann Bird, to take on the community development project after receiving the large bequest and polling the island to see what residents wanted to do with it.

“Many of the requests they got were for space,” said Lorna Cammaert, vice-president of the current Shared Space Salt Spring board.

An early template for how to accommodate the desires of various groups, and one which had not seen much change since things got rolling in 2009, is based on one location with a reception area, office space, two program/activity rooms, meeting rooms, storage and a kitchen. Board members estimate the facility will need to include around 5,400 square feet of floor space.

So far, 10 core non-profit groups have signed up as future users: SWOVA, IWAV, Options for Sexual

Health, Salt Spring Arts Council, Salt Spring Literacy, Salt Spring Hospice, the Film Festival Society, StageCoach Theatre School, Abbeyfield Housing Society and Salt Spring Community Education have all indicated they would like to share in the plan.

Two of the key criteria for the future shared space is that it be accessible by foot from downtown Ganges, and that it be visible. Planners have also taken into consideration other existing amenities.

“We’re trying to be very sensitive to what else is out there in the community so we’re not replicating what’s out there or competing with other groups,” Cammaert said.

In addition to filling a recognized island need for meeting and storage space, participants could make use of collective equipment and utilities. Even more exciting, the board members say, is the possibility for other kinds of sharing.

“Recent studies show there’s lots of benefits of sharing space, other than the ones you’d normally expect. In fact, what happens is the groups wind up doing collaborative things, they become supportive of each other, and it seems to help with fundraising,” Cammaert said.

“The steering group is excited about bringing these groups together, because it seems it will be of huge benefit to the whole community.”

Board members have already received some excellent advice and support from the Victoria Foundation and the Queen Alexandra Foundation. To get to the next step, however, they need funding support to develop a business plan.

A larger fundraising campaign will go into action once a site is identified. Cammaert said it will probably be more affordable for the group to purchase and renovate an existing building, if possible, than try to raise the funds for a new building.

Anyone who is interested in contributing to the project can contact Petch at 250-537-0880 or jlptech@shaw.ca. A website and social media outlets are in the works.

HEALTH CARE

Nurse practitioners possible on SSI

VIHA to prepare proposals

A B.C. government announcement of funding for 190 nurse practitioners may net positive results for Salt Spring, but regional health officials say it’s too early to know whether or not the island will meet criteria.

Friday’s announcement by Health Minister Mike de Jong will allocate \$22.2 million to regional health authorities. Individual proposals will be prepared once the government releases its requirements.

“It’s very big news. We’re thrilled that the province is moving forward,” said Victoria Power, director of Primary Health Care, Chronic Disease Management, and Rural Health Services for the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

“We’ll be able to take on some of those new graduates as well as some existing nurse practitioners who are currently not working.”

Nurse practitioners have post-graduate education and can fill many functions physicians do, including making diagnoses, prescribing medication and performing treatment. They are paid a salary by a health authority instead of billing for services.

Power said VIHA has already done a lot of work on a proposal for Salt Spring based on a needs assessment that identified elderly and mental health care needs. A steering group will work with family physicians and mental health workers over the course of the summer to identify where gaps in primary health care might be.

Depending on the funding criteria, they will then apply for nurse practitioners to work in collaboration with family physicians. Proposals are due in September.

VIHA’s manager of professional practice Joanne MacLaren pointed out that only some of the 190 NPs will be funded this year, with the total 190 hired over three years. However, she agreed there’s a good possibility that Salt Spring might benefit from the news.

“I think certainly that Salt Spring would be in the running,” she said.

Information from the Ministry of Health states there are currently 225 nurse practitioners registered with the College of Registered Nurses of B.C. About 72 are presently not able to practice due to funding constraints and another 30 graduates are expected this year.

NEWSBEAT



PHOTO BY RICK NEUFELD

GRAD TIME: The first sure sign of pending Gulf Islands Secondary School graduation festivities is the annual grass sculpting on the hill between the high school's upper and lower fields. This year — a twist — as the grad year (12) shares a spot with the letter "R."

AGRICULTURE

Salt Spring, Salt Spring, have you any wool?

Spinning mill seeking variety of support

BY VIVIENNE CHALLANDES
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Little Bo Peep may have temporarily lost her sheep, but for Salt Spring Island it would be regrettable to lose a rare, important rural asset in the Gulf Islands' Spinning Mill (GISM).

The mill, located on the grounds of its primary community partner, the Farmers' Institute, is one of the last wool-processing facilities in British Columbia.

Due to lack of infrastructure in the sector and global market impact of China, cottage industry-scale wool mills are closing down — most recently Birkeland Bros. Wool Ltd. in Vancouver.

Increasingly, small farm opera-

tors throughout B.C. must choose between the expense of shipping large quantities of wool to processing plants in Alberta or selling wool for a pittance to "depots" of the Ontario-based Canadian Wool Coop, which grades B.C. wool for export.

Ironically, global production of wool is at record lows due to natural disasters in Australia and New Zealand and the price of raw wool has "taken off" (between 2010 and 2011 the global market price for wool jumped 50 per cent — 2011 U.S. Wool Journal).

The B.C. Ministry of Agriculture acknowledges the importance of Salt Spring Island's wool mill and the major gap in fibre-processing services for B.C.'s agriculture and agri-tourism sectors along with the challenge of generating B.C. value-added wool products. Consequently, two

official letters of support from the ministry will accompany letters from regional customers and the Canadian Sheep Federation in an application for GISM to receive funding from the Investment Agricultural Foundation of B.C. to develop a feasibility study and business model.

The "GISM Improvement Study" is the first step to ensure sustainability and increase production at the mill by overhauling business management practices, purchasing new equipment and winterizing the facility.

For over a decade, GISM has provided wool-processing services for the region with machinery that was purchased with misleading production estimates from the manufacturer.

Since inception in 1998, with the limitations of the machinery, the mill has struggled to reach profitability

for its shareholders and has continued operations only through the generous support of directors, community members and to a larger extent through personal subsidization of the mill by president John Fulker.

"For the past 14 years it has been my goal to make the mill a valuable, self-sustaining asset for the benefit of regional wool producers and Salt Spring Island. In addition to processing services, the mill offers educational and cultural tourism opportunities and with improved equipment, I am convinced that we can reach these goals."

Interestingly, last month during the 100 Mile Fleece and Fibre Faire on Vancouver Island, the Cowichan Valley Knitters approached GISM to partner to process raw wool for the prized, authentic Cowichan sweaters that are bought by purchasers

from Vancouver and sold in Japan.

This summer, Sunday at the Mill events will offer tours of the facility between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. starting on Canada Day through to Fall Fair. Stop in and see what they offer at 351 Rainbow Rd. It's not glamorous at the wool mill, but you will find they are doing good things.



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Keep Smiling...

Thoughts & News

from Dr. Richard Hayden

Keeping your teeth for a lifetime.

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

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

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

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

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FESTIVALS

Sea Capers back for June 9-10 weekend

Maritime events to end with beach fire gathering

One of Salt Spring's best-loved, on-and-off-again festivals is on again this year thanks to Jack Rosen of Island Escapades and some helpers.

Activities taking place Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10 will include boat building and sand castle competitions, kayak demos, a kayak race, and the well-loved parade among celebrations of all things maritime.

Although this is a busy season for Rosen, the business owner said he thought the festival should be revived to remind Salt Spring residents of what they have.

"So many people get hung up on the busyness of work or just life and they forget to appreciate the beauty of the ocean that's around them. Sea Capers is, to me, a celebration of living on the coast — a reminder to take advantage of the beauty that's all around."

Rosen also feels that Sea Capers is an island tradition that

people really love, even though it hasn't been celebrated since 2006. His involvement this year is intended to breathe new life into the old favourite, which will expand next year under the Chamber of Commerce.

"We just wanted to get the ball rolling and remind people," he said.

"For me, it's nice to see local people getting on the water to enjoy the recreation and wildlife we have around us."

Community volunteers like John Rowland, a previous Sea Capers regular, have stepped in to help run events.

Rosen said the former and present harbour masters have also been extremely cooperative.

The full schedule of events is listed below:

Saturday, June 9

- 12 to 2 p.m. — Boat building at Rotary Park. Teams are provided with wood and will have 1.5 hours to build a boat. Only hand tools can be used. Bring your own tools. Boats will be in the parade on Sunday. \$20/ team. Register at Windsor Plywood or Island Escapades.

- 1:30 p.m. — Kayak demos and rescues behind Island Escapades store. A blow horn will announce the event and demonstration.

- 2 to 4 p.m. — Sandcastle building on the beach behind Island Escapades store.

- 7 p.m. — Alaska and Patagonia slide and video show with Jack Rosen. Three different kayak trips through B.C. and Alaska will be shown at the United Church.

Sunday, June 10

- 12 noon — Sea Capers Parade starts at high school parking lot and finishes at Centennial Park.

- 1 to 3 p.m. Build a Boat Race at Island Escapades beach.

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Free kayak demos from Seaward Kayaks on the beach behind Island Escapades store.

- 2 to 3 p.m. — Kayak race. Register at Island Escapades and get free use of a Seaward kayak. You must know how to do a self rescue. Prizes will be given by Island Escapades.

- 4 p.m. — Beach bonfire behind Island Escapades store. Free hot chocolate and tea. Fire-side music.

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EDITORIAL

Monstrous behaviour

The news that giant rodents from South America are inhabiting island watersheds forces one to ask what other creatures might be lurking in the undergrowth.

Add that together with a dog-fighting muskrat, a school girl's experience of bear-nuzzling, and an tsunami of tent caterpillars inducing island-wide hysteria, and this week's Driftwood starts to look like a meatier episode of Animal Planet.

If any one theme arises from the recent wave of bizarre animal sightings, it's that islanders have either lost touch with, or never knew much in the first place, about the natural world we inhabit. As Driftwood reporters chased a string of experts to learn whether certain types of animal behavior were normal or even possible, the odd

mix of rumours and facts made clear that most of us are transplanted urbanites without a clear understanding of the local ecosystem.

Not knowing about some creatures is, of course, perfectly understandable. Muskrats and coypu are nocturnal animals that are rarely glimpsed in action, and

may be easily mistaken for beaver. Likewise, bears seldom make an appearance on our shores. They seem more willing to visit urban areas like downtown Vancouver than risk local farmers' guns.

The reaction to tent caterpillars causes a little more concern. Individual attempts to save fruit trees and roses bushes are admirable if doomed, but at least the mass invasion hopefully signals an upcoming population bust and some years of blissful peace before the next boom in seven years. But the plan to eradicate a native species calls to mind demands on the Catholic Church to excommunicate pests throughout the ages. (Eels were excommunicated as early as 1225.)

If island residents want to vent their rage on animal threats, perhaps they should take a page from Eathelnavers.org. With the tag line "fighting invasive species one bite at a time," the website includes recipes for items like snakehead fish, dandelions and even nutria.

If islanders were to make rabbits their invasive species menu item of choice, gardens and roads would become a lot safer. Failing that, perhaps a dose of old-fashioned research on our chosen environment is in order.



Closure of bookstores a sad loss

BY GEORGE SIPOS

In recent weeks, two bookstores on Salt Spring - Volume 2 and Watermark Books - have closed their doors. Should we care?

Yes, of course we should, and for several reasons.

The first is simplest: All small businesses start with a dream, some vision of enterprise that will serve the community and bring satisfaction and rewards to the owners. What most actually bring are endless hard work, long hours, risk, money worries and fatigue. The closing of any small business, for whatever reason, cannot help but be a sad occasion - a noble idea finished.

So what, you may say, that's how it goes. Businesses start and end. The world meanwhile goes on as before.

Well, not quite. Sometimes the world does not in fact go on as before. The state of the book trade in our day is one such exception. There are signs that something serious is amiss that should make us care deeply every time an independent bookstore closes.

As I see it, two profound and deeply worrying changes are taking place. One is the gradual cannibalization of the entire retail book trade by Amazon, the other the rise of electronic tablets that seek to replace traditional books.

Both are products of new technology and both dress in the guise of convenience and efficiency for readers. Order any book you like from Amazon any time of day or night from your computer or I-pad and Canada Post will deliver it to your door. Better still, download a dozen books to your Kindle or Kobo and you're ready for your vacation.

Who could complain, apart from a few bookish fossils or benighted Luddites?

The trouble is that this convenience comes at a huge cultural and political price.

The traditional book was always a subversive technology. William Tyndale's first English translation of the Bible spread panic in the Church because ordinary people could suddenly

VIEWPOINT

read it for themselves without the need for the central authority of the clergy. Dictatorial regimes have always known this, that books are inherently unpredictable, uncontrollable and democratic; that's why they burn them if they can.

Because paper is cheap and printing technology simple and portable, and because distribution can be as rudimentary as passing a book from one hand to another, books are the perfect medium for safeguarding diversity of thought and the freedom of ideas.

Yes, it is true that shipping piles of paper around is less efficient than accessing electronic files, and it is true that ordering books from one global warehouse is more efficient than seeking them out in hundreds of quirky little bookstores that perversely close after supper.

But "efficiency" is ultimately a corporate value, not a democratic one.

Sometimes the benefits of efficiency are undeniable. Think of a field of canola next to a stretch of open prairie. But even here, don't be fooled. Monoculture works so long as Monsanto provides the seed and the tar sands the diesel to run tractors.

That inefficient scrub prairie, by contrast, produces no crops but does sustain a resilient diversity, needing nothing more than sun and rain and a few bees to keep it going.

For something as important as our language and the continuity of our history of ideas, I don't want to rely on a single electronic bookseller whose corporate interests affect what will be published and read, and I don't want to surrender the subversive freedom of paper to technologies that hold us all hostage to the priesthood of consumer electronics.

As a final word, here is what William Blake has to say (I've looked him up just now in my battered Norton Anthology amid the marginalia of university days): "Improvement makes straight roads, but the crooked roads without improvement are the roads of genius."

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Did you observe the transit of Venus?

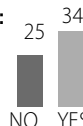
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Have Conservative budget cuts gone too far?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I kept on thinking 'this is it, I'm going to die.'"

JOANNA LUSSENBURG

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What advice do you have for this year's grads?



CAROLYN ARNOLD

I would say follow your dreams.



JESSE CULLEN

Don't rush. Make sure you know what you want to study before college. I know many people who are stuck with big student loans.



GALE HINGSTON

Have fun and be safe.



KLOE HOLMES

If you have a chance, explore the world.



VERN WILLIAMS

Live for the moment.

Letters to the editor

Health care privatization?

The following letter was submitted to trustees George Grams and Peter Grove and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

We write as local taxpayers concerned with the ramifications of any decision to add 30,000 square feet to the existing footprint of Kings Lane Clinic.

There are those in the community who would say that your area of jurisdiction applies only to land and its development. This ignores the larger voice of our recently updated official community plan that speaks to the collective vision for this island. We appreciate your respect

for this document evident in your decision-making so far.

Salt Spring's hospital, its reputation and capabilities have been a drawing card to many people for many years. As you know, changes since the advent of regional health authorities (created in 2000) have seen a policy of downgrading, resulting in the loss of several of our much-needed doctors, their skills ignored and dismissed. We speak in particular of our own physician, Dr. David Woodley, a GP anaesthetist, with expertise sorely needed on this island and yet spurned in favour of centralization.

In our view, approving this particular application for more office space, ostensibly to attract new doctors, may have the unintended

consequence of moving health funding from the public venue to another entity where facility fees may further exacerbate the problem. We regard this as a further threat to the viability of our hospital. Please consider the possibility that inadvertently, your decision may well hasten the privatization of health services available to us here.

We hope that you as trustees of our collective vision for a vibrant, self-sustaining community will understand our concerns. Approving this expansion might serve as the thin edge of the wedge threatening our publicly funded system.

Others who have concerns with this re-zoning application should note that the last chance for public input is at

the public hearing beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6 at Lions Hall.

There will be a question and answer period between 4 and 6 p.m. The trustees will hear but not answer questions during the hearing.

SAM AND RUTH TARASOFF,
DUKES ROAD

No secret agenda

So now we know. Despite the denial and feigned indignation, there is — and always was — a secret agenda.

Proponents call it "focusing on the economy," but in reality it's the re-engineering of Canadian society for the benefit of the rich by gutting environmental

laws, removing our social safety net, destroying democracy, quashing science, controlling the message and undermining our standard of living through free trade, mass immigration and a huge influx of temporary foreign workers who earn 15 per cent less than Canadian citizens.

It's a race to the bottom as Harper uses stealth legislation to put us on an even footing with China, India and other developing nations. The big winners are corporations who enjoy cheap labour, freedom from environmental regulations and a lapdog who ensures they will never pay their fair share of taxes.

But hey, we now have an Office of Religious Freedom. Let's pray that every-

thing turns out alright.

FRANTZ ATTORP,
MEADOW DRIVE

Who's reviewing?

Regarding "RAR pilot mapping needs peer review," May 30 Driftwood.

1. Who needs it?
2. Why?
3. Review exactly what?
4. Peers of who?
5. What exactly will be lost, if we, the people, do the review, instead?
6. Why has The Trust created the "stuff" all that long? Pray tell!

RAREly correct, I think!

TOM VARZELIOTIS,
BOOTH CANAL

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Getting down and dirty with the tent cat cycle

It's been about two months now since you began feeling like you're stuck in one of those cursed plagues from the Old Testament. It may not be locusts, boils or frogs, but this latest invasion of the tent caterpillar can make those afflictions seem like a paid vacation at a Mediterranean spa.

Let's take a detailed look at the life cycle of this little pest. Our particular model of this voracious critter is called the Western Tent Caterpillar (*Malacosoma Californicum*). For brevity, we will affectionately refer to it as a "tent cat" in this article. The tiny larvae emerge from their egg clusters in the early spring and begin to work and function together as a social unit. In fact, tent cats are among the most social of all caterpillars (would you expect anything less on Salt Spring?) and purportedly "exhibit many noteworthy behaviours." It's not clear what these behaviours are, but I suspect a good many of them involve the tent cats throwing pot luck parties in our gardens and orchards, denuding the general vegetation, and making a bloody nuisance of themselves.

The first order of business for the young larvae is to establish web like structures or "tents" on the branches of trees and bushes. This is achieved by secreting hundreds of threads of silk which they suspend from the twigs they have chosen to support their tents. These structures are used as a refuge from predators and also from the cold as they are usually several degrees warmer than outside temperatures. In short, the tent cats are basically having a jolly good time camping in your orchard. They may as well be sitting around a campfire roasting weenies and singing "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"

If you listen carefully, the next few weeks

will be filled with two sounds: the first is the sound of chewing followed closely behind by the sound of little poop pellets hitting the ground. Meanwhile, the foliage on your beloved trees will disappear while these fuzzballs in shades of black/orange/tan/brown continue to grow as they chow down on all things green.

Tent cats need soft new leaves to munch on (hey, who doesn't?), so when a new supply is discovered by the first hardy explorers (Columbus cats), a chemical trail of pheromones is left behind in order for the tent siblings to find their way to the fresh stash. Once full, the siblings all seem to cluster together at the top of the branches in the full sun, much like Salt Springers gathering at the same Mexican beach.

By the time the tent cat has reached its full larval stage, it begins to demonstrate an odd behaviour characterized by a jerky, writhing movement performed by the front end of its body. Nobody is really sure why it does this. Some claim this "watusi" type of gyration is a conditioned response to a perceived feeling of threat. Personally, I think this is the tent cat's way of saying, "go away, or you're going to have a break dancing flash mob of bad ass larvae up the yin yang."

Luckily, nature has a way of evening things out. The spike in the population of tent caterpillars is matched by an equal rise in the number of the parasitic wasp (*Hymenoptera parasitica*). You've probably noticed one or two white spots near the heads of many of the creepy crawlers devouring your roses and orchards. These contain the eggs depos-



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

ited by the tiny female wasp. Somehow they work their way into the body of our fuzzy little garden pests and . . . well, this is how it is described on one of the websites I googled:

"As the caterpillar feeds and feeds, it little realizes it is eating not just for one but for many and not its own. Swimming inside the caterpillar's ever more bloated body, parasites live on the blood of their host. They are growing too. These uninvited guests — larvae impregnated by a parasitic wasp — will soon become master of their unwillingly accommodating slave. Before long, their teeth will be sharp enough for them to slice their way out of the caterpillar — eating it alive from the inside out — while their host becomes a zombie bodyguard, protecting and ultimately dying for its murderous, newly hatched brood."

Zombies! There, I hope you feel better about them now. It's easy to see where Ridley Scott came up with his ideas for his space horror "Alien" movie sagas. You may have noticed that some of the techniques mentioned above are currently being adopted by Revenue Canada to help with collection of overdue taxes.

If the tent cat succeeds in avoiding its two main predators, parasitic wasps and crazed gardeners carrying propane torches duct taped to long poles, after seven to eight weeks of larval development it will seek out a protected place on the ground or under the eaves of a building to spin its cocoon. Two weeks later it will get really bored (this is called "cocoon fever") and emerge as an adult moth. The brown, furry, female moth secretes

a pheromone (a crude insect date drug she cooks up right in her own body) which attracts males who up to this point have been wasting their time fluttering around closed windows. Mating usually happens in the early evening and the female will deposit her full load of eggs (between 100 to 300) later that same night around the stem of a branch of a host tree. She will then cover the egg cluster with a frothy substance called "spumaline" which will protect the eggs from desiccation and freezing. It is now early summer, but this will be her last act as she will be dead in a matter of hours. The adult male, however, may live for another week or more and will spend the rest of his pathetic existence careening about randomly while stupidly banging his head against bare light bulbs for no apparent good reason.

Meanwhile a process called "embryogenesis" begins soon after the egg mass has been deposited. Within three weeks the eggs have developed into tiny larvae inside the shell of the eggs but remain in a state of dormancy until the next spring. In this protected state, they can withstand temperatures of 40 degrees below zero Celsius or lower. By the next spring the entire sickening cycle begins anew.

Nobody asked me, but with the first day of summer looming on the horizon, it seems we are nearing the end of this year's infestation of tent cats. Next year, they say, the problem will lessen as the cycle will already have peaked. I guess, for now, we'll have to take comfort in that knowledge. Wait a minute. What's that buzzing sound I hear? On no! It's a yellow jacket wasp.

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OPINION

Paving the way for cyclists

BY DONALD MCLENNAN

John Bateman's Guest Column "Do we really want to encourage cycling on SSI?" in last week's Driftwood makes a number of very well founded points regarding the lamentable lack of cycling infrastructure on Salt Spring. John's column echoes that of Peter Vincent "We're so last century when it comes to cycling." It is of course easy to call for bikelanes on our island; the challenge is in getting them funded and built.

The good news is that there are people and organizations on Salt Spring who are working very hard to improve the situation.

Allow me to provide some background information on this timely subject.

Salt Spring's transportation infrastructure in general (not just in terms of bikeways) is seen by many as deficient thereby placing pedestrians, cyclists and motorists at risk in various locations on the island. Several serious and fatal accidents over the last few years, at least partially blamed on inadequate transportation infrastructure, prompted several citizens groups to demand improved safety and security for pedestrians and cyclists in Ganges.

Happily, Phase One of the North Ganges Transportation Plan is to be constructed later this year. The project entails two bike lanes and an off-road path-

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way along Lower Ganges Road from Atkins past Country Grocer almost to Upper Ganges Road. The plan will eventually include bike lanes and pathways from Upper Ganges to Rainbow, then up Rainbow to the pool.

Cyclists on Salt Spring are following the progress of this project closely.

Beyond the Ganges Village project, the Capital Regional District has plans to link Fulford and Vesuvius as part of its Salish Sea Regional Trail. Island Pathways has called for Ganges Hill to be the first priority segment of this long term goal.

As far back as 1999, bikeways were ranked number one in terms of needed amenities on the island. The stars are now lining up in favour of a major push in this direction.

The CRD recently announced that Salt Spring is to be included in the Regional Pedestrian and Cycling Masterplan.

The Salt Spring Cycling Masterplan will give Salt Spring enhanced credibility in the battle for grant and infrastructure funding. And it will take us one huge step closer to the actual building of much-needed bike lanes on Salt Spring to make it safer for cyclists and motorists alike. The Salt Spring master-

plan will showcase its preliminary draft plan and its expected "rural cycling standards" at the Velo Village International Cycling Conference in Ganges on June 22.

The current edition of Aqua magazine makes the point that it is hoped that the long-term legacy of Velo Village will be to spur more bike lane development on Salt Spring. Velo Village has been working with the Ministry of Transportation on a Traffic Management Plan for the event. Some traffic management procedures call for a dedicated lane for cyclists and the deployment of traffic control personnel and marshals at key intersections and ferry terminals. This is to reduce risk to cyclists and maximize the enjoyment for cyclists visiting Salt Spring and to exemplify the way cycling on the island could be.

In the interim, John Wakefield's viewpoint "Tips for Sharing our Island Roads" in last week's Driftwood makes a perfect companion piece to the very valid views put forward by John Bateman.

Cyclists are indeed at risk on Salt Spring. The SSI Transportation Commission, the CRD and Island Pathways are determined to address this matter.

The writer is chair of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission

Fire hall update

"So what's all this we have been hearing about the replacement of the old Ganges Fire Hall? What's really going on?"

That's a good question and now is a good time to inform the community about both what has happened to date and what will happen in the near future.

Anyone familiar with the building knows that the existing fire hall in Ganges has come to the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced. After several failed attempts by the Salt Spring Fire Protection District to acquire a new site, Tri-star Communities Ltd. and Brinkworthy Properties Ltd., owners of the Brinkworthy Community and the surrounding land, offered to donate one: approximately two acres of land at the southeast corner of their property on Lower Ganges Road. The land, adjacent to the vineyard and across the road from Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply and the BC Hydro yard, is within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

With the support of the Local Trust Committee, the fire district sought and has been granted approval from the Agricultural Land Commission to build a new fire hall on this site.

So what comes next?

We have applied to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for permission to subdivide the proposed site from the remainder of the Brinkworthy land. This process will take several months, but exactly how long, nobody knows. While this is going on, we'll be gathering information from all interested parties as to what should be included in the new building.

No decisions have yet been made about the size, type or configuration of the new hall. All that's been decided so far is that we need a long-term community asset that will serve Salt Spring for at least 50 years, a flexible and functional facility — not a monument.

The trustees will soon be holding a forum to hear from all interested parties what they would like to see in the new building. Once we have this input, we will spell out for the architects the needs that must be met.

The architects will then produce preliminary plans and our construction manager will provide initial cost estimates. Next there will be further consultation with all interested parties, consultations that might well lead to design modifications. Lastly, after the plans are finalized and reliable cost

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estimates have been received, the trustees will seek rate-payer support to borrow the funds required to cover the costs of construction.

So that's where things now stand and what will be happening in the months to come. We welcome your questions, concerns and suggestions at any time but especially at our public meetings, held the third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Ganges Fire Hall.

MICHAEL SCHUBART
 CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
 SALT SPRING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Sarcasm actually excitement

I was excited to read John Bateman's guest column in last week's Driftwood.

As I was reading it, I realized how poorly sarcasm can come across in print.

Any time I have spoken with John in person, I have enjoyed his sarcastic wit and felt I had a good understanding of where he was coming from. While reading this article, I thought he had crafted his sarcasm so well that the casual reader may not understand where he is coming from.

I believe John is

using his finely honed sense of sarcasm to point out how excited he is to be living on an island that will take the time to celebrate the bicycle when Velo Village occurs from June 21-23.

He is aware that we live in a wonderful place where people wave to one another as they travel across it, and that our welcoming spirit will wholly accept the cyclists visiting here during Velo Village.

There are hints of the giddy excitement John feels to be among the people who will line the roads welcoming the visiting cyclists as they pedal from Fulford to Ganges after riding on the first BC Ferries vessel dedicated to cyclists only on Saturday June 23.

I share his excitement, and that is why I felt the need to write and help translate his letter to those not as fluent in sarcasm.

Now that there is a better understanding of John's sarcastic wit and the thrill that will descend upon our fair island as it becomes a bicycle heaven-on-earth.

I hope that you too will take the time to celebrate our ability to travel Salt Spring by bike and work alongside John to make it the safest place to ride during Velo Village and into the future.

ROB PINGLE
 SALT SPRING

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POD-luck

The W. Long Harbour POD is having a POD-luck dessert gathering on Tuesday, June 19 (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) on the lawn at the Rod & Gun Club.

Salt Spring's south-end PODs have POD-lucks on a regular basis, and we want to join in the fun! We are hoping that you will join us if you live in our POD area (both sides of Long Harbour Road from Robinson Road through to Quebec Drive).

In the spirit of joining together in an "eco-friendly" way, try to walk, cycle or carpool to the event. Bring delicious, but healthy desserts and drink (the evening is 100 per cent "host free"), bring your own cups, plates and napkins, and a blanket (chairs are available).

Why put this invitation in Letters to the Editor? It seems that there are still 21 areas on Salt Spring that have not yet found the "POD Spirit." Understandably, one more "volunteer activity" may seem enormous. However, in the words of my grandmother, "Many hands make light work." When people join together for the benefit of all, good things happen, and in this case, it means knowing how to help ourselves and our neighbours in the event of fire, earthquake, severe snow storms and other possible emergencies. If you want to learn more, contact Elizabeth Zook, SSI Emergency Coordinator at SSIIEPC@crd.bc.ca or 250-537-1220.

In any event, we hope to see as many W. Long Harbour PODsters out on the lawn, June 19. Please write down the date and spread the word. Prizes for kids younger than 18 who can share an emergency safety tip. Visit with neighbours, share desserts, meet neighbourhood leaders and learn about how our POD is progressing!

DEBBIE MAGNUSSON AND DIANE KRAY,
W. LONG HARBOUR POD
LEADERS,
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Alive theatre

The June 1 Literary Evening and Coffee House sponsored by Theatre Alive! was a huge success with two top writers in Canada featured: Lorna Crozier and Patrick Lane. The house was full and you could have heard a pin drop while exquisite poems were read by both poets. Such talent reaffirms the importance of poetry in our world.

A number of people have asked me about Theatre Alive! and how it began. Yvonne Adalian and I created Salt Spring Theatre Alive Society in 1984 to bring innovative theatre and literary productions to the stage, drawing on as much local island talent as possible. Salt Spring audiences will remember some of our sold-out productions, including Toronto Missisippi, Jewel, Clarence Darrow and Shirley Valentine and our collaboration, Islamania: Saga Of The Settlers, a multimedia and dramatic history of Salt Spring.

Theatre Alive! has hosted many literary events and festivals over the years as well. The Society receives modest annual funding from The Canada Council, The Writers Union of Canada, The League of Canadian Poets and the Salt Spring Celebration of Canadian Writers. Yvonne and I were joined by directors Brian Brett and Sharon Doo-benen, and the group continues to work hard to ensure that Salt Spring audiences are given the chance to hear top literary voices as well as emerging writers.

I wish to thank the volunteers that helped to make our June 1 evening a success and who continue to support the literary arts in our community: Rowan Percy, Murray Reiss, Ahava Shira, Greg Watson and Chris Smart. Poets supporting poets.

Many thanks also to our

community audiences for their loyalty and support. Without your donations, we would not be able to host such events.

DIANA HAYES
DIRECTOR AND PRODUCTION
MANAGER, SALT SPRING
THEATRE ALIVE! SOCIETY

Tip of the iceberg

Our problems with St. Mary Lake water are "the tip of the iceberg." This is an opportunity for each of us to look carefully at what we swallow down our drains and spread onto our land.

"Band-Aids" are useless, if we keep the wound festering.

PAM ADAMS
BRINKWORTHY ROAD

Remembering Juno Beach

To all my comrades of the Canadian-Scottish regiment, especially those who landed on Juno Beach in Normandy on June 6, 1944, 68 years ago: I extend to you my best wishes and especially to my comrades Bob Sterling, Harry Roberts, Jack Gregson and Bill Hannah. I extend my best wishes to all the units of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade (the Western Brigade), especially the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and the Regina Rifles Regiment. Pleasant memories and best wishes to all.

COMRADE KEN BYRON,
SALT SPRING

CRD services

I would like to comment on editor Gail Sjuberg's article in the May 30 Driftwood, "Library building on the rise in Ganges" as well as provide a clarification on the letter to the editor from K. Butler, "CRD survey pointless."

As a member of the library board, I was one of the lucky ones treated to a tour of the

new Salt Spring library a few weeks ago. It will be a very impressive community amenity as one can easily see.

Even at this stage of construction, it was clear in Gail Sjuberg's article that Driftwood staff were equally impressed. It was gratifying to see recognition of the teamwork between the library board, particularly the library building committee chair, Duncan Hepburn; the Capital Regional District project manager, Joshua Frederick; architect Dunham; on site supervisor Tony Guzin from general contractor Knappett; as well as a number of island subcontractors who have worked on the project.

Hepburn praised the CRD's role from both project management and financial points of view and Frederick praised the "tremendous volunteer spirit" and team effort. Much of the learning on the library project process can be used as the North Ganges Transportation Plan is launched.

The survey referred to in "CRD survey pointless" letter is in fact a BC Assessment, not a CRD, survey and conducted solely for BC Assessment's purposes.

As I approach my first six months in office, and having attended many hundreds of formal and informal meetings, I realize that the CRD needs to do more to communicate what is done on Salt Spring. There is indeed a breadth of CRD services provided directly or supported here that are not widely known.

Over the next few months I will be seeking community input on priorities to assist in budgeting for 2013. As part of this process I will be putting together an overview of CRD Salt Spring and regional services.

I hope this will be of value to our community as well as to the CRD.

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A big bunch of roses to Night Owl Farm for inviting us to stay at your farm, and a beautiful bouquet to each of our wonderful leaders: Sabina Leader Mense and Gail Bryn-Jones. Thank you for making our trip amazing! The Survivor Eco 9 Group

One hundred and forty cubic feet of beautiful, fragrant, roses to Dave Harris for a truly remarkable load of firewood! Thank you for reminding me of the pleasure of burning perfectly seasoned fir these cool spring nights! The very best value and excellent service too! CMB

Many bovine-manure-fertilized roses to those drivers who stopped traffic and got out and helped as Gavin, Sharon and I wrestled an escaped bull "oreo" calf back into the pasture at Night Owl Farm, after he escaped and started roaming Fulford-Ganges Road.

Wild Nootka Roses to everyone who has cut broom in bloom on their properties, road-sides and public areas! Extra-special thanks to those who have gathered up cut plants and disposed of them responsibly to reduce the fire hazard. (Reminders that you can call Jan at 653-2024 to take them to the goats, or take them to the drop-off site at the end of Kanaka Road on Fridays and Saturdays.) Please remember that cutting broom on someone else's private property without permission is a strict no-no!

Congratulations to

Jack and Yvette Clements on 65 years of marriage! Married on May 31, 1947, they are truly a remarkable couple. They have two children — Dan Clements and Carol Seward — five grandchildren, and have recently become great-grandparents. Jack is well known on the island for his beautiful stained glass work. The United Church windows are displays of his talent. Yvette is very active in local rug-hooking and quilting groups. Involved in many community activities, classes and swimming at Vesuvius Beach, they are a couple that exemplify commitment and grace. I feel honored to call them friends. Hannah Ruurs and family

Salt Spring Search & Rescue would like to send dozens of wild roses to Colleen Stewart and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 92, Ian Elliott, Emergency Coordinator, Southern

Gulf Island, and Thrifty Foods for their generous support. Our tracking course was a success.

Armloads of fragrant yellow roses to all those great people, who help Beaver Point Hall by putting their Country Grocer cash register tapes into any charity box! Thanks for helping any one of the Salt Spring charities. Hampers of fragrant red roses to Country Grocer for giving back one per cent of sales to charities on Salt Spring. What a beautiful way to help the community. HB

Big bouquets of fragrant pink and yellow roses to Rolly Cook for organizing and bringing to Salt Spring, 800-year-old Red Bro meat bird chicks for the farmers wanting to raise good healthy chickens. Thanks for also working

on logistics and paper work to make this an annual happening.

Sorry I was remiss in thanking you, Mike at Thrifty's, for the great bags at our big sale.

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Bantock collaborative exhibition set to open 2012 ArtCraft season

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Joyce and Nick Bantock's first collaborative exhibit, Tail of the Dove, will launch ArtCraft's 2012 summer showcase series with an opening reception set for Friday, June 15.

The metaphor of dovetailing, a technique most commonly used in woodworking joinery, helps describes the elements in their work that converge. Materials used by the Bantocks intersect as they share an affinity for historical artifacts and ephemera: an envelope, postcard, or a stamp, seemingly commonplace things that can be thrown away or forgotten.

Both artists opt for smaller works that draw the viewer in to focus on details, creating an intimacy rather



The Artful Dodger is one of the pieces on display at Joyce and Nick Bantock's collaborative event.

than a "big statement" piece, as viewers find themselves transported to an Alice in Wonderland-like universe.

According to a press release, "The Bantocks' work illuminates the ordinary. By capturing something transient

and presenting it as a stop frame, they bring these found objects to our attention and therefore make them more permanent so that we can move forward with wisdom."

Working side by side, the two artists have

inevitably developed shared visual sensibilities, yet they remain individual — both artists are influenced and excited by each other's work and offer constructive feedback, but approach their art in different ways.

Joyce has a degree from the Canterbury College of Art and was formerly a textile designer in London, England. She is "drawn to the patina, foxing and elegant decay of aged paper. Her work, though grounded in forms, pattern and materials, is more atmospheric and quiet. She takes the viewer away from the known and to a less recognizable place."

As the internationally-renowned author and illustrator of books such as the Griffin and Sabine series, Nick's art is collected throughout the world. Critics say his work is "like finding

yourself in a story that has already begun. Old postcards and stamps float beside botanical images and animated creatures."

Nick claims the objects and artifacts incorporated in this voyage "have little or nothing to do with personal or even specific history. It's more their implied or echoed memories that fascinate me." Rather than a solemn or nostalgic lament, resurrecting historical objects, these engage in a vibrant retelling of a forgotten story.

"I'm intuitively drawn to certain objects, but only when they are placed in context with other empathetic artifacts do they come to life," he says.

ArtCraft runs daily at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting June 15. The opening is from 6 to 8 p.m., sponsored by Li Read, Sea to

POETRY NIGHT

Poetry, prose and song find expression at island arts night

Lions Hall event June 9

Salt Spring poets Juli Macdonnell, Catherine Paquette and Rowan Percy will join with popular island folk-singer Phil Vernon for an evening of poetry, prose and song at Lions Hall on June 9. All This Holding is the title of the show.

As the group explains in a press release, "All of us carry so much in life. As poets and songwriters, we work with what we hold, sometimes to find release, but also to make meaning and connection. We will create that space, step into it together, and invite others to be there with us."

Author Sandra Alland has described Paquette's poetry as "alternately hilarious, disturbing, and wickedly inventive." Paquette recently moved to Salt Spring from Toronto and works at ArtSpring. Her poetry books are A Theory of Darkness (the unkindness of ravens press, 2010) and the burden of a song (Mercurio Press, 2007).

She is currently writing a "hard-boiled detective novel," also titled A Theory of Darkness, about the "ever-so-broad mystery of time," in which she explores gender identity among other themes.

Macdonnell says she wrote her first book on the floor of her parents' basement, between floods, while watching her mother pound clay. In 2011, she self-published a hand-bound chapbook of poems entitled

The Long Distance, exploring our sensory connection to the wilderness, human relationships and our bodies. She currently lives on Salt Spring, "observing water, engaging politically and meditating."

She will be reading from her chapbook as well as new poems at the event.

Percy's poetry chapbook, Body of Silence, was published in December 2010. She says her poetry celebrates "nature, the beauty of a tree or someone I love — and what the world loses when pain or prejudice injures people." She writes to "meet life head-on in all the joyous or challenging ways it comes to us."

Percy's poetic themes include the natural world, aging, love, queer existence and explorations of what it is to be born, to live and to die.

Salt Springers who know Vernon's compelling narrative songs will welcome hearing his music again after his two years in Rwanda, where he worked on a travelling exhibit about genocide.

Vernon says his music celebrates "what brings us together and enables us to carry on."

All This Holding will start at 7:30 p.m. with doors open at 7. Everyone is welcome (but be advised of adult content). Tickets will be available at the door for a suggested donation of \$5.

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RECITAL

Quintessential players delight jazz lovers

June 13
Music & Munch
at All Saints

Following on the heels of its well-received debut at Music and Munch last year, Quintessential returns next Wednesday for a repeat performance of its special brand of music.

This quintette of local musicians is becoming well-known on the island, particularly to lovers of mainstream jazz. They are devoted to playing the "classics," with their selection of music drawn mostly from the swing era and the American songbook of the mid-20th century.

Quintessential has performed locally at the Tree House Cafe, the Salt Spring Jazz Festival, numerous gigs in Moby's Pub, the RCAF Veterans Association annual dance, and off-island at the Nanaimo African Heritage Society and on Saturna



Island. They have also entertained the extended care residents in Lady Minto Hospital.

Founded in 2008 by members of Salt Spring's Swing Shift big band, the quintette has carried that most listenable and danceable sound into their small combo with ease.

The group consists of Randy Marchi on trumpet, flugelhorn and vocals, Karen Arney at the piano, Dave Milutinovic on drums, Donna

Vanderweken on bass and John Moore on saxophones, flute and vocals.

In addition to mainstream jazz, audiences can expect to hear some more recent compositions, as well as songs with a Latin beat, and all of it performed by five quintessential Salt Springers — deeply involved in their community, still active with the Salt Spring Concert Band and Swing Shift Band from which they

sprang and always eager to entertain one more audience.

The free performance for that audience will begin at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13 in All Saints church as part of the weekly summer series called Music and Munch.

The "munch" part follows the recital as a delicious light lunch (optional) for \$5.50 — tickets to be purchased prior to the performance.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Popular Salt Spring jazz band Quintessential plays a free performance at Music and Munch, June 13. The event takes place at All Saints, beginning at 12:10 pm.

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FUNDRAISER

Event benefits Spark Circus founder

Fundraiser for Andrea Russell starts at 3 p.m. this Sunday

Island artist and humanitarian Andrea Russell has often raised money and gathered supplies to help others in the world, but an event being planned in her honour June 10 will mark the first time she'll personally benefit from a fundraiser.

Over the past year Russell has been grappling with illness that was finally identified as a brain tumour. She will have surgery this month to remove the tumour, which has been pressing on her optical nerve and her carotid artery.

Accepting help rather than giving it may feel strange to Russell, who is known locally as a talented jewelry maker, leather mask maker and fire dancer. She is also known around the world for her work bringing art and

happiness to Burmese refugee children, living on the Thai border, through the Spark Circus for the past seven years.

Nycki Samuels, a friend helping organize "A Benefit for the Ring Mistress," said the event is a "call for people who know Andrea to come help."

"It breaks my heart that she's going through this because she's so beautiful and she does such beautiful things for children," Samuels said. "She's just been a really big inspiration for me and that's why I want to do this for her."

The event gets underway at 3 p.m. at 182 Kings Lane and goes until around 10:30 p.m. A \$5 donation at the gate (kids 12 and under are free), brings entry to a fun-filled afternoon and evening of circus performers, music, food, games (cash entry), prizes, face-painting, workshops, and a silent auction.

Musical guests include The Samba Band, SkyLab Sounds,

Silva, Soul Shakedown, The Prodigal Sun and John Helme and friends.

The evening will end with a fire performance.

A nontraditional barbecue will feature either pulled pork lettuce wraps with mango chutney or veggie kabobs, both served with corn on the cob and coleslaw for \$10.

Juicy Brucie smoothies, sweet and savory crepes and Thai spring rolls, plus SaltSpring Kettle Cooked Popcorn and lemonade will also be available.

Russell plans to attend with a selection of items imported from Thailand for sale, including tutus, monster paw shoes, sequinned dresses and cabaret items.

"Let's help this wonderful woman who helps so many disadvantaged children," Samuels said.

For more information on Russell's charity work, visit www.sparkcircus.org.

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at Island Escapades Beach

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART REVIEW

Photography club produces winning group show

ArtSpring exhibit on through June 18

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A unified interest in capturing an image links the different styles and perspectives found at Eclectic Visions, the third annual group show of the Salt Spring Photography Club, now on at ArtSpring.

As Bob Rogers, one of the club's founding members, said during the show's opening weekend, the types of cameras and other tools used are really beside the point. How the image looks when it's presented is the key—and photo club members continue to impress with their attention to composition, colour, pattern and contrast.

Trish Hannah earns points for composition in her unusual view of Swans Feeding. The extreme close-up fills the frame with the S-curve of a swan's neck, so close that tiny beads of water

can be seen rolling down the feathers. The belly and legs of another bird, with feet submerged in sea water, can be seen through the arch of the neck. Cool tones of grey, white and hints of blue help give the shot the feeling of organic architecture.

Robert Davidson's Lunch is another nature view that emphasizes the organic curve, this time with a raven in profile, bending beak to claws, and to tear into something tasty. Davidson fills the entire frame with the arch, leaving out the tail area and using a shallow depth of field to leave the background indistinct. The strong compositional elements are matched by the rapturous look in the raven's eye.

Dawn Light is wonderful for its rich buttery tones, but the exterior shot of the wood paneled home also feels as dynamic as a train station. That's because photographer Harold Bailey makes use of the diagonal and vertical lines, which repeat in a

window sill, shadows from unseen porch rail and trees, and a just-gl glimpsed deck.

Pauleen Doucette shows great use of pattern and texture in her contributions: Windblown Sand captures an unusual beach scene where the rippled markings are perpendicular to the shore. The long view of the beach (in vertical orientation) allows individual grains to be visible in the forefront. The blue wave crashing in and a strip of sky on the horizon form only a small cap to the scene.

Doucette's Wall Texture puts the viewer up close to an old stone and brick wall that's partially overgrown with sun-burnt grass. Without any sky or background, the shapes of round stones and flat bricks form the focus.

Bill Gardam takes a similar perspective to emphasize pattern and form in Frosty Dawn, a view of a government dock with opposing sections of planks in blue wash, framed by hints of the red railing; and in Granite, a

view from below an outcropping that somehow brings the bulge into apparent 3-D space.

Celebrations of colour are found in works like Susan Batchelor's Fractured, a view of royal blue mussel shell shards thrusting up from a red-painted wooden beam. Ben Beaver, a student member being sponsored for the group show, portrays the poppy's dazzling vermillion in a close-up shot of the centre of a blossom. His large scale printing format emphasizes the colour field, as well as the inner intricacies. Beaver gets more experimental, for an interesting effect, with a long exposure shot taken from a moving car, where car lights squiggle across the frame like sparklers.

Wendy A. Rosier's macro shots focus on individual flower blossoms, leaving the background obscured. Pieces like Family Companion show a delicate, violet-like bloom against a soft purplish black field. Harbinger takes a spray

of salal as the focus, contrasting delicate white bells in perfect focus against an indistinct dark field. Arjuna George gets even closer to his subject in Ribbon, a twist of smoke that appears like pink and blue gossamer dancing across a white field.

Tom Gilligan's shot St. Paul's Fulford is a study of contrasts. The iconic stone church becomes something more ancient and mythical in this manipulated, black and white view. Leafy tree canopies and tall trunks framing the church appear as in a negative, crystal filigree against a solid black sky. The church door centers the scene with an echoing darkness, while the stones' texture is magnified.

Other nice studies in contrast appear in Into the Light, a silhouetted nude by Rachel Page, and Tom James' shots of birds on the wind at feeders. For even more wonderful photos than can be mentioned, visit ArtSpring daily through June 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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EXHIBITIONS

Artists team up for Shadows and Light

Peter Allan and Heidi Van Impe

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The two newest members of Salt Spring Gallery Of Fine Art are teaming up this month for a joint exhibition called Shadow and Light, revealing differing but complementary ways of perceiving and expressing the world.

Sculptor Peter Allan and painter Heidi Van Impe will be the focus at the collectively owned and run gallery from June 14 to 28. An opening reception takes place June 14 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Allan is almost as new to sculpting as he is to the gallery, having taken up the mallet and chisel just three years ago. His work, mainly in Brazilian soapstone, tends to be figurative, and delves into the subconscious, exploring the motifs and mythologies below our civilized veneer. Despite his freshness, Allan's work has been instantly well-received; he has already been part of acclaimed juried shows at Sooke and Sidney.

Van Impe's work is deeply inspired by nature. The recent island resident began her art practice through nature journaling in pen and ink and watercolour. She has been exploring with oil paint for the past few years, enjoying the vibrant colours and the ability the medium allows to go large. The four elements are the unifying thematic basis of Van Impe's work.

Putting the two artists together makes sense — not just to introduce the gallery's new talent — but because their expressions form almost a visual yin yang.

"It was very immediate, when I first saw Peter's work, what the theme of the show was going to be," Van Impe explained. "The bulk of my work is very bright and light."

Van Impe works to capture the energy of air, for example, with images of seed clocks or wind through the trees as the focus of vibrant, expressive works.

Allan has studied art history for much of his adult life and has seen many of the great work first hand. He finds the Surrealists form a continuing influence. The figure of the Minotaur is therefore much in evidence, along with archetypes like the female nude.

"One of the requirements of the artist is to open the trap door and go down into darkness," he said of his own path as an artist. His end goal is to create at least one piece that can astonish and inspire viewers.

For both artists, joining the artists' collective gallery provides the benefit of having the support of a community of peers. Van Impe comes from sharing a large studio building with artists working in many mediums in North Vancouver, where she helped organize the first North Shore Art Crawl.

"So finding the co-op here was very intriguing, because it was finding the same energy here of artists supporting and inspiring each other."

Allan agreed that it's good to be part of a space whose mission is for local artists to sell their art and make a living. With that aim in mind, visitors should not be afraid to bring their cheque books to the show and take home something that explores themes dark or light.



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People & Community

VELO VILLAGE

Get set to 'feel the love' from Velo Village

Organizer reflects on changes after 20 years

BY JOHN ROWLANDSON

That was then . . . this is now

With Velo Village celebrations just about two weeks away, it seems appropriate to reflect a bit. Examine our cycling roots. See what's different or the same. And talk about what we can all do to improve Salt Spring cycling experiences for both on- and off-islanders.

It was July 11, 1992. Then cub reporter Gail Sjuberg was tramping the bicycle beat because a large California cycle tourism operation was about to invade the soft-shouldered shores of our lovely little island.

By large I mean to say 480. Almost 500 cyclists and numerous support vehicles moved from Fulford to Vesuvius terminals. Ferry after ferry carried gobs of lycra-skinned pedal pushers into the modest environs of Fulford Village. I can see Bruce Patter-



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Former Salt Spring resident Don Fee posed with a smashed bike he attached to the front of a Hedgehog Bulldozing dump truck to make a statement about the news that 480 cyclists were about to descend on Salt Spring Island in July of 1992. Velo Village team leader John Rowlandson recalls the Driftwood photo and accompanying story from that era.

son, leaning on his gas pumps, arms folded, shaking his head. He wasn't the only one.

Don Fee registered the arrival of hundreds of cyclists by tying a crushed bicycle to the front of his gravel truck and posed for a photo while nervous-looking sojourners passed by.

But Don wasn't protesting a bevy of bikes. He was sending a mes-

sage to the then Ministry of Transportation. He was "illustrating the need we have on Salt Spring for better roads."

And by day's end, the cyclists were gone. They'd covered the Gulf Islands section and were moving on to bigger things.

That was then.

Velo Village is a three-day festival.

We're encouraging everyone to stay, enjoy the island, sample the wares and experience the beauty and accessibility of this treasure we call our home.

Island Pathways has chartered a bicycle-only ferry to concentrate the flow of bikes onto the island and reduce the risk of random groups coming and going. BC Fer-

ries, bless their hearts, has put an extra ferry on Sunday to reduce potential congestion at Fulford.

We consulted experienced island cyclists to determine the best cycle routes from the three ferry terminals to Ganges. We hired a traffic engineer to show us how to make these routes safe and easy to travel on, to anticipate where problems may emerge and to reduce any wait times or inconvenience by motorists.

And we've met with, received advice from and feel supported by our emergency services and response community. Velo Village volunteers will be out in force. Most of them on Saturday, June 23.

Help us make Velo Village a success. Wave to cyclists — it says "you're welcome here!" Go to our website (<http://velovillage.ca>) and look at the cycle routes. Try and avoid them, particularly on Saturday. And join us on your bike. You'll feel the love.

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RELAY FOR LIFE

Annual relay surpasses expectations

Support thrills organizers

Funds raised at this year's Relay for Life exceeded all expectations by collecting more than \$20,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

"It went really well," said Erin Pringle, the 17-year-old Gulf Islands Secondary School student who organized this year's event, which took place last Friday night at Portlock Park.

More than 150 people participated in the relay, including

15 teams walking around the track for a 12-hour stretch that began at 6 p.m.

Although fundraising got off to a slow start, Pringle said, donations exploded within a week of the event.

As of Monday afternoon, Ellen and Hans Hanzenboom, Michelle Bennett, Monika Huser and Bruce Martens were listed as the event's top-five fundraisers. Friends for Life, Rainbow Warriors, Mote Alto Crew, Lady Minto and CIBC Ganges were listed as the top-five team fundraisers.

Pringle said having the event go off without a hitch and seeing how happy the participants were throughout the night was a personal highlight.

Even the weather cooperated as rain clouds held off until early Saturday morning.

The Relay for Life is organized by community volunteers in hundreds of towns and cities across Canada every spring and summer to promote cancer research and celebrate those individuals who've successfully fought the disease.

MEDIA PROJECT

Driftwood invites photographs from public for ninth Day in the Life of Salt Spring project

June 20 is date set for shooting

The Driftwood is putting out the call to islanders who'd like to share a photographic slice of Salt Spring life for a 24-hour period on Wednesday, June 20.

From 2004 to 2011, a group of six to eight photographers from the Driftwood and professionals in the community took photos

over a 24-hour period, creating an original portrait of the island's inhabitants and their activities. The resulting Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island publication has won a number of newspaper industry awards over the years.

For 2012 the paper wants to try a different approach by opening it up to anyone in the community who would like to submit one — or up to a maximum of 10 — pho-

tographs taken between 5 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, through 5 a.m. on Thursday, June 21.

Some guidelines and technical specifications should be followed to ensure a greater likelihood of photos being chosen for the final publication, which comes out in mid-July. Those are available on request from Driftwood editor Gail Sjuberg at news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

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<h1>Wed.</h1> <p>June 6</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Music & Munch presents Duo West. Heather Gatland, violin, and Ellen Himmer, cello, perform classics to klezmer to pops. All Saints Anglican Church. 12:10 PM.</p> <p>GISS Dance Show. ArtSpring. 1:30 PM.</p> <p>Terry Warbey. Tree House Cafe. 7 PM.</p> <p>Open Mic with Richard Cross. Moby's. 8 PM.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Big Bike for Heart & Stroke. Annual B.C. Heart & Stroke Foundation fundraiser. Sign up to ride the Big Bike in Ganges. www.bigbike.ca.</p>	<h1>Thurs.</h1> <p>June 7</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Salt Spring Local Trust Committee. Public business meeting. Lions Hall. 9:30 AM.</p> <p>Bingo at Meaden Hall. Legion Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser. Early bird games at 6:30 PM.</p> <p>SS Conservancy AGM. Lions Hall. 7 PM.</p> <p>First Thursday. Art talk on Framing: Aesthetics, Conservation and Budget with special guest speakers Gillian McConnell and Mike Mintern. Pegasus Gallery. 6 PM.</p>	<h1>Fri.</h1> <p>June 8</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>StoryTime at the Library Annex. Seaside Stories with Margaretha. 1 PM.</p> <p>IDOE Queen's Diamond Jubilee Tea. HMS Ganges Chapter will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a Tea at the Brinkworthy Clubhouse. 1 to 3 PM.</p> <p>Kenyan School Children Wine & Cheese Fundraiser. Raising money for school uniforms for Kenyan children. All Saints Anglican Church. 4 to 6 PM.</p>	<h1>Sat.</h1> <p>June 9</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Rotary Yard Sale. Household items, dishes, microwave, paintings, vases, stereo equipment and much more! All proceeds to SSI Rotary. Rotary Marine Park next to Thrifty's. 9 AM.</p> <p>Diabetes Update. A free and informal session for people who live with diabetes. Lady Minto Hospital portable. 9:30 AM.</p> <p>Sea Capers. A host of fun marine-related community activities begins with Boat Building at Rotary Park at 12 PM.</p> <p>Gulf Islands Secondary School Graduation Ceremony. By invitation-only ceremony at GISS for the Class of 2012. 3 PM.</p> <p>Patagonia slide & video show. Sea Capers event with Jack Rosen at SS United Church. 7:30 PM.</p>	<h1>Sun.</h1> <p>June 10</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Mussel Fundraiser For Baby Kaiya. Funds benefit baby in need of liver transplant. Moby's. 6 PM.</p> <p>Sea Capers. Parade begins at the high school and goes to Centennial Park at 12 noon. Events end with beach fire and music behind Island Escapades store at 4 PM.</p>	<h1>Mon.</h1> <p>June 11</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Yellow Submarine Program Open House. Paint throwing, soccer demonstration, yoga class, baked goods, refreshments and more at the mental health awareness open house. Community Services. 1 PM.</p>	<h1>Tues.</h1> <p>June 12</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Public Health Office Prenatal Classes. Please call 250 538-4880 for more information. Location TBA.</p>
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EXHIBITIONS

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- **Form & Reflection** is a show of sculpture and paintings by **Michael Dennis** and **Richard Ciccimarra** at the **Duthie Gallery**. Gallery open Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Eclectic Visions**, the Salt Spring Photography Club's annual exhibition, runs at the **ArtSpring** gallery to June 18, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and for evening performances of ArtSpring shows.
- **Jose Campbell, Caroline Withers** and **Wendy Wickland** showcase their paintings in the **ArtSpring** lobby for the month of **June**.
- **Lisa Lipsett** shows Ancient Light: Images of a Mayan Crystal Cave — paintings and photos at **Cafe Talia**.
- **Rachel Page** exhibits photography pieces, which are digitally modified on metallic paper or canvas, at **Island Savings** until mid-June.
- **Jim Erickson** shows photos at **Salt Spring Coffee Company Cafe**.
- **Gillian McConnell** shows a selection of paintings in the lobby and restaurant at the **Harbour House Hotel** through June 15.
- **Leanne Brusatore** shows work in a variety of mediums at **Barb's Bakery & Bistro**.
- The **SaltSpring Photography Club** presents the works of photographers **Avril Kirby, Curt Firestone** and **Doug McMillin** at **Country Grocer's Roasters Cafe Gallery** through **May**.
- **Carol Adam** has works hanging at **Salt Spring Books**.
- **David Moss** shows artwork at **Penny's Pantry**.
- **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 Hoffer Reid, Wim Blom, Ina D.D. Uththoff, Gary Sim, LeRoy Jensen, Gordon Caruso** and **Peter Haase**.
- See **Lyman Whitaker's** wind sculptures at **Grace Point Square**.
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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

CELEBRATION: Janelle Langford is seen with co-owners Bill Harkley and Chris Coates at last weekend's grand opening of The Mercantile, located in the former Patterson Market building at the Fulford ferry terminal.

AGRICULTURE

Joel Salatin hosts pastured livestock course

Register now for June 20-21 event

A self-described "lunatic farmer" will bring his years of experience and vision with livestock farming to a June 20-21 workshop on Salt Spring.

Joel Salatin raises grass-fed cattle and "beyond organic" chicken and pork on his 550-acre, pasture-based Polyface Farm in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Practising what he calls "a relationship-dense production model that yields far more per acre than industrial models," Salatin demonstrates the symbiosis between farmers, fields and animals.

Dubbed the "high priest of the pasture" by the New York Times, Salatin is the author of

nine books, and is well known for his appearance in the film Food, Inc.

His Polyface Farm achieved iconic status as the grass farm featured in Michael Pollan's New York Times bestseller Omnivore's Dilemma and has been featured in Smithsonian Magazine, National Geographic, Gourmet and countless other media.

Salatin kicks off the Foxglove Farm 2012 workshop series on Wednesday night (June 20) with a talk entitled Folks, This Ain't Normal.

In his book by the same name, Salatin says, "Food security is not in the supermarket. It's not in the government. It's not at the emergency services division. True food security is the historical normalcy of packing it in during the abundant times,

building that in-house larder, and resting easy knowing that our little ones are not dependent on next week's farmers' market or the electronic cashiers at the supermarket."

On Thursday, June 21, Salatin will give a full-day intensive workshop on livestock farming. Covering a range of animals from "profitable poultry" to "salad bar beef," based on his successful enterprise, Salatin will give talks on diet, shelter, marketing and processing, fencing, breeding, forage growth and rest cycles, and more.

Cost for the workshop is \$195, which includes lunch.

People can register through www.foxglovefarmbc.ca.

For more information, contact Jean Macgregor through csa@foxglovefarmbc.ca.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

SLAM takes team building to new heights

Leadership program to launch Salt Spring sessions

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mix a few scenes from the popular Survivor television franchise with the plot-line from The Hunger Games and you end up with something like West Coast SLAM, a successful team-building and fitness program that's on its way to Salt Spring Island.

Soon after he moved to the island last year, Tony Jumeau began searching for a summer camp option that would give his 10-year-old the usual recreational activities but with an additional leadership component.

After a fruitless search, Jumeau took on a leadership role of his own and decided to bring the popular Port Alberni-based camp to the island.

"I was hoping to find a week

or two with a leadership-based feel," he said. "I couldn't find anything, so I searched the island for any and found West Coast SLAM."

The West Coast School of Leadership and Management promises youngsters the chance to "learn by doing" as participants play out a mock survival scenario in the fictional country of Arrowvalania.

Teams are dropped into the field of play and must take part in a series of challenges to make their way through a real-life obstacle course.

Along the way, special radio news bulletins are transmitted to participants, giving them the latest insights about what's happening in an ever-changing and unpredictable environment.

As a bonus, he said, a portion of all registration fees are donated to youth programs which benefit individuals and communities on Vancouver Island.

"I love the community here and how we work together

to help each other out," said Jumeau.

"I chose to offer as much as possible to this charity this year as not only does it help keep the kids busy, but it sets up the foundation for life in the six key skills to achieve a better community, family bonding, social challenges and, most of all, preparing them for the hard-core world of survival."

Besides offering the program to kids as young as six years old, the WC SLAM team has special sessions to promote leadership and team-building for small businesses, emergency service providers and large corporations.

Jumeau is already at work to create a Salt Spring camp for adults that combines the SLAM model with local tourism opportunities.

More information about how to register for the upcoming adult camp and the Salt Spring youth camp scheduled for July is available on the SLAM website, www.wcslam.com.

EDUCATION

SS Centre School hosts open house

Tonight, 4-6 p.m.

Salt Spring Centre School is inviting parents to come see for themselves the school's "wonderful opportunities," with an open house set for this evening (Wednesday, June 6) between 4 and 6 p.m.

"Maybe you attended our dynamic whole-school theatrical production Easy as Pi, or our Spring Math Fair, featuring math projects by students of all ages," a press release states.

"Or maybe you were entertained as you watched our students, parents and teachers battle it out in our annual air-band competition. Whatever the scenario, one thing is certain: Salt Spring Centre School is an active, close-knit and supportive community that is always ready to welcome new faces."

Visitors who attend the casual, drop-in event will meet a strong team of dedicated teachers who have been working to help each child meet his/her full potential in all core subject areas.

The school also provides a learning assistance teacher to offer students daily one-on-one educational support.

The school's dynamic, hands-on academic program encourages the child's natural love of learning in small class sizes, states press material. The program is enriched with classes in French, music, art and gardening.

The school is located at 355 Blackburn Rd., behind the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga.

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HERBALISM

Islander wins prestigious plant award

Planning underway for local Planting for the Future event

If Celle Rikwerda was beyond excited to learn she was nominated for the prestigious United Plant Saver 2011 Medicinal Plant Conservation Award, she was totally ecstatic when she found out she'd actually won.

Rikwerda is among a grow-

ing number of medicinal plant savers who are committed to preserving medicinal plants in more than 80 official sanctuaries across North America.

"The UpS Medicinal Plant Award is given annually to the most beneficial, inspirational and original project that supports native medicinal plant conservation, and by doing our part in educating and opening up our display gardens to the public, writing and teaching about endan-

gered medicinal plants, and propagating and selling them at our small herb farm, my passion for this cause was evident enough to become a nominee and winner for this award," Rikwerda said.

Rikwerda received her award in person during a UpS event on May 26 and 27, hosted by Herb Pharm on an 85-acre organic farm in Williams, OR.

"There were 300 plus attendees at the weekend

event, where I was personally given the award by Sara Katz, president of United Plant Savers and co-owner and founder of Herb Pharm herbal products," she said.

"It was an amazing experience which we will not forget soon."

Anyone who would like to receive more information about UpS and the Planting the Future Event can contact Rikwerda at 250-931-0131 or starknaturalherbs@shaw.ca.

FUNDRAISER

Hereford shops raise funds for GivingWorld Foundation

Sale promos to benefit India

Hereford Avenue shops Twang & Pearl and Studio One Aveda Concept Salon are teaming up this summer to offer special promotion and raise funds for The Giving World Foundation.

The campaign will see one lucky Salt Springer receive a "hot" summer makeover, Hereford Avenue style: make up and hair by Studio One,

a new outfit and styling advice from Twang & Pearl's in-house professional stylist, Miles, and a manicure and pedicure from Esthetics by Penny. Funds raised will go toward a charitable organization that offers a "helping hand up, not a hand out" in India.

"India is a country close to our heart at Twang & Pearl," business owner Jana Thomas said in a press release. "We travel to India every year searching out unique hand-

crafted items for our store, and every year we are in awe of the ingenuity and resilience of the talented people we meet. But we are also continuously reminded of how lucky we are to call Salt Spring Island our home. This is our way to thank our supporters and friends in India and at home. After our first successful year of being open on Salt Spring, we are so thankful for both, and we hope to make this an annual event, to

keep giving back."

The campaign will centre on nominations for the makeover, with a \$10 fee for each nomination.

"Do you know a woman on Salt Spring Island who gives a lot but doesn't take time for herself?" the press release asks.

"Nominate yourself or someone you love today for the Hot on Hereford Avenue Summer Makeover Giveaway." Nomination forms are available at

both Twang & Pearl and Studio One.

Nomination deadline is Friday, June 15 and the big reveal will be at Twang & Pearl's One Year Open Soiree on Thursday, June 21. Nomination fees and a percentage of sales from the evening soiree will go to The Giving World Foundation.

More information is available on The Giving World Foundation website at www.giving-worldfoundation.org.

Here's to Henny Youngman, who always kept it clean

"A wife says to her husband, 'You're always pushing me around and talking behind my back.' He says, 'What do you expect? You're in a wheelchair.'"

I was a stand-up comedian in a Vancouver night club for one night.

Scratch "one night" – about three minutes and 20 seconds. But it felt like it went on all night.

That's the one thing the audience and I agreed upon. They jeered and they hissed. They made unkind references to my lineage and addressed me in terms usually reserved for unmentionable parts of the anatomy.

What they did not do is laugh.

I have dog-paddled in shark-infested waters; I have let a live tarantula walk up my arm. I even mock-grappled with wrestler Gene Kiniski, but I have never felt as desperate and lost as I did for those three minutes and 20 seconds in front of a hostile night club audience.

Not surprising, studies show that the greatest fear for most people isn't falling off a cliff, being struck by lightning

or getting mauled by a grizzly – it's standing up and speaking out before a roomful of strangers.

That applies to you and me perhaps, but not to Henny Youngman.

The American (actually he was born in Liverpool, England) King of the One-Liners stood up in roomfuls of strangers virtually every day for over 70 years. He never took vacations or a weekend off.

His audiences ranged from The David Letterman show to dinky wedding receptions in whatever hotel he happened to find himself in. The film critic Roger Ebert remembers: "I once observed Henny Youngman taping a TV show in the old NBC studios. We got into an elevator together. It stopped at the second floor, a private club. A wedding was under way. Youngman got off the elevator, asked to meet the father of the bride and said, 'I'm Henny Youngman. I'll do 10 minutes for \$100.' He also did nightclubs (200 nights a year), the odd movie and a



Arthur Black

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regular gig on Laugh-In.

Youngman's humour was rapid-fire, machine-gun style. His act was only 15 or 20 minutes long, but he could cram a

hundred different jokes into that time frame. Nobody ever complained about the length of Youngman's performances. Their sides were aching too much.

Youngman's wife Sadie was the butt of a lot of his jokes – including his trademark gag: "Take my wife – please!"

He had others:

"My wife said to me, 'For our anniversary I want to go somewhere I've never been before.' I said, 'Try the kitchen.'" or: "Last night my wife said the weather outside wasn't fit for man or beast, so we both stayed home."

In fact, Youngman was nuts about Sadie and she returned the ardour. They were married for over six decades and towards the end, when her health declined, he had an Intensive Care Unit built into her bedroom because she was terrified of hospitals.

Sadie died in 1987; Henny ploughed on for another decade, finally closing his remarkable one-man show in 1998 at the age of 91.

Henny could spark laughs anytime, anywhere from anyone, but it never went to his head. For Henny it was a job. "I get on the plane. I go and do the job, grab the money and I come home and I keep it clean. Those are my rules. Sinatra does the same thing, only he has a helicopter waiting. That's the difference."

"Keeping it clean" was a big deal for Henny. I met a young comedian who got to sit beside him on an airplane once. The kid asked Youngman for his secret. "I keep it clean!" thundered Youngman. "All these young punks with their sewer mouths and their gutter jokes – stupid! Sure they get laughs but they don't get asked back because they offend people who don't like bad language. Best advice I can give you, kid – KEEP IT CLEAN!"

Then without missing a beat, Youngman buttonholed the flight attendant and said: "Now where's my #%%\$ing scotch?"



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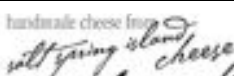
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DEATHS

Charlotte Wypkema

Devoted, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away June 3, 2012. Pre-deceased by husband John in 2000. She will be greatly missed by her children: Christa, Maria, Zensho, Peter, Tony, Ingrid and nephew Walter. Caring grandmother of Shea, Laurel, Emily and great grandmother of Charlotte. A lady of many accomplishments, Charlotte had a great capacity for lasting and generous friendships. She leaves a legacy of love, care and precious memories. A celebration of her life will be held on Sunday, June 10 on Salt Spring Island. Memorial donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

CELEBRATIONS

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January 28, 1935 - May 26, 2012

With heavy hearts and deep sadness we announce the passing away of Ernest V. Morris in his home on May 26. Ernie was born in Vancouver and worked in Federal and Provincial Forestry. Through his work and keen interest he travelled B.C. and the Yukon. Ernie will be sadly missed by his wife Stewart (Tootie) his children: Robert (Dorothy) N. Saanich; Kaaren (Warren Eddington - deceased); Bruce and Jim, his grandchildren Carly, David, Dale, Joel, Tess, Courtney, Danica and Kelsey.

Special thanks for their help and kindness to Dr. Barclay, Dr. Ambrose, Sue Banks, Karen Hunsberger, Francis Havelaar and to the staff at Lady Minto Hospital.

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This Week's
Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

A busy cycle continues with plenty of places to go and people to see. Yet, being in sync with others is the challenge. Minor upsets and confusions of late are likely. Consequently, directing your focus on home and family, or simply staying put, may be the ideal solution. Aim to achieve your communications by other means than travel.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Attending to a spectrum of duties and activities is keeping you busy. Getting everything done and satisfying all your wants and needs presents a practical, material, sensual focus. Yet, having enough energy for it all it the other question. Consider easing off on the accelerator and aim to cooperate more with others for a smoother flow.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

You are on a march to enter fresh territory. This may be literally true but perhaps psychologically and emotionally as well. Your spirit of adventure and tossing security to the wind is likely to take a strong turn this week. Now it is time to attend to what you feel you need, which will curb your adventurousism somewhat.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

Your pace has likely been a little slower of late. Things will speed-up a little this week. Yet with so many changes unfolding in your public and professional sphere, you may want the pace to remain even and steady. Being faithful and overcoming worry may be easier said than done, yet the anti for doing so is about to go up very soon.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

Venus Retrograde is playing havoc with pretty much everyone these days and you will likely agree. Although this is generally an expansive, progressive, go-ahead time for you, you may feel beset by caution and uncertainty. This is likely to change when Jupiter enters Gemini on June 12. The urge to take initiatives to expand your outreach will be activated.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Presenting a healthier image and offering more efficient service to others is a current theme. This increase in contentiousness stands to have positive results in your career. Yet your social life may not be as exciting as satisfying as you direct the bulk of your energies towards improvement. Clear the way for the new and maintain this sober focus for long term satisfaction.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

Changes for the better continue to unfold in

your world. You have likely endured a lot over the past few years and so have earned all the good coming your way now. Opportunities for travel and adventure or for broadening your scope of awareness, or at least for increasing your sense of optimism are on the rise.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

A process of clearing the old to make way for the new continues. This may include the inspiration or need to re-invent your self somehow. As god an idea as this is, it may not be time to commit to long term investments or contracts or leases... just yet. How can you clear the old, prepare the new and yet delay deeper commitments, for now?

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

Expansion on relationship fronts continues and will increase noticeably over the next few weeks anyway. Gaining the attention and support of others may feel extra important. Yet, be willing to reciprocate to maintain a healthy balance. Change is certainly brewing, perhaps especially close to home. Aim for solid ground.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Overcoming the excess stress factor asks that you practice going with the flow these days. Yet, the current is flowing towards greater efficiency. Working with the currents versus trying to direct them may be the answer. Be willing to be more agreeable and negotiable with people and situations, and perhaps with inner guidance, for best results.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

Your confidence levels continue to rise, at least on certain fronts. Amidst and otherwise stressful stream of events in the bigger picture, your own flow is progressing. Still, your focus will sharpen in terms of health strategies, choices and priorities. Adaptation is ever a golden key and the time has come for a good measure of it.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Creating a more appealing, efficient and satisfying state and atmosphere close to home continues. Investments in this regard are worthwhile and will likely contribute to your feeling more confident as well. You are in a metamorphic cycle and the more you cooperate, the better. If you have not been focused this way, do it now! You will be glad you did!

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FLIGHT CLUB: Alan Dennis, president of the Salt Spring Island Radio Control Flyers, holds one of his model aircraft during a recent flight session at the club's airfield near 361 Sunset Drive. Club members meet most Saturdays throughout the summer, weather permitting.

RAINBOW ROAD POOL

Festivities mark anniversary

Triathlon and PFD check part of pool celebrations

There's bound to be no shortage of excitement at Salt Spring's Rainbow Road Pool on Sunday, June 17 as organizers put the final touches on the facility's fourth anniversary celebration.

The action-filled day begins with a bang at 10 a.m. with the island's third-annual Father's Day Triathlon. Registration for the sprint short-distance triathlon is \$40 and begins at 8:30 a.m. on event day. A bike check takes place at 9:00 a.m. and an awards ceremony gets underway at noon.

Jim Raddysh, manager of the Rainbow Road Pool, said the event is perfect for anyone who has

always wanted to "try the tri." He encourages fathers and families to participate in the event as unique way to celebrate Father's Day.

The three-stage swim, cycle and run is open to individuals and teams. All competitors will receive a race package and T-shirt.

Volunteers from the island's Royal Marine Search and Rescue Unit (formerly Coast Guard Auxiliary) will be on site as of 1:30 p.m. to teach islanders about the proper use of personal flotation devices.

Specially trained volunteers will inspect and test PFDs, and all PFD owners get a complimentary whistle following a successful inspection.

"People in our community have boats with PFDs stored in them but they've never really test-

ed them," Raddysh said.

A common scenario is to store PFDs during the off season and only use them when grandchildren or other visitors arrive on the island.

"The children grow but the life-jackets don't," he said. "What we'd like to do is encourage people to bring down PFDs and life jackets to see if they're safe."

PFD owners can test their devices in the pool between 1:30 and 4 p.m. A free swim at the pool, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., will be open to swimmers of all ages.

For more information about the Rainbow Road Pool's lineup of events, call 250-537-1402 or drop by 262 Rainbow Rd. during regular business hours.

A free lunch and fourth-anniversary birthday cake will be served at 12:30 p.m.

SAILING

Hornby skipper claims IOM crown

Tough conditions challenge racers

Hornby Island's Graham Herbert claimed top honours at this year's International One Metre-class Western Canadian Championships at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club after a weekend of inconsistent winds and fluky conditions.

"We are thinking of calling next year's event the Western Carnage because it was pretty tough going," said race officer Lawrie Neish.

"Conditions were really frustrating to competitors and

even more so for the race officer."

Herbert rose to the forefront amid a talented pool of 25 racers from Western Canada and the United States during the three-day event.

He finished just ahead of second-place competitor Jerry Brower of Lake Stevens, WA and third-place racer Jan Schmidt of Victoria.

Salt Spring's Martin Herbert placed fourth and Hornby Island's Julian Laffin rounded out the top five.

Salt Spring's Ole Andersen and Roger Kibble remained well back in the standings.

Neish said the weekend's

results show that Hornby Island has developed into a "hotbed of IOM sailing development."

After lacklustre conditions for Friday and Saturday's action, racers enjoyed fine winds in Sunday's final races.

"We went out with a bang," Neish said. "It built up from a great crescendo."

Salt Spring has become a regular venue for racing the one-metre radio-controlled sailing vessels in recent years.

The island will host a national championship in 2013.

Neish's next major event will be as race officer at July's Hood River Carnage event in Portland, OR.

RUNNING

Sneakers compete in Victoria Goddess Run

Fraser, Curtin earn sweet finishes

A pair of island runners earned chocolate-covered strawberries and commemorative "finishers" necklaces as the Salt Spring Sneakers' lone representatives at Sunday morning's Victoria Goddess Run.

Karen Curtin completed the 21.1-kilometre half-marathon with an injured hamstring in 2:03:14. Regardless of her injury, Curtin finished 77th out of the race's 240 participants.

"It was an abysmal race past the 10-kilometre mark, but also my best race because I really got to explore the limits of my own mental will power," Curtin wrote in an email after the event.

"It's what seemed to be the only thing forcing my leg to move — my right hamstrings went on strike and decided that bending my leg was too much effort."

In the event's 10-kilometre event, Lise Fraser completed a shortened course in 43:10 after volunteers ushered runners in the wrong direction.

"Some volunteer directed everyone the wrong way, so the route ended up only 8.7 kilometres. No wonder I got a [personal best]," she said.

In spite of the mix-up, Fraser placed fourth in her F50-59 age category and 22nd out of the event's more than 800 runners.

The event proved a great introduction to many first-time female runners who participated in the scenic run, Curtin said.

Pender Island HSBC Bank Canada Agency Closing

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SPORTS & RECREATION

DRAGON BOATING

Enthusiastic dragon boaters begin 2012 race season

Festival raises \$1,500 for MS Society too

BY AUDREY DENTON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Spirit Point Dragons started their racing season on the last weekend in May at the annual Gorge Super Sprints in Victoria.

It was a gloriously warm and sunny summer day with breezes off the water to make the weather conditions perfect.

Unfortunately, before racing started guest paddler Janet Best injured her shoulder in a fall and was unable to compete.

In the first race, a 250-metre

sprint, the team paddled with their all and were upset to see the posted race results placed them in third, when clearly they were in second.

Coach Mary Rowles protested, and when the team coach from VCKC United agreed with her the postings were corrected.

In this race the Westshore Warriors finished in 1:17, Spirit Point at 1:24 and VCKC in third at 1:32. The team was placed in the red division based on this time and for the semi-finals.

Spirit Point finished at 1:26 behind Westshore Warriors at 1:20 and Aquaholics at 1:21.

By the time of the finals, steers-

man Tom McKeachie had some manoeuvring to do to prevent the boat from being pushed by the current into the small island near the finish line.

Spirit Point was pleased with their efforts, the starts being strong with an enthusiastic effort by all. The results of the final heat were Goblin Empire at 1:18, Aquaholics at 1:22 followed by the proud Spirit Point Dragons at 1:24.

Mary Rowles yelled encouragement from the front of the boat, beating on the drum to keep the paddlers in time, and there was excellent steering from Tom McKeachie and Andrew Okulitch, who alternated between paddling and

steering.

Paddlers for the races were Sabine Georgy, Marit Christensen, Janice Shields, Shari Macdonald, Nova Elson, Audrey Denton, Dan Gellein, Christa Wohlfahrt, Carmelle Labelle, Katherine Davidson-York, Ann Marie Davidson, Melynda Okulitch, Ware Hartwell, Wendy Eggertson, new paddlers Julie van Soeren, Carolyn Morgan, Jacky Cooper, Jeanne Delpalte, and guest paddler Kelly Brown.

And thanks to Judy Willett from a Comox team who offered to be a spare for Spirit Point.

Cheering by the team's #1 supporters Nils and Sheila Christensen was heard from the water

and encouraged the paddlers.

The festival raised over \$1,500 from the paddlers for the MS Society, with swimmers challenged to swim to the small island when certain fundraising goals were reached.

As the MS team returned from their final race, paddlers from all teams paid tribute to them by raising their paddles in an arch. Many tears were shed.

The team appreciates the support of local businesses Harbours End Marine, Country Grocer, Royal LePage and Moby's Pub.

New members are welcome — contact maryrowles19@hotmail.com.

SO bowling scores

High scores in most recent Special Olympics bowling action are:

Mahjor Baines: 157, 162, 157;
Jason Newport: 167, 160, 151;

Scott Jesse: 156;
Jim Beck: 177, 173;
Stuart Elliott: 198.

Earlier scores are as follows:

Jason Newport: 201,

HIGHROLLERS

181, 176, 157;
Scott Jesse: 149, 151;
David McEachern:
159, 147;
Mahjor Baines: 153,
164, 155, 182;
Stuart Elliott: 183;
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140.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Kahn and Norget wear pink jerseys twice

Island couple triumphant in Tour de Bridge

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Victoria's Ryder Hesjedal, as we all know, is a Canadian professional racing cyclist for Garmin-Barracuda, and if that doesn't sound like a shark with a global positioning system, it should.

We also know he won the gruelling Tour de Italy (Giro d'Italia) on May 19, but he has nothing on Charles Kahn and Judy Norget, the recent

BRIDGETRICKS

winners of the Tour de Bridge here, who are not exactly sharks, but have been regularly positioning themselves well ahead of the pack.

There were six and a half tables on May 21, resulting in a Mitchell movement.

The North-South group had the Kahn-Norget pair leading the bunch sprint comfortably and then earning the pink jersey, with Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas following behind and Blanche Poborsa with Terry

Wilkinson in third place.

The East-West group had rather flat tires (terrible cards) but George Laundry and Paul Retallack managed the mountain stages better than most, while Gillian Mouat and Jennifer Quick were nearly as, er, quick.

Flo Laundry and Lynn Thorburn managed a powerful third place.

May 28 saw a Howell movement with six full tables. In this stage the Kahn-Norget team solidly defended the jersey and wheeled to a triumphant 11-point lead.

The Flo Laundry-Thorburn partners had gained ground,

though, and reached the second spot this time, edging ahead of the Taylor-Thomas pair.

Coming in fourth were the George Laundry-Retallack partnership, and Patricia Hewett with Bob Morrisette glided gracefully into the fifth place.

Among the remaining participants there were a few accidents along the difficult trails, of course, but the victims picked themselves up to try again for another tour.

For details about these endeavours, please contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorage@shaw.ca.



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A Day in the Life

This year "A Day in the Life" will be open for all photographers in the community to participate. Instructions will be sent to all entrants. Winners' photos will appear in the Gulf Islands Driftwood's Day in the Life of Salt Spring publication. Shooting day is...

Wednesday, June 20th, 5 am to Thursday June 21, 5 am

Those interested in entering must register in advance.

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Camp Colossal brochure released; doggie daycare now up and running

Busy time for PARC programs

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Salt Spring 'un-limited'

Pick up a copy of PARC's Spring/Summer 2012 Leisure Guide. The brochure contains information on leisure courses, events, recreational facilities, sport venues and service clubs. The next issue will be released early September. If you are interested in being listed in our next edition, please contact the PARC office.

Colossal fun begins

Salt Spring Parks and Recreation will be offering our popular Camp Colossal where each day is an adventure!

Our skilled staff will lead children through crafts, games, hikes and exciting field trips on and off the island.

Most days will end with a swim at the Rainbow Road Indoor Pool before being picked up at Portlock Park. Be sure to pick up our Camp Colossal brochure which will be available the middle of June.

The brochure will provide an outline of activities for the whole summer.

Registration takes place at Portlock Park daily from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. with a daily drop in rate of \$30 or a book of 5 tickets for \$135. Pre-registration is required for trips off the island and there may be additional fees to cover entry fees. Space is limited, so be sure to register early!

PARCPOSTINGS

Market doggie daycare

New! In conjunction with the BC SPCA Salt Spring Island Branch, PARC is providing a dog sitting service on Saturdays during market hours only. The SPCA staff and volunteers will care for your dog while you enjoy the market. A fenced area will provide a safe place for your pet and the location is adjacent to the cenotaph by the washrooms in Centennial Park. To take advantage of this service, all dogs must be registered by completing a short questionnaire. For the service, donations are requested for SPCA and we suggest a minimum of \$10 per hour.

We want to hear your feedback! The dog-sitting service is being offered on a trial basis, so please complete a brief survey so we can hear how we are doing.

Channel Ridge Trails

The Channel Ridge trails pass through a series of rare habitats that have virtually all been recognized as sensitive ecosystems with significant biological value. These ecosystems include Garry Oak meadows and open Garry oak, arbutus, and Douglas fir woodland. They also provide habitat for a significant number of rare or threatened animal and plant species. In addition to the rarities they contain, the designation of these ecosystems as sensitive reflects their fragility, limited extent and the significance of their biodiversity from a provincial perspective,

and a trend of accelerating habitat loss. It is for these reasons that it is important that hikers and their pets on a leash stay on the trails that have been marked by PARC and that absolutely no motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed on Channel Ridge trails or lands.

Trail crew update

The trail crew have been working hard on maintenance on Island Pathways and our trail system. If you have any concerns about the condition of the trails, please contact the PARC office.

Come splash with us!

Schools have been participating in lessons and a number of year end pool parties have been scheduled. Be sure to register for summer swim lessons. Have a look at our extensive summer swim lesson schedule to meet your needs. Don't forget our Pool Birthday Party on June 17 with birthday cake and a free swim. This begins at 1:30 p.m. and on the same day our third annual triathlon takes place.

SSI bike to work week

Do you want both to reduce your carbon footprint and to get into better shape? Here's your chance. SSI's annual Bike to Work Week will take place this year from June 18 to June 24. This will link it to the exciting Velo Village event about which you'll soon hear a great deal more.

Check out the Bike to Work website for more details at www.biketowork.ca/saltspring_island.