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GEARED UP: From left, Terry Hill, Jean Racine and Verone Pyles sell apparel aboard the Penelope Isle for the Westcoast Work Boat Association during the group's annual fall rendezvous in Ganges Harbour.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Cycling advocates honoured

VeloVillage inspires nomination

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island Pathways received the award for Outstanding Work by a Local Cycling Association at a national trade show held in Montreal last weekend.

At the Bicycle Trade Association of Canada's annual event, the Salt Spring organization was recognized for its "exemplary work... to advocate safer, accessible cycling, and for helping to build comprehensive bicy-

cle infrastructure for their local ridership," according to a BTAC press release.

"I was blown away by the cheering and applause that Island Pathways received for our support of walking and cycling in rural communities. These guys clearly get the connection between safe, seamless cycling and increased sales," said Island Pathways member John Rowlandson, who was in Montreal to accept the award.

Island Pathways was nominated by

SRAM, a high-end bike-part manufacturer based in Chicago that sends wheels to Africans in need through World Bicycle Relief. The Salt Spring group worked with SRAM to put together an art auction as part of the Velo Village conference in 2012, raising \$21,000 for the charity along with awareness of local infrastructure needs.

Rowlandson, the key organizer of Velo

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FIRST NATIONS

Province grants Grace Islet permit

Decision deemed a blow to archeological heritage

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The provincial government has approved a controversial heritage alteration permit that will allow construction of a residence atop a First Nations cemetery on an islet in Ganges Harbour.

"I think this is a really poor decision that violates our aboriginal rights and human rights," said Diane Hinkley, a member of the Cowichan Tribes, on Tuesday morning.

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations' archeology branch granted the permit to the property's Alberta-based owner, Barry Slawsky, in a letter dated Sept. 17.

Terms of the heritage alteration permit give Slawsky until Nov. 30, 2016 to build a home on Grace Islet. The .74-acre island is a few metres off Grace Point in Ganges.

"This decision results from balancing the Hul'qumi'num and Tsartlip expressed aboriginal right to care for their ancestors with the fee simple property rights held by the permit applicant," reads an excerpt from a letter sent to Hinkley and representatives from other First Nations groups in the region.

The property owner's construction plans must avoid identified burial cairns on the site and be conducted under the watch of a qualified archeologist, according to conditions of the permit. Cairns will be surveyed and placed under protection "to maintain awareness of their location and importance in the future."

According to Brennan Clarke, a spokesperson with the provincial government, no further provincial authorizations are

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2013 Phantom Ball grand prize winners Jackie and Jeremy Shrive, right, inspect their certificate for a week long holiday at the Naramata Outlook resort, while donor Dan Stamp, and planned giving & development coordinator Diana Hayes for the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, look on. The foundation raised over \$60,000 in donations for equipment and hospital projects through this year's the annual campaign.

ISLAND GOVERNANCE

Governance survey needs input

Spokesperson stresses commission's neutrality

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders can now have their say about Salt Spring's political trajectory by participating in the second of two public surveys conducted by the Governance Study Committee.

Committee members want as many people as possible to fill out the survey so they can assemble an overview of the island's political landscape.

The questionnaire is the latest element in the GSC's effort to weigh islanders' appetite for a municipal-style government. The survey made available this week asks, among other things, if islanders think the island needs a formal incorporation study.

"It's much more directly

focused," said GSC spokesperson Pat Preston.

Preston encourages people to fill out electronic surveys, which can be downloaded through the committee's website. Paper copies are available at the Parks and Recreation Commission office at Portlock Park, the Salt Spring Public Library and the Fulford post office.

Preston said the governance committee is stressing its impartial nature throughout the process.

"We've committed to be neutral. We just report on what the community wants," she said. "This is really to let us know how people feel."

The GSC is tasked to oversee the work of a private consulting firm that will articulate how Salt Spring is governed and what, if anything, has changed during the past 10

years. The consultant's final report will be released by the end of November.

Committee members want to exceed the nearly 500 respondents who completed a preliminary survey during the summer. Preston said members have tried to attract a broader range of respondents, especially youth and younger adults.

"Even if they aren't voters, we still want to hear their thoughts," she said.

Anyone who has completed the survey can help the process by encouraging friends and neighbours to participate.

Further information about the governance study process, including a series of fact sheets and results of the first survey, is available at ssgovernances-tudy.ca. The group hopes to have the bulk of responses in time for public meetings at the end of October.

FEDERAL POLITICS

MP May leads fight against FIPA

Investment deal called threat to sovereignty

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Concerned islanders filled the All Saints hall on Sept. 18 to hear speakers sound the alarm about a pending international investment agreement's threat to Canadian sovereignty.

"We got an email in our inbox last September that told us about the Canada-China [Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement] and we read it and we're like, 'What? Really? No, this isn't possible.' But yeah, it is possible," said Emma Pullman of Leadnow, an organization that's since gathered more than 85,000 signatures from Canadians upset about the plan.

According to information on the federal government's Foreign Affairs,

Trade and Development Canada website, FIPAs define the relationship between host governments and foreign investors.

"By setting out clear rules and an effective enforcement mechanism, a FIPA provides a stable legal framework to promote and protect foreign investment," states information on the site. "It typically sets out a range of obligations that host governments guarantee pertaining to non-discriminatory treatment, expropriation, transfer of funds, transparency, due process and dispute settlement."

Though Canada concludes FIPAs to protect the interests of Canadian corporations abroad, the website notes, such agreements are reciprocal "to reinforce Canada as a stable and predictable destination for foreign investment."

It's this latter point that has got Pullman, along

with Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May and the Hupacasath First Nations' Brenda Sayers travelling across the country to let Canadians know about the plan.

"[FIPAs] are fundamentally corrosive to democracy [because they] allow a foreign corporation to sue a government for changes that have been made in even a municipal bylaw or provincial statute," May said. "Democracy in Canada is hanging by a thread."

Canada has concluded FIPAs with 24 countries, but May said the Canada-China FIPA is the first deal in which Canada has engaged a heavyweight like China, currently the world's second-largest economy.

"It has the potential to change Canada as we know it today if it's ratified," Sayers told the crowd. "We realize that it violates not only the constitutional rights of First Nations but also of all

Canadians.

Sayers and the 300-member Hupacasath First Nation have led a legal fight to stop the federal cabinet from ratifying the Canada-China FIPA, a deal that's involved little public discussion or parliamentary debate.

After the Hupacasath's lawsuit was dismissed in June, the First Nation has been looking for support to mount a \$300,000 appeal.

May, who has devoted considerable time and Green party resource to spread awareness about the Canada-China FIPA, said she suspects opposition among Conservative MPs and the party's supporters has postponed the agreement's approval.

"When citizens of the world have a chance to say anything about these agreements, they say 'no,'" she said.

More information about the anti-FIPA campaign is available at fipa-facts.ca.

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EDUCATION

Funding challenge puts youth programs in jeopardy

School environment transformed through mentoring work

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In the age of prominent teen sexuality, cyber-bullying and suicide, Salt Spring has been fortunate as a community.

The fact that we don't have a Reh-taeh Parsons or an Amanda Todd is perhaps in some ways a matter of luck. But to a large degree, it's the product of the innovative education Gulf Islands teens access through the school district's partnership with SWOVA, a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a healthy society by working with youth.

"I don't think that's happening magically," said Lynda Laushway, SWOVA's executive director.

"We're not that different from other small communities in Canada. If you invest in youth, it comes back tenfold, and that's what we're doing. We're investing in youth."

Though its official name is Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse Community Development and Research Society, the organization has a particular angle on working to transform the culture of violence. As its new slogan proclaims, its work "empowers youth for a better tomorrow."

Laushway said part of what SWOVA's programming does is allow young people to discover their better



PHOTO BY MEGAN MANNING

Youth enjoy a session in SWOVA's Pass it On mentorship program.

sides — developing empathy and the awareness that what they do can actually harm other people. With the increased prevalence of technology in student life, that education has become more important than ever before.

"Now with social media, you can be harassed relentlessly. There is no escape from it, and it doesn't go away — anything that's put out there is there forever," Laushway noted.

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"We have to recognize that and give kids the tools to prevent it."

Laushway notes that whenever a tragic event

happens, such as the suicide deaths of both Parsons and Todd, people call for more education. As a group that has been active for 21 years and is now starting its 14th year in partnership with the school district, SWOVA provides exactly the type of consistent programming that helps

transform personal dynamics, and through them, the entire social fabric.

While there has been no funding to gather longitudinal data, Laushway said anecdotal evidence seems to support a positive change in conjunction with SWOVA's work. Gulf Islands Secondary was once known to have a couple of fights break out every week — now it's unlikely to see that number in an entire school year. Reports of bullying in the district are also extremely low.

The high school's accepting environment is something new students notice right away when moving to the district. Cole Smith, a student facilitator with SWOVA's Pass It On program, reported his personal experience of that outcome at the school board's June 2013 meeting.

"At my old school, there was a lot of violence that went unnoticed or unreported. There was no way to vocalize the issues," he said.

"When I first joined the SWOVA youth team, it was amazing how quickly I was able to open up to everyone. And as soon as I started working with the SIMS students, I saw how important it was to have in the curriculum."

The flagship of SWOVA's programs is Respectful Relationships, an offering that has been adopted by other school districts in B.C. and Canada. The program has trained adult facilitators — one male and one female — lead 12 workshops each year, in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Because the course work builds on the previous skills learned, youth gain real social tools to guide them in their daily interactions.

The Pass it On program brings in trained high school-aged mentors to share knowledge about health and safety with circles of middle school girls. A new program called Peace Kids will centre on a younger demographic, building conflict-resolution skills in grades 4 and 5.

SD64 has embraced SWOVA programming and supports it with some funding, but it doesn't have enough to cover much of the costs. The organization relies on an ever-shifting circle of donors in a yearly struggle to support its programs.

Though fortunate to be one of a handful of groups to receive funding from the Canadian Women's Federation over the next four years to provide healthy relationship training for youth, SWOVA is still facing a \$30,000 deficit for 2013-14.

"It's a different way of delivering education and there are costs with that — so far there hasn't been a provincial body that wants to take up those costs," Laushway said. "There's no sustainable funding for this kind of work."

Finding significant long-term community sponsors will be critical if SWOVA is to continue its work — and that should be of importance to everyone.

Stories focusing on SWOVA's specific programs will be featured in upcoming issues of the Driftwood.

NEWS BRIEFS

Male models OK too

Further to last week's Driftwood letter from Dr. Shane Barclay about the need for female models for an emergency medicine ultrasound course in October, it turns out that male models are also welcome to participate.

Men or women aged 18 to 45 should call Barclay

at 250-537-1828 to register for the Oct. 19-20 event or to get more information. Female models are needed for the end of the day for the abdominal gynecological part of the course.

People need only attend for one of the two days mentioned, and shouldn't need to be tied up all day.

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Seniors centre book club

A new book club at Salt Spring Seniors is seeking interested potential members.

Rita Sagness has offered to coordinate the group, with the time, day of the week and type of book club to be determined by its eventual members.

People should call Sagness

at 250-538-0101 or leave a message for her at the seniors centre at 250-537-4604.

Library gets wood award

Salt Spring's new library, which opened to the public last December, has won a Community Recognition Award from Wood WORKS! BC.

Announced at the Union

of B.C. Municipalities convention in Vancouver on Sept. 18, the awards are given each year "to local governments that have been exemplary advocates for wood."

As a press release explains, "This may be demonstrated through the specification of wood in a community project and/or through visionary initiatives that work toward

building a community culture of wood."

The Capital Regional District, which was in charge of the library project, is the actual recipient of the award for the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities region of B.C. Four other projects throughout B.C. were also honoured by Wood WORKS! BC.

Salt Spring Islands Business Excellence Awards Nominations

Nominations for this year's Salt Spring Island Business Excellence Awards are now being accepted.

Forms can be picked up at: The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce office, Island Savings Credit Union or The Driftwood newspaper office. Or downloaded from website: www.saltspringchamber.com.

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TRANSPORTATION

Walker's Hook residents get bus service

Several routes also expanded

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People living in the Fort Street area can now hop on a bus to get into town, and they have their neighbours and fellow community members to thank for the opportunity.

Walker Hook Road was recommended for bus service under the medium-term goals of a service review BC Transit conducted in 2008-09. But it was a petition initiated by Wendy Hartnett that really got the wheels rolling.

"It's not perfect, but it's a start, and we're pretty happy with it," Hartnett said about the expansion.

Hartnett was driven to push for local service after a bus route was put along Fernwood and Malview roads but routed back to North End Road, leaving Walker's Hook out of the loop.

She was even more motivated after the area was piloted for the Car Stop program, feeling that in this particular neighbourhood, encouraging hitchhiking would be part of the problem instead of the solution.

"When I saw the car stop signs, I thought, 'Oh

my gosh, we'll never get a bus,'" Hartnett said.

"The bus needs to service the people of the island and Walker's Hook needs that service, because we have a lot of lower income people living here, and families," she added.

"I just don't feel like it's safe for teenagers to stand on the end of Walker's Hook and hitchhike."

Learning that Fernwood Road residents had submitted a petition in their earlier quest for service, Hartnett put her own plan into action with both paper and online options. She delivered the results in a delegation to the Salt

Spring Island Transportation Commission in 2012.

John Wakefield, who chairs SSITC, said the commissioners had endorsed Walker Hook for service in principle in 2011, but that it was helpful to have local input for its implementation.

"Having community involvement in these decisions is critical. We need to know there's need," Wakefield said.

"If you look at the population base out there, the numbers are there. We're hoping that will translate to riders and we can build on that success."

The expansion brings service to Walker Hook

Road and Starke Road three times daily via the Salt Spring Connector and Fernwood Road buses. Robinson Road does not have bus service and the Car Stop program will remain in place as it was.

Other routes approved for transit expansion this September include year-round service for mid-day and late afternoon runs on the Fernwood Road bus, and the extension of the Vesuvius route to include a loop along Chuan Drive and Elizabeth Drive.

Complete schedules can be found on the rider's guide at <http://busonline.ca/regions/ssi>.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Campaign celebrates island's past

Support sought for historic plaque project

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring woman has embarked on a mission to bring the island's history to life for residents and visitors.

"I don't think there's any finer gift to give our children and to give ourselves than the sense of history that exists on our island," Susan Wetmore told members of the Parks and Recreation Commission on Monday evening.

Wetmore attended the Sept. 23 meeting to get support for her plan to install a series of historical plaques and sculptures across the island. Permission from commission members is required to have any of the features installed on PARC property.

Wetmore has spoken with local artists and travelled to communi-

ties across Vancouver Island for a sense of what could happen on Salt Spring. Acknowledging the island's diverse heritage, she said, could add another layer to Salt Spring's reputation as a desirable destination.

"I have yet to meet anyone who isn't supportive. To me it's a motherhood project," she said. "It will fit nicely with the accommodation sector, work during the off season and support businesses."

She's working closely with volunteers from the Salt Spring Island Historical Society to determine where and what aspects of the island's history to highlight.

A Heritage BC campaign to commemorate nautical history that culminates in February 2014, she added, offers an opportunity to narrow the scope and launch the project.

Fernwood Dock, Beddis Beach and Centennial Park are being considered as potential sites for the plaques.

"There's just so many different things that can be done with a nautical theme," she said.

"This is an island and we are surrounded by water. What a great way to start."

Cost estimates for the first round of work, she said, are up to \$15,000. Further aspects of the island's history could be taken on in years to come.

Commissioners agreed to support the idea in principle but appeared uneasy with the February deadline and the proposal's complexity.

"The concept is great, but the devil is in the details," said Wayne McIntyre, Salt Spring's Capital Regional District director.

Commissioner Dan Clements questioned if the proposal matched the commission's mandate.

"From my point of view, it is not recreational," he said.

More information about the project is available from Wetmore at 250-537-9490.

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THOUGHTS & NEWS

from Dr. Richard Hayden

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Village events, spent two nights in Montreal as a guest of BTAC. He accessed trade show events and networked with industry insiders as well as accepting the award.

Island Pathways chair Brenda Guiled, another long-time cycling advocate, said being recognized by the national association is a huge honour — especially as the award came on the eve of the Salt

Spring organization's 25th anniversary this fall.

"What a gift to all islanders who've contributed for so many years to plans and slow-but-growing progress toward better, safer cycling and walking opportunities on the island," she said.

"Velo Village 2012 catalyzed the nomination and win, in large part due to John Rowlandson's masterminding and maestro-ing. Island Pathways was ripe and ready

... to dance John's vision into being.

"That amazing weekend, showing off Salt Spring and Island Pathways at our cycling best, continues to inspire near and far, which this award proves."

Rowlandson thanked BTAC, Island Pathways' members and board, local political leaders, SRAM, Fort St. Cycle (for helmets at cost) and local businesses Outspokin Bike Shop and Fulford Spokespeople in his acceptance speech.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

John Rowlandson, front centre, and a group of Velo Village supporters prepare for an Earth Day ride from Fulford to Ganges in 2012.

ISLAND BUSINESS

Island business ventures need community support

Chamber of Commerce introduces directors

BY LI READ

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT

As the current president I am also the managing broker at Sea to Sky Premier Properties. I proactively seek the best for the Chamber of Commerce membership, appreciating the enthusiasm and commitment of the newly organized board committees which have the mandate to operate the chamber effectively and to address member needs and initiatives.

Creating connections between the construction trades and tourism businesses and the arts community and the wellness providers and the education and financial sectors and retailers and restaurateurs and the tech inventors and the farming community.

You get the drift. We are in this together!

Your Board:

There are both new and familiar faces on the current board. All are enthusiastically working on behalf of island business interests.

Marnie McCaughtrie, manager of Mouat's Clothing, is a board vice president and sits on the Communications/Strategic Planning Committee. Marnie brings her retail management and marketing experience to the board table.

Fred Lizotte, accountant at McLean Lizotte Wheadon and Company, is the chair of the Finance Committee. Fred is also a board vice president.

Peter Vincent, an accomplished writer with articles in local publications, is chair of the Membership Committee with a keen interest in the chamber's evolving website. Peter is the owner of North End Fitness with an appreciation of the stresses and triumphs of small business ownership.

Linda Bradford, a B&B provid-

er with extensive experience in the provision of community services. Linda sits on the Membership Committee and is working with Peter to identify and develop member benefit packages as well as specific local B&B advantages for chamber members.

Ken Byron of Ken Byron Excavating has a strong interest in the on-going issue of industrial zoning and sits on a Trust advisory committee. His agricultural background is an additional asset as a board participant and chamber member. Ken is a member at large.

Matt Steffich of Steffich Fine Art chairs the Art Committee and is the board past president. Matt is an enthusiastic supporter of many small businesses and recognizes that the artistic opportunities on Salt Spring Island are an integral thread in the fabric of the island life style.

Kate Fischer of McKimm and Lott brings her legal training and expertise to the board. Kate chairs the Communications/Strate-

gic Planning Committee, which will explore a vision path for the future.

Genevieve Price, an accomplished board member, offers events planning and production expertise, having chaired several recent chamber sponsored events. Gen sits on the Health and Wellness Committee. Her business interests include Purely Salt Spring and The Fishbowl.

Fraser Nixon, with Salt Spring Air, sits on the Membership Committee and would like to connect with new business owners. He has an interest in communicating the role and benefits of chamber membership.

Murray Nurse, Visitors Information Centre Steering Committee, is the formal link between the board and the VIC. He is the secretary to the board executive committee, bringing communications and strategic planning experience to the board.

Mike Best, Alders Plantation, is currently the treasurer and assisted the board through a financial

review. Mike's input on behalf of the chamber is valued.

Bryce Chapman is a member at large. His willingness to step into committee work, bringing his corporate/development experience on an as-needed basis is appreciated.

John Cade, realtor with Pemberton Holmes, is the newest addition to the chamber board. John has 14 years previous experience on the board, including a time as president. His interest is small business and with his experience and enthusiasm will assist in developing a strong business profile for Salt Spring Island.

In closing, it is important as we begin the recovery in our island economy that we work together for a better and brighter business future. Salt Spring Island is an energizing beautiful place to call home. It is also a place of individuality and creative endeavour that makes this place unique. It is within this environment that we have the opportunities to do creative bridge building.

First Nations reject cairn removal plan

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needed to proceed with construction, although decisions regarding a building permit depend on local government authorities.

"There is no appeal process although many conversations were held with both the proponent and First Nations before the decision to grant the amendment was made," Clarke said.

Hinkley called the consultation process "silly," especially in light of the province's request to have the remains moved to a more remote location.

"How much more remote can you get than Grace Islet?" Hinkley said.

First Nations included in the consultation process believe moving any human remains to another location is inappropriate and unacceptable.

"We're still looking at the decision by the province and trying to determine what our next steps will be," Hinkley said.

"We're still looking at the decision by the province and trying to determine what our next steps will be."

DIANE HINKLEY

Spokesperson, Cowichan Tribes

During a public meeting at the Salt Spring Public Library in May, Hinkley suggested that a sit-in to prevent any development on the islet is only "a

phone call away."

According to Chris Arnett, a Salt Spring-based research anthropologist, Grace Islet represents the last fully intact remnant of Shiyahwt Village, a First Nations' community that once occupied the area in and around the Ganges core.

"It's the burial place of this ancient settlement," Arnett said. "We know there was a village there."

Arnett said historical evidence points to the possibility that up to 10 members of the Haisla First Nations were buried on the islet following the Battle of Ganges in 1860.

The islet represents the breadth of research awaiting to be conducted on Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands in general, he added.

"There's been very little archeology done on Salt Spring, which is amazing."



PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING REFERENDUM RELATING TO THE NEW EMERGENCY CENTRE PROJECT

DATE: SEPTEMBER, 30 / 2013
LOCATION: GANGES FIRE STATION
TIME: 7:00PM

ISLANDS TRUST

Mining claims to stay active

Province rejects Islands Trust request

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Prospectors may still stake mineral claims within the Islands Trust area based on the provincial gold commissioner's rejection of a Trust Council request to ban the practice. Trust Council members had asked the province to create a mineral reserve under the provincial Mineral Tenure Act to prevent individuals from staking claims in the region.

The Islands Trust Council sought to create the reserve after learning that approximately 20 mineral claims for subsurface rights had been filled on nearly 4,200 acres of private land on

North and South Pender islands.

"People living on small residential lots and active farms have contacted the Islands Trust asking for help, as the activity of two free miners on the Penders have left them feeling threatened and vulnerable," wrote Trust Council chair Sheila Malcolmson in a letter to former Minister of Energy Rich Coleman in January.

According to May Mah-Paulson, creation of a reserve would not affect existing claims. She said acquisition of subsurface rights is only the first step in a lengthy process to open a mine on the property, which requires a permit under the Mines Act.

The Mineral Tenure Act, she added, contains several avenues to address concerns that may arise between claim holders and private property owners.

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EDITORIAL

Yesterday's lessons

We are a society focused on the future.

We depend on project timelines. We rely on economic forecasts. We relish seasonal fashion trends. We work to deadlines.

When things don't go our way, we rely on the standard clichés.

Tomorrow never dies. Tomorrow's another day. Life goes on.

Given that our lives all point in the same temporal direction, the fascination with what's to come isn't much of a shocker. The unfortunate casualty of this forward-focused mania, however, is the lack of thought given to our past.

Earlier this month, anthropologist Chris Arnett launched the Salt Spring Historical Society's new season with a talk about the history of Ganges, formerly known as Shiyahwt.

THE ISSUE:

Island history

WE SAY:

Historical walk good idea

Despite vivid accounts of 1860's Battle of Ganges, recollections of the interactions between First Nations and early settlers, descriptions of the island's vital role within the regional economy, what stood out is how

little we know about what came before.

On Sept. 17, the province approved a heritage alteration permit to allow construction of a house on Grace Islet, a provincially catalogued First Nations' burial site. The decision has struck a false note among islanders who feel it symbolizes the intellectual and cultural disconnect between the present and the past.

News about Grace Islet happens to coincide with an island resident's proposal to erect plaques and sculptures that commemorate our island's past. Working in conjunction with the Historical Society and other community groups, Susan Wetmore aspires to have the first set of three installations up by next spring.

The project couldn't come at a better time since the longer we move ahead without a clear vision of our shared history, the more likely we are to meet land-use decisions that destroy the past and diminish our sense of place.

It may be too late to prevent development on Grace Islet, but there's always an opportunity to learn from our mistakes and plan for a better tomorrow.



VIEWPOINT by Wayne Tepper

Let's get off the one-way track

The fire trustees led by Michael Schubart are on a one-way track, on a \$6.25-million train, hell bent on building an 18,300-square-foot fire hall, plus a 1,500-square-foot overhang that they say is not part of the building — right!

Basically they are planning to build a 19,800-square-foot fire hall. Many of us on our island have implored them to go smaller. Why go from 5,000 square feet to 18,300 square feet, but no, they went bigger. Although many islanders have voiced their concerns about the scope of this fire hall, what it contains internally, what it will be constructed with, who will be sharing this space and why these entities must be located in such a grand structure, the trustees have pushed the throttle forward to full speed ahead without a thought to taking a step back and considering an alternative.

Without a municipal council to act as a fiscally responsible body to help put perspective and fiscal controls on this project, the fire trustees have full rein on their actions. Nobody can alter this one-way track. The fire trustees are deaf to an alternative.

It is up to our island community to ultimately give sanction to this fire hall. We, as a community, are the only governing body capable of changing the direction of this full-throttled, one-track project. A referendum will ask for \$6.25 million to build this fire hall in October.

The fire trustees feel that they can reduce the cost from \$6.25 million to \$5 million by selling the downtown fire hall plus using their surplus from previous annual budgets to reduce the cost to \$5 million . . . that remains to be seen. I believe this \$1.25-million reduction is logical in the long term, but if the cost of the fire hall was instead \$3 or \$4 million, and we can reduce the cost by \$1.25

million as proposed, we would only have to borrow \$1.75 to \$2.75 million, not \$5 million.

Does our island community want, or more importantly need, an 18,300-plus-square-foot fire hall? Do we need to move from our 5,000-square-foot fire hall to an 18,300-plus-square-foot structure? Granted, our present fire hall must be replaced but . . . 18,300-plus square feet? What internal components are really necessary? Not wanted but needed.

Our fire department has evolved from a mostly volunteer department with a minimum budget to a fire department with a \$2.3 million present budget and climbing. There are plans to increase the fire department personnel by two additional union firefighters in the near future. Is this really necessary?

The impact of our present fire department budget on our homes' yearly tax statement is already pretty formidable; the impact to our business community is enormous. Businesses cannot absorb our present budget let alone the increase that an 18,300-square-foot fire hall and two additional firefighters will do to this line item. We cannot afford to lose any other commercial businesses or any more of our young families!

We have many other island expenses coming up: water treatment, lake water quality, liquid waste treatment and transportation commission increases, for example. It is time to show logical fiscal restraint. What do we need, not want? We are not Fantasy Island, this is Salt Spring Island.

The writer is a Vesuvius resident.

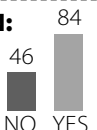
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Have you filled out the new governance survey? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should liquor be sold in grocery stores?



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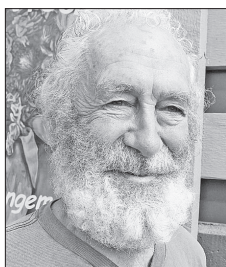
QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Democracy in Canada is hanging by a thread."

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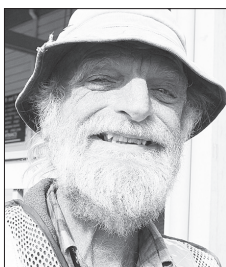
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We asked:

How would you use a vacant downtown fire hall site?



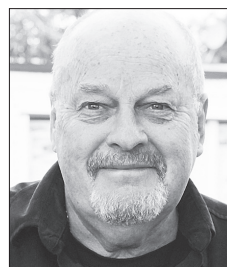
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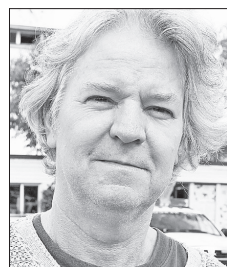
REG AAFINK
I would like to see a farmers' market and small retail spaces for vendors' tables.



KRISTA COLOSIMO
I'm always a fan of making spaces that incorporate more art and youth facilities into the community.



PAUL REPATH
I'd like to see the market extended; an indoor market would be awesome.



ADRIAN DU PLESSIS
I'd like to keep the clock tower and make something that creates a communal space for people to celebrate the joy and beauty of the community, like an outdoor skating rink.

Letters to the editor

Dollar a week protection

On Monday, Sept. 16, I watched extensive television coverage of the natural disasters associated with flooding both in Mexico and in Colorado. And, of course, that coverage brought the recent flooding in southern Alberta back to mind.

I next went off to that evening's fire board meeting where our elected trustees took the next steps necessary for holding a referendum on funding a new fire hall/emergency operations centre.

There's been a great deal of "sound and fury" about that hall. But, as currently

designed and for about a dollar a week for the average home owner, a building that will meet Salt Spring's needs for the next 50 years seems like the biggest bargain in town. With such a hall, we would be as prepared as we could be for any emergency, be it fire, flood or earthquake.

The plans have now been finalized, and a cost of \$5,000,000 to the community established. The use of the project manager system will maximize the amount of construction work done by the local trades. Also, efforts are now under way to find a community appropriate initiative (no McDonald's!) to occupy the space in Ganges the fire depart-

ment will be leaving. All this makes it clear that our local fire board has done all that it could to develop a project that meets a wide range of community needs at a cost the community can afford to pay.

I could go on at length but I won't. Rather, and in the tradition of full disclosure, I will close by confessing to a bias. For a number of years I periodically had to call upon our fire department to provide first responder assistance to my late wife. They were always here for us as they will be for you should you need their assistance. No "ifs, ands, buts or maybe" on their part, so let's have none on ours.

For about a dollar a week

to the average home owner, let's build the emergency operations centre Salt Spring needs so badly.

STAN SHAPIRO,
FULFORD

Bad deal for Canada

The following letter was sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and filed with the Driftwood for publication:

Last evening Elizabeth May was at a town hall meeting here on Salt Spring Island. Elizabeth is our Member of Parliament. I was just so upset to hear about this proposed deal between Canada and China — the FIPA.

I understand you have

not yet ratified this deal — thankfully. I do not understand how you see this deal would be good for Canada. Many of the business people who deal directly with China say this deal will not help them. Only China will benefit. Even if we want out, the rules of this deal will last for 31 years. Why on earth would you propose to bind us into a contract that will not benefit Canada in any way?

China views us as a place to get resources — not as a trading partner as we have with the U.S. The FIPA deal with China will allow Chinese corporations/government to decide what we can and cannot do. If it became clear that something was going very wrong with the

methods of extraction or shipment used by China — for example, their methods were poisoning our soil, water, air, and we wanted to change that to keep Canadians safe, they could sue us for reducing their profits — and for 31 years, we would have to not only endure their faulty practices, but pay for them as well.

This is not good for Canada. It is not a free-trade deal where in principle, both parties could benefit. We will lose. Please do not ratify it.

Thank you for your re-consideration of this deal.

KISHORI HUTCHINGS,
MAIN STREET

MORE LETTERS continued on 8

Let's create a postal service just for islanders

What exactly are the people who make up the brain trust at Canada Post thinking? As of September 16, all Salt Spring mail (even letters and parcels addressed to homes and businesses right here on the rock) will be redirected to a mail sorting plant in Vancouver.

If this isn't enough to make you "go postal", you have probably given up caring about anything and are busy making clay ash trays in a shelter workshop.

Okay, I'll admit that I'm a bit of an old fuddle-duddle who tends to resist change. I didn't like it when, back in the '80s, the geniuses who ran Canada Post decided to replace those antiquated but friendly green metal mail boxes with the impersonal "silver beauties" that were sunk in concrete slabs. I resisted when they trashed the old rural route numbers and replaced them with actual street addresses. I also balked at the thought of no longer being able to write Fulford Harbour as my return address and being refused the use of V0S 1C0 as the postal code for all south enders.

Call me sentimental, but I still like to lick my stamps (especially back when a stamp cost only six cents and would whisk my letter from Salt Spring all the way across this great land to Come By Chance, Newfoundland).

It's not that I'm against progress just for the sake of it; I just have a hard time believing the communications officer for Canada Post, Tom Creech, when he assures the public that there will be no change in the time it takes mail for to be delivered, even though all mail originating on Salt Spring will be first sent off to a

Vancouver processing plant to be sorted.

Unless the posties have suddenly discovered the secret to time travel, or they've outfitted the delivery trucks with Star Trek's "warp speed" dilithium crystals, it is extremely easy to remain skeptical about these guarantees stemming from our postal spokespeople. In other words, it might not be such a bad idea to get your Christmas cards in the mail early (say by noon tomorrow) if you want to make sure they arrive before the new year.

I'm sorry, but you can't convince me that the service will be as good if all our mail gets sent off to Vancouver to be sorted. I know, I know, I too have spent intolerable periods of time standing in line at the Ganges P.O. waiting to buy a single stamp while the queue ahead of me seems to be backing up instead of moving forward.

At the same time, though, I have had mail delivered to my box with only my first name and "Salt Spring Island" scribbled on the envelope. No road name, no street number, and no postal code. What are the chances of that happening on a Canada Post mail processing line in the big city?

Would it be that much of a surprise to learn that some islander actually received a letter with only "to the brother driving a blue pick-up truck with the one-eyed Jack Russell in the passenger seat" written on the front of



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

the envelope? (Okay, I made that up, but on Salt Spring this could be possible.)

There's more to this "outsourcing" of Salt Spring mail than meets the eye. The irony is that a few years ago Canada Post spent oodles of taxpayer money to build giant, high-tech sorting facilities in its major centres so it could better compete with the other courier and delivery companies that had sprung up and were giving our national mail service a good run for the money.

This turned out to be very bad timing as mail volume all over the globe was taking a beating due to the rise of electronic communication. In a world now exploding with new technologies like email, cell phone texting, Twitter and Facebook, Canada Post had decided to invest all its shekels in the communications equivalent of Betamax.

No wonder Canada Post is claiming that the new system will be more efficient. By needlessly diverting local mail from less populated regions to the large mail processing plants like the one in Vancouver, it will seem that the volume of mail has increased and therefore the funding used to create these "mega sorting stations" was well spent.

Not so fast, Canada Post. We're on to your double talk. Okay, let's make a deal. We'll let you sort ours if you allow us to sort yours. You heard me right; we'll send our Salt Spring mail to your super processing plant in Vancouver,

and in return you have to send all Vancouver mail over to our island. It's only fair.

What's that? You say we don't have the facility or infrastructure to handle that kind of a load. No problem. Build us one. If you could spend all that dough on Vancouver, you can do the same for us. We'll even tie-dye the building for absolutely no extra cost, just to show our good will.

Nobody asked me, but somebody should tell Canada Post that they can't possibly deliver on their guarantee that it will be business as usual and there will be no change in service. The rerouting of local mail to Vancouver is like trying to cram a big, fat envelope into a very narrow mail slot. Something is going to get damaged, and in this case it's probably going to be the public's trust and confidence.

Or maybe some enterprising islander will create an alternative postal plan so we can continue to enjoy our "on-island" delivery system: a letter mailed this morning will be delivered this afternoon (what a novel idea!). We could even create our own postage stamp (lamb in gumboots?) and every piece of island mail could be postmarked with a TJ Beans coffee stain.

Memo to Canada Post: Salt Spring Island is a community made up of individuals who like to think things through for themselves. We tend to resist any "assembly line" mentality that would like to spew us out of the machine like we were identical widgets. Maybe you need some time to sort through that concept.

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Burch and Byron family gratitude

Words seem inadequate to express our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to all our friends, family, neighbours and the community for your overwhelming outpouring of love and support.

The tremendous generosity shown from all of you is absolutely humbling. Your gifts of meals, sandwiches and sweets were wonderful

symbols of your friendship and meant so much to us. The beautiful flower arrangements added a bit of brightness to our days, making them more bearable. Your visits that began each day at 9 a.m. and continued throughout each day gave us strength as we shared the loss of our friend together.

The cards, full of your kind and loving messages, help make it easier to get up each morning to face another day.

A heartfelt thank you to all the professionals who provided services and donations

and helped plan the service: Pat and James of Hayward's Funeral Service, Liz Anderson for conducting the service, Michelle Severn and the Community Gospel Church, Barry and the Farmers' Institute for stalling the Fall Fair organizing to allow us to use the facility, Charlotte and Mike at Thrifty Foods for the flower arrangements and donations, the Waldes of Fresh Coast Catering, Paul and Country Grocer, Mike and Colleen of Sidney Bakery for the wonderful desserts, Duncan White Spot

for hosting a fundraiser, and Hans Stoffelsma and family of Arbutus Grove Nursery for donating seedlings to be planted in memory of Ryan. We are so very fortunate to call Salt Spring home and to be surrounded by such a caring community.

Ryan was lucky enough to be part of two communities — the one we lived in and the one he worked in. We would also like to thank Mount Sicker and the logging community, the Cowichan Valley Minor Hockey Association and all our friends in

the Cowichan Valley for your kindnesses and sympathy; there are no words that could express the depth of our gratitude.

Ryan was a wonderful husband and father and we are grateful for the time we had with him. He will always be with us in loving memories. Thank you so very much for your expressions of love and sympathy.

CHELSEA, ISAAC, GARRETT, MACKENZIE AND HEIDI BURCH, AND THE BYRON FAMILY,
SALT SPRING

Flag thefts present ironic symbolism

It was not so long ago that gay, lesbian and transgendered people hid their identities and some even felt shame about who they are.

That situation has

changed in a big way, as seen at the Pride parade and festivities two weeks ago where over a thousand spectators cheered for the people proudly on parade. I served as a "vibe watcher" who strolled along the parade route alert for any sign of negative vibes or hostility that could be assuaged. I observed nothing but positive vibes

throughout the Ganges village core. The whole event was a joyful celebration of difference.

Afterwards, somebody stole the brightly coloured flags late at night. What a feeble gesture.

Had it not been for the front page story in the Driftwood, most of us would have presumed the organizers themselves took

down the flags for use next year.

There is ironic symbolism in this deed. Now those few remaining purveyors of hatred are the ones who are ashamed and want to hide their backward views from judgement while committing a crime in the dark of night.

DOUG WAHLSTEN,
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Again, thank you for your support!

Wilderness protection a complex task

BY GEORGE SIPOS

A lawyer, a philosopher, a poet and a lichenologist walk into Wells Gray Park and the flora and fauna say, "What is this, some kind of joke?"

Well, that's not quite right. Let me start again:

Fifty scientists, naturalists, environmental activists, philosophers, writers of various stripes, a first nations elder, at least one member of the Order of Canada and yes, Canada's most renowned lichenologist gathered during the first week of September in the Upper Clearwater Valley north of Kamloops to consider . . . well, I guess you could say to consider the nature of the bad joke that human kind is perpetrating on the living biosphere of the planet.

The immediate impetus for the unusual meeting, called Speak to the Wild, was the urgent need to protect the habitat of mountain caribou threatened by proposed logging on the periphery of Wells Gray Park.

The convener of the meeting, lichenologist Trevor Goward, who lives in the valley, believes that a simply scientific, or simply political, or simply activist approach is inadequate.

If an appeal on behalf of the caribou is to be made, he believes, it needs to be founded on a much broader and

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deeper understanding of the meaning and value of "wilderness," one informed by metaphor, by philosophical insight, by aboriginal teachings, and by the observational generosity of old-fashioned natural science, as well as by such hard sciences as wildlife biology, atmospheric chemistry and so on.

Hence the participation in Speak to the Wild of such people as philosopher Jan Zwicky, naturalists Syd and Dick Cannings, ethonobotanist Nancy Turner, Saskatchewan grasslands activist Trevor Herriot, cultural historian Robert Bringham, former Canadian poet laureate John Steffler, environmental law professor Mark Haddock, and a goodish number of others equally renowned and equally diverse.

The four days of discussion and debate, interspersed with forays into the mountains and river valleys of the park, moved well beyond the specific problems of the caribou (whose numbers have declined from 900 a few decades ago and stand at 95 today) to discussion of the larger problems of the biosphere.

The very idea of wilderness is now most often equated with designated parkland reserves rather than meaning

the interconnected ecologies of the entire planet.

Rightly understood, people's relationship to wilderness really means their relationship to themselves as biological organisms within the environment of a living world.

Wrongly understood, of course, wilderness becomes simply something alien to be cut down, dug up, soiled and brutalized in the many ways we have unfortunately become accustomed to.

What practical steps the meeting will lead to remains to be seen.

The way forward, the meeting agreed, is to encourage a public understanding of the concept of wilderness not as a location for resource extraction or for periodic recreation, but as the very condition of biological sustainability not only of the so-called "natural world" but ourselves as well. Both the premise and consensus of the meeting was that such an understanding needs the collective insights not only of science but also of art, activism and ancient teachings.

I was honoured to have been invited to Speak to the Wild as one of the poets, though rather awed by the calibre and commitment of the company. Nevertheless, the experience felt and was both urgent and exciting.

What practical steps the meeting will lead to remains to be seen. There is a move, already initiated by the David Suzuki Foundation, to bring Canada in line with over 100 countries who have included a right to a clean environment in their constitutions, and Speak to the Wild will doubtless join in that and similar campaigns.

More importantly, however, the group wants to catalyze similar conversations about the meaning of wilderness across Canada. How that will happen is unclear for the moment, but it's heartening to know that the effort is seen as relying on an indispensable symbiosis among poets, scientists, philosophers, first nations, and yes indeed, lawyers and lichenologists too.

One way or another we need to work together to avoid the punch line of the sad joke our recent history vis a vis wilderness has tended to become.

The writer is an author and the executive director of ArtSpring.

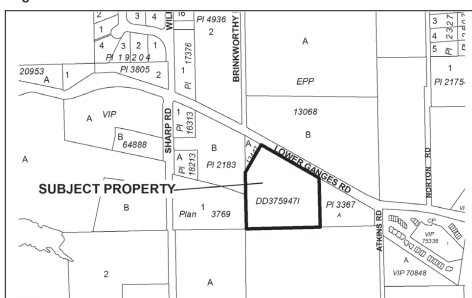


Islands Trust

NOTICE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT SS-TUP-2013.1

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider a Resolution to issue a Temporary Commercial Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the *Local Government Act* for Parcel A (DD 3759471) of Section 4, Range 2 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District (500 Lower Ganges Road). The purpose of the Permit is to allow the use of offices on the subject property for the purpose of accommodating local government services.

The location of the property subject to the proposed Permit is shown on the following sketch:



The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will consider the proposed Permit on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 9:30 AM, at the Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Ganges. (Please refer to the posted agenda available on the Islands Trust Website at the beginning of that week for an indication of where this application is to be placed on the agenda.)

Copies of the proposed permit, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing Tuesday, September 3, 2013 and continuing up to and including 4:30 PM on Wednesday, October 2, 2013. Enquiries or written submissions concerning the proposed permit may be directed to the Islands Trust at:

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All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review. However, those persons who choose to make written submissions by email prior to the time and date above provided ought to require confirmation of receipt of their email and, in any event, the risk that an email is not received lies with the sender.

Pauline Brazier,
Deputy Secretary

Looking both ways before we proceed



John
Tylee

ECONOMIC EXPLORATIONS

The ancients decided that a year ended when nights became longest, and a new one began when nights began to shorten. Once people were assured the nights were getting shorter again, they began planning for the new year, based on their achievements during the last. And they named the first part of the new year after Janus, the god who looks both ways.

In modern times, in the northern hemisphere at least, preparing for a new year begins around September. We still enjoy the ancients' tradition of festivities at the time of longest nights, and a few of us make resolutions in January. But the hard work of assessing the past, and of planning for the future, happens once summer is over and the kids are back in school.

This is especially the case on Salt Spring. Three of our most important economic sectors — agriculture, construction and tourism — are dependent on a

good summer to provide funds for the rest of the year. Tourist season is not yet over, and not everything has been harvested. But so far, from many accounts, this summer has been far better than the last. And while economists like to think in terms of economic recovery, more down-to-earth folk credit our current good fortune to some extraordinary stretches of excellent weather.

In making changes in public policy, timing is everything. Looking back a decade, we've had a period of several years when the economy was so strong that people worried that the island's "preserve and pro-

tect" ethos was being undermined. Then, the height of the great recession was a period when, like the ancients, we were all concerned that sunny economic times might never return.

Today, both these fears are largely dormant, which makes now an excellent time for the community to discuss and embrace innovations that will improve its resilience, no matter what the future brings.

There'll be plenty to consider. The Governance Study Committee reports in November. The Islands Trust is looking at a new planning process aimed at revitalizing Ganges and at a consultant's report on industrial land with recommendations that could simplify land use and development changes for businesses.

The CRD is developing more transit and an economic development strategy. It's also working to find ways to accommodate and enhance the success

of the Saturday market while reducing its negative impacts. The Bullock Lake development will evolve, and maybe there'll be action on the Ganges boardwalk. Advancing public policy in each of these areas depends on community consensus and support.

The glow and sense of well-being from a glorious and profitable summer will not last. After November, public policy will take a back seat to festivities during the longest nights. Then, during the month of Janus and beyond, some will be seeking their shorter nights elsewhere. Then it'll be time to prepare for next season's money making.

So let's work hard together while we have the opportunity.

The writer chairs the Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission, although the views expressed in his column are his own. Contact him at ssicedc@gmail.com.

These groups merely run their requisite legal notices and the location of their petitions for feedback in a thinning local print media newspaper that now competes for attention over a world-wide web of information and intrigue. Surely in this day and age, groups should be required to send notification of tax-related issues directly to local property owners by mail or email with petitions conveniently placed online if they really want our feedback.

We just financed an unusually high budgeted \$7,000,000 library through federal, provincial and local taxation, we are about to snowball into a \$6,250,000 referendum for a new fire hall without knowing the pros and cons, and our newest, most reasonably priced service, our transportation group, is upping their ante from \$85,000 to \$245,000 in one fell swoop! Again, using simple procedural notification via this newspaper it is all on the up and up.

If we continue to allow only the well-

informed minority of supporters of all these groups to vote approval for their mega-projects, our governance study will surely fail on the financial realities alone and all recourse to retain taxpayer control over our expenditures will be lost. These improvement districts have unusual powers to vote themselves huge budget increases with barely, if any, direct notice to property owners and unlike a town council we can't vote them out of their power positions. This is untenable.

Before we go ahead with any more mega projects I think we should, despite our fatigue, prioritize the governance study and accept that we may be ready for a responsible municipal incorporation if only to regain some local fiscal control! Our property taxes increase like an ancient Chinese water torture that we are slowly becoming comfortably numb to. Think!

PAUL MARCANO,
VESUVIUS

MORE LETTERS

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With nary a peep, alright!

The Sept. 18 Driftwood editorial said it all "with nary a peep . . . [we accept our] rising cost of living" as we bury our noses in our hand-held and tablet devices confident that we are becoming "globally aware," while locally we are not seeing what is happening right under our noses!

Disconnected from the madness, I pulled the plug on my radio and TV (and internet and tablet). And when I was left to my own resources, I couldn't really find anything quite so urgent as the subtle realization that all these little improvement district groups, currently on the tax requisition, are quietly following procedure and raising our taxes "with nary a peep."

RANTS and Roses

Rants

Rants to those who pick mushrooms on other people's property. Please ask yourself, would you steal apples from someone else's trees or take flowers from their gardens? This land, this forest, is our garden. We don't cultivate it — we watch over it, care for it and protect it. We have not preserved it just for you to come and take what you want. Please respect this place, calm your desires, and leave it untouched. D. Thompson

Roses

A big snuggly bunch of roses to Family Place for providing a quiet corner for nursing moms at the Fall Fair. It was well used.

What to do when a septic tank becomes elusive, a water main delivers water to the wrong place, the toilet won't stop running and a water heater needs replacing? You make sure you have five of the best men in town show up at your house at the right time, with all the right tools and an abundance of expertise. Huge thanks and hydroponic roses to Derek B., Todd M., Grant T., and Scott A. and his helper at Scott's Plumbing. When things come together with such perfection, water problems can feel like a trip to the Tivoli Fountain.

Rainbow-coloured sequined roses from Mamma Productions to the many people

and businesses who helped make Mamma Priscilla's Cagey Revue such an enjoyable entertainment while spreading the word of love and acceptance. We are thrilled to announce that we have donated the set to SIMS and made donations to PARC, StageCoach Theatre School, Active P.A.S.S. Theatre, and Search & Rescue, as well as funding a scholarship for a GISS theatre student on behalf of GLOSSI and ourselves. Thanks in particular to our employers for their patient acceptance of our distractedness and need for time off; ArtSpring for their generosity; the Driftwood, Marketplace and SS Exchange for getting the word out; GLOSSI for

financial support and encouragement; our wonderful, enthusiastic audiences; and most of all our friends and families for showing the resilience, support and importance of all kinds of families. Love is love.

Four dozen long-stemmed roses: I came out of Country Grocer around 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17 and saw these four people looking at my flat tire. They immediately jumped to action to help me. They changed the tire and then followed me to the garage to make sure I was safe. Thank you again for your help and kindness. Meriel Lee

Many red roses to Abe and Garret for their roadside assistance with the load of baseboards I would have lost off the top of my car. Gail Sharp

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JAZZ

Post-bop artist and trio hit ArtSpring

 Harold Mabern and
Cory Weeds Trio

 BY GEORGE SIPOS
ARTSPRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When classical musicians talk about the history of music they talk about form: polyphony, fugue, sonata form, 12-tone serialism, and all the rest of it.

Liken it to jazz musicians and you hear a list of names of legendary performers: Miles Davis, Art Tatum, Dizzy Gillespie, Oscar Peterson, and on and on.

Why is that?

Largely it's in the nature of jazz itself, a music based on improvisation, individual temperament and above all style as a subjective rather than rigorous discipline.

One of the names that features on the list of jazz legends, the great pianist Harold Mabern, visits ArtSpring on Monday, Sept. 30 for a 7:30 performance with Vancouver's Cory Weeds Trio.

Mabern, now 77, lived through the golden age of modern jazz. Born in Mem-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Memphis-born jazz pianist Harold Mabern teams up with the Vancouver-based Cory Weeds Trio for an exciting evening of post-bop jazz at ArtSpring this Monday.

phis, Tenn., he moved to New York in 1959 and landed in the middle of the important blossoming of post-war American jazz.

Between 1968 and 2012 he made 20 records as leader, and participated as sideman in an astonishing 78 additional recordings.

The Penguin Guide to Jazz describes Mabern as "one of the great post-bop artists."

If you're wondering what "post-bop" means, it is a term coined fairly

recently to refer to jazz from the mid-60s to the mid-70s and often associated with the name of Miles Davis.


Regardless of terminology and regardless of names and personalities, Mabern is an amazing artist. His piano technique is described as "aggressive, very positive ... warming up and down the keyboard with huge, whooping bursts of action."

Mabern has said his favourite instrument is "naturally the Steinway D, but if you can't get a

D, any Steinway." So he should be right at home on ArtSpring's excellent Steinway B.

Cory Weeds' trio from Vancouver is an excellent group of musicians to accompany Mabern. Weeds is a great saxophone player and, as owner of The Cellar Jazz Club, one of the key movers of the B.C. jazz scene.

Tickets for the Sept. 30 performance are available from the ArtSpring ticket centre at 250-537-2102 or online at www.tickets.artspring.ca.



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ROOTS MUSIC

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Cousins' album We Have Made a Spark won the Juno award for solo roots and traditional album of the year,

following three wins at the East Coast Music Awards for folk recording, solo recording and songwriter of the year — yet those are just a few of the numerous awards Cousins' music has commanded.

For the Southend Grooveyard concert, the Halifax-based performer will be joined by Scottish singer-songwriter Rachel Sermanni, whose Canadian tour will feature her debut album called Under Mountains.

Sermanni is only 21 years old, but has already opened for major performers such as Mumford and Sons, Elvis Costello and Ron Sexsmith.

Doors at the 128 Holmes Rd. venue open at 7 p.m., with music beginning at 7:30.

Tickets are available at Fever Tree, Stuff 'n' Nonsense and Salt Spring Books, or by contacting David Youngson at 250-526-1295 or southendgrooveyard@gmail.com.

PERFORMING ARTS

Creative work benefits all children

Community partners sought for Stagecoach

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring children are dusting off their improv skills and their death scene scenarios as another season of performing arts training gears up at Stagecoach Theatre School.

Now entering its 14th season, the non-profit organization provides a fun creative outlet for kids from kindergarten through middle school — and while sharing the results of that training on stage at the end of the year is an annual treat the entire community enjoys, there are even more impressive and far-reaching outcomes for participants.

Adina Hildebrandt, who believes passionately in the value of the arts, has been the artistic director at Stagecoach since 2010, sharing a united vision and workload with producer Maggie O'Scalleigh.

"Our dedication comes out of this immensely deep belief about making better human beings," Hildebrandt said.

O'Scalleigh points out that it isn't just extroverts that enjoy theatre classes. Many StageCoach students start out a bit shy and then blossom through the group work.

"It's about putting them at ease so they can be their authentic selves," she said.

"I love seeing the lightbulb that goes on when a child realizes they've made a connection with someone else, when something clicks. There's a beautiful coalescing of creativity and skill."

"The interesting thing for me personally is I watch children's self-esteem grow year after year," Hildebrandt added.

"I'm watching kids get braver, smarter and more compassionate, and watching kids create their own community in the classes. And that supports them to feel they have a place in the world."

While Hildebrandt acknowledges she can sound evangelical, there is solid research to back up her observations, such as a study she employed while studying theatre at UBC.

Research by James Catterall at UCLA's Graduate School of Education, involving data from 25,000 high school and

middle students across socio-economic backgrounds, showed that consistent involvement in the arts leads to benefits like improved academic results in literacy and math. It also increases social skills, the motivation to learn and participation in community service, and supports a positive school environment.

"When you teach children things at school, they become good at learning the facts, but they don't learn flexible and lateral thinking," Hildebrandt said.

"Theatre does, because you have to think quick and fast on your feet."

Focus and concentration can also improve, because working in an ensemble means paying close attention to what other people are doing.

Ever since Simon Henson created StageCoach as a non-profit society in 1999, the school has offered classes by theatre professionals with the support of a volunteer board. The goal has been to keep classes affordable and accessible for everyone in the community. Fundraisers help provide Rising Star grants, and for several years the school has covered full tuition for one student per year.

However, the school has grown from 40 to 65 students, and the only source of outside funding — a BC Gaming grant — has not increased and cannot be relied on to appear. Country Grocer has generously stepped in as a major community partner. The school is looking for one or two local businesses to commit to the same level of support, as well as getting more businesses to contribute on a smaller level by participating in the annual March of Fools on March 1.

"We are doing our best to give back to the community in creating empathy, in after-school care and in fabulous shows at the end of the year. We're grateful to everyone who's stepped up in the past, and hope we can build on that," O'Scalleigh said.

"If it takes a village to raise a child, we're already on our way."

Though programs started last week, there is still room to register in the junior and senior improv classes, and the actor's workshop for middle and high school students. See the website at www.stagecoachtheatre.ca for more information.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Maggie O'Scalleigh, left, and Taryn Hancock of Stagecoach Theatre get in character for another season while at the Salt Spring Fall Fair.

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LIVE THEATRE

Clown noir festival 'orgasmic' hit comes to ArtSpring

'Butt Kapinski' on for one night only

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There's been a murder on Salt Spring and a gender-challenged detective named Butt Kapinski is going to solve it with help from audience members at a hilarious show coming to ArtSpring on Friday, Sept. 27.

The toast of festival stages from L.A. to New York, Butt Kapinski is an award-winning creation by Deanna Fleysher in a production directed by Eric Davis — who terrorized and delighted islanders as the Red Bastard in 2010. Fleysher will swoop onto the island for just one night following a

run at the Vancouver Fringe Festival, an opportunity those in the know say shouldn't be missed.

Butt Kapinski won the award for Most Orgasmic Production at the 2013 Hollywood Fringe and received an honorable mention for Best English Language Show at the Montreal Fringe in 2012, among other distinctions. But local improv teacher and clown aficionado Bob Twaites points to a comment from ArtsBeat LA as one of the best summaries of the show.

"Super funny and astonishingly inventive... it's like watching a trapeze artist soar without a net," the ArtsBeat critic reports. A reviewer from the Austin Chronicle adds: "Rarely have I seen an entire

audience surrender its anxiety over participation in a show and gleefully give themselves over to the play of storytelling as with Butt Kapinski."

Fleysher's training pedigree includes studies at École Philippe Gaulier, the world's foremost academy of bouffon. With roots in ancient Greece and Renaissance France, characteristics of bouffon include an inverted social order (the ability of the underbelly to ridicule the powerful), social criticism, a balance between the charming and the grotesque, and a fascination with body parts and functions.

"It's a kind of clowning that pushes your buttons, that's transgressive, that oversteps everything from the way you think it should be," Twaites

explained. "It's a joyful, cathartic experience."

Although the two shows are extremely different, anyone who saw Davis as the Red Bastard will know exactly what Twaites is talking about. (He recalls audience members leaving the near sell-out show in slack-jawed amazement.)

"Super funny and astonishingly inventive..."

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BUTT KAPINSKI

In Butt Kapinski, Fleysher becomes a lisping detective, described by one reviewer as

a mix between Scrooge and the Penguin, who is beset by a range of criminals and tricky characters that are improvised by the audience members. And while becoming part of the show might sound alarming to some people, reviews suggest the experience is hilarious and incredibly entertaining.

"She's very good at starting off people slowly and gently and then bringing them to a crescendo of participation," Twaites said. "She's definitely in control, but she pulls from the audience a cast of characters to support the story she's telling."

Like Davis, Fleysher will also be giving a workshop for high school improv students and theatre students at the Gulf Islands School of Performing

Arts while she's here. Having high-quality performers visit the island is just a pre-taste of the full-fledged clowning festival that Twaites hopes to one day bring to Salt Spring.

"Students benefit hugely from these workshops. The whole thing dovetails and becomes a wonderful thing for the community," he said.

The show will feature unconventional staging, with parts of the back seating area roped off and 35 seats located on stage for the first "lucky" ticket-buyers who want them. At \$15 a ticket, Twaites notes the price is less than a Vancouver Fringe seat.

Tickets are available now at ArtSpring. For more information and video clips, see www.buttkapinski.com.

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As a soloist, she has performed and competed in numerous festivals, including the International Clarinet Association Conference and National Music Festival and performed in many concert series across Canada.

As an orchestral performer, she has been a scholarship recipient for the 2009 Juno Award-nominated National Youth Orchestra of Canada, performed with various local symphony orchestras, broadcast live on national radio, and taken part in Canada's first live web broadcast of a symphony concert.

Originally from China but now living in Vancouver, Liu graduated in 2008 from the China Conservatory with a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy. In the same year, she was accepted into the Master of Music in Piano Performance and Pedagogy program at the China Conservatory under full scholarship, which she completed in 2011.

Liu has performed at many music festivals in various Chinese cities, and has won many awards from competitions she has attended, including a prize awarded for performing Chopin Nocturnes at the Toyama Asian Youth Music Competition in 2005.

She is a music teacher and the official piano accompanist for the Oriental Philharmonic Choir of Vancouver.

Accomplished B.C.-based musicians Kate Froeben, Shawn Earle and Sisi Liu will present a concert titled Dialogues for the Music and Munch series.

This rarely featured trio of two clarinets (Earle and Froeben) and piano (Liu) promises a diverse program with something for every music lover — from classical, romantic, Cuban and contemporary music.

It takes place on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 12:10 p.m. at All Saints, with free music followed by an optional \$5.50 lunch.

Earle is a clarinetist, chamber musician and music educator. He has performed throughout North America and Europe with various orchestras and chamber ensembles, as well as delivering solo recitals.

He received a Master of Music degree from the University of Victoria in 2007, where he studied under Patricia Kostek. He also holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Toronto, and a Bachelor of Music degree from Acadia University in Nova Scotia.

His many honours have included receipt of a Canada Council Grant and Nova Scotia Talent Trust Award.

Froeben holds a Master of Music in Performance from McGill University and completed her Bachelor of Music in Perfor-

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COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE

Farmland Trust sets deep roots in Burgoyne Valley

Community garden celebrates second season

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Burgoyne Valley Community Farm may only be nearing the end of its second year, but it's already producing a formidable harvest for local foodies.

"It's really spread across the island with all age groups and all income groups," said Marguerite Lee, president of the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust. "It's amazing."

Occupying nearly four acres of the 60-acre Burgoyne Valley property, the Shaw Family Community Gardens offers nearly 100 garden plots, each measuring approximately 20 feet by 50 feet, for \$40 per year.

Twenty of those plots are being used to support programs sponsored by Salt Spring Community Services, while the remainder are mainly tended by local families.

A walk this summer through the site at 2235 Fulford-Ganges Rd. reveals a world of tomatoes, sunflowers, squash, lettuce, peas, garlic and flowers.

"There's a huge variety of what people farm," Lee said.

There's even been talk of planting dwarf fruit trees in time for next year.

While some participants have planted directly into the earth, others have built raised beds or elaborate greenhouse-type structures in an effort to maximize the growing season.

The community garden project



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Rachel Walker and Virgule LaSalle show the height of the corn in their Shaw Family Community Gardens plot at the Burgoyne Valley Community Farm. A wait list exists for people wanting to rent a spot next year.

is but one aspect of the Farmland Trust's aim to provide opportunities for Salt Spring residents to grow more of their own food and to increase food security on the island.

According to information on the Farmland Trust's website, the group anticipates great things for the island's newest and most valuable assets, welcoming food-producing farmers to use the land to its highest and best use.

Plans are in the works for large-scale production of vegetables and hay on much of the remaining land. Further projects will strive to incorporate the Farmland Trust's mandate to give island farmers access to affordable land and provide other compatible agricultural uses to the broader community.

Lee credits the abundant supply of pure water for much of the farmers' bountiful harvests, but the project couldn't have gotten off the ground without support from countless community organizations and island volunteers who've lent a hand. Among these are the Salt Spring Island Foundation, Salt Spring Lions Club and Vancouver Island Health Authority.

The property's latest owners continue more than a century's worth of farming on the site. That agricultural legacy dates back to 1887, when the land was settled by Arthur Robinson. Other owners have included Joseph Nightingale, Thomas Reid, Roger Hughes and Franz Kaeppli.

The property's title was officially transferred from Three Point Prop-

erties to the SSI Farmland Trust in January. The Victoria-based real estate development company bought the property in 2005, transferring it to the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute in a zoning deal brokered by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee in 2011.

The Farmland Trust has set up a waiting list for anyone who wishes

to receive a plot in the property's Shaw Family Community Gardens area in time for the 2014 season. For more information, contact Lee at 250-537-5302 or ssifarmlandtrust@shaw.ca.

The group is always on the lookout for volunteers to help the Farmland Trust with further agricultural initiatives.

This Week's Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

The flow of powerful shifts and changes continue to flow in. Basically these imply you having more power. With it comes added responsibility. The focus has shifted decidedly to your most intimate relationships. There is probably some extra work to do there. The emphasis is upon fairness and equality. Begin with honest and open dialogue and dig deeper from there.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

A process of cleaning, completing and improving continues. Your focus is hardly superficial. Circumstances are leading you to replace the old and unsightly with the new and beautiful or at least do the groundwork. New alliances and cooperative efforts in general are necessary. Yet be extra clear in all communications especially if you are signing legal contracts.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

You have entered a creative cycle. It is not all fun and games however, and will require some sincere effort. You remain in a cycle that indicates some form of training or apprenticeship. It will require discipline, commitment and investment. The time frame is about one year starting now. If your focus is not clear, aim to sharpen it now.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

The emphasis has shifted to the home front and may certainly include family members. Some rather serious events are the source of weighted emotions. At best, these imply sober, deliberate and practical efforts to secure foundations. Financial issues, inheritances, insurance and the like are featured. Get ready to do some investigative work.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)

A busy time with an array of errands and added activities will keep you busy for a while. These may include short journeys. Entering new territory is likely as well. You may be confronted with a few doubts about your direction. This is a time to feel the fear and do it anyway. You are wise to meditate more these days and/or pay closer attention to your dreams.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

You are entering what may be deemed a precarious cycle. The ground beneath your feet may not feel so solid. Flexibility in mind and body is extra important. You may experience fluctuating energy levels. Focusing within to courageously face fears will help. Be open to

new leads, methods, approaches and priorities.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)

The time has come to take some key initiatives. Financial interests and concerns are core motivations. You may be challenged to break through traditional lines of thought and action. Deepening your focus to investigate the possibilities is part of the plot. The time is right to invest, but don't expect quick returns. Take very calculated risks.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

Balancing desires to retreat with urges to advance is the call now. You may achieve this goal simply by slowing down for a while. Yet, the time is right to get and/or give instruction and training. There is reason to say you feel enthusiastic about the future. The main thing now is to more clearly decipher your direction.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)

Your social life is getting a boost now. Ironically, though you have perhaps asked for it, you may not really be in the mood. Quieter gatherings with close friends may suit your needs best. Opportunities, rewards and legacies may be incoming, yet you may feel restricted in your ability to manage them. Enjoy the company, but take it slow.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

Ambitions to increase your power potential are strong now. You would like more attention, but not simply to be popular. You want more leverage and are looking to engage with people of influence and affluence or at least with proven talent. This stands to be the best window you have had or will for a while so you might want to make the most of it.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)

You are in the mood for some fun and adventure. Yet, you also have some real work to do. How will you balance these seemingly opposing themes? Significant others are calling you out to play and challenging you to compete. Playing along stands to be the resolution you seek. Accept the challenge and set your sights upon rising to the occasion.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

You are in deep now. Purely linear and logical thinking may not be enough. Allow for an intuitive and experiential approach as well. Expect to cover a lot of ground and in a variety of contexts. You may feel moodier these days and this trend will continue so learn to ride the waves better. You are in a prolonged learning curve as well; get used to it.

FESTIVALS

Apple fest back with 20 spots to visit

Self-guided tour caps local food weekend

An incredible array of heritage and connoisseur apples and the people who grow them are gearing up for a big day on Salt Spring with the much-anticipated return of the Salt Spring Apple Festival on Sunday, Sept. 29.

"Everyone loves apples and Salt Spring's apple growers have risen to the occasion this year," said festival founder and organizer Harry Burton in a press release. "The result is going to be a great festival. While the size of the crop varies from one orchard to another, the warm, dry summer definitely helped ripen apples across the island."

The festival combines a spectacular display of apple varieties at Fulford Hall with

a one-of-a-kind self-guided tour of farms and related sites all over Salt Spring. The roster this year includes an impressive 20 stops, ranging from some of the island's oldest orchards to its newest. Some will provide tours, others tastings and many will offer apple sales. Fulford Hall will also have an eclectic group of vendors and information on apple identification and more.

Other festival highlights include apple-themed stops at two wineries, the island's brewery, bee-keepers, cheese-makers, bakers, artisans and others. A popular feature is the diverse range of lunch offerings available for sale at many of the farms on the tour.

"Salt Spring Islanders are proud of our long apple-growing history and excited about the future of apples and organic agriculture on the island," said co-organizer



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Past apple fest attendees nibble out potential favourites. The 2013 festival, which runs this Sunday, has more tour spots than ever.

er Peri Lavender. "The Apple Festival is the highlight of our harvest season and we welcome everyone to come and share it with us."

The festival runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Badges and

maps are on sale on Sept. 29 in front of the Ganges Visitor Information Centre and at Fulford Hall.

For more information, see www.SaltSpringAppleFestival.org.

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Wed. Sept 25 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Mike Alviano. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Parent Child Mother Goose. Songs, rhymes and playtime for parents and children ages 0-6. Fernwood Elementary. 10 a.m. to noon.

Community Kitchen. Weekly sign-up. Family Place. 1 to 3 p.m.

Prenatal Yoga and Holistic Birth Education Series. Eight-week series starts today with prenatal yoga classes and a Lamaze-based curriculum, with light meal provided. All Saints Church. 5 to 7:30 p.m. Info/registration: Family Place, 250-537-9176.

Poker Night. The Local. Sign-up 6:30 p.m.

Fall and Winter Colour. Salt Spring Garden Club talk by Carmen Varcoe. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.

Wed. Sept 25 ACTIVITIES

Town Hall: Save the Salish Sea. Free event to stop the Kinder Morgan pipeline, with speakers, refreshments and music by the Blackberry Ramblers. Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m.)

Thurs. Sept 26 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Susan Cogan. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Beatrice Rana Concert. Award-winning pianist plays Schumann and Ravel. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night. Hosted by Ross and Dave. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Parent Child Mother Goose. Songs, rhymes and playtime with children ages 0-6. Fulford School. 10 a.m. to noon.

Stay & Play Drop-In. For parents/caregivers and their children age 0-6. Family Place. 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Thurs. Sept 26 ACTIVITIES

Mark Forsythe Calendar Launch. Presenting Listener's Lens 2014 Calendar, a fundraiser for the food bank. Salt Spring Books. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Dinner and a Movie. The Local. 6 to 9 p.m.

RetroSpectacle. A social documentary about life on Salt Spring Island directed by Jacqueline Landeen. The Fritz Movie Theatre. 7 p.m.

Fri. Sept 27 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Soul Shakedown. The Local. 6 to 9 p.m.

Synergy. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Butt Kapinski. Clown noir Fringe fest hit. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

The Never Never Band. Bluegrass/Old Timey. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

Fri. Sept 27 ACTIVITIES

John Shields Author Reading. With memoir *The Priest Who Left his Religion: In Search of Cosmic Spirituality*. Salt Spring Island Public Library. Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Bridge Tournament Fundraiser. Fundraiser to keep Kenyan girls in school, with shopping and prizes. SOLID Store. 1 p.m.

Sip & Savour Salt Spring. Two-day celebration of local food and wine kicks off with Wine-Makers' Dinners at various Salt Spring restaurants. See www.sipandsavoursaltspring.com for reservation info.

Sat. Sept 28 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Barley Bros. The Local. 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Sweet Water Inc. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Coastal Giant. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Ganga Giri. World renowned Australian didgeridoo player, with Juno-nominated artist Adham Shaikh. Beaver Point Community Hall. Doors open 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park. Centennial Park. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dad N' Me Pancake Breakfast. Drop-in with free pancakes for dads, uncles, grandads and their kids age 0-6. Family Place. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Disaster First Aid Course. Led by Jordan Stratford. Info/register: ssiepc@crd.bc.ca. Community Gospel Chapel. 9 a.m. to noon.

Sat. Sept 28 ACTIVITIES

Sip & Savour Salt Spring - Grazing Experience. Tasting event brings together farmers, chefs, winemakers and brewers. Harbour House Hotel orchard or Farmers' Institute if raining. 1 to 4 p.m.

Fire Hall & Emergency Centre Open House. Learn about the proposed new fire hall and emergency centre. Ganges Fire Hall. 1 to 3 p.m.

Ganges Ambulance Station Open House. Join local paramedics at family-friendly event. Ganges Ambulance Station. 2 to 4 p.m.

Sun. Sept 29 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Piano Bar with Diana English. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Apple Festival. Displays and events at Fulford Hall, plus a self-guided tour of Salt Spring Island farms. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. With All Saints Choir and Pipe Organ. All Saints By-the-Sea. 4 p.m.

SS United Soccer. Over-30 women take on Vic West Scottish. GISS. 12:30 p.m.

Mon. Sept 30 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Harold Mabern with Cory Weeds Trio. Legendary jazz pianist teams up Vancouver-based trio. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Meeting. Learn about volunteering at the Thrift Shop. Lions Hall. 1:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Fire Protection District. Special trustees meeting to discuss the referendum for the fire hall/emergency centre project. Ganges Fire Hall. 7 p.m.

Chefs Across The Water. Sold out event with Chef Denis Cotter from Cafe Paradiso in Cork, Ireland. Hastings House Country House Hotel. 7 p.m.

Tues. Oct 1 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Art Opening. Live performance by Luis Araujo, plus photo exhibit, video-collage and silent movie featuring International Tournament of Aquatic Skipping Stones relational art event. Bateman Gallery at ArtSpring. 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Parent Child Yoga. All Saints Church. 11 a.m. to noon.

Stay & Play Drop-In. Parents and caregivers and children ages 0-6. Family Place. Noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesday Farmers' Market. Every week in Centennial Park until October. 2 to 4 p.m.

Pubstumpers Trivia. Teams of four. Every Tuesday. Moby's Pub. 7 p.m.

Wed. Oct 2 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Kate Frobeen, Shawn Earle and Sisi Liu. Accomplished clarinetists present Dialogues concert for the Music and Munch series. All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.

Rose Cousins + Rachel Sermanni. Rose Cousins, winner of countless folk music awards, joined by Scottish singer-songwriter Rachel Sermanni. Southend Grooveyard. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Parent Child Mother Goose. Songs, rhymes and playtime for parents and children ages 0-6. Fernwood Elementary. 10 a.m. to noon.

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EXHIBITIONS

- **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** celebrates its fourth anniversary with **Sheila Hoen's** show called *Exotica: Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous of 18th-century Japan*. Show runs to **Sept. 30**.
- East of West is an exhibit of new paintings by **Michael Hames** showing at **Steffich Fine Art** until **Sept. 28**.
- Elemental Exhibition features landscapes from **R.M. Dupuy's** Xwaaq'um Series and sculpture by **Janis Woode** at **Gallery 8** until Sept. 28.
- Photographer **Larry Melious** has an exhibit called *Bones in the ArtSpring lobby* through **September**.
- Artist **Francis Tremblay** presents *Truths*, a collection of prints and drawings, at **The Gathering** in Grace Point Square through **September**.
- **SOLID** at the **Market Place** (in Gasoline Alley) shows African Art by **Louise Adelle**.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Susan Benson** presents a collection of paintings called *Journeys* at the **Harbour House** this month.
- Exhibit of landscapes and sculptures by **Martha Varcoe Sturdy** runs at **Duthie Gallery** through **September**. Regular gallery hours are Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with **The Night Gallery** running Friday and Saturday through **September**, weather permitting.
- **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** shows historic woodcuts and watercolours by **Walter J. Phillips** plus works from the **Group of Seven**.
- **Paul Burke** shows photos of his Ravens Reading and Writing installation in progress in the **Salt Spring Public Library** program room this month. Exhibits are accessible Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Salt Spring Photography Club member **Gregor Alan** has photos on display at **Country Roasters Café** in **Country Grocer** through the month of **September**.
- **Lil Sampson (Irwin)** shows artwork at **Penny's Pantry** through **September**.

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ISLAND HISTORY

Gun Club celebrates 100 years

Public welcome to Oct. 5 anniversary event

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club is inviting the community to join in when it celebrates its 100th anniversary with an afternoon of shooting, music and fun set for Saturday, Oct. 5.

Though the past year or two have been challenging for the club, with a civil lawsuit and a noise bylaw battle with the Capital Regional District, its high membership proves this long-running organization continues to have strong community roots. What started off as a group of neighbours shooting on patches of private property has grown to encompass nearly 200 islanders meeting at a well-established range and clubhouse for trap shooting, target practice and a popular archery program.

"It's a rural community, and the club fitted well within this type of community," observed long-time member and former club president Louis Lorensten. At 92, Louis is almost as old as the organization itself, although his first visits to the island didn't take place until the 1930s.

Lorensten, his wife Bunny and their children moved to the Salt Spring in 1958 during one of his many coastal assignments as a forestry ranger responsible for logging on crown lands. They came back to the island for good after he retired in 1980.

Though the Lorenstons were accustomed to using guns for protection during their more remote assignments — Louis once shot a cougar stalking his two small daughters in the nick of time off Chatham Channel — most of their experience with shooting has been as sport.

During their early days on Salt Spring, the Lorenstons joined club members shooting on Akerman property in the south end. Bunny recalls keeping a two-burner Coleman stove going at all times with a pot of coffee on one side and a pot of clam chowder on the other. Shooters kept their hands warm over a 45-gallon burn barrel between shots.

Another property between Vesuvius and Ganges was also used, but the need for a more



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Members and guests of the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club enjoy the shooting at a 1999 weekend tournament.

established facility was recognized.

"As a result of so many people being interested in it, Vic Jackson said he had property that would be good for the Rod and Gun Club if we were interested in developing a club and clubhouse and the whole thing. We looked at it, and it was excellent," Lorensten said.

After purchasing the land on Long Harbour Road for a "nominal fee" in 1959, the members started logging, setting up the range and building the clubhouse, all with volunteer labour and contributions from local builders and machine operators.

"It was all donated. It was totally a volunteer community effort," Lorensten said.

Once built, the women took over the kitchen, where they went on cooking the famous clam chowder they were known for.

"It became a social club, because not only did we have the Rod and Gun Club activities, which were 50-50 shooting and social, we also rented out the clubhouse for community events."

Like many old-time island members, everyone in the Lorensten family participated. Both Louis and Bunny brought home numerous trophies, and one of their daughters became a champion archer.

"Most of the membership brought their kids with them, just like a family picnic or something," said Bunny. "The women were just as good shooters as the men."

The Salt Spring club gained a

high reputation throughout the province for its members' skills and for its annual tournaments, which brought hundreds of people and thousands of dollars to the island every August.

Other special events included the still-ongoing Father's Day open house and the Big Game Dinner, featuring meat and fish donated by members who hunt. Everything from moose to cougar and beaver tails has been on the menu.

Though competition practice became a major focus during some of the club's recent history, the Lorenstons are happy to see the social aspect has once again become important. Newer members are also enjoying that aspect.

"It's sort of a good time that we can all go out and enjoy. It brings us closer together as a family," said Nick Boychuk, who is helping organize the anniversary events with his wife Celine. "It's pretty amazing that it's one of the longest running things on the island."

Boychuk said the club hopes to build on its past and once again brings visitors to the island, in part by developing the "rod" side of its activities and creating a fishing derby.

The Oct. 5 anniversary celebration starts at 1 p.m. with trap shooting and an indoor range where adults and kids can try out .22 rifles. Starting at 4 p.m. there will be live music, a cake walk and a barbecue. Entry is free but shooters will need to pay \$5 insurance and buy their ammunition.

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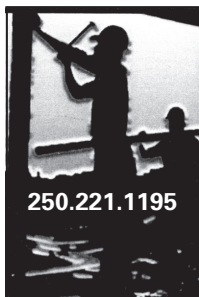
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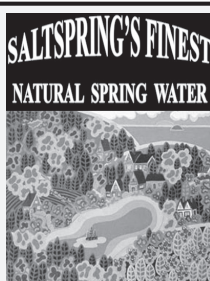
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Heidi Crouse serves Janet Clouston some good "Karma" from Salt Spring Vineyards at the 2012 Sip and Savour Grazing event.

Chef favourites featured in set menus

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Using fresh, local ingredients is standard practice for many chefs, but when it comes to Friday night's Sip and Savour Salt Spring festival events, delicious menus built on a foundation of island bounty will bring new focus to just how much Salt Spring has to offer.

Individual Wine Makers Dinners being held at Auntie Pesto's Cafe, Mistaken Identity Vineyard, Rawsome Living Food and The Gathering on Sept. 27 will each feature set menus of several courses, all paired with fine B.C. wines. Harvest time variety and the high-quality products being offered year-round on Salt Spring mean chefs will have a full slate of ingredients to make their signature dishes, or find inspiration to create new ones.

Jim Maurice of Rawsome Living Foods doesn't normally serve wine with his plant-based, all raw cuisine, so he got help from Milly Sinclair (who spent many years as the dining manager at the Hastings House) to come up with a plan that would help bring out subtle flavours. Kelowna's Summerhill Winery, with its unique status as an organic and biodynamic vineyard, turned out to be a perfect fit.

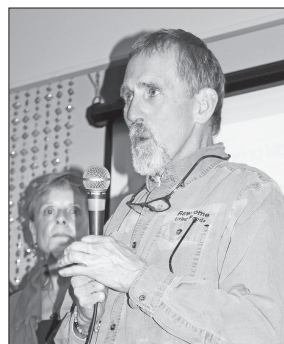
"I had the meal planned so we looked for wines that pair well with vegetables," Maurice said. "It's lighter fare and so you need lighter wines."

Maurice is starting the dinner with an oyster mushroom seiche (with mushrooms provided by Salt Spring Sprouts), paired with a Pinot Noir Rose Brut. The sparkling wine is suitably festive for the appetizer, and intentionally brings out the mushroom's seafood notes.

Maurice makes a delicious-sounding raw version of French onion soup with blended coconut water and coconut meat. He will

reduce the "zappy" quality of this year's lovely crop of Salt Spring onions through soaking, rather than simmering. The creamy, slightly sweet soup is complemented by a Pinot Gris.

For the main course, Maurice is using one of his favourite local vegetable, the yellow zucchini, to create a tender "pasta" in a saffron broth with wild fennel, served with a salad of Foxglove Farm greens.



Jim Maurice of Rawsome Living Foods.

"I really like yellow zucchini because they're not as bitter as the greens," he said, noting the texture is both al dente and creamy. Dessert will be a customer favourite from the cafe, a caramel pecan cheesecake that uses cashews as an alternative to cream cheese. With its fudge and caramel overtones and a molasses-like syrup made from dehydrated and soaked raw beets, Maurice said the creation is a definite crowd-pleaser.

"It's one of the ones we really can't keep because it sells out so quickly," he said.

The optional pairing is a Reissling Icewine. Rawsome will also offer a set menu without wine pairings for those who prefer not to drink alcohol.

Over at Auntie Pesto's Cafe, chef Shawn Walton is also formulating his menu on some favourite recipes that make good use of

island fare.

"I use local producers and farmers all the time, so it's nice to showcase local produce and meat," Walton said of the Sip and Savour events.

Walton's Wine Makers menu features pairings with Garry Oak Vineyards wines, and will include courses such as carrot soup made from Foxglove Farm produce, Dungeness crab cakes (fished from local waters) with succotash using Bon Acres Farm corn, a main course of Sunset Farm-produced leg of lamb, and apple pie with Salt Spring Gelato's salted caramel flavour.

Walton noted that he makes use of high-quality products that aren't typically considered as part of the farm-chef equation, but are produced locally, such as the gelato and the international flavours of Monsoon Coast spices. He'll be putting the last into good effect during Saturday's Sip and Savour Grazing event, where he'll serve curried squash soup.

In the past, the grazing part of the festival has attracted hundreds of participants, who can sample chef-farm-wine/beer producer combos — and chat to the providers while doing so — at a number of tables.

"It's a crazy event and lots of fun. Last year was really good, and I'm hoping this year will be just as good, if not better," Walton said.

Grazing is scheduled to take place at the Harbour House Hotel's ocean view orchard from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, but will be moved to the Farmers' Institute in the event of rain.

Other festival events taking place over the weekend are a Locavore Dinner and Dance at Moby's Pub featuring a three-course dinner with a glass of B.C. sparkling wine and live music by Jose Sanchez & The Cuban Party Band on Saturday night.

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DEATHS

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Lyman (Paddy) Guinevan
July 1, 1922 - September 10, 2013

At 4:29 a.m., Tuesday September 10, 2013 the world lost a kind and gentle man to his "final journey". Paddy joins his wife Pamela, daughter Dodie and grandson Sean. He was born July 1, 1922 in Newcastle New Brunswick and moved to B.C. at an early age. He served honourably and proudly in the Royal Canadian Navy in WW2, the B.C. Police and The Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Paddy and Pam retired to Salt Spring in 1986. Paddy leaves behind to celebrate his 91 years his daughters Kathleen and son-in-law Glenn, Vivian and son-in-law Doug, sons Richard, Robert and daughter-in-law Norma and his son-in-law Rolf. Grandchildren David(Ronnie), Pamela, R.J., Cris (Brenna), Tristan, and Jake and great-grandchildren Ricky, Erica, Jordyn and Devin. He also leaves his sister Margaret Jeler. A celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 3pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Meaden Hall on Salt Spring Island, B.C. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dad's name to your charity of choice would be appreciated by his family. Funeral arrangements by Hayward's Funeral Home.



Join us as we honor the life of **Richard "Lee" McColl**

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 at 2pm at Fulford Community Hall

Please RSVP to 250-537-9730 or email to leemar@shaw.ca by September 29th.

Stories and anecdotes are appreciated and encouraged.

If you are unable to attend but would like to share your memories of Lee, please send a note to: 603 Cusheon Lake Road, V8K 2C2 or email to leemar@shaw.ca



DEATHS

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Edward S. Coombes

Edward ("Ted") S. Coombes born 5 November 1915 in Rawalpindi, India (now Pakistan) to Captain Horace Percival Coombes, Royal Artillery and Lilly (Bailie) Coombes, an only child.

He moved with his parents to Jersey, Channel Islands in 1920 and to Vernon B.C. in 1926, completing high school in Vernon and Vancouver.

He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1936, and married Doris Eva Boden in 1941 in Vancouver. Ted was stationed in Patricia Bay and Bella Bella in Coastal Command, with various short term postings during the war, serving as an armament officer, later electronics and radar in the late 1940s and 1950s.

In the mid 1950s he was seconded to the Royal Air Force as a guidance and battle systems engineer becoming a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Upon retirement in 1962, Ted became a teacher in Chemainus, retiring from teaching in Ladysmith.

Dad was a founder and life member of the Salt Spring Amateur Radio Society. Ted and Doris were members and Callers with the Salty Wheels Square Dance Club for over 20 years, holding many dances in their basement. He was an active horseman until his late 80s. Ted and Doris were avid RV'ers taking their Toyota-Chinook all over the west and various square dance, ham radio and other events throughout the west. Ted was also an active member of the Salt Spring Lions and contributor to the Guide Dogs of Canada via the Lions Foundation. He was predeceased by Doris his wife of 62 years.

Ted leaves son Alan; daughter-in-law Mary, two granddaughters Robin and Margaret; and four great grand children Alexandra and Edward (Robin) and Rohan and Rishi (Margaret) and grand sons-in-law Robert Schiefele and Raman Kapil.

A memorial will be held at Meaden Hall, Royal Canadian Legion at 2:00 pm, Sunday, October 6th, 2013.

Funeral arrangements by Patrick Beattie of Hayward's Funeral Homes, Ganges. In lieu of flowers donations to the Guide Dogs of Canada would be appreciated via the Salt Spring Island Lions Club.



The 2nd Annual General Meeting of the **Shared Space Salt Spring Society**

Will be held at Mahon Hall, 114 Rainbow Road, Ganges, BC Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Members of all non-profit organizations and residents of Salt Spring are invited to attend to hear reports of our progress towards acquiring premises in which we can provide shared services and enhance cooperation for local organizations.

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Capital Regional District



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Volunteers wanted to serve as members to the following Commissions for a two year term, starting January 2014.

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission - includes 8 members of the public, plus the CRD Director for Salt Spring. PARC is responsible for the establishment, ongoing operation and maintenance of community parks, trails and recreation services and facilities.

Salt Spring Transportation Commission - includes 8 members of the public, plus the CRD Director for Salt Spring. The Commission serves in an advisory role to the CRD and to BC Transit on matters related to the transit service and to transportation related community needs and projects. On transit matters, the Commission advises on bus service funding, schedules, routes and other details of the service.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Old Boys finish off the Dead

FC looks for recruits

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Old Boys hammered the final nail into their opponent's coffin in a 5-1 rout against Gordon Head Nearly Dead in stormy weather on Sunday.

The Old Boys side used the fierce winds to its advantage to establish a commanding 3-1 lead in the first half.

Salt Spring's defenders fought off an early surge before the team's offence regained forward pressure and slammed the door on any prospect of a Nearly Dead resurrection.

"The visitors, with no reward for their endeavours, ran out of steam," team spokesperson Graham Tweddle wrote in a post-game report.

Tweddle said the Old Boys kept Gordon Head players on the defensive throughout much of the game thanks to a mix of well-



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Salt Spring Old Boys player Mike McCormick, who scored three goals in Sunday's rainy-day victory against the Gordon Head Nearly Dead, lunges for the ball.

timed short passes and the odd long ball.

Mike McCormick completed a hat trick in the second. He was named man-of-the-match in recognition of his stellar performance.

Players will try to preserve their team's undefeated record against Vantreights in Victoria on Sunday.

In other soccer news, Salt Spring FC defeat-

ed Juan de Fuca over the weekend. Harrison Jason, Patty Hayes and Ciaran Ayton scored a goal apiece en route to a 3-0 victory.

Team spokesperson Jordon Morrison said potential recruits are encouraged to step forward by joining the team during practice at the hydro field, near Kanaka Road below the Salt Spring Island Middle School, on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

SS United team defeats Oak Bay

Donaldson hat trick seals win

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring United players struck fast and didn't look back while cruising to their first victory of the season on Sunday in Oak Bay.

Sue Anne Donaldson scored the first of three goals on the day by hooking up with a pass from teammate Carolyn Flam within the opening minute.

United's attack mounted steadily throughout the first half as Donaldson, Flam, Anne May and Liz Wilson all got further shots on goal.

Donaldson gave her team a two-goal lead late in the first by driving upfield, around and through Oak Bay's defenders, and past the keeper.

Salt Spring excelled

through much of the match's second half, as Ketura Davidson, Karen Clemson, Tara Brown, May and Donaldson sent plenty of shots toward the Breakers' keeper.

Meanwhile, United's backfield showed much promise as Cheryle Johnson, Sue Robertson and keeper Kym Sheppard-Bellavance formed a formidable defensive barrier.

The tide shifted momentarily when Oak Bay snuck in a goal off a corner kick to come within one. Donaldson crushed any prospect of a comeback by connecting with a long pass from Jeanie Gray for her fourth goal in two games.

Players will aim for a second consecutive victory on Sunday, Sept. 29 against Vic West Scottish. Kickoff is on Salt Spring at the lower high school field at 12:30 p.m.

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Monthly schedule

A Boundary Bay birding trip has been organized for Oct. 16-17 with Anne Murray, birding expert of the Delta Naturalists and co-organized by the Pender Island Field Naturalists. Contact Nieke Visser (niekevisser@shaw.ca) to register and to receive hotel booking information and other details. See www.saltspringtnc.ca for more info.

Hikers

Oct. 1: Kees Visser leads a moderate but long hike with a few steep sections on Hope Hill. Fantastic viewpoints and a lunch a bit later than usual (12:30 to 12:45 p.m.). The hike will be done by 2 or 2:30 p.m. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

Oct. 8: Sharon Sullivan leads a moderate hike through the north end of Ruckle Park from Meyer Road. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the south end of Meyer Road next to the trail head to Cusheon Cove at 10 a.m.

Oct. 15: Lynn Thompson leads a moderate hike around (and possibly over) Mount Sullivan and Mount Bruce. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m. to carpool to the trailhead on Mount Bruce.

Oct. 22: Charles Kahn

leads us on a hike in Mara- caibo. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

Oct. 29: Barry and Sheila Spence lead a moderate but long hike from Skutz Falls to Stoltz Pool and back along the Cowichan River Footpath and the Trans-Canada Trail. Meet by 8:30 a.m. at Portlock Park to carpool to the Vesuvius ferry and Skutz Falls.

Walkers

Oct. 1: Brian and Marjie Radford lead a walk on the new trail in the Blackburn/ Frazier area, eating lunch on the Radford deck. Please arrange carpools at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to meet the leaders at the junction of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges roads at 10:10 a.m.

Oct. 8: Donna and Paul Way lead a walk from Fulford to the Tsawout Reserve. Please arrange carpools at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the junction of South Ridge Road and Beaver Point Road at 10:15 a.m.

Oct. 15: Fred Powell leads a walk up Hope Hill. We will take the less steep access going but there will be a short steep section coming back. We will take our time and probably be back around 2:30 p.m. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or from Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

Oct. 22: Lorrie Storr leads

a walk in the Andreas Vogt reserve and Bryant Hill area. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the top of Sarah Way (off Jasper) at 10:15 a.m.

Oct. 29: Join our annual Fungus Among Us walk through Channel Ridge — the Wet and Wild Side with Linda Quiring. Carpool at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to meet at Portlock Park at 10:10 a.m. We will identify and answer the two big queries: "Can I eat it?" and "Will it kill me?" No collecting!

Ramblers

Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park.

Oct. 1: Join Terry Ison on a ramble around Ganges, including the trails in three local parks. Meet in Centennial Park at 10 a.m. On return, we could eat our lunches in the park. Or if it's raining, we could buy a good lunch at the Salt Spring Inn.

Oct. 8: Ramble with Barbara and Sandy along the Dunbabin Trail.

Oct. 15: Ramble with Bob and Betty Ball in the Mount Belcher area.

Oct. 22: Ramble with Sterling and Maureen McEachern in the Vesuvius Bay area.

Oct. 29: Ramble with Bill and Marilyn Harding in the Long Harbour area.