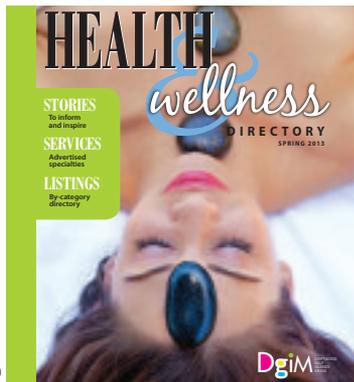




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LEADING THE PARADE: From left, Edgar Hann, Captain Apple, Valdy, Miss Nomi and Kathleen Horsdal are part of a flash mob promoting the new Salt Spring abattoir at Ruckle Heritage Farm Day on Sunday. More photos on Page 18 and on Facebook.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Riding hopefuls spar in debate

Hundreds attend all-candidates session at GISS

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The four candidates vying to represent residents of Saanich North and the Islands delivered their pitches to a large crowd of Salt Spring residents on Thursday at the island's lone all-candidates debate.

Gary Holman of the BC NDP, independent candidate Scott McEachern, the Green party's Adam Olsen and Stephen Roberts of the BC Liberals entertained a wide range of questions posed by an inquisitive and multigenerational crowd at the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium for the two-hour event.

Candidates contemplated pipelines, education, ferry fares, healthcare, mental illness, homelessness, affordable housing, the natural gas industry, taxation, job creation and the abortion debate, to name but a few of the topics.

Holman, who appeared to make the most of his home-turf advantage and previous experience as a Salt Spring CRD director, garnered much of the participants' support early on in the debate by focusing on the need for change.

"I'm running in this election, as I did in 2009, to change the provincial government in this province which, in my view, has lost its way, has lost sight of the public interest," Holman told the crowd.

"It's so important that we change the channel at the provincial level," he added. "I'm very proud of the platform we've put together. It's balanced and it's going to result in benefits for British Columbians from all income group and all ages. It will protect the environment better, it will enhance social justice in this province and it will actually improve the economy."

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ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE

Burgoyne waste plan floated

Reed-bed project considered the way to go

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A longstanding problem of how to deal with Salt Spring's liquid waste could be on its way to being solved.

On Thursday, the island's local Trust committee referred an application to build a new "reed-bed" waste management system near Burgoyne Bay to the province's Agricultural Land Commission

for further comment.

The application for "non-farm-use" of land within the ALR has been submitted by the Capital Regional District to permit expansion of the existing liquid waste treatment facility at 133 Burgoyne Bay Rd.

An estimated 70 per cent of the material comes from private septic tanks connected to homes and businesses on the island. The site also receives liquid waste

from the Ganges and Maliview sewage treatment plants.

Whereas liquid waste is currently stored at the site before it is transported off island, the latest proposal from the CRD's Salt Spring Liquid Waste Committee would involve treating waste water with "constructed wetlands."

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FIRE HALL

Hall plans proceed with SAR involved

EOC negotiations also started

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Plans to include other service groups in a proposed new fire hall were made more concrete for members of the public following a presentation by Ground Search and Rescue president Zeke Blazecka at Monday's meeting of the Salt Spring Fire Protection District board.

"We're actually looking forward to being in the building. We think it's a positive step for us — we think it's a permanent home for us," said Blazecka, after describing the functions of his volunteer organization.

He added that members would be happy to train beside the people they'd be working most closely with in a natural disaster.

SAR and Salt Spring's Emergency Operations Centre have been included in the design process ever since a December 2012 open house, when public participants voiced strong support for the idea. Design plans created by architect Kim Johnston make provision for the two groups with office space and an extra double-vehicle bay for SAR.

During his presentation, Blazecka reported the Capital Regional District supplies \$15,000 a year for operational expenses such as pagers and vehicle maintenance, while \$8,000 to \$10,000 from BC Gaming grants goes to cover training costs. The group does

not pay to lease its federally owned building, and cannot promise producing grant money in the future.

Julia Lucich stated during the public question period that she was "gratified to hear the presentation," but asked whether there is an alternative design that represents the cost savings of leaving the organization out.

Gil Mouat observed the group must rely on ongoing interest from volunteers and also asked what the group could contribute in terms of funding from grants or other sources.

Blazecka said the membership has remained consistently between 20 and 27 people during the seven years he has been involved. He noted there is some reimbursement for mileage and food provided from Emergency Measures B.C., but said the real reward comes with finding the missing person.

"People go out not for the money," he said.

Despite the negligible financial incentive, fire trustees were firm in their decision that SAR should be included. Building committee chair Michael Schubart pointed out that aside from the vehicle bay, removing SAR from the main building would make little difference to the overall cost because the design was created to include as much shared space as possible.

"If lightning strikes and SAR disappears for some reason and this affects part of the package, which we don't anticipate, we could knock off that bay," Schubart said,

noting it would mean with a difference of about 1,500 square feet. Removing SAR's office would save another 150 square feet, but the shared areas would be more difficult to divide.

"The short answer is we don't anticipate chopping up the upper floor — we'd have to take almost all of it off to get any savings," Schubart said.

Trustee Ron Chamney added his opinion that SAR could contribute one dollar a year and it would still benefit the community to include the group.

Attending SAR members suggested there are other contributions that could help reduce the fire department's operating costs, such as their ability to provide a mobile communication centre with their command unit, and to perform backup services like pump operations and traffic control in case of an emergency.

"We're gung ho," SAR member Alyce Shead declared, after offering SAR's charitable status to help fundraise for items like a chair or a wall.

As for EOC, Salt Spring's CRD director Wayne McIntyre received permission from the CRD board to negotiate a lease in the new hall at a comparable rate to what it pays now in the court building, noting the enhanced communication capability and improved seismic stability offered by the new site.

Fire board chair Bruce Patterson was set to attend a meeting with the CRD's Travis Whiting on Tuesday to pursue the matter.



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Tsunami Report

Salt Spring free from tsunami risk

Report clarifies misconceptions

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island and its inhabitants do not face an imminent tsunami threat, according to a newly released report from the Capital Regional District.

"Basically, we're not mentioned because tsunami is a non issue according to that model [used in the report]," said Elizabeth Zook, coordinator of the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program.

The report based its findings on the occurrence of a major 9.0-magnitude earthquake centred approximately 100 kilometres west of Vancouver Island along the Cascadian subduction zone. Such an earthquake, colloquially termed "the Big One," is considered the "most dangerous tsunami threat" by emergency preparedness

personnel. An earthquake of that magnitude is predicted to cause major ground shaking for between one and four minutes and significant damage throughout the region, according to the CRD report.

The consequences of a tsunami triggered by such an event would be strongly felt on the west coast of Vancouver Island and Washington State. In Sidney, a sea-level rise of up to two metres (6.6 feet) could be felt within two and a half hours of the earthquake. Conversely, Port Renfrew would experience surges of up to 3.5 metres (11.5 feet) within 50 minutes of a similar-sized quake.

Modeling generally reveals relatively minimal fallout within the Salish Sea.

"As the tsunami exits the Strait of Juan de Fuca and enters the Strait of Georgia, its amplitude decreases to less than one metre along the coasts," reads part of the report.

"The best available data suggests

that in most areas of the Capital Region, four metres or 13 feet above high tide is a safe elevation."

Whereas the CRD-commissioned study doesn't note any specific tsunami threats to Salt Spring, Zook said it's important to realize tsunamis can have different causes, including volcanic eruptions and landslides — factors that were excluded from the model.

Because earthquakes can be centred throughout the region, Zook advises people to seek higher ground whenever they sense an earthquake.

"Shaking is the warning," she said. "If the shaking happens and you're by the water, it's time to leave."

Information on how to prepare for a major earthquake or for the risk of tsunami is available at www.prepareyourself.ca, a regional source for emergency planning information. Further information about the effects of a tsunami within the CRD is available at bit.ly/106XQ2n.

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TRANSPORTATION

Island looks toward cycling future with visionary document

Draft plan to be released May 15

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A document that has been decades in the making and could have many more decades' impact on island roads will be available for public viewing next week when the final draft of the Salt Spring Island Cycling Master Plan is released.

Prepared by Alta Planning and Design with the participation of key community groups, the visionary document makes recommendations to be carried out in several phases in order to improve Salt Spring's cycling capabilities. While many of the recommendations will require significant capital expenditure — to be acquired from as yet unknown sources — the master plan creates the necessary framework to make future decisions.

"It's a rock solid report — it really exceeded expectations, which were very high," said Brenda Guiled, who was part of the technical advisory committee on behalf of Island Pathways.

Sponsored by the Capital Regional District, Salt Spring's master plan is ironically the result of an oversight that left the island off the map when the CRD created its Regional

Pedestrian & Cycling Master Plan — which included only the parts of its district located on Vancouver Island. Guiled and Salt Spring's CRD manager Kees Ruurs discovered the oversight, to their vast disappointment, at a regional meeting.

The Island Pathways chair credits former Salt Spring Transportation Commission chair Donald McLennan for taking up the cause with planner Sue Hallatt, who then made restitution by contracting the same consulting firm that produced the original report.

"They helped us all pull together this amazing thing," Guiled said.

Besides Guiled, Ruurs and McLennan, the other participants on the advisory committee were John Wakefield, SSITC's current chair and the former executive director of Cycling BC; John Rowlandson, the director of Island Pathways' Velo Village events; Island Pathways' past president Claire Heffemen; Islands Trust planners Kristin Aasen and Chris Larson; and project intern Torill Gillespie, a masters student from the University of British Columbia's School of Community and Regional Planning.

"I'm extremely happy with the first draft," Wakefield said after viewing the first version of the document this week.

"I think it builds on almost 30 years of work to include cycling facilities on the island . . . I feel it's comprehensive and realistic at the same time."

The report makes several infrastructure recommendations, starting with reducing speed rates on all types of roadways and at corners with sight restrictions. Graduated speed zones and traffic-calming devices are proposed for Ganges' village centre.

Wider shoulders are proposed for island roads, with greater widths on routes with higher speed limits recommended for the short term. These include the main roads from Fulford to Ganges, through town and out to Long Harbour ferry terminal.

Long-term plans include a mixture of separated bike-ways, bike lane advisories, shared roadway signage, neighbourhood bike routes and multi-use trails across the entire island.

"This isn't a capital plan, but hopefully it will be a living document," Wakefield said.

"The good thing about the plan, it creates a document people on the island can consider when making changes to be best for all road users."

Implementation of even the most basic steps, such as way-finder signs alerting cyclists to routes and distances, will have to be done with the sup-



The "bike parking lot" on the ArtSpring lawn during Velo Village, a rural cycling conference held on Salt Spring in June 2012.

port and approval of various groups. The more advanced measures could require the combined participation of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, BC Ferries, the Islands Trust and CRD, as well as local property owners.

Currently the island's transportation commission is focused on completing phase one of the North Ganges Transportation Plan. Local funds from federal gas tax transfers have been committed to help implement phase two on Rainbow Road. CRD director Wayne McIntyre says there is \$100,000 budgeted for the project, but it also depends on a contribution from MoTI.

As for upcoming taxpay-

er contributions to cycling projects, McIntyre pointed out community priorities will have to be considered, with St. Mary Lake restoration and the Burgoyne waste treatment plant upgrade (see front-page story) about to consume local dollars.

On the up side, the CRD and transportation commission are active in seeking grant money and have links to other organizations, such as CRD Parks. The body has already expressed interest in adding Salt Spring to its network of regional trails.

The technical advisory committee is now finalizing the draft plan and intends to release it to the public around May 15. A six-week consulta-

tion period will then occur, most likely with a June 30 deadline. Individual responses will be sought, as well as input from groups like the RCMP, BC Ferries and government bodies, before the official plan is finalized and adopted.

"There's so many things that need to be done to make this a cycling haven and destination," Guiled said, adding, "We really want to make this work for the next generation, who will not be driving the way we did."

The final draft of the Salt Spring Cycling Master Plan can be viewed next week on the transportation commission's website at www.crd.bc.ca/saltspring/transportation.

NEWS BRIEFS

Thompson runs to glory

Salt Spring's Lynn Thompson finished first among the five runners in his M70-74 age category during an eight-kilometre race in Vancouver on Sunday.

Thompson completed the course through part

of Stanley Park and along Coal Harbour with a chip time of 44:21, earning him a respectable 136th place among more than 800 runners who registered for the event.

The race was among several events held as part of the annual BMO Vancouver Marathon.

Melanie Van Soeren finished first among a group of

island residents who made the trip to the Lower Mainland for the half-marathon event. She completed the 21-kilometre course in 1:36:59 to earn eighth spot among more than 500 racers in the F20-24 race category and 71st overall.

Other half-marathon participants included: Karen Madro: 1:56:46; Lynn Steiner: 2:01:40; Erin Madro:

2:05:16; William Steiner: 2:09:29; Stephen Melville: 2:08:58; and Robert McGinn: 2:15:43.

Jr., not sr.

One of the victims who signed a May 1 ad warning islanders about an alleged scam artist should not be confused with his father. The senior Chris Coates of Salt Spring has been approached

by many people in the community about the issue, but it is his son of the same name who has been affected.

Bus service adjusts

Annual service levels increases on Salt Spring transit routes took effect on Saturday, May 4.

The spring service will bring

added hours to support the start of the tourist season and to meet a change in the ferry schedule. Transit customers should also take note the #1 Ganges Local will have reverse routing on the hospital loop to accommodate stops and shelters on Lower Ganges Road starting later this month.

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ISLANDS TRUST

LTC approves secondary suites bylaw for pilot area

Move hoped to address affordable housing

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island has become the second community within the Islands Trust's jurisdiction — after Bowen Island municipality — to legalize secondary suites.

Accompanied by little fanfare, local Trust committee members unanimously passed Bylaw 461 before only two members of the public at Thursday morning's LTC session at Lions Hall.

The decision completes nearly three years of planning, deliberation and public consultation about the merits and the method

of legalizing secondary suites in parts of the island.

"My support for the proposed suites bylaw is based on compliance with Salt Spring's [Official Community Plan], which resulted from decades of community study and documentation," said LTC chair Sheila Malcolmson following the vote. "It's a credit to many community volunteers and advisory committees over the last 10 years, and I'm grateful for their work."

Secondary suites are now permitted within a pilot area based on access to transit routes, potable water capacity and sensitive ecosystems.

LTC members said they hope the bylaw will create considerable

opportunities for property owners and prospective renters.

"It enables a quick and potentially inexpensive increase in affordable housing stock without the need to build new houses," said LTC member George Grams. "It achieves that by allowing island residents within the pilot area who wish to let a portion of their dwelling to do so, provided they meet the building code for secondary suites."

"The legalization of secondary suites will hopefully see more lettable properties of good standard available to prospective tenants at rents compatible with average islanders' incomes."

Grams said pilot project monitoring will help staff at Salt Spring's

Islands Trust office assess "any undesirable and unforeseen consequences that might be a result of the legislation."

"With that information, we should be able to confidently determine if and where we can expand the pilot area to other parts of the island," he added.

For his part, LTC member Peter Grove noted the decision represents the fulfillment of a promise made to voters during his election campaign in 2011.

"Secondary suites will provide landlords and tenants with increased security, ensure standards of health and safety, increase the stock of rental housing and enable home owners to benefit from mortgage helpers," he said.

"I am confident that it will be a benefit to the community and will ultimately encompass most of the island."

Legalizing secondary suites was identified as a need by the Salt Spring Island Housing Needs Assessment in 2010 as well as the Community Affordable Housing Strategy in 2011.

Whereas Bylaw 461 permits secondary suites in specific neighbourhoods, these suites must be approved for a building permit through the Capital Regional District's building inspection office before they are considered legal.

More information about the new bylaw and specific zoning requirement is available at: bit.ly/18iKkMx.

Liquid waste idea not 'pie in the sky,' says group chair

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"The proposed design is in keeping with the use of the land for agricultural purposes and the applicant describes the final effluent from the system as indistinguishable from natural duck pond water," reads information from the Islands Trust staff report pre-

sented at the LTC's meeting on Thursday.

Peter Lake, chair of the liquid waste commission, assured LTC members the proposed "reed-bed" system will have a small footprint and takes the interests of island taxpayers into account.

"The situation is such that we had to look to something that is more economically

feasible and more in keeping with the general tenor of Salt Spring Island," Lake said during Thursday's meeting.

"It's not pie in the sky," added.

Reed beds and constructed wetlands act as modified sand filters, which have long been used to treat wastewater. The result, Lake said, is a facility with a much smaller

impact on the land than traditional waste management operations. The process will also save taxpayers the cost of shipping sludge off island.

"We are hoping that what we are trying to do is actually more agricultural than what we had originally planned to do," he said.

The application for non-farm use of ALR land coin-

cides with a rezoning application needed to allow expansion of the current liquid waste facility.

LTC members forwarded both applications to its agricultural advisory committee for further review.

Peter Grove, one of three Salt Spring LTC members, called the idea an "exciting proposal."

Fellow LTC member George Grams said the idea "makes absolute sense."

"It's self-contained, encourages wildlife and I commend you," he told the applicant.

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FIRE DISTRICT

Trustee election set for June 26

Date might coincide with hall referendum, but no decision yet

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring ratepayers may have the opportunity to vote on whether to approve borrowing costs for a new fire hall by the end of June, with the possibility of a referendum being scheduled at the same time as the next trustee election.

The fire protection district's board of trustees voted Monday night to hold the election Wednesday, June 26 with an advance poll on Saturday, June 22. The election is necessary to fill the seat left vacant when Grant Eckberg resigned at the board's annual general meeting on April 15.

Trustee Michael Schubart suggested the timing would make it possible to hold a referendum if the board decides to do so. A possible October timing was also mentioned during proceedings.

In other fire board news, the trustees may soon have a more accurate idea of what the borrowing costs to construct a new hall will be. The board voted to accept a proposal from cost consultant John Granger for design development costing, in a contract for

\$7,900 plus GST.

"We're hoping this is going to be a very accurate and precise estimate," Schubart said.

Major building components and specific details will be available to Granger, who will hopefully be able to produce a report with an error rate of less than 10 per cent plus or minus.

The board hopes to hold title to the donated property soon, as the subdivision application moves through the final stages of bureaucracy with Capital Regional District sewer requirements and those of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

"We're paralleling two tracks that we hope will converge in the not-too-distant future," Schubart said.

On the civil engineering side of things, run-off water will be reused for non-domestic purposes such as washing fire trucks, fire-fighting water and site irrigation. Rain water collection tanks are also planned.

Schubart said a minor structural change in the building's design will put the upper area over the offices instead of the training room because of concerns the latter area's ceiling would be too low. The change means there is more vertical alignment between the upper and lower floors, resulting

in a small cost savings.

Following a question from Norbert Schlenker on construction materials, Schubart reported the committee is leaning toward laminated beams for the vehicle bay because of their dollar for dollar value and high "R" rating.

"In the other part, we're contemplating using stick frame, because it's more flexible, faster and cheaper," Schubart said.

In answer to questions from another attending member of the public around the borrowing costs, Schubart said the number the board brings to the public will be a "global cost" that encompasses construction, site development, systems and furnishings, "with the proviso that there are always some unknowns." A small cushion will likely be built in to cover the bases in the event the old fire hall site doesn't sell for as much as expected.

A public information session on the new fire hall plan is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 at the Central fire hall from 7 to 9 p.m. Fire chief Tom Bremner and trustees will be in attendance.

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Governance group launches RFP

Consultant applications accepted until May 27

The committee tasked to assess Salt Spring's governance structure has taken what may be its largest stride to date by posting a request for a consultant who will undertake the governance study process.

The successful applicant will "engage the public in a review

of all governance structures on Salt Spring" and "outline the general differences between rural (unincorporated) and municipal (incorporated) local government," states information in the RFP.

Applicant submissions must be received by the Capital Regional District before noon on May 27. A decision by governance committee members is anticipated by the

middle of June with a final report anticipated by November.

The study is expected to cost up to \$59,000. Half of the funds are earmarked for a thorough public engagement process.

The governance study will not provide detailed technical or financial information on the impact of municipal incorporation and will not conclude with a referendum, the RFP adds.

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Active debate session highlights voters' May 14 choices

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With hopes to draw on the many federal Green party voters who sent MP Elizabeth May to Ottawa, Green party candidate Adam Olsen met a supportive crowd as he made his case for a new party and a new style of governing.

"We have grown a grassroots support to govern differently," he said. "We are poised to elect the next generation, but we cannot fall back to the last generation's voting strategies.

"The threat of the Greens breaking the monopoly on Vancouver Island has inspired change, but our job is not done."

Liberal candidate Stephen Roberts, who grew up on and lives on Salt Spring, held his own by sticking to his party's desire to build a competitive provincial economy while creating employment opportunities and fostering environmentally friendly technologies.

"In this election, we face a stark choice. We have to decide wheth-

er we're going to embrace some of the opportunities that B.C. has or whether we're going to say no to every development project that's out there.

"We can actually say yes . . . we can learn how to make things work environmentally. We can build some of those pipelines . . . and we can become a world leader to ensure B.C. is prosperous."

Candidate Scott McEachern encouraged the audience to acknowledge the rise of independent-based candidates who need not answer to their respective party lines.

"I am no different than all of you people out there; I get up really early in the morning, I go to work and, at the end of the day, I try to make all the ends meet.

"The problem that we have seen with B.C. governments in the past many moons is that your voices all go silent and they never want to hear from you again until four years when they're back on this stage. When I go out there, I want to hear the issues that you have."

For a full video of the May 2



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

From left, independent candidate Scott McEachern, Green candidate Adam Olsen, Liberal Stephen Roberts and the NDP's Gary Holman at the May 2 all-candidates meeting at GISS.

event, see the Salt Spring Forum website at www.saltspringforum.ca.

The event was organized by the GISS student council and the Salt Spring Forum.

VOTING INFORMATION

Advance voting in the provincial election is from Wednesday, May 8 through Saturday,

May 11, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

On Salt Spring the advance poll will be set up at ArtSpring.

General voting is on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Voting locations are listed on yellow voter cards that registered voters should have received in the mail by now.

For more information about voting requirements and how to register to vote at either the advanced or regular polls, visit www.elections.bc.ca, or see the Elections BC ad on Page 16 in this issue of the paper.

Election results will be available on the Driftwood website, Facebook page and Twitter feed on Tuesday evening.

BUSINESS

Chamber urges participation

Public invited to chamber's May 15 AGM

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The chair of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce wants island business owners eager for economic improvements to step forward and join the group's board of directors.

Matt Steffich, the owner of a Ganges gallery who's the current board chair, said the group offers islanders the perfect venue to get involved with a series of upcoming initiatives that seek to invigorate the downtown core.

"We're looking for different skill sets and encourage anyone to join," he said. "It's a pretty vibrant board made up of some diverse people.

"It's challenging, but that's part of the appeal. Everybody is there for the same reason: they want to give back to the community."

Steffich said prospective board members should be prepared to spend up to three hours a month at the board's regular meetings.

"To join the chamber is one thing and we encourage that, but if you can take it to the next step, that's even better," he said.

At the membership level, Steffich said, he's keen to encourage broader participation by chamber members and newcomers.

During the past year, chamber members have



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Chamber of Commerce chair Matt Steffich outside his Steffich Fine Art gallery in Grace Point Square.

hosted signature island events like Salt Spring Blooms in April, the Canada Day car show, Sip and Savour, and the small business awards.

Steffich looks forward to further efforts to encourage local shopping and beautify areas in and around Ganges. "You can get everything you need here," he added.

Since becoming involved with the chamber in 2010, Steffich has noted a renewed co-operative spirit among disparate island groups.

"There's been more outreach as far as trying to engage the community," he said. "One thing about the [economic] downturn is that it creates a willingness for people to work together."

To that end, Steffich foresees an even more proactive approach in the year ahead, one that will foster closer ties with community stakeholders and government agen-

cies like the Capital Regional District-led Community Economic Development Commission.

Though some businesses have closed in recent years, Steffich pointed to the many new businesses that have opened their doors, especially in recent months. He said the natural ebb and flow of the island's economy is highly dependent on management and people's willingness to support islander-owned shops.

Steffich invites anyone who wants to see the island's economy flourish to attend next week's AGM.

"It's a very good opportunity to show up and hear all the ins and outs during the last year and what's in store for the future," he said.

The group's AGM is on Wednesday, May 15 at the Lions Hall between 5 and 7 p.m. Voting is limited to members.

SANSUM NARROWS TRANSMISSION LINE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Location: Sansum Narrows

Start: Thursday, May 9

Anticipated Completion: Saturday, June 1

Working days and times: Seven days a week, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

INFORMATION FOR SALT SPRING ISLAND AND MAPLE BAY RESIDENTS

Please be advised that BC Hydro will be doing work on transmission infrastructure in and around Sansum Narrows. The work requires the use of helicopters and large equipment.

To ensure the safety of our crews and the public, Sansum Narrows will be closed to marine traffic on May 9, May 10, May 13 and May 14. For the duration of the project a water taxi will be used at the work zone to manage marine traffic. Delays and temporary closures are expected. We appreciate your understanding while we undertake this important work and apologize for any inconvenience.

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Emergency kits key to survival plans

Seven to 30 days of supplies recommended

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Keeping 72 hours worth of supplies on hand may work in the big city, but when emergency strikes in the Gulf Islands, having a bit more in store can make a world of difference.

"Everyone thinks we should do 72 hours preparedness but, reality check, it's going to be a lot longer than that," said Elizabeth Zook, coordinator of the Capital Regional District's Salt Spring Emergency Program. "We really want to recommend people have more than 72 hours worth of food."

During a recent interview at the island's emergency operations centre, Zook said people should look to have anywhere between seven and 30 days

worth of supplies on hand for an emergency.

In the end, Zook added, it should come down to how much space is available to store the emergency kit.

To give people an idea of how much food they'll need during an extended emergency, Zook recommends people take a look at a whatifcolorado.com. The site's one-of-kind emergency preparedness calculator — accessed through the resources tab — shows people how much food and water they'll need to get through a 72-hour period.

For residents of the Gulf Islands and other isolated communities, Zook advises multiplying the figures by anywhere from two to 10 to determine how much they'll need to survive for between six to 30 days.

A household with two adults and a child under 12 years of age would require 75 litres of water, four kilograms of grains,

52 cups of veggies, 38.5 cups of fruit and 3.3 kilograms of meat or beans to stay well fed for a week.

Zook encourages people to think of any prospective emergency as they would an extended camping trip. Besides food and basic first aid supplies, she said, it's important that members in every household consider how they intend to prepare their meals, clean up the dishes and dispose of garbage.

The What If? Colorado website includes several tips and hints intended to help residents make the most of their supplies. Information includes food storage and nutrition tips as well as a comprehensive list of items that will really prove useful in a pinch, things like a butane stoves and a can opener.

Zook has teamed up with islanders Wreford Miller and Janisse Browning to offer residents a free one-hour food

storage for emergency preparedness course later this month.

The event will teach participants the basic principles of stable, reliable, long-term food storage for emergency preparedness.

"You don't have to dig deep for information about long-term food storage before finding yourself squirming like an insect caught in a web of survivalist blogs and list-serves," Browning and Miller wrote in the latest edition of the SSI Emergency program's quarterly newsletter. "We prefer a more realistic approach that involves preparing for real risks in order of likelihood."

"Preparedness should be easy, friendly and fun."

The workshop is on Tuesday, May 28 between 7 and 8 p.m. Priority will be given to POD and other neighbourhood group members. Contact Zook at ssiepc@crd.bc.ca to register.

ISLANDS TRUST

LTC's EAC and ADP to become APC

Conservancy application also moves forward

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee's new Advisory Planning Commission could come into being before the end of the month, according to Trust staff.

During Thursday's business meeting, LTC members gave final approval to Bylaw 467, concluding months of work to make the application review process more efficient and straightforward.

According to the bylaw, the new APC will replace the advisory design panel, environmental advisory committee and agricultural advisory committee.

The legislation will maintain the agri-

cultural advisory committee by establishing an Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission.

The LTC's decision follows approval of Bylaw 467 by the Trust's Executive Committee on April 23.

More information about the new APC and how to get involved is available through the Salt Spring Islands Trust office or website.

Also at Thursday's meeting, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy took another step forward in the campaign to buy a property next to Blackburn Lake as the LTC gave third reading to a pair of crucial land-use applications.

LTC approval rezones the 32-acre waterfront property to Agricultural 2 and removes a land-use contract that enabled operation of a golf club on the site.

The decision to approve Bylaws 465 and 466 follows a public hearing, during which the application received widespread support, endorsements by the Trust's Advisory Environment and Agricultural Advisory committees, and support from the provincial Agricultural Land Commission.

ALC members have suggested incorporation of an agricultural component into any future plans for the site.

The SSI Conservancy is in the process of a fundraising campaign to collect \$600,000 needed to acquire the land, considered to have exceptional ecological value.

The group aspires to convert the site into a nature reserve that will provide opportunities for research and public education programs, while protecting parts of the larger Cusheon Lake watershed.

WORKSHOPS

Tech Café unravels mysteries

Library series on three Thursdays this month

The Salt Spring Island Public Library will be hosting a series of technology workshops this month as part of its new Tech Café series.

Using laptops funded by a grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation, the workshops will teach people to use various technologies including eBooks, iPads and Twitter. Tech Café will be hosted on three Thursdays in May from 12 to 1 p.m.

"In today's rapidly changing times, it can be difficult to keep up with current technology," states a press release. "The library is here to help patrons of all ages by offering free sessions on how to use these technologies."

The first workshop, called Downloading eBooks, is on Thursday, May 9. It will teach patrons how to download free eBooks and audiobooks using the Library to Go/Overdrive system. Participants will learn how to get titles onto a number of electronic devices, including eReaders, laptops, iPhones, iPads, etc.

The next workshop, Intro-

duction to iPad, on the following Thursday, May 16, will cover iPads specifically.

Participants will get instruction on how to download and use a number of apps, and other functions of the iPad.

The final workshop of the month, on Thursday, May 30th will be an Introduction to Twitter, the popular social media site. It can be used in a number of ways, from personal communication to promotion.

Each workshop has a 12-participant limit. To register, people can call the library at 250-537-4666, or email info@saltspringlibrary.com.

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EDITORIAL

Tuning out

If the eagerness of this week's Salt Spring Says respondents is anything to go by, turnout for next week's provincial election will be summed up by a curt "Thanks but no thanks."

"I haven't been paying attention" and "I don't trust politicians" were among other responses from those who would rather rush to their root canals and colonoscopies than spare some time to pontificate about the election campaign.

As if the campaign's apparent failure to inspire the electorate wasn't enough of a challenge, sunny skies didn't make things any easier.

Summer-like smiles and an eagerness to answer the question of the week promptly turned into

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Local debate fights apathy

frowns or looks of outright disgust when the topic of politics surfaced. It was as though a dark cloud had blown in to ruin an otherwise wonderful day.

Apathy towards Tuesday's provincial election may not have originated

in the current campaign, but it's easy enough to see why so many feel like tuning out. People can be urged to exercise their "democratic duty," but who can blame them for turning away if the tired clichés and false assertions make them depressed and despondent.

Part of this electoral distress may result from the detachment felt to exist between political leaders and the people who live in communities like Salt Spring.

Christy Clark's tour of the LNG-rich north east or a speech by Adrian Dix to voters in Richmond don't always resonate at the local level.

Last week, however, Salt Springers — including a good crowd of soon-to-be voters — finally got a chance to engage with the four candidates running in Saanich North and the Islands.

The range of questions ran the gamut and candidates appeared to do their best to give participants a sense they were being listened to.

If there's any hope to ease the suffering around election time, it's at all-candidates gatherings such as these. Fortunately, those who missed it can watch a replay of the event at saltspringforum.ca.

Some parts may even bring a smile to your face.



VIEWPOINT by Janice Dickie

Cyclists have legal road rights too

An unpleasant incident between a motorist and a small group of cyclists last week was a reminder that with the busy cycling season upon us, it's time to think about the rules of the road.

I was one of three cyclists riding single file on Atkins Road toward Lower Ganges Road on Wednesday, May 1. Suddenly, I heard the honk of a car's horn. I glanced back and saw a car passing closely by the cyclist behind me.

The middle-aged female driver, with a child in the car, honked again and veered toward me as she approached. She shouted at me to "get off the road and onto the dirt pathway — where you belong!" She then continued toward the cyclist in front of me, and again blasted her horn.

Fortunately, all three cyclists managed to stay on their bikes throughout the incident, but it could have ended badly. To avoid the car, less experienced cyclists may have steered off the pavement and onto the soft shoulder or into the ditch, causing an accident.

Aggressive driving behaviours like passing too closely, honking, or telling cyclists to get off the road are unsafe and illegal. They are also frightening. Although I am an experienced cyclist who has ridden my bicycle across Canada, I still felt rattled by the driver's anger as she yelled and drove too close to my bike.

If you are a motorist, please be aware bicycles are considered vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Act, and cyclists have the same rights and duties as other drivers. Treat them as you would any other vehicle on the road.

When it is safe to do so, cyclists generally ride in the right-most through lane, about one metre from the curb or parked vehicles. However, cyclists are legally permitted to ride on any part of the roadway. They are not required to cycle on pathways or any part of a road that is not paved.

Cyclists are also entitled to ride in the centre of a lane when they feel it is too narrow for a motor vehicle to pass them, or if they feel their safety is compromised. Those who cycle too close to the edge of the road risk colliding with suddenly opening doors of parked cars or falling due to hazards such as sand, poor pavement or debris.

Cyclists must follow the same traffic laws as motorists. They cooperate with drivers by yielding when required and riding single file to the right of the roadway when safe to do so. Cyclists must also use hand signals and choose the correct lane at intersections.

The reality is that lack of knowledge and poor judgment by both drivers and cyclists result in cycling accidents. According to statistics collected by ICBC, an average of 1,300 cyclists are injured and 10 cyclists are killed in accidents each year in B.C.

With the arrival of warm weather, cyclists are starting to come out in full force. Drivers: please share the road and treat cyclists with respect. Cyclists: please do the same for drivers.

The writer is a Salt Spring cyclist. The piece was written with input from fellow cyclists Julie van Soeren and Karen Curtin.

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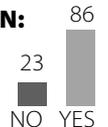
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Should the CRD ban smoking on beaches?

Yes No

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you know who'll get your vote on May 14?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We really want to make this work for the next generation, who will not be driving the way we did."

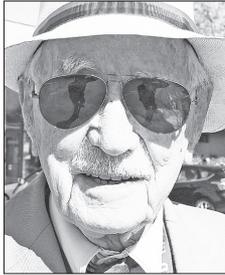
BRENDA GUILLED, ON DRAFT SSI CYCLING PLAN

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What do you think about the provincial election campaign?



LUCIANO DENUNZIO
I don't like politicians period. Probably the only one I like is Gandhi.



RON HOLCROFT
It'll all come out in the end, though I don't know who will win.



CHRIS JASON
I like the fact that it's a very short campaign, unlike the States where they spend millions.



DAVE STONE
All sides really need to come to some form of agreement that benefits communities.



JUDITH YOUNG
I think some of the television ads are a bit much.

Letters to the editor

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

Good idea

Top marks to Tina Simpson for her April 24 letter regarding the need for a walk-in-clinic for Salt Spring Island. With most doctors having closed patient lists, where have people to go but the emergency room?

A walk-in-clinic type of facility open from 6 to 9 p.m. and on weekends, staffed by one doctor or nurse practitioner, would certainly relieve pressure on the emergency room, especially during the tourist season.

To suggest people should consider going off island for walk-in-clinics is stupid and insensitive.

PETER ROWELL,
SALT SPRING

Served us well

I am not a card-carrying member of any political party, but in the upcoming election I am supporting the NDP's Gary Holman. Here's why.

Gary has been involved in our local government and island institutions for many years. He has held many volunteer positions with the Islands Trust, as well as numerous conservation and other organizations. He has been a very active, contributing board member of many organizations like The Land Conservancy of British Columbia and has spent many volunteer hours providing these agencies with his expertise.

Most recently Gary was our CRD director and worked assiduously with others to

establish our local bus service, to protect our water quality and to deliver services most effectively to Salt Spring. Gary's background as an economist has served him — and us — well in all of his work on our behalf.

I've worked with Gary on several projects over the years and have always found him both conscientious and dedicated. I believe he has the skills, values and experience required to represent our area well in the provincial legislature, no matter which party wins a majority. For these reasons, I hope that you will vote for Gary as I am.

CHARLES KAHN,
SALT SPRING

Double standard

I voted for Elizabeth May in the last federal election and for Briony Penn before that.

The NDP lost the last provincial election in part because Green icon David Suzuki and someone called Tzeporah Berman steered a lot of green votes to the Liberals because the NDP would not support the carbon tax, which like BC Hydro's two-tiered billing discriminates against rural folks (like ourselves).

This carbon tax has since been discredited by the auditor general as being another tax grab with more funds headed for the government's general revenue sinkhole.

Not long ago Elizabeth May appeared at the national Liberal leadership convention urging Liberals to consider to vote strategically to defeat the Conservatives. She also suggested that there be runoff votes to determine which was the best party to do that.

But here in B.C. it seems to be a different story for the Greens. Ms. May has been showing up everywhere supporting Green candidates, despite the fact this will happen largely at the cost of the NDP. No talk of strategic voting here. The NDP is slipping in the polls.

I am very concerned that B.C. may not survive another disastrous five years of a Liberal government, that is actually Conservative and given

their own donors' list, largely a front for the big business/special interests that want pipelines and fracking, as well as privatized everything, starting with our water, electricity and health systems.

How does the election of a Liberal government serve any truly Green or humanist agenda?

I am a member of the Green party but given that a Green vote will in effect support a Liberal win I will be looking at the bigger picture and voting NDP this time out. Given Elizabeth May's double standard, I will be rethinking my federal vote as well.

TOM PICKETT,
LEE ROAD

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Saint Ganges Sinkhole a winner for tourism?

By now, you're sure to have heard all about the Great Ganges Sinkhole and the cesspool of controversy that has been stirred up around it. Recent attempts have been made by the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MOTI) to rectify the "mystery leak" that has been causing a constant stream of water to suddenly percolate up through the asphalt and create a deepening dip at the foot of Ganges Hill.

At this point, it's still too early to tell whether the most recent excavation and subsequent repaving of the sinkhole will prove to be a permanent solution or just another in a series of "band-aid" efforts to trick the public into thinking that somebody is paying attention.

A variety of theories have surfaced to explain the mystifying phenomenon. Some people say that the flow of water originates from the runoff at the wastewater treatment plant situated nearby on Jackson Avenue. Others claim that work on the Ganges storm sewers a few years ago tapped into an ancient artesian well. Still others blame blasting at various construction development sites for having diverted part of Ganges Creek.

There are a few, also, who view the excess flow of water and subsequent sinkhole as part of a much larger problem. Call it "climate change" or "global warming," they view it as a result of the receding Arctic polar cap associated with the melting of glaciers and icebergs.

Whatever the cause, there seems to be much consternation on the subject among islanders. Why do we choose to throw up our hands in despair? Why not, instead, see the Great

Ganges Sinkhole as an opportunity? Instead of seeing the glass half empty, we can look at the glass as half full and use the mysterious torrent of water as a chance to have it overflowing to the brim.

Nobody really knows for sure where the water is coming from, right? One theory is as good as the next, so what if the source of the flow was the actual Ganges River in India? Before you have me fitted for a straight-jacket, hear me out.

Isn't there a possibility — granted it's slight but still a possibility — that the water bubbling out of the ground at the bottom of Ganges Hill may indeed be the legendary lost tributary of the mighty River Ganges which has somehow meandered its way from its origin in the sub-continent of India, through the centre of the earth, only to trickle up again to the surface just outside the Harbour Food Market?

Imagine the trickle-down effect on our island economy if word got out that the very same cleansing waters that flow along the banks of the "Ganga" were to now be available right here on Salt Spring. Can't you just picture the Saturday Market frenzy that would be occurring all week long as the hordes of tourists line up with towels and bars of soap in hand in the public bathing area just outside Embe Bakery?

Let's look at another scenario of what could be if we were to break away from all the negativity surrounding the sinkhole opportunity. Everybody's heard of the town of Lourdes in south-



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

western France, right? In 1858, a vision of the Virgin Mary is believed to have appeared to a local lass by the name of Bernadette no fewer than eighteen times. As a result, Lourdes has become a popular religious shrine and the water taken from the sacred spring gurgling up near the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto is purported to have incredible healing properties (many swear it has been the cause of miracle cures to terminal diseases).

How popular has Lourdes become? This little hamlet of about 15,000 permanent residents (almost the same size as Salt Spring) attracts over 5 million pilgrims a year. There are approximately 270 hotels in Lourdes, making it second in most hotels per square kilometre in France (after Paris).

Are you catching my drift here? This could be really BIG! Sure there's many a "doubting Thomas" out there who would scoff at the idea and argue that nobody would believe the sinkhole runoff is sacred. Well, they believed Bernadette and she was just a 14-year-old peasant girl. The point is that people want to believe in miracles and would be willing to embrace the Saint Ganges Sinkhole.

All we need is some creative packaging and marketing. Our Bernadette could be Bernie, a 12-year-old skater kid hitchhiking at the bottom of Ganges Hill. With a little embellishment, the legend could have Bernie being visited by an apparition of St. Escrow (the patron saint of

realtors) just as he's about to climb into a vehicle that has stopped to offer him a ride. St. Escrow warns Bernie to wait for a better offer and so Bernie steps away from the passenger door. The driver, incensed that his offer has been refused and his time wasted, floors the pedal to the metal. The result of the tires spinning on the slick, wet pavement cause the automobile to lurch off the road, somersault two or three times, and end up lying on its roof a few yards below the gravel shoulder. Everybody agrees that a miracle has occurred and the mysterious outflow of water is declared sacred by the highest authority, the chair of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

Just like that, lickety-split, what was once perceived as a major problem becomes a community asset. Perhaps the concept can be expanded further to incorporate a world-class Ganges Sacred Water Theme Park where, as the pamphlets read, "visitors can have fun for the whole family as they negotiate the twisting water slides while still in their vehicles."

Nobody asked me (and probably after this column nobody ever will), but this is just one example of how a simple paradigm shift in thinking can make a difference in how we perceive the problems that inevitably confront our daily lives. Now that the Great Ganges Sinkhole conundrum has been solved, it's time to turn our attention to that other giant sinkhole on Salt Spring: the B.C. Ferry Corp. and its ever-rising fares.

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Expand the market

On Saturday I went down to the market at 7:30 to try to get a spot as a day vendor. After putting my name on a list and waiting around for almost two hours, I was told that it was a no go — no spot for me to sell my newly published book.

Rob Pingle, the market manager, handled the crowd of prospective vendors extremely efficiently, but he is bound by the CRD rules that dictate where people may set up their stalls. As I looked around the park at the expanse of grass, I wondered who set those rules and why it is not possible to, for example, set up another row of stalls backing the existing ones and facing inwards towards the park? As I observed that morning, there are literally dozens of Salt Springers who may not be established long-term market vendors but who have each created something unique that they would like to sell.

There are no shortage of buyers either, who now have to struggle through the ever-increasing crowds in the main part of the market. Another row of stalls would ease the crowd congestion and make going to the market a more relaxing experience, rather than the rugby

scrum it is turning into.

It is also unfortunate that in these economic times, Salt Spring residents who have worked to create a sellable product are unable to avail themselves of the huge numbers of tourists who come to the market. These visitors are ready, able and willing to buy unique Salt Spring arts, crafts and produce, thus boosting our island economy.

I respectfully submit that the rules governing the market need to be re-examined and more provision made for frustrated day vendors.

Roberts building relationships

There's a first for everything and I'm writing as I'm very excited to see the BC Liberal party taking an interest in building their relationship with Salt Spring Island.

As of May 2, the first Liberal party campaign office on Salt Spring Island has opened its doors at 160 Fulford Ganges Rd., which demonstrates the level of commitment BC Liberal candidate and Salt Spring resident Stephen Roberts is extending towards the community.

Speaking of firsts, Rob-

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erts also won the party nomination in a vote that took place on Salt Spring as well, in March.

What's next on Roberts' list of firsts? As quoted, if elected, he plans to "maintain a constituency office in Ganges, because it's time for people on Salt Spring to be able to reach their representatives directly, without a ferry ride."

JESSICA ROBERTS,
SALT SPRING & VANCOUVER

Who can support Liberals?

I do not ask this facetiously. How can anyone vote for the so-called BC Liberals?

The Orwellian name is enough of a put-off, but I ask sincerely: What can a party do to alienate voters? How about corruption? The BC Rail fiasco is still unsettled and, by the way, we want our \$6 million back.

How about the selling off of our cherished crown corporations? How about the twisted management of BC Hydro that can't produce power anymore and guarantees the independent power producers

exorbitant prices for energy that we don't need? And of course, there are the wireless power meters installed on every house in the province to the tune of \$1 billion.

How can we forget the HST boondoggle? Child welfare is a catastrophe in this province, with child poverty leading the way and educational funding second to all. Nurses were treated like dirt, as were teachers.

How about the brilliant plan for the economy to depend on natural gas fracking and fossil-fuel infrastructure in the face of the greatest problem to face mankind: global warming? And that says nothing about building the Site-C dam and flooding farm land to supply energy for natural gas extraction as a gift from the taxpayer to the corporations.

The list goes on and on: export of raw logs, privatization, the war on unions, the lowest taxation of corporations in North America, the drunk-embarrassment of our former premier, violating the charter rights of the citizenry en masse, run-of-the-rivers power destruction, I mean production.

The BC Liberals have screwed up on every issue. Seriously, there is not one thing we can point to and

say, wow, they did a really good job on that.

And Christy Clark? From her embarrassing "soccer mom" affections to the fictitious balanced budget, her credibility is nil.

With good alternatives to choose from, I repeat: How can anybody vote for the BC Liberals? We'll be dancing in the streets when the nightmare is over.

LARRY NELSON,
SALT SPRING

Energy corridor

Our federal government and the oil and gas lobby have made their agenda clear. They want to use our province as an energy corridor to move tar sands bitumen and fracked gas through B.C. to overseas markets.

More and more British Columbians are saying this is a step backwards that will leave our environment vulnerable to tanker spills and ground water contamination, while betting our economy on volatile global prices.

We need to build a long-term economy on sustainable jobs in healthy communities, not risk dirty energy mega projects that could so very easily wipe out our local economies and destroy our world-renowned environment.

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Over 100 people attended the volunteer appreciation party in the ArtSpring Gallery on April 23.

The event honoured the thousands of volunteer hours contributed by people who are passionate about the place of the arts on Salt Spring Island. Guests commented that the party felt like a gathering of a big family.

Sarah Foster was honoured as Volunteer of the Year, receiving flowers, a koala bear in commemoration of her recent trip to Australia, and a gift certificate to ArtSpring.

The ArtSpring board encourages community members to come to ArtSpring and see what they can do to further the creativity and outreach of ArtSpring.

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Remember land film shown

Activities of Canadian mining companies both in Canada and abroad have been in the news recently as indige-

nous groups protest environmental and human rights abuse.

Canada is home to 75 per cent of the world's mining and exploration companies. Canadian stock exchanges raise 40 per cent of all mineral exploration capital worldwide.

In November of 2011, the Canadian government endorsed the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Article 32 of this declaration says that states are to consult and co-operate with indigenous peoples in order to obtain "their free and informed consent" prior to the approval of any projects affecting their lands and resources. How well do Canadian mining companies carry out the terms of this article?

KAIROS, an interfaith social justice group, is sponsoring an information session about the activities of Canadian mining companies. This session will feature the showing of a KAIROS DVD, Remember the Land, and a guest speaker, Don Conley, who has worked as a consultant helping communities balance expectations for growth with the need to preserve traditional lands

and cultures.

Remember the Land is the story of the gathering in May 2011 in Toronto of people from around the world who came together to consider the impact of Canadian mining on the environment and the people who seek to protect it.

Conley is a musician, currently artistic director of Salt Spring Singers, who has also worked around the world as a consultant for Monkey Forest Consulting. This organization helps companies align business objectives with local community values, according to voluntary principles on security and human rights.

This KAIROS information session will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 3 p.m. in the lower hall of the Salt Spring United Church.

We urge you to attend. Opportunities will be given for questions and comments and refreshments will be provided.

LINDA SCARLETT-HAUCK, EILEEN WITTEWAALL, TOM MITCHELL,
SS KAIROS GROUP MEMBERS

Concert was tops

I want to congratulate everyone in the Salt Spring Singers for the fantastic concert they put on last Sunday afternoon.

I have been waiting for a long time to hear a concert of familiar music such as Broadway show tunes at ArtSpring and this concert was produced and directed so well. As a former member of Salt Spring Singers for 15 years, I have always enjoyed their concerts. This one was tops. I hope there are more like it to come.

MARY FRASER,
SALT SPRING

Time to bike

One way to make Ganges more appealing for tourists and locals alike actually saves money — using active transportation instead of motor vehicles.

When we bike or walk, we free up parking space and we can more readily interact with each other as friends and neighbours.

Now's the time to get on your bike, with Bike to Vote day coming up (May 14) and Bike to Work Week (May 27 to June 2). Many thanks to the businesses and individuals who have already offered to help in a vari-

ety of ways.

Cyclists, pedestrians and other users of our pathways, please come out for a photo op at 10:05 a.m. on Saturday, May 11 by the cycling information kiosk/bike rack next to the tourist centre in Ganges.

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For more information, contact me at janslakov@shaw.ca or 250-537-5251.

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ART ON THE MOVE: "Team Venter" loads the last of a moving van full of Salt Spring sculptor Kathy Venter's work from her Merchant Mews studio for a solo exhibit at the acclaimed Gardiner Museum in Toronto. Kathy Venter - LIFE runs May 30-Sept. 15. See www.gardinermuseum.on.ca for details.

RANTS and Roses

Rants

To the white-haired motorcycle man wearing a brown leather jacket who rode the Fulford ferry to Salt Spring at 1 p.m. on May 1, please do not litter! I saw you release your hand with plastic litter overboard. Learn respect for your home, our planet! L. Brunelle

Roses

A sound stage covered in roses for our local folk club for their kind donation to the Fulford Community Hall of 200 new, very comfortable chairs! This wonderful gift will seat the community for many years. Special thanks and a guitar full of roses to Bill Henderson, Valdy and the folk club directors. Fulford Community Hall directors

To anyone who doesn't know what I've known for 60 years: Nurses are angels. Jill and Shannon will be immortal in our family history. Hope they help on earth forever. Kent Hammond

Luscious silk and cashmere roses to Karen and Wendy of Stitches Fibre Art Supplies here on Salt Spring. I travel for business and have the opportunity to buy my knitting supplies (my obsession!) in Toronto, Vancouver, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. I can honestly say the shops in these cities have nothing on our Stitches shop here on Salt Spring. Wendy and

Karen have tutored me, advised me and humoured me through the stages of a new knitter. I have an endless supply of gorgeous yarns in my "stash" waiting for a new pattern, all of which I purchased at Stitches at completely competitive prices. I encourage us all to buy on island and support our merchants. If we want them to be there for our needs, buy on island and support them in the way they support all of us! Thanks, Wendy and Karen... you are the best! Cindy Rabson

Mucho gracias to the person who turned my remote assistant in to a fireman and the fireman who turned it in to the RCMP and to the RCMP for keeping it safe until I claimed it. Blessings one and all.

A huge bunch of multi-coloured party roses to all attendees, sponsors, donors and volunteers who supported the Fulford Elementary School Party Animal Fundraiser Dance! Funds raised will enable the PAC to provide subsidies for many enriching and fun activities for our students. Special appreciation to Thrifty Foods, Laughing Daughters Bakery, Salt Spring Coffee, Julia Lucich, The Fabulous Flakes and all the many donors to our silent auc-

tion. This generosity from the local businesses, merchants and artists is most greatly appreciated!

Roses to my amazing mother who always showers me with love and amazing treatments with her Figs and Honey products. I can always count on her to make me feel better and ready to conquer the next challenge. Love you mum!

A fire truck full of red roses to Capt. Dale Lundy and his team — Colin, Grant and Chantelle — for taking time on a Saturday morning to present FireSmart to our community. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

The Lost Chords present Lorne and Shirley Bunyan with a school bus load of forget-us-knots for the outstanding care and attention given to our choir for nearly 20 years. Up hill and down dale, they have been with us for one hell of a ride. We will stay on track and welcome your assistance at any time that you feel you can not live without us. From your Chickadees.

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what's on this week



<p>Wed. May 8</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Chamigos. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Community Kitchen. Cooking classes with different themes. Register weekly at Family Place. 1 to 3 p.m.</p> <p>SS Historical Society AGM. With guest speaker Patrick Taylor, author of An Irish Country Doctor, speaking about the history of Northern Ireland and the struggles of two societies. Central Community Hall. 2 p.m.</p> <p>Texas Hold'em Poker. Every Wednesday night at The Local. Sign up at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Advance Poll. For provincial election. ArtSpring. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Thur. May 9</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Open Stage Night. The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Mike Alviano. Live music. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p>	<p>Thur. May 9</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Sparkfest. Fundraiser for SWOVA and the Pass it On program, with Kinnie Starr, Julie Beattie, Naomi Jason and advanced dancers and moe. Harbour House Hotel. Doors at 7 p.m., music at 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Remember the Land: Global Ecumenical Voices on Mining. SSI KAIROS group sponsors film and guest speaker Don Conley on impact of Canadian mining companies. SS United Church. 3 p.m.</p> <p>New Fire Hall Info Session. Learn about the proposed new Ganges fire hall project. Central Fire Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Phantom of the Opera Movie Event. LMH Foundation fundraiser, with the Fritz cinema decked out as the Paris Opera House by Oscar-winning set designer Jim Erickson. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Tech Cafe. Workshop on downloading e-books. SS Library. 12 to 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Thur. May 9</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>SS Forum presents Dr. Julio Montaner. Winning the Battle Against HIV/AIDS. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Advance Poll. For provincial election. ArtSpring. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Fri. May 10</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Billie Woods. Live music. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Music for a Spring Evening. Concert by Brenda Deforuk and Mark McGregor, flutes; and pianist Patricia Plumley. Ted & Carol Brown's home. 7:30 p.m. RSVP to octamuse@gmail.com.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Walk With Your Doc. Celebrate health and fitness while walking with Drs. MacPhail and Butcher. Anyone welcome — free pedometers while quantities last. Portlock Park. 10 to 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Fri. May 10</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>StoryTime at the Library. Join Melissa for stories of spring and growing. For children 4 to 7 years. SS Library. 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Blackburn Property Guided Hike. One-hour guided hike with avian ecologist. Meet at 265 Blackburn Rd. 3 p.m. See the land the SSI Conservancy is fundraising to purchase!</p> <p>Patricia Fraser Book Launch. Launch of Ken Kirkby - Warrior Painter, with author and Ken Kirkby in attendance. Salt Spring Library. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Salmon Confidential: Film Screening, Update & Discussion. Join biologist Alexandra Morton and filmmaker Twyla Roscovich for a film screening and discussion of the government cover-up of what is killing BC's wild salmon. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Advance Poll. For provincial election. ArtSpring. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Sat. May 11</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Dad 'n Me Pancake Breakfast. Drop-in with free pancakes for dads and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. 8:30 to 10 a.m.</p> <p>Writing the Between Literary Evening. Readings by workshop leader/author Betsy Warland and workshop participants. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Advance Poll. For provincial election. ArtSpring. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Sun. May 12</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Piano Bar. With Diana English. Harbour House Restaurant. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Wild Bill and Crazy Dave. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Leo Kottke. Legendary guitarist live in concert. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Stowel Lake Farm Plant Sale. Plants for sale, plus music, lunch, snacks and face painting. Stowel Lake Farm. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Mother's Day Toonie Swim. Bring mom to the pool for a \$2 swim. Rainbow Road Pool. 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Mon. May 13</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Richard Cross. Live music. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>ToddlerTime at the Library. Bring your little ones aged 3 years and younger for 30 minutes of finger plays, rhymes, songs and bounces. Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Auditions for Mamma Priscilla's Bird Cage. A SS Community Theatre production. Call for an appointment: 250-537-2570. Portlock Park Portable. 6 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Family Yoga. For parents and their children under 10 yrs. Art Barn. 11 a.m.</p> <p>Tues. May 14</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Open Stage with David Jaquest. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Family Fitness. Portlock Park. 10 a.m. to noon.</p> <p>Walk With Your Doc. Celebrate health and fitness while walking with Drs. Ryan and Beaver. Portlock Park. 12 noon to 1 p.m.</p> <p>Meditation for Chronic Pain and Wellness. Tuesdays series starts today. Still Point Yoga Studio. 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Provincial Election. Voting from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Wed. May 15</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Terry Warbey. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce AGM. New bylaws to be adopted, election of board members, year-end and financial reports presented, followed by a wine and cheese mixer for members. Lions Hall. 5 p.m.</p> <p>Auditions for Mamma Priscilla's Bird Cage. A SS Community Theatre production. Call for an appointment: 250-537-2570. Portlock Park Portable. 6 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Texas Hold'em Poker. Every Wednesday night at The Local. Sign up at 6:30 p.m.</p>
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EXHIBITIONS

- The 4th annual **Symbolically 8** spring exhibition runs daily at **Gallery 8** in Grace Point Square until **May 12**.
- Opening exhibition of **Pod Contemporary**, Art on Paper, featuring eight local artists, runs to June 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at **102-120 Fulford-Ganges Rd.**
- West Coast painter **Wesley Clark** exhibits recent selected acrylics from four favourite themes at the **Harbour House Hotel Gallery** during **May**.
- Exhibit of photography by **Tatjana Liberty-Horucki** is at **Fernwood Road Cafe** until **May 18**.
- Peter Eyles'** recent oil paintings are exhibited during **May** throughout the **ArtSpring** lobby, with inspiration from the natural beauty of the West Coast environment.
- Lisa Lipsett** shows Nestling paintings at **Cafe Talia** from **May 2 to 31**.
- Alli Hames** and **Luke Loiselle** show work at **Barb's Bakery and Bistro** during **May**.
- Shutterjunkie** (photography by **Gregor Alan**) is at **Salt Spring Coffee Co.** through **May and June**.
- Duthie Gallery** features photos by celebrated photographer **Alex Waterhouse-Hayward** until **May 30**.
- The Salt Spring Photography Club** presents photos by **Judy H. McPhee** at the **Country Grocer Café** through **May**.
- David Moss** has paintings at **Penny's Pantry**.
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** features work by **Lloyd Nicholson, Leanne Brusatore, LeeAnn Norgard, Peter Allan, Heide Van Impe, Ken Ketchum, Dawn Davies, Lorne Shantz, Bob Rogers** and **Saltspring Fancy**.

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 The Bone Yard installation, left, drew lots of attention at last weekend's Secret Life of Potters exhibition and sale by the Salt Spring Potters Guild at Mahon Hall. Below, from left, are a piece by Melissa Searcy and one of the notes from the Bone Yard ensemble. Above right is work by Kathleen Raven.



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McGregor has performed in festivals and music series across North America, Europe, Australia and Israel, and is presently the principal flute of the Aventa Ensemble in Victoria and Ensemble 1534 in Ottawa, among other roles.

Friday's program features Erwin Schulhoff's Sonata, Franz Doppler's Andante & Rondo, and works by J.S. Bach, G.F. Telemann, Léo Delibes, Ian Clarke, Jeffrey Ryan and Christopher Caliendo.

Octagonal concerts are held at the home of Ted and Carol Brown at 143 Castle Cross Rd. With admission by donation, all proceeds benefit a scholarship fund for musicians developing their careers.

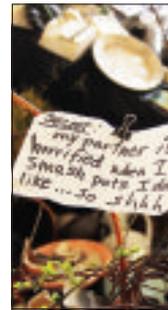
Music begins at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to octamuse@gmail.com as seating is limited. Carpooling is appreciated.

The Octagonal Music Society holds its final concert of the season this Friday, May 10, with three excellent musicians performing music for flute and piano.

Featured are Brenda Fedoruk and Mark McGregor on flute, and Patricia Plumley on piano.

Plumley has been on faculty at the Vancouver Community College School of Music since 1988 where she teaches piano, voice, class piano, piano pedagogy, and keyboard literature as well as conducting the Willan Community Choir, the VCC Concert Choir and coaching chamber collaborations.

Fedoruk is currently principal flute with the Vancouver Opera Orchestra and a core member of Vancouver's esteemed



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ArtSpring season ends on high note with Vogt concert

Acclaimed pianist was among first performers at arts centre

On Saturday, May 11, ArtSpring finishes its 14th year of concert programming by going back to where it all began in 1999.

That year several prominent Canadian musicians very generously offered their time and talent to launch the bold experiment of bringing international-standard performing arts presentation on Salt Spring. Victoria's Bruce Vogt was among the first pianists to perform

in ArtSpring's new theatre. He returns now to give an exciting recital to close ArtSpring's 2012-13 season.

Vogt is head of piano studies at UVic, and in addition is a distinguished soloist and chamber musician who has performed across Canada, the U.S., Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Eastern Europe and in China and Japan.

He is widely recognized as a major interpreter of the music of Franz Liszt and his ArtSpring concert will feature a second half devoted to his personal favourites from the great Romantic composer.

The first half of the program

will span piano music from the 17th to the 20th centuries, featuring works by Rameau, Mozart and Debussy.

"We sometimes foolishly assume that great musicians must live far away," says ArtSpring executive director George Sipos. "Victoria may seem too familiar to us, but it is home to a very fine and important Canadian pianist, and I'm delighted that we will have a chance to hear Bruce Vogt perform again on Salt Spring."

The Saturday concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 250-537-2102 or online at tickets.artspring.ca.



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Pianist Bruce Vogt performs in concert May 11 at ArtSpring.

FUNDRAISER

Dramatic fundraiser on Phantom night

This Thursday night at The Fritz

Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and The Fritz cinema have joined forces to present the 25th-year anniversary edition of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera stage performance filmed at the Royal Albert Hall.

The event is for one night only, on Thursday, May 9, starting at 7 p.m., and will see the theatre decked out

as the Paris Opera House with the brilliant assistance of Jim Erickson, winner of a 2013 Academy award for his set design of the movie Lincoln.

A catered reception will be held at the interval with special treats and "bubbly," airline style. A mystery guest will appear at that time, with photo opportunities for all patrons.

As well, the foundation's mascot doggy might also be in the midst, in formal wear, of course.

"We are very excited about this movie event extravaganza and encourage all movie-goers to dress up," said Diana Hayes of the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

Tickets (\$20) will be sold at the door and a limited number will be available for pre-sale at Salt Spring Books.

Masks and costumes are optional, but encouraged.

All proceeds from door sales will go directly towards the foundation's

annual Phantom Ball fundraiser, which assists the hospital in purchase of much-needed equipment items and hospital projects. In the last two years, a significant laboratory update has taken place along with much-needed equipment upgrades for the radiology, laboratory and endoscopy services.

The foundation's Phantom Ball fundraiser is also underway now. (See a story in next week's issue of the Driftwood.)

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BOOK LAUNCH

Survival themes part of Reiss book

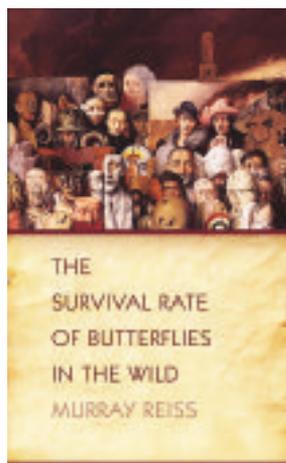
Launch party on Thursday, May 16

Salt Spring poet Murray Reiss and Salt Spring Books welcome islanders to the launch of Reiss' first full-length poetry collection, *The Survival Rate of Butterflies in the Wild*, on Thursday, May 16 at Lions Hall.

Just published by Hagios Press, *Survival Rate* portrays a childhood haunted not only by the Holocaust — in which his father's entire family perished — but by his father's subsequent desolate silence and shame for having survived.

A "second-hand survivor," his father's "distance from the chimneys didn't spare him; / his distance from those smokestacks was his disease."

"His generation," Reiss explains, "had few words for trauma of any kind, let alone one of this magnitude — the irreparable loss of an entire world. They had no way to think — let alone speak — of such a disaster. It was as if, along with everything else, they had been struck dumb. It's fallen to the next generation to inscribe the full dimensions of that loss."



Cover of Reiss' new poetry book.

Survival Rate fills that desolate silence with the family dead, who return as butterflies to instruct the poet in survival; a clubfoot twin who limps in "Poland-before-I-was-born"; a blonde-wigged mannequin named Anne who lives in the attic; the infamous Dr. Mengele; and the last two Jews in Poland.

"Haunted by so much death, the book asks, how can one learn to live?" asks a press release. "The poems answer through their language. Elliptical and allusive, veined with dark humour, often surreal, proceeding by fits and starts, feints and misdirections, these poems illumine some of history's darkest shadows with a searching, redemptive light that shows the fearful price paid when history's traumas are passed down from one generation to the next in secrecy and silence."

Griffin Prize-nominated poet Priscilla Uppal calls *Survival Rate* "a collection that heals as it transforms and soars into the light — like the wild butterflies of the title, wisdom and heartbreak flutter through these pages contained in delicate language both fragrant and beautiful."

And Salt Spring's own Governor General's Award-winning poet Robert Hilles calls it "an astonishing ... shocking but compassionate book. Its poems do not spare the truth but force us closer to its exposing light."

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the reading starts at 7:30. There will be refreshments and admission is free.

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EXHIBITIONS

Photography exhibit reveals depth of famous artists

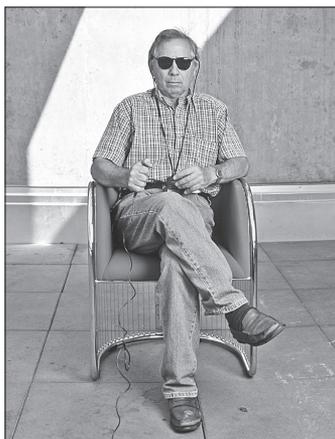
No slowing down for Alex Waterhouse-Hayward

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Alex Waterhouse-Hayward may be one of Vancouver's most successful commercial photographers, but the man behind a solo exhibition now on at Duthie Gallery has artistic depths reaching far beyond glossy cover shots.

People, Plants and Passion sums up some of his work over the past two decades in a very general sense: what is encompassed therein may surprise and even shock visitors, not just for the content but for the photographer's diverse gaze. Large prints of perfect flower blooms, portraits of famous actors and writers that are bursting with character and photographic versions of the strip-tease can all be found, reflecting a hungry curiosity that isn't close to being dampened after 70 years on the planet.

"Many photographers rest on their laurels," Waterhouse-Hayward said at Sat-



Alex Waterhouse-Hayward photos of a rose and himself seated in a chair.

urday evening's opening reception, "but the most important thing for a photographer is like for a gunfighter: a gunfighter is only as good as his last gunfight."

The results of some of the artist's most recent draws from the holster can be seen at Duthie Gallery, including a portrait of Salt Spring's Jim Erickson. The work is part of an ongoing series in which Waterhouse-Hayward photographs people wearing a

red shawl that his mother bought in Mexico City during the 1950s. His inspiration comes partly from the influential German photographer August Sander, who was known for taking photos of everyone in the village without prejudice: the baker was just as worthy as the mayor.

Subjects so far in My Mother's Red Shawl - El Rebozo Colorado include dancers, actors and musi-

cians, as well as a doctor and a dominatrix. Salt Spring artist Stefanie Denz is part of the series, as is gallery owner Celia Duthie. (These two are not on exhibit but can be viewed on the artist's blog.)

Another recent work features a new favourite model of Waterhouse-Hayward's, who happens to be a librarian from North Vancouver. She can be seen reclined over a draped sofa in a pose inspired by Balthus. The

photo was shot on Polaroid film, the backing then peeled, with printing done through the help of a scanner.

The motif and the technique are both indicative of the photographer's recent explorations. Waterhouse-Hayward has the New York Times delivered daily and has been having breakfast in bed for 15 years. He finds endless inspiration in the arts section's reports on paintings, galleries and art openings, and has taken to posing his subjects in the same positions seen in paintings by Velasquez, Goya and Hopper.

On the technical side, Waterhouse-Hayward remains committed to shooting on film (he always gets his shot in only a few takes), and has been printing images onto paper that is no longer being produced, using up the ends of the last remaining boxes.

"One of the most beautiful words in the English language is latent," he said.

"When you take a photograph you have an image that has to be developed—'developed out' was the common term in the 19th century."

Waterhouse-Hayward's talent for portraiture is immense. His ability to bring forth character shines through beautifully in photographs of Swedish actress-turned UN ambassador Liv Ullman, Peruvian author Mario Vargas Llosa and the Canadian pioneer of lesbian fiction, Jane Rule. The photographer fondly recalls the writer who lived on Galiano Island before her death; his portrait of her became her favourite and her preferred publicity shot.

The passionate side of the photographer is also on display, with a selection of erotic works mainly taken in the 1990s. But although Waterhouse-Hayward has been taking photos of nude women since 1977, he finds he is softening in his approach in his later years.

"We go through stages of what we think is erotic, what we think is sexy. I came to the conclusion at age 70, when the plumbing doesn't work so well anymore, that it's all in the mind," he explained.

The show continues to May 30. Gallery hours are Friday to Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

Protecting the source

Blackburn Lake integral to watershed health

For several weeks now, staff and volunteers at the Salt Spring Island Conservancy have sought islanders' contributions to a pivotal campaign aimed at protecting 32 acres of waterfront property along Blackburn Lake.

To date, organizers report a strong response on behalf of community groups and individuals who've eagerly submitted pledges towards reaching the \$600,000 needed to buy the property and preserve the land as a nature reserve for generations to come.

As well as its wealth of birds, small mammals, amphibians, rich flora and peaceful setting near the junction of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges roads, Blackburn Lake and the land that surrounds it play a crucial role to ensure the quality of water that flows down Cusheon Creek, into Cusheon Lake and through the lower watershed into

the ocean south of Beddis Beach.

As much as 75 per cent of all the water that enters Cusheon Lake travels through Blackburn Lake. Nearly all of that water in Blackburn originates from a pair of streams and wetlands on the very property sought by the Conservancy.

"Because land disturbance is the primary cause of phosphorus loading in Cusheon Lake, uncontrolled land disturbance on this property could have serious impact on an already troubled Cusheon Lake," according to the 2007 Cusheon Lake Watershed Management Plan.

"The Conservancy wants to support the community in protecting this watershed and helping clean drinking water, and we look forward, over time, to partnering with other groups and agencies, neighbours and community members to accomplish this through our example of careful stewardship of this critical watershed property," said Christine Torgirson, executive director of the



Christine Torgirson leads Friday afternoon rambles at the Blackburn Lake property.

Spring Island Conservancy.

More information about the ongoing campaign is available at www.saltspringconservancy.ca.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Anyone who wants to take advantage of the recent fine weather to get a closer look at the Blackburn Road property can come out to one of the Conservancy-led walks through the property.

One-hour guided hikes begin Fridays at 3 p.m., rain or shine, at 265 Blackburn Rd. Proper hiking shoes or gumboots are highly recommended.

Susan Hannon, a Salt Spring-based avian ecologist, will lead the next walk on May 10. Hannon will offer visitors a glimpse into the property's rich array of bird life, which include great blue herons, peregrine falcons, band-tailed pigeons and so many more.

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EXHIBIT

Peter Eyles paintings inspired by nature on display now

Throughout May at ArtSpring

Peter Eyles is showing his recent oil landscape paintings during the month of May in the ArtSpring lobby.

All the work is done in oil, a medium known for its rich colour and workability. A third of these paintings are small field studies done on site, while the larger paintings are studio work. "Drawing is a key com-

ponent in the construction of the pieces," said Eyles. "The work shows a development toward a loose painterly style. There is also a sampling of abstract non-objective work." Eyles said his inspiration

comes from the beauty of the natural environment, and the ocean shore often appears in his work. The majority of the paintings are Salt Spring based with a few scenes from other islands.

Eyles has shown his work in a number of commercial galleries and group shows. Early years involved finishing a BFA at UVic, studying drawing, painting, printmaking and photography. He also spent three years

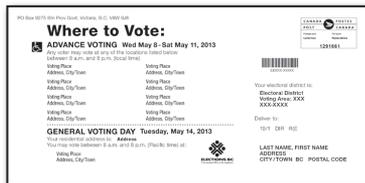
as an artist/illustrator with BC Parks, which is when he purchased his Salt Spring land. Not long after, the artist moved to Salt Spring where he and his wife Gail have built a home and raised two sons.



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Option 2

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The following are examples of the document types authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer for the purposes of voter identification (the list of documents is illustrative, not exhaustive). Other specific documents (not listed below) may be authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer. For questions about the acceptability of a specific document, please contact Elections BC.

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BOOKS

'Warrior painter' life examined

Pat Fraser's Kirkby biography launch set for May 10 at library

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

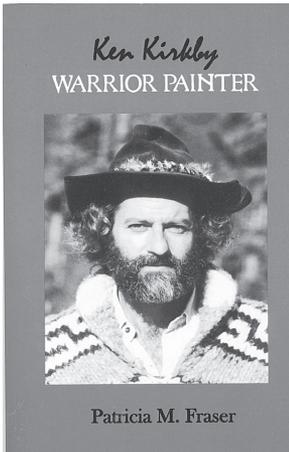
Painter Ken Kirkby made international headlines when his record-breaking work Isumataq, a 152-foot-long Arctic landscape, was unveiled at Canada's House of Commons in 1991, but his crowning achievement was restoring a small Vancouver Island creek to fish-bearing status.

The story of how he did so — first as an unwilling member and then president of the Nile Creek Enhancement Society — is the framework upon which an entire life is remembered in Ken Kirkby: Warrior Painter, a new biography by Salt Spring writer Pat Fraser.

The avid fisherman, social justice champion and accomplished artist is revealed as a man whose ways don't always conform to the rest of the world. But as Fraser shows, he is someone who doesn't just use his powers for good — he actively fights for it.

Warrior Painter has the unbeatable combination of interesting subject material that's well told. Fraser weaves a complex and sophisticated tale, backed up by months of conversations with the artist. Rather than telling Kirkby's history from birth to present, she starts with his move to the tiny seaside hamlet of Bowser, where he finds himself on the brink of break-down at age 61. Elements of his childhood, early adult years and most recent failed relationship are seeded into each chapter, with the story of the Nile Creek restoration project pulling the narrative along to the present day.

Kirkby's history is as intriguing as his modern crusade. His father was English and his mother came from a family of Spanish-English entrepreneurs with documents tracing their lineage back to a Danish Viking called Rurik of the Rus — by some accounts, the founder of modern Russia. Living in Portugal to restore Kirkby from a



mysterious childhood illness, the boy benefitted equally from friendships with the village handyman, a professor of architecture and the Canadian ambassador.

As a man who grew up without ever attending school in an institutional setting and had his first success as an artist at a sold-out show in Lisbon at age 16, Kirkby is perhaps one of the few people to both disdain social conventions and have the intelligence to cut through them efficiently.

He used his fame and his paintings again to bring the mostly dead Nile Creek back to historic levels of fish returns

The ability of the few to make a difference is in fact a strong message that threads through the entire book. Kirkby's early mentors in Portugal eventually led him to the Arctic and two of his favourite B.C. fishing holes: Nile Creek and Peterhope Lake. He visited all of these places after his family moved to Vancouver

in 1958, and his interest became the catalyst for change.

As Fraser tells it, Kirkby fully understood the art world as a business. Using his paintings as valuable real estate, he brought worldwide attention to the Inuit's plea for self-governance and had a part in making Nunavut a political reality. His painting Isumataq, comprising 38 12-foot-high panels, also made the Arctic landscape and the inukshuk part of the nation's most recognizable visual culture.

He used his fame and his paintings again to bring the mostly dead Nile Creek back to historic levels of fish returns — but also employed his no-nonsense approach to cut through group politics and get scientific backing from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Working with the Nile Creek Enhancement Society to increase sustainability of its pink salmon hatchery, Kirkby went on to clear out the creek mouth and build a moveable barrier to reduce further build-up, and helped re-establish kelp beds and eelgrass. The project has been lauded as a provincial success story, earning a Canadian Environmental Award in 2007 and a \$125,000 donation from the Royal Bank of Canada's Blue Water fund in 2012.

While Warrior Painting is therefore the story of how one man has directed his talents, the book is also a source of inspiration in a time when environmental causes can feel hopeless and a model of how personal setbacks can become the springboard for great outcomes.

"What Nunavut represented was an argument between human beings," Kirkby says in the book.

"What we are doing here is rectifying an argument between human beings and the rest of nature — and that's a lot bigger story."

A book launch with Fraser and Kirkby in attendance will take place this Friday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at the Salt Spring public library. Warrior Painter can also be found at Salt Spring Books and through Amazon.

MUSIC

Viva Voce choir wins festival award

Our Spirits Sing concerts run May 25 & 26 at ArtSpring

Salt Spring choir Viva Voce was awarded the Victoria Commonwealth Shield for Community Choirs after travelling to the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival

last month.

Participating choirs performed songs in the acoustically amazing sanctuary of First Metropolitan United Church on April 15, with adjudication by Giselle Wyers, who is an associate professor of choral studies and voice at the University of Washington.

Wyers reported she was very pleased with Viva Voce's sound

blend, especially considering the variety of ages in the choir, as heard during their renditions of Rise Up My Love and Ain'-a that Good News.

According to press material, getting the choir to its current level of performance has been a passion for Debbi Toole, the choir's musical director. She has worked with Vancouver-based

instructors John Trepp and Fabiana Katz over several years to help the group to create a better sound as an ensemble.

Viva Voce Choir and the Viva Voce Youth Choir will perform their spring concert called Our Spirits Sing at ArtSpring on May 25 and 26, with guest violinist Carolyn Hatch and accompanist Chris Kodaly.

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RUCKLE HERITAGE

FARM DAY: At left, Kaylin Lister holds the "fish" she caught at the fish-pond so she can claim her prize, while Natascha Wille and her Braunvieh friend get set to meet an admiring public at Ruckle Heritage Farm Day held in Ruckle Provincial Park on Sunday. The annual celebration of rural life includes old-time skills, music, animals, good food and more.

**LIBRARY**

Karen Hudson named chief librarian

Programming, resource allocation in plans

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Karen Hudson will move a step up the ladder to take over as the island's chief librarian when Brigitte Peter-Cherneff retires from the position on June 1.

Hudson was selected from a competitive pool of around 15 applicants. She will build on her experience as a long-time volunteer and as a staff member since 2009, when she was hired after completing her Master of Library and Information Studies degree from UBC. Her previous experience also includes working for the UBC Library and Vancouver Public Library, and as executive director of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

"Karen Hudson brings excellent management experience to the position. She has 14 years of experience within our own library and has built strong, broadly based community networks. We are pleased that someone with her energy, skill sets and understanding of our community will assume this key leadership role," stated Les Brost, chair of the library's board of directors, in a press release.

One of Hudson's first responsibilities will be to hire her own replacement. Some 10 applica-



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Karen Hudson is the new chief librarian as of June 1.

tions from around the province have already been received — and Hudson believes many more will come in.

Another priority will be working with the library board to create the next strategic plan.

"The last plan expired in 2011 — and we achieved all our goals," Hudson said. These included creating professional leadership by hiring paid librarians, starting with Marilyn Ming. The assistant librarian position was then established with the hiring of Peter-Cherneff.

Building the new library was another major goal, and completing it meant the board put off working on its next strategic plan until they had the new space ready and an idea of what would be needed there.

Since opening in December 2012, the library has already seen increased adult programming with two author series.

The Ideas of March brought in 11 local writers in tandem with the 111 West Coast Literary Portraits exhibit. A Canada Council grant funded the short stories series in April, bringing eight B.C. writers in for four evening sessions.

Hudson said the library will now take a break on series until after the fall fair, when poetry will come into focus. In the meantime, local and visiting authors are taking advantage of the new space to stage their book launches. Hudson even had a call from the Random House office in Toronto on Monday morning regarding an author the publisher wants to send in.

"Now that we have this facility, the word is out, because they read the announcements from other authors who have been here," she said.

Friday noon hours during the summer months will likely be devoted to informal readings. People can bring their lunches and wander in and out depending on their work schedules.

Another area of adult programming that's launched successfully is the Tech Cafe, offered Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. The library purchased 13 laptops with a donation from the Salt Spring Foundation and is offering free courses in conjunction with Salt Spring Literacy. Everything from how to use Facebook and Twitter to how to use a smart phone and download e-books is being covered.

Hudson noted that children's

programming has always been popular at the library, but with the change in demographics, toddler and baby programs are also now required.

"We have to look at the what part of the population needs the library," she said.

How to serve the community best will be the focus of a formal survey later this year. There is also a suggestion board in the library.

Hudson said one of her plans is to look more closely at the collections and whether they need to have changes. While paper books will never disappear, she wants to build up a stand-alone e-book collection for Salt Spring patrons, so they don't have to rely on the B.C.-wide program and compete with people all over the province to reserve titles.

"We need to see if resource allocations match collection use — and we won't be able to do that until we've been in the building for at least a year," Hudson said, but added a practicum student is already looking into which e-books people want right now.

Also on Hudson's list of priorities is ensuring the library's volunteer program stays strong by training all the newcomers and finding roles for everyone involved, and implementing green practices within the library that reflect the building's LEED Gold standard.

For more information on library events and programs, see saltspring.bclibrary.ca.

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HEALTH

Walk with Doc returns

Islanders have two opportunities to celebrate fitness and activity in a casual exercise with local doctors this week.

The BC Medical Association-sponsored Walk with your Doc events take place on the Portlock Park track on Friday, May 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. and Tuesday, May 14 from noon to 1 p.m.

The May 10 walk will be supervised by Drs. MacPhail and Butcher, while Drs. Ryan and Beaver are on the track on May 14.

Anyone is welcome to attend what are intended to be short, fun community walks.

Free pedometers will be handed out while quantities last.

NATURE

In search of a singing rock: the plainfin midshipman

BY DAVID DENNING
SSI CONSERVANCY

One of the most unusual displays of island natural history takes place each May on some of our rocky shores.

The first hint of the event is the chortling of eagles down at the beach. They gather in the trees above some of our coast, screaming and fighting and generally acting like a bunch of unruly kids at the table. And that's pretty much what they are. Their dinner table is the intertidal zone — the area between lowest and highest tides. Once the tide has retreated, eagles young and old scour the seaweed-covered rocks looking



particularly for a proverbial "fish out of water."

The fish they are seeking is the enigmatic plainfin midshipman. This fish normally lives at the bottom of the ocean in deep water, a hundred metres or so down. So a good question

is: what are eagles doing on the edge of the sea looking for deep water fish?

The answer, as with so many of the remarkable behaviours in the animal world, has to do with hormones and reproduction.

Every May, male midshipmen, compelled by primal urges in their genes, migrate from the deep channels around our island up to the edges of the sea. Here, each male will find a hollow depression under a rock at tides' edge and set up a nest to which he will attempt to attract a female.

As you can imagine, attracting a mate from the depths of the ocean up to a dark sea-side cave filled with pebbles, murky water and pieces of

seaweed is not the easiest thing in the world. To meet the challenge, male plainfin midshipmen have adopted a thoroughly romantic strategy: singing!

Yes, male midshipmen sing to attract females to their nest! And if you walk along the edge of the sea during the lowest tides in May, and listen carefully to each boulder that appears to have a little space under it, you might actually hear the plaintiff love call of the plainfin midshipman. Since it sounds like the background noise you get when the radio is just not tuned to a station, it's probably not a song you'd put on your MP3 player.

As you walk the beach with your ears wide open, keep your eyes wide

open too! Be careful not to step on midshipmen caught out on the rocks by the falling tides. These are often the females that chose the wrong time to move to or from the nest. You'll notice the eagles flying down to grab every unfortunate song-entranced fish caught by the tide.

The nests of midshipmen are much more sensitive than even the nests of brooding birds, so it's very important to minimize your impact as you go looking for these oddities. The rocks protecting these nests should not be disturbed, as the eggs are laid on ceiling of the cave, which is the bottom side of the apparently singing boulder. Happy listening!

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Tips for treating osteoporosis

Men and women over the age of 50 are at risk for osteoporosis, a disease marked by reduced bone strength leading to an increased risk of fractured or broken bones. Osteoporosis is the major underlying cause of fractures in postmenopausal women and in the elderly. Often, a fracture of the hip, spine, or wrist is the first sign. B.C.'s physiotherapists want to share their Physio-4 for osteoporosis, four tips on how to treat osteoporosis, to keep British Columbians moving for life.

- Know your fracture risk. Women and men over age 50 should be assessed for risk factors for osteoporosis and fracture to identify if they are at high risk. Osteoporosis occurs most commonly in postmenopausal women, however prevention of this condition

should begin in one's 20s. Men and women should perform resistance type exercises throughout their lifetime to help reduce the decline in bone density. Your physiotherapist will establish a strengthening program with resistance exercises to suit your risk factor and help you to build stronger bones.

- Undertake weight-bearing exercise. If you are diagnosed with low bone density or with osteoporosis, adopting a weight bearing and strength training exercise program will improve your bone health. It has been shown that weight-bearing exercise also improves muscle strength and balance and helps improve physical function and reduce pain.
- Improve balance. You can prevent falls and fractures by following a therapeutic exercise program designed

to improve balance and coordination. This will also help to build bone density. Your physiotherapist can create an individualized exercise program for you.

- Avoid repetitive bending and twisting. Lifting or carrying loads that are disproportionate can be dangerous for those with low bone density. Your physiotherapist can provide guidance on specific movements to avoid or how to move safely.

The Physiotherapy Association of BC created the Physio-4 to share the expertise of its members with fellow British Columbians. Each month, on movingforlife.ca, four tips are provided to treat specific health or physical conditions that will help keep British Columbians moving for life.

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SEARCH & RESCUE

Marine SAR shifts to west side of island

Better coverage expected from move to Vesuvius

RCMSAR Station 25 is now based in Vesuvius Bay, with a berth next to the ferry terminal at the Seaside Restaurant dock.

This move to the west of Salt Spring Island is to provide enhanced coverage and shorter response times for emergencies.

Ganges Coast Guard Station operates from Ganges Harbour and the move to Vesuvius means that RCMSAR Station 25 will be able to be of more service to the marine community in this area.

The new area of coverage for Station 25 is on the west side of Salt Spring Island and extends from Swartz Bay in the south up to Gabriola Island in the north and Galiano in the east. Station 25 shares coverage of these areas with RCMSAR stations based in Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Saanich, Brentwood Bay and Mill Bay, as well as Ganges Coast Guard.

Since the move, Station 25 has had numerous taskings, one of which was reported in the Driftwood last week.

Members have been busy in the new area; improving local knowledge and training with new equipment granted by the Salt Spring Island Foundation. SSIF generously granted two invaluable items to Station 25 via the Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society: a stretcher davit for lifting patients with delicate spine injuries and Eartec headsets that improve crew communications in the open vessel. GIMRS and Station 25 are very appreciative of this support and wish also to thank the people who donate to, and volunteer their time to the SSI Foundation.

For more information on Station 25 and how to support your local marine search and rescue volunteers, visit www.rcmsar25.com.



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From left, RCMSAR Station 25 members Ronan White, Per Svendsen, Monique Dufaut, Robert Oakes and Tom McKeachie in the group's RHIB called The Amarah Gabriel.



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Monique Dufaut takes a turn in the stretcher as RCMSAR members practice using the davit, acquired through a Salt Spring Island Foundation donation.

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Thoughts of that tough winter just past are quickly forgotten. Everyone's on board, excited about the day ahead, so off you go. The day unfolds as you had hoped it would — until a problem leaves you dead in the water.

It could be that you've run out of gas or you've had a mechanical breakdown of some kind. What to do?

The real question should be "what should I do before I leave the dock?"

And the answer is "review your check list."

Many boaters would quickly call up the Canadian Coast Guard for help. "I'm out of gas. Can you rescue me?" "We've been anchored and now my engine won't start. Can you rescue me?"

The perception that is all too common among boaters in Canada is that the Coast Guard not only saves lives but assists boaters who are stranded. The Coast Guard, in other words, is a water-based version of the Canadian Automobile Association.

Scott Miller, a maritime search and rescue coordinator with the Canadian Coast Guard says this is a real problem

for his people.

Yes, he says, the Coast Guard will come to someone's aid if they're having mechanical problems or have run out of gas. But only if there is imminent danger to them or their vessel.

In other words, if your tanks have simply run dry but the weather is fine and your vessel isn't drifting towards rocks or any other kind of danger, then, Miller says, the Coast Guard won't come directly.

"We issue a marine assistance radio broadcast and if a towing company or a vessel of opportunity answers it, then we won't be towing."

Miller says there's a very good reason for this. Seventy-five to 80 per cent of calls for help to the Coast Guard are non-distress calls; the most common ones deal with boats that have broken down or run aground or have just run out of gas — far and away the most common call to the Coast Guard.

Running aground is the next most common issue, Miller says.

"What we often hear from the boater is 'that rock wasn't here last year.' We see an awful lot of boaters who have no charts or, if they do, they don't know how to read them or they don't know how to work their GPS. We've even seen some boaters trying to navigate with road maps!"

Mechanical failures can strike any

boater, any time. That's just part of boating. And it's not necessarily an indication that the boater has simply failed to properly look after the boat.

But Miller says the Coast Guard often finds that those who break down do so repeatedly.

"And when we investigate, we find the boat is in total disarray down below," he said.

The most common calls for help to the Coast Guard are all based on situations that are entirely preventable by the boat owner.

In the past, the Coast Guard responded to all these calls. But their resources for dealing with real emergencies were constantly being stretched thin.

The U.S. Coast Guard made it official years ago that they will no longer conduct tows — except in life-threatening or dangerous situations. That has spawned a number of towing operations to spring up in the United States. So American boaters are forced to call and pay for a private tow if they run out of gas or break down and are not in any immediate danger.

Can we expect the Canadian Coast Guard to adopt a similar policy?

Presently, the policy with the Canadian Coast Guard is to defer towing vessels that are not in distress or in non-potential distress situations to commercial tow operators, which means if you are

the skipper of that vessel you best be prepared to pay for the tow.

Perhaps the best way to be prepared every time is to review your check list BEFORE you leave the dock — fuel, battery, charts, weather, instruments, safety equipment, lifejackets on, etc. You could start making that list now if you don't already have one.

It's all simple common sense, isn't it? Preventative medicine. And it can go an awfully long way to ensuring that every time you venture out on your boat, you will be safe and you will return safely as well.

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You may need to make repairs while out on the water. Take along a tool kit, spare parts (for example, fuses, bulbs, a spare propeller, nuts and bolts, penetrating oil to free-up stuck fasteners, duct tape, spark plugs), and tools and materials to temporarily stop hull leaks.

Now that you have the tools available, do you know what to do with them? Take along the owner's manual and any other guidebook you might need.

First Aid Kit

When boating, you are likely to be some distance from medical assistance and such assistance may be difficult to find when you are in unfamiliar surroundings. Take a first aid kit along with you. Store it in a dry place and replace used and outdated contents regularly.

Personal Protection Equipment

1. One Canadian-approved personal flotation device or lifejacket of appropriate size for each person on board.

2. One buoyant heaving line of not less than 15 metres in length.

Boat Safety Equipment

3. One manual propelling device OR an anchor with not less than 15 metres of cable, rope or chain in any combination.

4. One Class 5BC fire extinguisher, if the pleasure craft is equipped with an inboard engine, a fixed fuel tank of any size, or a fuel burning cooking, heating or refrigerating appliance.

5. One bailer or one manual water pump fitted with or accompanied by sufficient hose to enable a person using the pump to pump water from the bilge of the vessel over the side of the vessel. A bailer or manual water pump is not required for any multi-hull vessel that has subdivided multiple-sealed hull construction.

Distress Equipment

6. A watertight flashlight or 3 Canadian approved flares of Type A, B or C.

Navigation Equipment

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ENVIRONMENT

Adventurer gives Arctic talk

Lo Camps at conservancy evening on May 17

Caribou, climate change and the Salt Spring connection is the topic of a special May 17 presentation sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

The event at the Community Gospel Chapel hall starts at 7 p.m.

The speaker, wildlife biologist Lo Camps, has studied caribou, wolves and other Arctic wildlife for over 15 years. He has also organized and led tours around the world through his island-

based business called Nature Trek Canada.

His talk will take people to northern Labrador from his biologist's and traveller's perspectives, showing a land that few people have had the privilege to visit.

Camps will follow the amazing story of the George River caribou herd, that expanded from 17,000 animals in the 1950s to over 700,000 caribou in 1988.

He will explain the life cycle of northern caribou and their basic ecology, and discuss the role of climate change to the survival of caribou and sub-arctic ecosystems.

He will also connect the dots

to Salt Spring Islanders Tom Bergerud and Heather Butler, who spearheaded decades-long studies of the caribou herd.

Camps has been giving lectures for large audiences for years and will share his work and passion for Canada's sub-arctic with a sense of humour and a vast array of real-life adventures and experiences.

As an interactive lecture, people are welcome to share their thoughts during any part of the talk.

Camps and his partner, wildlife biologist Annemarie Linders, have lived on Salt Spring since 1988 and their sons Tim and Mark were both born here.

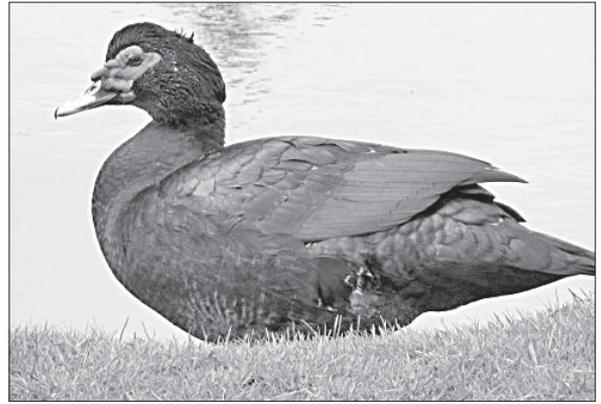


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FITTING RIGHT IN: Joining the usual deer, ducks, otters, eagles and songbirds at the Salt Spring Golf & Country Club is a beautiful black Muscovy duck which seems to have made its home amongst the other ducks and Canada geese on the golf course. "Visually, the new duck looks a little out of place with them," says photographer Elaine Shaw, "but it seems to have settled in happily with his new friends."

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- What new toxins are being introduced to address the issue? Vs, what are the health impacts of leaving it as found?
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A woman who touched so many parts of the Salt Spring community for more than 40 years died on April 26 at the age of 90. Virginia Newman's daughter Sue provided the following tribute piece.

Virginia Newman was born in Los Angeles, Calif., to Vallance Arnott, concert pianist and teacher, and Dr. Clayton D. Carus, professor of economics/foreign trade at the Univer-

sity of Southern California. She studied voice, art and French at USC — she never knew which she liked best! After her first marriage failed, she met Ray Newman, a co-worker at a music store. They began to play music (with a male bass player they were called Two Cats and a Mouse), married and had five children together: Bruce, Paul, Wendy, Sue and Amy. Virginia accompanied many

upcoming artists while working at the Bird Cage Theater at Knott's Berry Farm, including Steve Martin, and played the unique steam calliope. She abbreviated Broadway musicals, rehearsed us and played for us kids to perform in the March of Dimes Variety Shows. After Amy turned five, she went back to school and began her beloved teaching career.

As the Vietnam War escalated, Ray and "Ginny" turned their attention to Canada, where camping friends were from, and decided to move north. Wendy had married their son Lee and had a baby, and Bruce had married Pam and had a baby, and a caravan of vehicles left southern California in 1970.

On Salt Spring, Virginia and Ray embraced island life and played dances for every function, starting with a dance promoted by Rita Dods. They wrote a musical based on the island's history, later to be known as Friends and Neighbours; another based on the idea that Salt Spring secedes from the rest of Canada, The Blue Crab Caper (both ran for two summers at the Harbour House Dinner Theatre in the 2000s) and an adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol called Christmas with Scrooge that became an island tradition with 20 productions between 1971-2005. She was extremely proud of Scrooge, with its cast members spanning generations.

With good friend Lou (Art) Rumsey and others, she was a founding member of Salt Spring Community Theatre (then called Salt Spring Players). The Loyal Central Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society, CBC, PBS and Knowledge Network. There were more. In the Driftwood, she was well known for her searing letters to the editor regarding local and international issues.

Virginia loved to travel, was a keen gardener and birdwatcher as well. Her love for colour lives on in her rhodod, peonies, roses, magnolia, flowering cherries and plums in the springtime.

She loved family, friends and children. And she loved Ray, who died on April 25, 1999.

There will be a potluck celebration of Virginia's life this summer with music and stories to share. Date and location will be announced.

Family and friends held vigil over her in the last couple of weeks, singing showtunes and songs our parents taught us until the end. She was so happy and looked at us with huge smiles as she could. Virginia died in her own home just as she'd planned.

Please donate to one of the aforementioned organizations, if you like, in Mum's memory, or to the Ray Newman Fund that supports music programs in our schools, or to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Diabetes Association.

There are plans afoot for a fund in her name for supporting something quintessentially Virginia, such as a fund for theatrical political activism.



PHOTO BY BOB ROGERS

Virginia Newman, centre, at the piano, with Jean Knight and Ian Van Wyck during the 1999 Scrooge show at ArtSpring.

vated to make a difference in the world and became an environmental, political and social justice activist. She was a founding member of the Nuclear Disarmament Group with Hank and Maggie Schubart and Tom and Irene Wright, and the Salt Spring Raging Grannies with Lou, Marg, (Art) Simons, Mary, (Harry) Williamson, Betty Gibson, (Andy) Gibson and Mum wrote many of the lyrics; a member of or supported Voice of Women, Sierra Club, Greenpeace, the NDP, the Green Party, Project Ploughshares, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Oxfam, Farm Radio, Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society, CBC, PBS and Knowledge Network. There were more. In the Driftwood, she was well known for her searing letters to the editor regarding local and international issues.

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Marilyn Emma Leavitt
APRIL 13, 1938 - APRIL 28, 2013

Predeceased by her first husband Mr. Fokey and second husband Al Leavitt. Marilyn was born in Southbend, Indiana and was Secretary Stenographer at Studebaker, Indiana, Secretary Bookkeeper Mercedes Benz, Traffic Manager in Castlegar at CKQR Radio, held positions at Victoria Bank of Commerce and Salt Spring Island Credit Union.

Marilyn was an energetic friend to many and kind to all. She was a concerned friend to her Park Place Estates family and will be sorely missed.

No service by request.

William (Bill) Gordon Hitchcock
SEPT. 2 1935 - MAY 6 2013

With great sadness we announce the passing of Bill Hitchcock on May 6, 2013. Bill was born on Sept. 2, 1935 to Edward and Francis Hitchcock of Burnaby, BC. Bill was predeceased by his wife Dorothy. Surviving him are one brother, Fred Hitchcock and two sons, Gordon and Robert and five grandchildren Braeden, Kirsten, Bethany, Zachary, and Julier.

Bill loved fishing and really appreciated going out on the water even after he "retired". He slowed down on the fishing when his kids were in high school and started his own school bus business so he could be home more. Bill loved his friends and the time he could be out shooting the breeze with them. He will be missed by many as he always had a corny joke on hand and a story from the old days.

Memorial arrangements are being made for May. Contact Rob Hitchcock at rias@qcislands.net for the time and place.

Virginia Newman

January 18, 1923 to April 26, 2013

Musician, Teacher, Raging Granny, Islander, Mother, Grandmother, Great Gramma.

Virginia is predeceased by husband Ray and her sister, Carol (Don) Wood, and leaves behind children Bruce (Suzanne) in Calgary; Paul (Clemencia) in Vancouver; Wendy in Ladner/Vista, California; Sue (Finbar) on Salt Spring and Amy (Richard) in Vancouver/Barkerville, plus eleven grandchildren: Eric (Shelley); Angela (JJ); Morgan (Luc); Liam (Jamie); Elanor (Brian); Sara; Aaron; Jeffrey (Joanna); Lisa (Paul); Lauren (Sean) and Patrice; and fourteen great grandchildren: Silas; River; Lilith; Zoe; Sam; Izak; Clayton; Marcus; Tessa; Gavin; Chase; Nolan; Sydney and Maryn. Also left behind are nephews Bob, Doug and Greg (Akemi); niece Laurie (Mike) and great nieces and nephews, cousins Doris (Tom) and Dionne (Ron) and their family trees.

There will be a potluck celebration of Virginia's life this summer with music and stories to share. Date/location TBA.

Does anyone out there remember what happened when the Grannies protested the nuclear subs at Nanoose Bay? Were you all arrested? Please phone me and settle a family bet . . . Sue, 250-537-5289.

IN MEMORIAM



Donna Mae Hogarth
October 5, 1942 - May 10, 2010

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Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2013
Location: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Avenue
Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
This will be a sealed tender process. Completed tenders must be dropped off to the ArtSpring box office before 2:00 pm on Friday, June 14, 2013. The tenders will be opened and evaluated at 11:30 am on June 18, 2013 at ArtSpring.

COMING EVENTS

Salt Spring Recreational Holdings Ltd NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The 2013 annual general meeting of shareholders of Salt Spring Recreational Holdings Ltd will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2013
Time: 3:00 pm
Locations: Portlock Park Annex
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island, British Columbia

For the following purpose:
1. To receive any reports of the directors to the shareholders.
2. To review the 2012 financial statements.
3. To waive the requirement to appoint auditors for 2012.
4. To waive the requirement to appoint auditors for 2013.
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This Week's Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:
This Solar Eclipse in Taurus is special because it hosts a Lunar Eclipse on either side. This is not an entirely rare event, but one that merits some special attention. Eclipses are like super charged New and Full Moons. They synchronize with larger scale changes than the usual Lunation Cycle. The whole picture of this 'Annular' Solar Eclipse offers an interesting and complex seed theme. (An Annular Eclipse does not simply imply that it occurs annually. It means that while the Moon does exactly cross over the Sun, its distance is further away from earth than during a Total Solar Eclipse thus producing a neat effect of a black disc with an orange ring around it.) So, the Sun/Moon conjunction occurs in Taurus, and since Venus rules Taurus and it is in Gemini where Jupiter is as well, this lends a positive perk to the picture. Jupiter and Venus are two of the brightest lights in the sky and popularly referred to as 'lucky stars'. However, Mercury is also in Taurus in close alignment with the Sun and Moon forming an aspect called 'combust' which suggests that perceptions are 'blinded in the light'. This tends to produce strong, subjective opinions. The fact that Mars is also in Taurus and in close alignment with Mercury suggests that these opinions will be stubbornly asserted. The Gemini factor suggests that this will produce a lot of news, communication exchanges and gossip. Thanks to the internet, we live in a time of unprecedented exchanges of ideas, perceptions and opinions so it could get 'drowned out'. But if it was actually graphed it would reveal a spike lasting 3-4 weeks. The changes that eclipses activate, however, last a lifetime. Tune-in and cooperate with this sharp cycle of change.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Planting season has arrived! The seeds may be literal or they may be that of plans, goals and dreams of all sorts. Since so much variety is spicing-up your life these days, your garden likely has many features. Yet, the changes you are undergoing are truly metamorphic. Cooperating so that you gain from it makes good sense.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
What makes sense to you now, in the bigger picture of your plans? While common sense has its place, what you specifically want now is good sense. Your aim includes distinction, a unique feather in your cap. So what will give you that niche edge or solution? The spotlight is on you. Take charge yet keep your eyes and ears open.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
Concerted efforts to establish a more secure foundation asks that you replace at least some features of existing ones. This is probably happening anyway. These are prompting you to take risks, to step faithfully into the unknown. Some promising seeds are germinating, yet there may be some delays. Exercise patience and point your imagination positively.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
The future beckons and it includes a more stimulated social life. Whether at work or at school, new mates are entering your stage. The flow of change now implies creative investments. Feeling more confident about the future may not be a luxury you feel just now. Avoid over analysis but do keep a philosophical perspective.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)
Opportunities present in your career and public life are very likely now. Yet as ever it is important that you take a strategic and realistic approach. This includes having a plan backed by an inspiring vision of the future. This will include consciously and deliberately overcoming silent fears. Share your dreams with trusted allies for support.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
You are in a scouting mood. This means gaining a vantage to see far and wide. You want to nip the realities of current change in the bud so they don't bite you in the butt! The time is right to make some expansive moves in your career. Yet, while taking a few risks is implied keep them sober and calculated.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)
Taurus is the sign of talents and, resources, money, possessions and priorities. What is important and valuable generally boils down to needs over wants. Yet, having a healthy balance of the two is a key to happiness. Balance is the keyword and it pertains to the quantity and quality of input related to return. Such weighing is on your mind.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)
Making key investment for the sake of greater satisfaction in your relationship exchanges is now in focus. Both your personal and professional life is likely to be affected. Since some measure of compromise is likely, deciphering what to give in order to receive is the question. Commitment earns long-term results. Yet, to whom and/or what do you feel so devoted?

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)
A daily routine of discipline in terms of health goes a long way and the opposite is true regarding lack. The word, 'discipline' can seem so limiting, so incarcerating and heavy. Yet, those are precisely the results of a lack of it! Many of the rules of religion are linked to health: don't drink coffee, or alcohol or eat pork.... Good health is its own religion.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
Wow, a Solar Eclipse in earthy Taurus with Mercury and Mars there too. And you, an earthy Capricorn; how will you harness its gifts? Perhaps you simply need to play more and invite more pleasure into your life. A creative impulse is indicated for you yet requires that you be willing to break through old habits.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)
Shifts close to home often bring change in our public life and the opposite is true too. You feel determined to establish new foundations for future dreams. Perhaps you are building your esteem and confidence levels, or adding to your level of education or maybe the changes are physical, in your body or literally in your home. Build it!

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
An invitation to new perspectives has been sent to you. These may be as simple as a new coat of paint. Yet, it is likely that they are extending to your career and social sphere. A mix of courage, vision and rebellion is the recipe to break free of the usual trance. A will to try new twists, angles and approaches will bring rewards.

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JUMPING FOR JOY: GISS senior girls' soccer team member Jasmine Cooper jumps for joy and gives goal-scorer Hannah James a hug during a game against a Mark Isfeld Secondary School team in North Island championships play on Monday. The Scorpions team finished fourth in the tournament held on home turf, losing their final game by a 4-1 score. A victory would have sent them to Vancouver Island championships.

CHALLENGE CUP

'May-long' kickoff within sight

Fundraising efforts of Victoria Day weekend tournament felt far and wide

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There's no surer sign that summer on Salt Spring is around the corner than the island's annual May long weekend soccer tournament.

According to event organizer Jordon Morrison, 32 teams have already registered for the four-day tournament that gets underway at GISS on May 17.

As in past gatherings, teams will be divided into five divisions: women's comp, women's recreational, men's O35 and men's recreational and men's competitive.

Whereas spectators can be assured the tournament's usual kicks will occur on the field, Morrison said people should be

prepared for changes hoped to make the 2013 Challenge Cup one of the best.

This year's beer garden will be sponsored by Lonetree Cider and Gulf Islands Brewery, with food supplied by siblings Lorna and Andrew Walde's Fresh Coast Catering. Look out for this year's specialties like pulled-pork sandwiches, beef on a bun, grilled cheeses and chicken salad. Organizers are trying to arrange live entertainment for beer garden patrons.

To keep things going off the pitch, this year's tournament coincides with dances on Friday and Saturday nights. Salt Spring band Coastal Giants performs at Mahon Hall on May 17, and Brent Shindell and the Beats will get people hopping at the Legion's Meaden Hall on Saturday, May 18.

Besides providing a week-end of entertainment, Morrison said the tournament's volunteer organizers pride

themselves on a tradition of supporting worthwhile causes with funds raised from sales at the beer garden.

"Nobody's taking anything home," he said.

In recent years, organizers have contributed more than \$30,000 to local and international causes, including upwards of \$15,000 for lights and poles at the hydro field, \$10,000 for goal posts at the Fernwood and hydro fields, a \$500 yearly donation to youth soccer initiatives, two sets of Salt Spring United jerseys for youth soccer players in Lesotho, lighting at GISS' Howe Court and \$750 for the "We Got Skills" soccer tournament in Kampala, Uganda.

"We always like to put it into sports," Morrison said. "Some years we break even, other years we bring in five or six [thousand]."

For more information about this year's tournament, visit saltspringmaylong.com.

GOLF

Choices crew hosts golf tourney



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Participants and staff of the Choices program gather at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club to get the ball rolling for their annual fundraising golf tourney set for June 1. People can start signing up now.

Fun and prizes up for grabs at June 1 fundraiser

A favourite annual fundraiser returns to the links for 2013.

The Community Initiatives/Choices Golf Tournament will run on Saturday, June 1 at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

The annual nine-hole Texas Scramble raises funds to help provide recreational activities for adults who are developmen-

tally challenged and living on Salt Spring Island.

Last year's tournament was another great success with over 60 golfers vying for many fabulous prizes donated by local businesses and artists.

"This year's tournament prizes will include a variety of goods and services sure to thrill tournament participants," says a Choices press release about the event.

Tea off times begin at 10 a.m.

Novice and expert players are welcome. The entry fee is \$30 for non-club members and \$15

for members. Golf clubs and carts are available for rental.

Tag-ons are always welcome to join.

People can sign up either through the golf course at 250-537-2121 or at the Community Initiatives Day Program (250-537-9924) or by dropping by the Choices store at 134 McPhillips Ave. between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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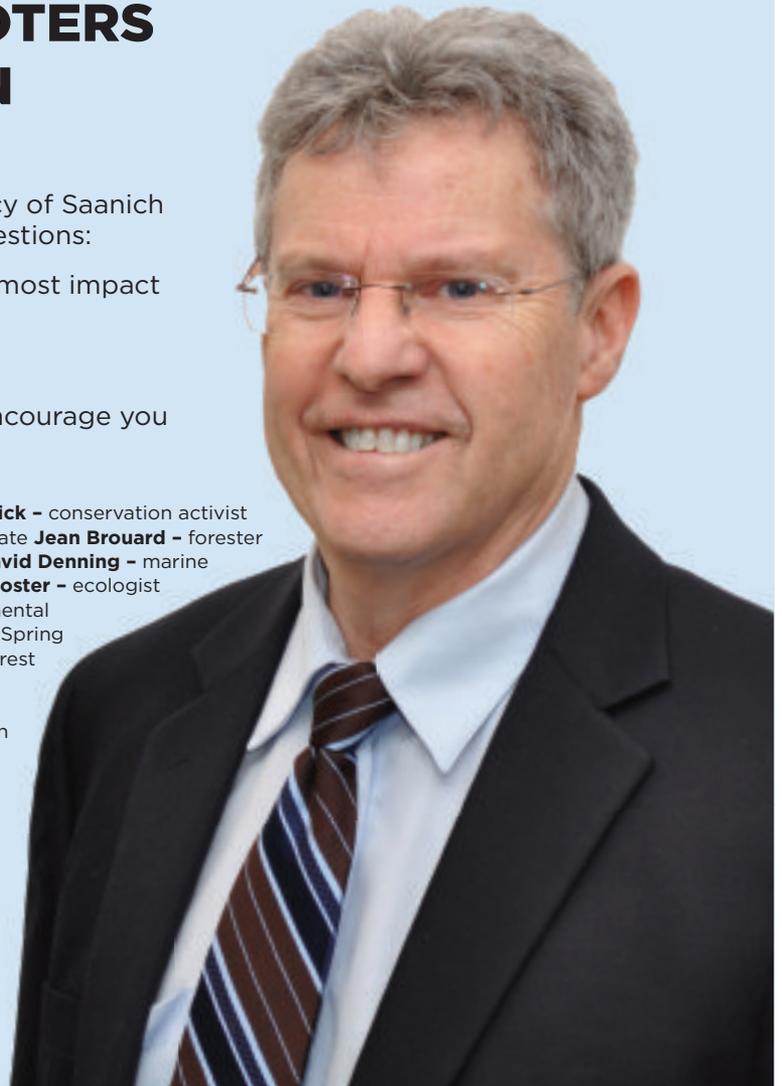
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It is clear to us which candidate we support. We encourage you to join us in voting for Gary Holman on May 14.

Steve Abbott - water, sanitation and hygiene engineer | **Maureen Bendick** - conservation activist for land and water | **Nancy Braithwaite** - naturalist, conservation advocate | **Jean Brouard** - forester (Ph.D), naturalist | **John deHaan** - specialist in rainwater harvesting | **David Denning** - marine education specialist | **Chris Dixon** - climate action proponent | **Bristol Foster** - ecologist (Ph.D), former director of Royal BC Museum | **Jean Gelwicks** - environmental educator | **Jon Healey** - educator and active member of Transition Salt Spring | **Nomi Lyonns** - Natural health/environmental advocate | **Sally John** - forest geneticist (Ph.D), former chair SSI Advisory Environment Committee | **Juliette Laing** - fundraiser for clean water | **Rick Laing** - old-growth forest campaigner | **Peter Lamb** - advocate for land and water protection and former Salt Spring Island Trustee | **Nora Layard** - environmental advocate, educator and communications consultant | **Deb Miller** - environmental educator | **Maureen Moore** - led successful campaign to save the Cusheon Creek rainforest | **Briony Penn** - geographer (Ph.D), environmental journalist | **Rodney Polden** - clean water advocate | **Sofya Raginsky** - organic farmer | **Murray Reiss** - coordinator, SSI Water Council 2004-9 | **Kathy Scarfo** - specialist in aquatic ecosystems | **Bob Watson** - specialist in fresh water supply and safety | **Elizabeth White** - energy-efficient housing specialist

Please read the full letter at garyholman.bcndp.ca



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