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FLOATPLANE CRASH

Islander survives plane crash

Lali Formaggia recovering in Victoria hospital

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island woman is recovering in a Victoria hospital after she survived a Friday morning float plane crash on Vancouver Island's west coast.

Lali Formaggia is an island-based naturopath and acupuncturist with offices on Salt Spring and in Victoria. She was on her way home from a multi-day backpacking trip along the remote Hesquiat trail when the float plane she and five other people were travelling in is believed to have struck a tree soon after takeoff.

"The pilot tried to correct but he couldn't. He hit the tree and we went down," she recalled during a Monday afternoon interview from Victoria's Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Formaggia, who was seated behind the pilot, suddenly found herself in an urgent fight to get out of the burning plane.

"The airplane was in flames and I was feeling the heat on my legs," she said. "I said to myself, 'I don't want to die like this.'"

She was eventually able to exit the plane with help from passenger John Young. Formaggia, Young and two other survivors waited more than four hours until a rescue helicopter from Comox reached the heavily forested crash site.

Formaggia is recovering in the hospital's intensive care unit. She sustained a broken arm and burns to her legs as a result of the incident. She said her recovery is expected to take at least four months.

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PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

ON THE SCENE: Salt Spring Fire/Rescue members and paramedics teamed up and used the fire department's boat on Thursday afternoon to rescue a teenage girl who fell 4.5 metres (15 feet) down an embankment at St. Mary Lake.

GOVERNANCE

Public ponders study process

Governance forum draws large crowd

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Discussion of governance on Salt Spring may not be everybody's ideal way to spend a sunny summer evening, but it was enough to draw more than 100 people to an information meeting held at the Community Gospel Chapel on Monday.

"It's always a pleasure to work on these and I'm very impressed by the turnout," said James Klukas, one of three facilitators from the company tasked to oversee the island's governance review process.

"You really are lucky," said colleague David Morris. "This is the only area in the province that has received this type of funding in this year's budget."

The information session, hosted by the Salt Spring Governance Study Committee, was the first of two meetings held this week to introduce islanders to the \$60,000 governance review process launched earlier this year. A second meeting was held Tuesday evening at Fulford Hall.

The events are part of a campaign to educate islanders and seek opinions about local governance.

This week's forums mixed information about the island's various government agencies with an interactive Q&A-style discussion.

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FIRE DISTRICT

Trustee's seat left open after Lucich bails

Delegation strikes
against union hiring

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Monday night's regular meeting of Salt Spring Fire Protection District's board of trustees was bracketed by two strikes against board policy stemming from one island couple.

The evening started with the surprise resignation of trustee Mark Lucich and ended with a delegation by his wife Julia Lucich proposing an alternative to hiring two more career firefighters.

Mark Lucich resigned before the agenda was accepted and insisted on remaining out of order. He gave his reason for leaving the board as being unable to support spending district money on land it doesn't own, referring to the future fire hall site. Lucich said he had been unaware of an agreement that would transfer the land from Tristar Communities to the Salt Spring Fire/Rescue Foundation and then to the fire protection district.

The board accepted the resignation during its regular business session and then made a vote of confidence in the land acquisition process as moved by trustee Mary Gillies. Chair Bruce Patterson noted the process had been going on for

over two years, and stated he had met with Lucich the week before to show him the legal transfer papers. He explained the foundation is the immediate accepting body because it has charitable status and is able to issue a receipt for the donation. When the final subdivision papers are signed, the land will be immediately transferred to the district.

The board hopes the process will be finalized within the week, as the subdivision is on the agenda for Thursday's Local Trust Committee meeting. The Islands Trust will then send the papers to the Ministry of Transportation, which will register the title.

The delegation by Julia Lucich suggested an alternative to the board's plan to hire two more staff firefighters by the end of 2016, as agreed to in the current union contract. Lucich pointed out there is an "escape clause" that could negate this requirement if the parties mutually agree to it, and asked if the board had approached the union with such a request, given the higher taxes a new hall will mean. She added that at \$232 per capita, Salt Spring's fire service is one of the most expensive in B.C.

In light of the fact the fire department is seeing fewer fire-related calls and more medical calls, Lucich proposed looking at a pilot program that

has allowed firefighters in some rural B.C. communities to extend their first responder duties by obtaining Emergency Medical Responder training.

"According to the director of this pilot program, full-time personnel may cost a community around \$40,000/year plus benefits. Would this be a good incentive for recruiting and retaining the 'paid-on-call'?" she asked.

"It seems that for the cost of one more 'career firefighter' the community could hire three full-time personnel able to give enhanced emergency response. Would the community be better served by this alternative? I certainly don't know the answer, but it seems worth exploring the option in an open session."

Lucich had calculated the current average wage of Salt Spring's career firefighters from global wage figures in the 2013 budget, finding the amount to be \$130,000. She estimated the amount would go up to \$174,000 per year including benefits.

Firefighters attending the meeting questioned her numbers, however. The collective agreement for 2011-2016 lists the first-year pay rate as just over \$56,500 per year (based on the monthly rate for six months probation plus an additional six

months). A firefighter who reaches the rank of lieutenant would make \$92,370 per year.

Captain Jamie Holmes, the local union president, said there could be some value in adding the enhanced EMR training, although it most likely wouldn't be to the budget.

"As a training officer I always think more training is good, and it wouldn't hurt to get the EMR level," he said. However, Holmes noted the communities where the pilot program has launched are ones where ambulance response time is longer than the fire department's, such as in Sun Peaks near Kamloops.

Having advanced medical skills "buys you more time before you get the patient to the hospital, which is not really a problem on Salt Spring," he said.

As to the idea the fire district could hire EMR personnel in place of firefighters, Holmes said that is considered contracting out and contravenes the collective agreement under the labour relations board.

"As far as we're concerned as a union, a firefighter starting out at \$30 an hour and working their way up to \$40 an hour is in line with many of the trades on the island, and I personally have no problem defending that wage for any of my members," Holmes said.

Naturopath expresses gratitude

PLANE CRASH

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She thanked her friends and acquaintances for the tremendous moral support she has received since the crash.

"I'm so lucky," she said. "Thank you so much."

The plane's pilot, whose identity has not been released, and Charles Turner, a Comox Valley resident, were killed in the crash. Formaggia and Young were flown to hospitals in Victoria. The two other passengers were not seriously injured.

According to the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Victoria, the de Havilland Beaver operated by Air Nootka was carrying five passengers and its pilot from Hesquiat Lake to Gold River when it crashed soon after takeoff at approximately



Lali Formaggia, pictured in Garibaldi Provincial Park earlier this summer, thanks islanders for their support.

11 a.m. on Aug. 16. Transportation Safety Board Investigators reached the remote crash site on Monday.

A fund to assist Formaggia

during her recovery is being established. Check www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com for donation details, which should be available soon.

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FUNDRAISER

Herb 'gets naked' from the shoulders up for cancer

Islander who has battled health challenges raises funds for others

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

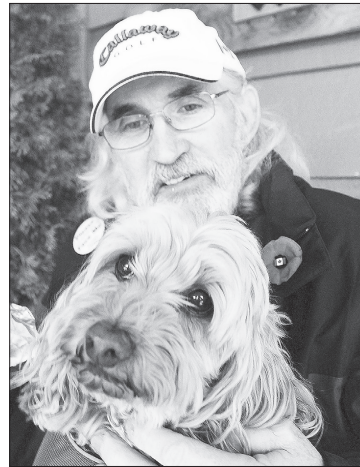
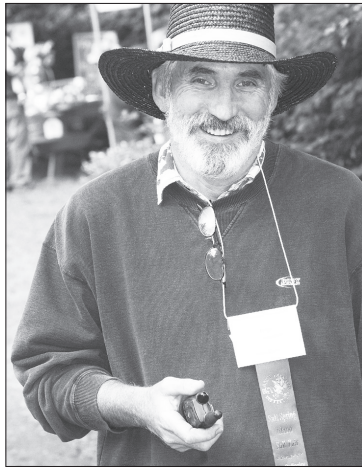
One morning in November of 2006, Herb Burnett woke up in his Desmond Crescent home vomiting.

Accompanied by a profound loss of balance, he battled dry heaves for a week.

At the time he was the provincial government agent for Salt Spring, an amiable and efficient presence in the Lower Ganges Road building where people access all kinds of government services.

The incident — which doctors suspect was caused by a virus — prompted deafness and a loss of his vestibular (balance) mechanism in one ear. It also hastened his retirement at the age of 57 in January of 2007.

Two months later, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, with an ensuing program of "watchful waiting."



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTOS

From left, Herb Burnett when he was a gate coordinator at the 2004 Salt Spring Fall Fair, and in November 2012 when he was snagged with a shaggy friend in Ganges for the Driftwood's Salt Spring Says feature. Burnett, who is currently being treated for cancer, is raising funds for the Terry Fox Foundation through a "Shear Herb" event on Aug. 31 at TJ Beans.

If that wasn't enough to deal with, in June of that year, he experienced another viral attack, which sabotaged the hearing in his other ear, leaving him completely deaf and without his vestibular function.

In providing a chronology, Burnett describes this

time as a "rough patch." His first cochlear implant, undertaken on his right ear at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, was unsuccessful due to cochlea ossification. The second one, in his left ear, was successful in May of 2009.

"Very rough patch," he

notes.

In October of that year he was hospitalized for seven weeks due to clinical depression.

But Burnett's health challenges were far from over.

In April of 2012 a biopsy showed that his prostate cancer was advancing and

he had a prostatectomy at Royal Jubilee Hospital six months later. Despite that, Burnett is currently undergoing radiation treatments in Victoria because PSA (prostate specific antigen) tests indicate the presence of cancer, although a CT scan found no tumour.

"Consulting the oncologist I found out that there is no test to tell where the cancer is — just that it is in my system somewhere," he said.

With everything Burnett has gone through in recent years, he'd be forgiven for bowing out of public life for awhile, but that's just not his way.

For the past few months he has been gathering sponsorships for a Terry Fox Foundation fundraiser that involves him making a public spectacle of himself. Called Shear Herb, the event will see him have his head shaved — with the largest donor to the cause winning a swing of the shears. It will take place outside at TJ Beans on Saturday, Aug. 31 at noon.

People can donate to the cause on the spot, or contact Burnett through his

Facebook page. (Search for "Shear Herb" and it will pop up.)

He had originally hoped to donate his lustrous locks for the purpose of making wigs for cancer patients, but was informed grey hair was not desired for that purpose. (He hasn't cut his hair since December of 2011, so he's had to endure a few "hippie" taunts.)

He is grateful to community members and business owners, such as John Dolman and Tim O'Connor of TJ Beans, who have supported him in his fundraiser so far.

"They are the most generous people on the island," said Burnett, referring to Dolman and O'Connor.

Burnett is also a big fan of Catherine Bennett and Jean Southgate, who have spearheaded the Terry Fox Run on Salt Spring for the past several years.

His sisters in Hamilton and Brantford, Ont. have both been heavily involved with Terry Fox Run efforts, so he'll be on track with their efforts this year. Cancer claimed their mother's life in 1970.

NEWS BRIEFS

Harris located in Nanaimo

A 73-year-old Salt Spring man who was reported missing last week turned up safe one day later in Nanaimo.

David Harris had last been seen by family and friends more than six weeks before the missing person alert went out. His phone had received more than 50 unanswered calls.

RCMP Sgt. George Jenkins said it appears the Burgoyne Valley resident decided to take an extended road trip in late June. Police in Nanaimo narrowed the search after identifying Harris' 1963 Buick Electra at the Departure Bay ferry terminal on Tuesday, Aug. 13, fewer than 24 hours after details of a missing person file were circulated by Salt Spring RCMP.

Harris contacted police on Aug. 14 to let them know he was safe and on his way home.

Cyclists raise hospice funds

Twenty-five southern Vancouver Island cyclists with big ambition and bigger hearts embarked on a two-day, 170-km ride on the Aug.

10-11 weekend in support of hospice care in the third annual Cycle of Life Tour.

In order to participate, each cyclist committed to raising a minimum of \$300 in pledge money — but that target meant little to this philanthropic group. Twenty of the 25 cyclists earned well over the minimum, with eight reaching goals of more than \$1,000 and two riders achieving over \$3,000 in pledges.

All together, the contribution to local hospice care will exceed \$23,000 as a result of the 2013 Cycle of Life Tour. Donations to the Victoria Hospice, the Cowichan Hospice, the Salt Spring Island Hospice and the Sooke Hospice Societies will be made at a ceremony being held this September.

The Cycle of Life Tour thanked its generous sponsors and supporters without whom the event would not be possible: Berwick Royal Oak, Cordova Bay Records, Acacia Integrative Health Clinic, Victoria Charitable Fire Fighters Association, Fort Street Cycle, Thrifty Foods, TriStars Training and Island Mediquip.

Since its inception in 2011 the Cycle of Life Tour has raised over \$50,000. To find out more, visit www.cycleoflifetour.ca.

SSI farm tour returns

The second annual Salt Spring Farm Tour will jump into action on Sunday, Sept. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., marking an ecological, agricultural and gastronomic experience not to be missed.

The event is a self-guided tour of local farms offering a host of demonstrations and workshops such as grain milling, seed saving, year-round gardening, moveable greenhouses, heritage chicken raising and more. Lunch and snacks are available en route and farm stores offer a variety of produce, meat, baked goods and other items.

Farm Tour tickets are \$10, \$5 for students and free for children under 12. Tickets and maps will be available at the Tuesday Market on Aug. 27 from 2 to 6 p.m. and online at www.SaltSpringFarmTour.com.

The Salt Spring Farm Tour is a fundraiser for the Salt Spring Tuesday Farmers' Market, a food-only market that specializes in authentic, local, fresh and seasonal product. It offers a range of vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs, herbs, nuts, flowers, cheese, baked goods, vinegar, jams and more.

ElectroRecycle ambassadors visit islands

The ElectroRecycle Ambassadors will be on the Gulf Islands this week as they hit the road with a mission to encourage more British Columbians to recycle small household appliances and power tools.

The ElectroRecycle summer ambassador program brings six students across B.C. to raise awareness and educate communities about ElectroRecycle, the not-for-profit province-wide recycling program for small appliances and other household electrical products.

The ambassadors visited Pendler Island on Tuesday, Aug. 20, and will be on Salt Spring for Aug. 21 and 22. During their time in the Gulf Islands, the ambassadors will meet with government reps and visit local recycling depots.

A press release from the group explains that to date, Salt Spring residents have collected more than 12,890 kilograms of electrical products.

"The recycling message clearly resonates with British Colum-

bians, which was evident from the positive response and province-wide support our Ambassador program received last year," Darrell Clarke, president of the Canadian Electrical Stewardship Association, says in the press release.

"We are thrilled to roll out the program again this year on an expanded scale. We have increased the number of ambassadors this summer with the goal to connect with more communities to ultimately increase the number of small appliances and power tools being recycled in this province."

ElectroRecycle was launched in October 2011 to meet a recycling mandate from the provincial Ministry of the Environment.

Providing an environmentally friendly alternative for products such as toasters, blenders, irons, sewing machines and electric toothbrushes that would otherwise end up in landfills, is the first recycling program of its kind in Canada, and the only government-approved recycling program in B.C. for electrical appliances.

To find out more about the program, visit electrorecycle.ca.

Community divided over governance forum content

STUDY

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The study, being undertaken by Urban Systems, will determine whether there is public appetite for a more detailed investigation of incorporation's financial and logistical implications.

"The aim is to provide information about how the current system is structured and how a municipal system would differ," said governance com-

mittee member Pat Preston during her opening remarks. "The important component of the study is to hear what the community feels about both forms of governance and to learn, from you, the issues arising in either form of governance."

The blend of information and participation created some unease towards the end of the two-hour meeting as some in attendance questioned the format's effectiveness.

"We haven't learned any more

here," said participant Shelley Nitikman. "I just don't understand why this was done this way."

By pitting the status quo against incorporation, participant Jan Slakov suggested the framework doesn't offer enough choice when it comes to examining potential governance options.

"I just don't find that this is a useful approach," Slakov said. "Maybe incorporation can help, but I don't think this process is helping us solve the real

problems we face.

"I'm worried about the community being divided between pro incorporation and pro Trust," she added.

Facilitator Kate Berniaz suggested the evening was designed to ensure everyone has an opportunity to provide input.

"It is a complicated process and there are a lot of moving parts," Berniaz said of the governance review process. "One of the main things that we want to get across is that even without

knowing everything there is to know about the governance system, you can still have an opinion."

As of Monday evening, some 300 people had completed the governance survey. The survey is available at ssigovernancestudy.ca/surveys. Paper copies can be picked up at and submitted to the Fulford post office, the library, PARC office and the fall fair.

Further forums will be held before the end of October. A final report will be released in November.

Capital Regional District



Notice to Electors

Within Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the Capital Regional District

Alternative Approval Process for CRD Bylaw No. 3901 - Amending the Maximum Requisition Rate to \$0.076/\$1,000 for the Community Transit Service on Salt Spring Island

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional District ("CRD") proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 3901, "Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2013" to increase the annual maximum requisition rate from \$0.026/\$1,000 to \$0.076/\$1,000 (or from \$79,560 to \$245,000) for the community transit service on Salt Spring Island. This increase is needed to expand the service to meet market demand and to replace and expand the fleet.

The incremental taxation impact for the transit service, per average residential assessment of \$550,539 at the \$245,000 maximum requisition level, would be approximately \$25.14 per annum. Actual increase may be less and will be determined in the CRD budget process.

The Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is the participating area for this service.

Take further notice that the CRD may proceed with Bylaw No. 3901, unless at least 874 electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD indicate by signing an elector response form, that the Board must obtain the assent of the electors by way of referendum before proceeding to adopt Bylaw No. 3901. The CRD has estimated that the total number of electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area is 8,748 and that 10% of that number is 874.

The elector response form must be in the form as established by the CRD and forms are available from the CRD on request. The only persons entitled to sign elector response forms are electors of the area to which the alternative approval process opportunity applies. The alternative approval process opportunity applies within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD.

The deadline for delivering the original signed elector response forms to the CRD, in relation to Bylaw No. 3901, is 4:30 pm on Monday, September 30, 2013. Forms must be received by the deadline to be counted.

For any questions regarding the transit service, contact Marg Misk-Evans, General Manager, CRD Planning & Protective Services, PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6, tel. 250.360.3285, during regular office hours Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until September 30, 2013.

Qualifications for Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors

- **Resident Elector:** You are entitled to submit an elector response form as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area of the CRD for at least 30 days prior to signing the elector response form.
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To obtain an elector response form, or for questions regarding the Alternative Approval Process, please contact Sonia Santarossa, CRD Legislative Services, PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, 5th Floor, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6, or telephone (toll free) 1.800.663.4425 local 3128 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. A copy of the elector response form may be downloaded from the CRD website www.crd.bc.ca/election/

Elector response forms may also be obtained at the following CRD office on Salt Spring Island during regular office hours:

- Salt Spring Administration (& PARC) office, 145 Vesuvius Road

A copy of Bylaw No. 3901 and a copy of this Notice may be inspected during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until the September 30, 2013 at the following locations:

- public notice board in the lobby of CRD headquarters, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria
- Salt Spring Administration (& PARC) office, 145 Vesuvius Road, Salt Spring Island
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for Bylaw No. 3901: www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/bylawsubjectrefer/
for this Notice: www.crd.bc.ca/election/

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Sonia Santarossa
Corporate Officer
Capital Regional District

TRANSPORTATION

Transit tax hike goes to AAP

Opposition forms due in by Sept. 30

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring property owners will have until Sept. 30 to decide whether they want to support a bylaw that will increase funding of the island's transit service, with an Alternative Approval Process set into motion by the Capital Regional District on Monday.

The CRD Board voted unanimously to endorse the process at its Aug. 14 meeting, following on previous support from Salt Spring's CRD director Wayne McIntyre and the Electoral Area Services Committee.

If passed, Bylaw 3901 will give the CRD the authority to increase the transit portion of Salt Spring's transit and transportation requisition. The rate is proposed to increase from \$0.026 per \$1,000 of property value to \$0.076, or from a maximum annual requisition of \$79,560 to \$245,000.

"When we discussed this at the committee meeting, we wanted to make sure we did the right thing for the transit service and for the community," said McIntyre.

"This maximum will allow

us to protect the service. And where we see opportunity to expand it, where it makes sense, it allows us to do that."

"It's an excellent service on the island. We're lucky to have it," added Salt Spring Transportation Commission chair John Wakefield.

"The bus is an important part of getting people into active transportation... And it's affordable for all islanders."

Ridership numbers have climbed steadily since the transit service was first established in 2008, including a 13.7 per cent increase over the last year. Passenger fares and provincial payments contribute to the cost of running the program, along with the taxpayer portion. Protecting the existing service through increased taxes is necessary because of rising costs, Wakefield explained.

"Basically it comes down to the need for increased funding for the leases," he said, noting the fee for using BC Transit buses is set to rise. As well, a provincial subsidy that has helped with those costs so far will expire at the end of 2014. Other increases are expected in the areas of tires, fuel and labour.

McIntyre said if approved, he expected the tax increase for 2014 to be "very marginal" but higher in 2015.

A CRD press release explains that "based on 2013 assessed values, the cost to the average Salt Spring Island taxpayer will increase to a maximum of approximately \$25 per year and will be phased in through the budget process over time."

The Alternative Approval Process requires taxpayers to indicate if they are opposed to Bylaw 3901 by submitting an official response form. If more than 10 per cent of the estimated total number of electors is opposed, a referendum must be held before the bylaw can be adopted.

A copy of the Alternative Approval elector response form and Bylaw 3901 can be downloaded from the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca/election/ or obtained at the CRD office at Portlock Park during regular office hours. Elector response forms must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CRD commissioners convene

Quarterly meetings suggested

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local government on Salt Spring has the opportunity to become far more collaborative following an initiative of the island's CRD director, Wayne McIntyre.

A recent planning session saw McIntyre get together with the chairs of three local CRD commissions: parks and recreation's Gregg Dow, economic development's John Tylee and transportation's John Wakefield. Though McIntyre sits on each of the commissions and takes their needs into account during budgeting, this was the first time the groups' leaders came together to speak about common issues.

The pilot meeting was called specifically to discuss problems at the Saturday Market, but McIntyre said, "I can see it being applicable to lots of things. I think

having the three together on a regular basis will be a huge benefit and I think the community seeing us work together will be a benefit."

McIntyre proposed such meetings could perhaps take place quarterly and in public. He added he prefers to get as much community input as possible before making decisions.

John Wakefield, the chair of the transportation commission, agreed the idea could help the various commissions avoid getting a "silo" mentality or feeling they're working in isolation.

"I think it's great when the groups can come together — I think there's a lot of overlap," Wakefield said.

"Regardless of what form of government we have, it's important to work together," McIntyre added. "The more I see, the more things on the horizon coming up, the more important it will be."

CANADA POST

Postal sorting change to send letter mail off-island

Union questions
customer service impact

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring will soon follow much of rural Canada by having its local mail sent to a larger community for automated sorting, the national postal corporation has announced.

Canada Post communications officer Tom Creech notified the island's CRD director Wayne McIntyre in a July email that island mail will be sorted in Vancouver starting Sept. 16.

"With letter mail volumes in decline, we have the capacity to pro-

cess a larger portion of mail in our major mail processing facilities. Mail from Vancouver Island for any destinations off island is already being processed at our Vancouver facility," Creech wrote.

Canada Post spokesperson John Caines confirmed this week that the change will take place, which means any letter or birthday card being sent from one Salt Spring household to another will soon take a side trip to Vancouver along the way. However, he said that trucks won't be making any extra trips so there will be no impact on fuel use or the environment. He also said the impact on the public will be minimal.

"Customers won't notice any

difference. They'll get their mail as per normal," Caines said, noting delivery standards will remain the same, with two days for letter mail within a community, three days for regional mail and four for national delivery.

The move to centralize mail delivery in larger centres has already been implemented in several provinces. Union representatives across the nation have voiced concern about the changes, although full-time positions are protected under labour agreements and Canada Post officials have said staff members will be re-assigned to other work.

Carolyn Elliott of the Pender

Island post office is the vice president of the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association - B.C. and Yukon branch. She said the union's worry is that with changes like this, customer service levels will fall in the long run, which will in turn mean more lost revenue for the postal service. Though Canada Post is promising to keep its two-day turnaround for local mail, she feels that three to five days might be more realistic.

"We're encouraging the corporation to look at ways of increasing revenue instead of decreasing customer service," she said.

Elliot said another recent change is an example of how customer

service in general may be taking a hit. Customers who pay for Canada Post to redirect their mail when they move may have to wait longer since that mail is now being sent to handlers in Victoria.

Caines said he cannot speak to individual cases, but the same turnaround time should still apply.

While the upcoming change will mean there is only one outgoing mailbox outside the Ganges Post office, customers who are concerned about delivery time will still have one option for avoiding their mail's trip to Vancouver. Those people can bring their letters into the post office and state that they are for local mail.

WILDLIFE

Creek flow resumes after beaver materials hidden

Salmon
enhancement
group saves
endangered trout
habitat

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Following months of careful planning, a group of Salmon Enhancement Society volunteers appears to have brought an island beaver colony under control.

Kathy Reimer, a biologist heading the project in Salt Spring's Dunbabin Park, said water levels in the creek that leads through the park have returned to normal.

"We are monitoring the dam and are totally satisfied," Reimer said on Monday.

A large beaver dam near the start of Dunbabin Creek had reduced flows to a trickle. Restoring the flow, she added, is essen-

tial for the survival of one of the island's last-known populations of native searun cutthroat trout.

"It totally blocked summer flows in the creek, which is very negative for fish," Reimer said.

Water levels are also essential to ensure the survival of coho salmon introduced into the creek by the Salmon Enhancement Society.

The beavers of Dunbabin Creek made headlines nearly 18 months ago when a large tree fell near a group of painters who had set up their easels in the picturesque north end park. The fallen tree was among several large cedars and firs that had been attacked by the watershed's active beaver population.

Local residents and staff from the Parks and Recreation Commission met limited success in restoring creek flows and protecting trees from the beavers.

Reimer said well-intentioned volunteers who

removed parts of the dam in the past may have worsened the situation by encouraging the beavers to redouble their efforts to strengthen the dam.

By carefully hiding sticks and earth from the dam throughout the park, Reimer said, she hopes the animals will not be able to recover the materials to strengthen the structure. Reimer has also overseen the installation of reinforced stucco-wire cages around many of the trees targeted by the park's beavers.

Salmon enhancement volunteers have installed a gauge to provide daily measurements of water flows.

"This way we let water out every day and the beavers seem okay," she said.

A staff report presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission in July indicated that many of the affected trees will eventually need to be removed as a precaution.

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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I'm worried about the community being divided between pro incorporation and pro Trust."

JAN SLAKOV, ON THE GOVERNANCE STUDY PROCESS

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked:

What is your favourite Salt Spring farmstand product?



VERED AMIR
Basil. It tastes delicious.



TARA WILD
Tomatoes for tomato sandwiches and kale for a great salad recipe.



MONICA PALCIC
Vine-ripened tomatoes.



NICKY HAIGH
Goddess melons from the greenhouse.



LESLIE DEATHE
Garlic, because it's the key thing grown on Salt Spring Island. It's a local specialty.

Letters to the editor

Whose discomfort?

I write in response to the Viewpoint pieces by Elizabeth Nickson and Eric Booth.

I attended the last Trust meeting to express my own personal concerns about the development of Bullock Lake Cottages, having read the application and supporting reports.

I resent the implication that because a large number of other people also expressed their concerns and only one person expressed support for the application that my opinion is in some way not valid or important.

The comments by Eric Booth and Elizabeth Nickson dismissing the opinions of myself and others as "mob

rule" or "loud emotional argument" left me feeling worthless and unimportant.

The developer has engaged a consultant and two specialists to produce a detailed application, which has already been submitted to the Trust, and they also attended the meeting and had their own spot on the agenda to make a presentation with supporting material.

As a Salt Spring resident the only forum I have to address the Trust directly is in the town hall section of the meeting, and that is what I did—respectfully and rationally—not as a "loud emotional argument."

I agree with Eric that "the thought of expressing your opinion at a public meeting shouldn't make you feel uncomfortable, nor should you be given the opportunity

to make someone else feel uncomfortable through intimidation."

Well that includes me, the trustees and anyone else who wants to voice their opinion, and labelling us as "biased," an "angry mob" or "eco-fascists" is also a form of intimidation that makes me feel uncomfortable.

I would suggest to those people who feel there is merit to the development that they read the application and supporting document together with the current OCP and bylaws. Then they can make informed comment in support of the application rather than personal attacks against the chair or the island residents who made the effort to address the Trust.

DUNCAN ELSEY,
SALT SPRING

Note the zone

And so the debate over Booth Canal continues, especially in my house! Can I just remind the Friends of Booth Canal that the canal is S8 zoning, as some of those I've spoken to are not aware of this.

This is the most restrictive zoning and the emphasis is on conservation. Whether the "groyne" is removed or not, I want to ensure that everyone is aware, including the newer friends of the canal, of the S8 zoning. There are no new docks, moorings, foreshore leases, structures, etc. allowed. That means that whether or not you can get your 60-foot trimaran into the canal, you can't moor it there!

Yes the groyne should never have been allowed to have been built, but it was,

and nearly 40 years later, having spoken to the DFO, there is a good argument that this has created an excellent fish habitat in itself.

If people are really concerned about the environmental impact on the canal, then the first and easiest solution is to look for government subsidies to help upgrade the ancient septic systems flowing into the canal.

Whether the groyne is removed or not and the tidal flow increases or not—you still have this massive issue. Unless septic are upgraded you still have the same amount of human waste flowing into it! Wouldn't it be easier to tackle this issue first?

People seem to forget that prior to the groyne being

there the canal was dredged to keep the channel deep enough for boats, and I don't think we'd want to go there again!

Believe me I'm not a fan of the groyne, but I would like to ensure that those people who are looking to remove it are doing so for the right reasons and not so they can start building their own mini marinas.

This is S8 zoning, friends, and I for one will fight tooth and nail if anyone tries to get that changed or tries to "grandfather" docks that haven't existed for 50 years!

LOUISE WILLIAMS,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 8

Bullock Lake economic arguments 'troubling'

The following was sent to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee on the Bullock Lake Cottages proposal and filed with the Driftwood.

BY ANDY ROWE

I offer these comments on the economic analysis part of the Bullock Lake proposal. I am working from the 2012 Grant Thornton Economic Impact Study for Bullock Lake Cottages. The question to which I was looking for answers is "what difference will the proposed development make to the Salt Spring Island economy?" I cannot find the answer to this question in the document. I thus conclude that the economic impact study is of no relevance to the deliberations of those considering the proposal. I also find some of the analysis troubling.

Why is the economic impact study not relevant? The economic estimates are for British Columbia, not Salt Spring Island. The estimates need to be prorated to Salt Spring Island to have utility for the decision. In a location such as Salt Spring Island a significant portion of the expenditures accrue off-island, especially for the estimates of economic impacts from construction (page 22). These apply to all of B.C.; few building materials are manufactured here on Salt Spring and local contractors are at a competitive disadvantage because the limited size of the local market constrains them from achieving the same efficiencies as their competitors from Vancouver Island or the mainland.

The best case scenario will be that most of the building supplies will be purchased locally,

generating modest margins for island suppliers and the off-island general contractor will supplement their own crews with local trades. Several zeros

will be missing once the estimated \$2.4-million impact for B.C. is prorated for Salt Spring Island. Reasonable estimates of the likely Salt Spring share of impacts could have been made using recent construction projects here and on the other Gulf Islands. That would be useful for assessing the merits of the proposed development. The Grant Thornton work is not.

The economic impact study also has another fundamental shortcoming that I assume was not intentional. One of the most important issues in estimating economic impacts is whether the development generates new economic activity or merely shifts existing activity around. For the purposes of the proposal it is important to know the extent to which the cottage units and the "amenity building" will compete with current accommodation and celebratory services on Salt Spring. If those renting or purchasing the proposed units would have been on Salt Spring Island anyway but in a different rental or strata/owned site, then there are no economic impacts from operations. (Operations and construction are the two major expenditures from the proposed development and is the category where rental revenues from the cottages and amenity building accrue.) There is only a shift from from existing accommodation to the new development. This should in fact be a matter of concern for

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the decision since it could lead to adverse economic impacts through closure of existing businesses.

The Grant Thornton study neatly avoids the issue by stating that the proposed development will compete within the "trade area" and identifies five off-island locations (pages 16-17). By doing so they avoid having to consider the effects of losses to existing business on Salt Spring Island due to the development. This assumption is made by the study without evidence, and seems implausible. Their logic is that the proposed development will be of a quality and character that it will be regarded as a destination attracting those who pre-book and so there will be no competitive effect on local accommodation. Hopefully this argument is so transparently weak that I do not need to address it in detail.

Clearly some could be attracted by the addition of the proposed development to the already attractive Salt Spring destination, but some will already be here and would have stayed in already existing accommodation. Here the economic analysis neatly sidesteps the relevant question—the difference the proposed development could make to the Salt Spring economy. The economic analysis also appears to provide evidence to the contrary. Destinations attract higher prices than are the norm on Salt Spring, and the rates calculated from the tables in the annexes are on a par with the five properties assumed to be the competi-

tion; the Bullock Lake summer rate for 2014 is \$347, current actual August rates for the five off-island comparison properties range from \$250 to \$460. But Hastings House also charges rates in this range and likely overlaps with the market for the Bullock Lake property.

However, in winter the calculated rate of \$185 for Bullock Lake would be the fourth lowest of the 10 local accommodations listed on page 17. Clearly in winter the proposed development will be competing with existing local providers; and of course winter is a very fragile economic season here on Salt Spring Island. It is hard to see that there would be much if any net local economic benefit during the seven off-peak months.

Several other aspects of the economic analysis are troubling. However for the purposes of considering the merits of the proposed development the trustees and others with a voice should disregard the economic analysis study by Grant Thornton. It does not provide estimates of the difference the proposed development will make to Salt Spring Island, and that is what is required. For that reason the trustees and others involved in the planning decision for Bullock Lake should disregard the economic impact and market analysis document.

The writer has 30 years experience as an economist and evaluation consultant around the world and is a former president of the Canadian Evaluation Society. He moved to Salt Spring in 2012.

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In response to Jan Slakov's opinion last week regarding the future of local governance, my rationale as to why the current system is as fractionalized as this QR Code looks can be found by scanning it:



ERIC BOOTH,
SALT SPRING

Editors note - For those readers who don't know, the above is a QR (Quick Response) Code, which can be scanned from any smartphone and will link directly to the author's article. There you can make and leave comments. For those who wish to access the article via a short link, try <http://goo.gl/uux4LE>.

Building permit math

I note from the Salt Spring governance study documents that building permit applications have reduced 44 per cent in five years. Can we now expect a commensurate reduction in the staffing at the office

downtown and a commensurate reduction of our exorbitant taxes, paying the salaries of these supernumeraries?

To put this in perspective, let's consider the reverse (hypothetical) proposition: "We have had a 44 per cent increase in permit applications and need to man-up the Salt Spring office 'cos we're run off our feet trying to keep pace with it."

Answer from above on our behalf: "Yes, of course: here's another 20 bodies. The increase in application fees will pay for the expansion."

O.K. folks — case proven. Let's see the flip-side please.

ROSS KING,
BEDDIS ROAD

RANTS and Roses

A basket of roses in appreciation to Paul and staff at Country Grocer for the continual support to the Salt Spring Island Amateur Radio Club.

A wild prairie rose to Queenie for her ongoing support of Ground Search and Rescue. C. Hamilton

Bunches of rose-coloured fragrant roses to James Scarfo for repairing both floats at Stowel Lake. This is much appreciated. Thank you from the frequent swimmers.

The swim athletes of Special Olympics BC on Salt Spring send nine fragrant bouquets of everlasting roses to the SS Rotary Club. Your generous funding will be helping the newly formed swim team to practice and be able to participate at competitive meets in the region. The team members and their volunteer coaches have been enthusiastically anticipating these meets and your support for their adventure is greatly appreciated.

A hedgeful of wild roses to Allan Bruce for finding and returning my

purse after it fell off my car onto the road. These are the times when one appreciates the kindness, community and integrity of small-town life. WendyVine

Sea-scented roses to Ron Pither for the idea, the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring it and Raging Granies and others for the entertainment on our inter-islands ferry trip last Friday. It's great to be able to visit our sibling islands so easily! Jan S.

A heritage basketful of roses to everyone who donated their time and talent to make the recent Heritage Day at the Farmers' Institute such a success.

MLA Holman busy in first months

It is a privilege to have been working for the past several months as your newly elected MLA.

My focus has been on establishing a new constituency office, hiring constituency assistants and working as a member of the New Democrat Official Opposition caucus to hold the Liberal government to account in an abbreviated summer legislative session focused entirely on the provincial budget.

The Saanich North and the Islands Constituency Office will continue to be located in downtown Sidney, which provides the best overall access for the entire constituency, including for residents of the Southern Gulf Islands. We have identified a new office location, renovations and lease are being negotiated, and we are hoping for an official opening in October. The office will be in a storefront near a main bus stop, with more of a presence in the community than in the past. Contact information for the office will be published as soon as possible.

I have now hired two constituency assistants. I also have a legislative assistant. I feel very fortunate to have such highly qualified professionals to support my work in the constituency and at the Legislature. We have already been working on local issues such as the new funding



**Gary
Holman**

MLA REPORT

model for Gulf Islands recycling depots and the disturbance of First Nations burial remains on Grace Islet.

The legislature has debated and voted on the overall provincial budget. My budget speech is available on the legislature website. My Official Opposition colleagues and I voted against the budget, which in our view, came nowhere close to an appropriate balance of environmental, social and economic goals. As we feared, the budget will result in even more cuts, beyond those already imbedded in the pre-election budget, to health care, education and other important services. And resource development will continue unabated within a broken regulatory framework that will not protect environmental values or taxpayers. It was surprising that both the Independent and Green MLA supported the Liberal budget.

During question period in the legislature, we challenged the BC Liberals on issues such as mismanagement of BC Hydro, and marginalizing the University of BC Therapeutics Ini-

tative oversight of costly and new drugs. We also advocated restoring the authority of the BC Utilities Commission to review a whole range of power projects and the smart meter boondoggle.

I've been appointed by Adrian Dix as Deputy Critic for Environment and BC Ferries, as well as Critic for Democratic Reform. My first job in the legislature was to assist our environment and BC Ferries critics in asking questions during the ministry-by-ministry "estimates" portion of the budget deliberations.

The Ministry of Environment budget is being cut in real dollars from last fiscal year, resulting in less capacity to deal with resource developments that the provincial and federal governments seem determined to push through. The integrity of the environmental process is broken, as evidenced by the BC Environmental Assessment Office's shocking approval of the Prosperity Mine in the Cariboo-Chilcotin, a project which would have drained Fish Lake and transformed it into a tailings pond.

With respect to BC Ferries, the minister made it clear during the budget estimates process that there will be further ferry fare increases and possible cuts in service on the minor routes, despite overwhelming opposition to this during the recent,

very costly public consultation period, and the large bonuses recently given to BC Ferries' senior management. We also determined that the Liberals have no intention of encouraging the construction of new ferries in B.C., meaning that over \$2 billion in spending will go to non-B.C. shipyards.

My democratic reform role includes continuing the discussion of important governance reforms proposed in our 2013 platform (e.g., control over government advertising by the Auditor General), as well as electoral reform.

I will also be involved as critic with the Electoral Boundary Commission, to be re-convened in the fall of this year to consider revisions to the number and configuration of constituencies, to reflect changes in population across the province. I have also been appointed to the Legislature's Finance Committee which will be touring the province consulting with British Columbians about the 2014-15 budget to be tabled next spring. Unfortunately, the legislature may not be convened by the Liberals until February of next year.

Look forward to working with all of you over the next four years. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information or to raise issues of concern (250-387-3655; gary.holman.mla@leg.bc.ca).

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ART

Local artists gain recognition at library exhibitions

388.1 exhibition on now in program room

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island artists have found another venue supporting their work in the new library building, where the program room has devoted space for rotating exhibitions and talks.

Volunteer art coordinator Pat Preston dreamed up the idea while involved with the process to select works for the library's permanent art collection. The first exhibition in the program room featured David Borrowman's photos of Ron Crawford in progress on *Once Upon a Time*, the majestic 8.5 by 12.5-foot painting that hangs in the library lobby. Crawford also gave a talk about his experience creating the work.

Not all the artists participat-



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Part of the 388.1 road-themed exhibit at the Salt Spring library until the end of August.

ing in the program room will be found in major galleries, however.

"My goal was to give artists who might not be as well known in the community the opportunity to show their

work," said Preston.

"I also wanted to offer discussions with the artists about what's involved with their work because people might be interested in hearing about the behind the scenes."

Since the program started this spring, Preston has invited the Salt Spring Photography Club to submit images of flowers and had a group of island artists present their individual interpretations of a single

photograph. The current exhibition references the library classification system invented by Melvil Dewey in 1846. The show's name — 388.1 — is the number assigned to material about roads, and the artists involved were invited to submit their take on the theme.

"I've done a lot of volunteer jobs and this is one of the ones that's given me the most joy," Preston said.

"It's fun for me, the artists are happy and I think it's been pretty successful."

With 16 participating artists contributing between one and three works each to 388.1, the show is a diverse collection that allows viewers the pleasure of recognizing Salt Spring landmarks and appreciating the visual appeal of others, such as Curt Firestone's photo of the Kinsol Trestle or one by Bernadette Mertens-McAllister of the Camino de Santiago. The works are also for sale, and though most people don't

expect to go to the library to buy art, the exposure artists get is just as valuable.

"Every [show] I've done, the artists have been happy," Preston said.

"It's a great venue, the artists are happy to see their work up, and a lot of people go through there."

Upcoming shows include one by Paul Burke in September, who will give a talk sometime during the month about creating his installation that is part of the library's permanent collection. A Salt Spring Conservancy-related theme is expected for October.

Preston welcomes suggestions for themes or submissions, and can be reached through email at ssilibraryart@gmail.com. She is also responsible for curating the lobby display panel shows.

The program room is open to visitors during regular library hours, except when other events are scheduled there.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photosynthesis marks 13 years

Exhibit opens Monday night at ArtSpring

For the 13th year, some of Salt Spring's finest photographic artists will have their work on display at the Photosynthesis show and sale in the gallery at ArtSpring.

The Photosynthesis group, with antecedents that go back as far as 1994, has been showing annually every summer at ArtSpring since 2001.

Interest in the event can be gauged by the attendance at last year's opening. Some 250 people showed up to sample the treats provided by the photographers themselves, and stayed for a taste of some remarkable photography. Some works were purchased on the spot.

Participating Photosynthesis members include Alane Lalonde, Sam Lightman, Shari Macdonald, Larry

Melious, Eric Onasick, Gilean Proctor, Chris Stackhouse, Ken Sutherland, Alan Bibby, Bobby Crichton, John Denniston, Nirmal Dryden, Gregg Eligh, Bill Foster, Brigit Freybe Bateman, Tamar Griggs, Peter Paul Harnisch, Diana Hayes and Christina Heine-mann. Guest photographers include Jones, Greg Klassen, Kate Metzger and

Michael Wall. The sponsored student this year is Marlee Clark.

Photosynthesis opens Monday night, Aug. 26, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 15.

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If you are aware of any incidents of vandalism please report them to the District office or to the RCMP. Under BC law, trespassers and vandals are subject to prosecution and they (or their parents) may be sued for compensation due to damages.

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MUSIC & MUNCH

Pianist Wilkinson performs with soprano Monica Orso

Varied program on tap

On Wednesday, Aug. 28, Music Makers welcomes annual performer Graeme Wilkinson, a Montreal-based pianist, to the All Saints stage.

For the free recital that begins at 12:10 p.m., he will be joined by soprano Monica Orso.

According to press material, Wilkinson

is a classically trained amateur pianist who first studied music seriously at UBC in the 1970s, although he was not a music major at the time. Further studies in Switzerland included piano at the conservatories of Neuchâtel and Lausanne, and he eventually obtained an Associateship Diploma in Piano Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto.

Wilkinson has resided in Montreal since 1989, where he obtained a Bachelor

of Music degree at l'Université du Québec à Montréal and a Graduate Diploma in Advanced Music Performance Studies from Concordia University.

Wilkinson is also a part-time Salt Spring resident.

Orso is described as an emerging young artist who captivates audiences with her clear and agile soprano voice. Under the direction of Mary Morrison, Orso is currently studying at the University of Toron-

to.

She won first prize in voice at the 2010 National Music Festival of Canada in Montreal.

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ART REVIEW

Beauty reflected in Island Eyes

Painters' guild show at
ArtSpring to Aug. 25

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With the diverse offerings now on display at the Salt Spring Painters' Guild summer show at ArtSpring, having "Island Eyes" may be best summed up as having an appreciation of the world and a desire to share its wonders through art.

The delights that island eyes encounter may be a stunning landscape or could be the way colours and patterns fit together as reflected through the lens of abstraction. They could include people or animals that speak of our island's unique community, or the products of their labours in shaping that home.

Painters' guild veteran Don Hodgins captures the quintessential atmosphere of an agricultural community — perhaps Salt Spring's fall fair — in *Conversation*. In this well-crafted watercolour, three older men are seated deep in discussion, while a crowd streams by behind them. While the background figures seem absorbed at looking at the scene around them, the foreground figures are intent on their own thing. Hodgins creates three wonderfully distinct characters with the subtle lines and shading that watercolours call for.

Another impressive hand with the tricky medium is Judith Borbas, whose *Ruckle Barn* captures lingering darkness and sunrise's push through morning mist. Rich orange and brown shades in the barn and fields are balanced with areas of white where the light is hitting. Borbas also has two pieces that combine watercolour painting with a wax coating — a combination that makes the paintings look dreamy and sensual. Her subject matter is stylized and visually interesting, with scenes of women in swirled colours and bright cerulean outlines.

Herb Otto shows proficiency in both watercolours and oils in this show, giving a curve of Mykonos Harbour a light touch but surprising detail in the former medium. The seaside village feels hot through the depiction of deep shadows, brilliant

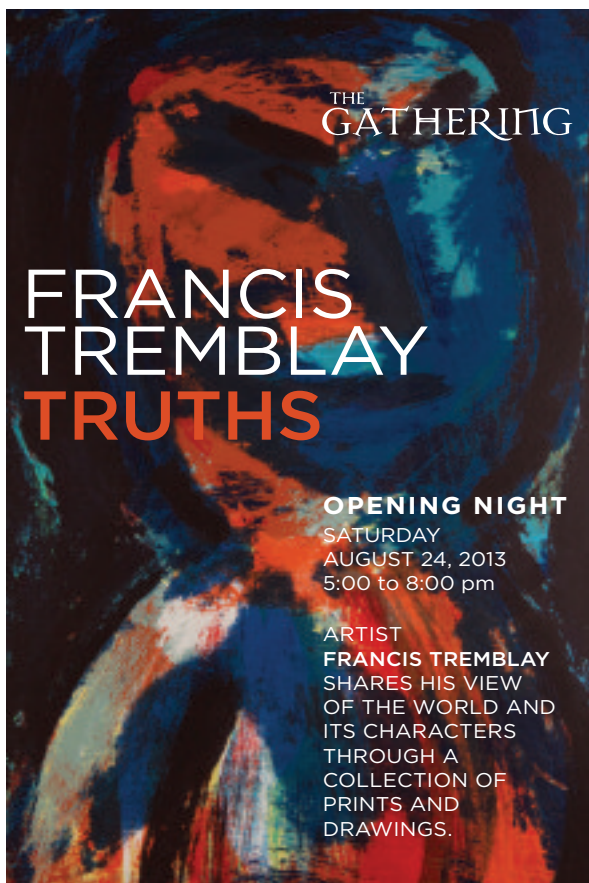
waters and patio bars with dark awnings. It seems fitting that Otto uses oils for a view of Ganges Harbour framed behind towering firs. The thicker strokes and expressive style work well with the West Coast's wilder imagery, even though civilization is glimpsed in the sailboats and docks.

Victoria Olchowecki casts her island eyes on the comforts of farm and garden. The delightful *Keeping Cool* is a watercolour of sheep sheltering in a barn. The ruddy brown shades within and the hint of burnt yellow fields outside support the idea of heat. In another painting, Olchowecki captures spring's cool tones in a close-up of pink hedge roses,

blossoms and stems in crisp detail against a soft green background, giving the impression of wider garden space.

The glow emanating from Kees Wouters' acrylic work *Morning Light* is enough to attract eyes from across a room. Rosy sunrise warms up a white farmhouse with an intriguing number of additions, rooflines and chimneys, set against a background where night till holds sway.

Many more intriguing works by other wonderful artists are on exhibit at the large group show. Visitors will also find a nice selection of smaller works on a clothesline tree. Exhibition hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through Aug. 25.



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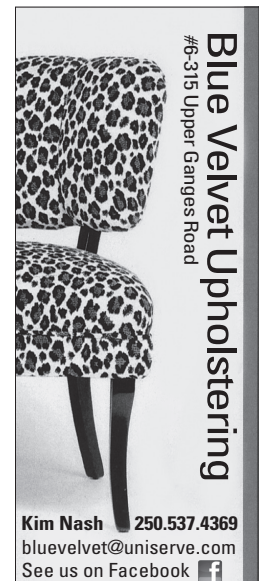


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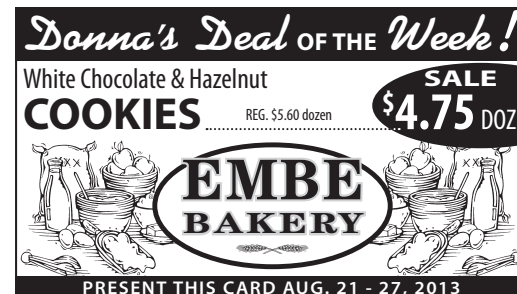
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Shane Philip.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Salt Spring Vocal Quartet.
Music & Munch recital at All Saints By-the-Sea church. 12:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Market in the Meadow.

Food, farm and craft vendors. United Church Meadow. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dying With Dignity Meeting.
Subject is Aging at Home with speaker Jane Hickie. Portlock Park Meeting Room. 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The Audience.

National Theatre Live film screening of Helen Mirren in The Audience. The Fritz Movie Theatre. 7 p.m.

Thurs. Aug 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic Night.
Hosted by Richard Cross every Thursday at The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.
Mike Alviano.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Open Mic at Moby's.
Every Thursday with Ross & Dave. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

Regular business meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. with a town hall session at noon. Lions Hall.

Rosalind Bennett Vijendren Author Reading.

Granny in the Trees author will read to children from her series on the cafe's lawn. Fernwood Road Cafe. 10 a.m.

Dance Temple.

Reggae Yoga with Adam Tree from Victoria. The Art Barn. 7 p.m.

The Audience.

See Wednesday listing.

Fri. Aug 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Claret & Amber.
A one-act play based on a fictionalized encounter between Emily Carr and Lucy Maud Montgomery. Salt Spring Vineyards. 6:30 p.m. (doors at 6 p.m.)
Sunyata.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
WIL.
Folk/rock music. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Soul Shakedown.
Live at The Local. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Non-Duality with Ramji.
Self-inquiry commuter retreat running to Tuesday starts today. Beaver Point Community Hall. 5:30 p.m. Info/registration: www.nondualitywithramji.eventbrite.ca.

Sit With Me Opening Reception.

For ArtCraft Showcase exhibit by Chintan Bolliger. Mahon Hall. 6 to 8 p.m.

Divine Creativity Retreat.
Three-day retreat featuring the teachings of Ananda, channelled through Tina Louise Spalding, starts today. Neptune Farm. 7 p.m.

Sat. Aug 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Barley Bros.
Live at The Local from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Ian Van Wyck Trio Light Fantastic.
Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunyata.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Grapes of Wrath.
Well-known B.C. rock band. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park.

Centennial Park from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Salt Spring Toy Run.

Ride starts at 11 a.m. sharp from the Farmers Institute. Bike games, vendors and beer gardens from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Dance with Dale & the Coolers from 7:30 p.m.

Motorcycle Show & Shine.
Part of Salt Spring Toy Run festivities at the Farmers Institute. Bike owners register between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Awards presented at 4 p.m.

Sat. Aug 24

ACTIVITIES

United Church Open House.
Self-guided tour of stained glass windows, plus refreshments, music and more. Salt Spring United Church. 1 to 3 p.m.
Opening Reception for Tremblay Exhibit.
Public event for Francis Tremblay show called Truths at The Gathering. 5 to 8 p.m.

Sun. Aug 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz with Sue Newman and Friends.

Music in the Vines at Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.

Piano Bar with Diana English.

Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 9 p.m.
Wesley Hardisty.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

In Good Company - An Organic Food & Wine Experience.

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Mon. Aug 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

ACTIVITIES

Photosynthesis Exhibit Opening Reception.

Photography show opens with a public event at ArtSpring. 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Wed. Aug 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Graeme Wilkinson.
Pianist with guest artist soprano Monica Orso performs at Music and Munch recital. All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.
Terry Warbey.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Market in the Meadow.

Food, farm and craft vendors set up every Wednesday during the summer. United Church Meadow. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tues. Aug 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage with David Jacquest.

Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Farmers' Market.
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EXHIBITIONS

- **Sit with Me**, an exhibit of work by Chintan Bolliger, opens Friday, Aug. 23, 6-8 p.m. at Mahon Hall and runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 15.
- **Artist Francis Tremblay** presents Truths, a collection of prints and drawings, at The Gathering in Grace Point Square. Opening night is on Sat., Aug. 24 from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Photosynthesis**, the 13th annual exhibit of work by 19 photographers and five guests, opens at ArtSpring on Monday, Aug. 26 with a reception from 5:30 to 8 p.m., and runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 15.

- **Island Eyes**, the Salt Spring Painters' Guild's summer show and art sale, runs daily at ArtSpring until Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Janet Dwyer Photo Show** runs at her studio at 234 Fairway Crescent on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23-25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Light Lines**, a show of beauty, movement and form, includes works by LeeAnn Norgard, Evelyn Tussell and Heidi Van Impe at Lans Hands Ceramic Studio, 470 Sky Valley Rd., until Aug. 30.
- Exhibit of landscapes and sculptures by Martha Varcoe Sturdy runs at Duthie Gallery through September. Regular gallery hours are Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with The Night Gallery also running on those days from 9 to 11 p.m.
- Today (Aug. 21) is the last day to see **Taking Liberties: Bending the Rules** — a collaborative exhibit by basket guild members Judy Goodman and Donna Cochran and painter Joanie Paterson.
- **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** shows historic woodcuts and watercolours by Walter J. Phillips plus works from the Group of Seven.
- Painters **John Macdonald** and **Patricia Murphy Macdonald** have opened a home studio at 125 Teal Place in Channel Ridge. Open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., or call 250-537-9346 for a weekend appointment.

- **Elehna de Sousa** shows limited-edition photography at Fernwood Road Cafe through mid-September. Photo cards are also available.
- **Ken Ketchum** has an exhibition at the Harbour House Hotel in August.
- **Works on Paper**, an exhibit of paintings, drawings, collages and original prints, spanning 35 years of creative exploration by Gillian McConnell, runs in the ArtSpring lobby through August.
- **ArtCraft**, the annual show and sale of 100+ Gulf Islands artisans' work presented by the Salt Spring Arts Council, runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mahon Hall until Sept. 15.
- **An exhibit called 388.1 - Roads and Routes** Through Local Artists' Eyes runs in the program room of the Salt Spring Public Library through Aug. 30. Exhibits are accessible Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Also in the library in the lobby exhibition case, a collection of fairy doors painted by various Salt Spring artists under the guidance and inspiration of Roger Brunt is featured during August.
- Salt Spring Painters' Guild member **Victoria Olchowecki** shows her art at Country Grocer Café through the month of August.
- **Elehna de Sousa** shows photographic art at Penny's Pantry until Aug. 31.

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Making the transition from Bold Bluff to the town

Tamar Griggs
resumes column

Where to begin writing Tales from Bold Bluff? So much life has been crammed into the months since I resigned from being Queen of Bold Bluff and became a common tenant of the land I love.



**Tamar
Griggs**

TALES FROM BOLD BLUFF

First, I must say that I love my new life in Ganeg with its simplicity, ease and community. It is heaven being able to walk to Thrifty's, Mouat's and all one's appointments that clutter up one's calendar. I am free to stroll the streets with my Shepadoodle dog,



PHOTO BY TAMAR GRIGGS

Salty's Cabin on Bold Bluff property formerly owned by Tamar Griggs, where Griggs has been able to spend two months in the summer.

Daisy, on leash, and to chat with whomever I bump into. People tell me their stories and I have the time to listen.

Daisy, too, has slowed down, and she patiently stands beside me as I chat. Sometimes she goes to the person, sits down on her

haunches and leans her head against their legs, begging, "Adore me! Rub me!" which they do. She also delights in the intoxicating scents of all the bushes in town, stopping to sniff up and down each leaf.

There were many chal-

lenges before the actual move last July, and I couldn't have done it without the support of friends and family. The hardest part was shedding hundreds and hundreds of books. I took photos of the covers of my eclectic library and weighed the books on a kitchen scale to celebrate how much "lighter" I was becoming.

Even harder was shutting the lens to life in the cove — my camera, my eyes, my ears, my heart. Life as I knew it would be shut out of my daily existence as tight as a camera shutter closing. I was so connected to the life in the cove through all its seasons that to close my eyes forever on it nearly broke my heart.

Basically, the only way to move from a cherished place into a new situation with grace is to accept change with open arms, celebrating what one had, and not get in the dumps about what one is losing.

Certainly there is grief and sorrow. My daughter Maya and I cried buckets over losing Bold Bluff, our cherished home for so many years. Yet by the time the move actually

occurred, we were ready to sail into a new chapter of our lives with joy.

How lucky can I be to be able to return to Bold Bluff for two months every summer and stay in the delightful solar cabin we built in 1966, perched on the edge of a cove?

**I was so connected
to life in the cove
through all its
seasons that to
close my eyes
forever on it nearly
broke my heart.**

I've strung a hammock high up on the bluff between an old growth Doug fir and an arbutus tree, and rock gently in the summer days with the blue ocean glittering far below plied by all sorts of boats: navy, coast guard, fishing boats, tugs, sailboats and cruisers.

I listen to the dry beat of

raven wings and watch the oval arbutus leaves flutter in the breeze.

It is heaven being back on the land I love. Here at the cabin there is nothing to do. I've reached a stage in my life where I can simply "be" — at one with the sea, the sky, the forest, the bluff and all the creatures who visit Sansum Narrows: seals, eagles, ravens, river otters. Of course, I am taking lots of photos, but here at the cabin there is no computer, no e-mails, no shopping to do, no phone to answer.

I didn't realize until I returned to this treasure of my heart, how deeply rooted my soul still is to this land.

Editor's note: Tamar Griggs lived on a water-access-only property on the west side of Salt Spring Island full-time from 1993 to 2012. It had been in her family since 1965. She wrote Tales from Bold Bluff for the Driftwood in 2010 and 2011, documenting the remarkable natural happenings of the bluff and Sansum Narrows. We are delighted that she will be writing her column once again.

LIVE THEATRE

Canadian icons in vineyard play

Claret & Amber makes
debut on Salt Spring

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Canadian cultural icons L. Maud Montgomery and Emily Carr never met in person, but if they had, their conversation would surely have been extraordinary.

That's the premise behind Claret & Amber, a new play written by Salt Spring resident Susan Shillingford and produced by Whistling Fish Productions, a company she founded with partner Geoff Noble in 1997. Shillingford and Noble star in the play, along with well-known performer Sue Newman.

In development for the past two years, Claret & Amber was first introduced at an ArtSpring read-through in 2012. Audience members who got their first taste then won't want to miss the final treatment, which will open at Salt Spring Vineyards on Friday, Aug. 23 before it goes to the Vancouver East Cultural Centre for eight performances at the Vancouver Fringe Festival.

"We moved here three years ago and this is the first production on the island with a new work we've been developing," Shillingford said.

"We've had the luxury of being able to come here and just focus on the play, so it's been great."

Whistling Fish Productions has created a number of original works with strong Canadian content since the company was first launched in Nova Scotia. Combining their large experience from professional careers in the theatre and music industries, Shillingford and Noble have collaborated on projects such as musicals centered on the East Coast fishing industry and the gold rush, a gala concert for Victoria's 2005 Tall Ships Festival, and a popular television show called Steeplechasing that ran for five seasons on Vision TV. Hosted by Noble and produced by Shillingford, the series combined music, bicycle travel and the scenic churches of the Maritimes.

The seed idea for Claret & Amber came from a play that Shillingford wrote called The Remarkable Emily Carr, which had an older version of the B.C. artist encounter her younger self. Shillingford was inspired to write another narrative when she saw photos of both Carr and Montgomery in a book about famous Canadian women.

"There was three years difference between their ages and they died within a few years of each other — so they really were contemporaries,"

said Shillingford.

"I thought they were such different people — they can exchange all sorts of thoughts and ideas and have heated discussions."

"They also have some common threads running through their lives," Noble observed. Living on opposite Canadian coasts, the two women never did meet in real life. Shillingford remedies this in her script by having their two paths converge through a 1941 book convention in Port Arthur (now Thunder Bay). Carr and Montgomery meet up near the end of their lives in the garden of a CN railway hotel, where they drink claret and cider. Noble is happy to take on the low-profile role of the waiter for this production, and Newman is cast as Montgomery opposite Shillingford's Carr.

Friday's performance at Salt Spring Vineyards will be the opportunity to see the play in its most ideal setting, with no need to imagine the beauty of the surrounding gardens. The evening will be a bring-your-own picnic affair with wine purchase available. Limited seating means there are just 30 tickets being sold, so early action is advisable. Contact Salt Spring Vineyards at 250-653-9463 or info@saltspringvineyards.com.

If the evening is successful another date may be added in September.

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**DEATHS****Elizabeth Marie Bastien**
1960 - 2013

Elizabeth Marie Bastien died peacefully at her beloved home on Salt Spring Island, BC August 12, 2013 at the age of 52.

Beth was the eldest child of the late Elizabeth Ann Begg (Bastien) of Kingston, Ontario and the late William James Bastien of Matawa, Ontario. Beth grew up in St. Catharines, Ontario.

She is survived by her husband Seth Berkowitz of Salt Spring Island, BC; sister Micha Bastien-Lachance (Raymond) of Welland, Ontario and their 3 children; brother Guy Bastien of St. Catharines, Ontario and his 2 children; her aunt Barbara Ellis of St. Albert, Alberta; and her aunt Marie Hallett (Brian) of Kingston, Ontario.

Beth was employed by the federal government in Hamilton before moving to Vancouver, BC in 1990 where she continued with the public service. Beth was a City Facilitator for the Homelessness Initiative before returning to university to earn her Master's degree in Public Policy at Simon Fraser University. At her passing Beth was the Senior Public Policy Analyst with the Native Women's Association of Canada in Ottawa, which included the Sisters in Spirit - an initiative she cared for deeply.

Beth served on the Board of Directors of Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA), and she was learning to play the violin in her spare time.

Beth's life was filled with artistic expression, especially a passion for textiles. She will be remembered by many for carrying a knitting project wherever she went. Recently Beth had taken up weaving. She had only just begun a personal transformation where creating art was becoming her primary pursuit. Beth's successful exhibition of her artwork at ArtSpring in 2012 was one of her early steps along this new road. Beth's far too many unfinished and unrealized projects are a reflection of her creative drive, and a gentle reminder that our time is often cut short.

There will be a ceremony at her burial at the Ganges Community Cemetery - Salt Spring Island, Thursday, August 22nd, at 2pm. Visitors will be received at 141 Pine Place from 3pm to 5pm and 7pm to 9pm.

Donations please to Lady Minto Hospital of Salt Spring Island, Royal Jubilee Hospital of Victoria, or the BC Cancer Agency.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS****COMING EVENTS****VINTAGE, RETRO & COLLECTIBLE SHOW/SALE**

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ANNIVERSARIES**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS****LOST AND FOUND**

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1939-2013

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our dear mother Frances Maureen Ellen (Diane) on June 27, 2013. She will be missed by her son's James Robert (William, Erin) and John William (Zackary, Emma). We were so blessed to have had such a loving mother, our hearts and prayers will be with her always. Love you Mom xo. Gravesite service, Central Cemetery, Sat. Aug. 24/13 at 3pm. Church service to follow at 5pm, Our Lady Of Grace.

Thomas Carmichael Farup
1935 - 2013

Thomas Carmichael Farup aged 77 years passed away peacefully in the Philippines on Friday, July 12, 2013. Survived by sons Mick (Teresa), Murray, Todd (Jane) and Brad; grandchildren Jodie (Rob), Tamara (Jim), Leah and Carlee; great grandchildren Cole, Dakota, Cohen, and Kenzie; in the Philippines Tristan (adopted son / caregiver). Also his cousin Jean, and many friends here and on Boracay. He is predeceased by his wife of 50 years Margie. Tom was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

He loved a simple island life style; moving to Salt Spring Island in the early 70's and eventually retiring on Boracay Island, the Philippine's version of Salt Spring. A Celebration of Life will be held at The Mary Winspear Community Cultural Centre (RM 2A) - 2243 Beacon Ave, Sidney - on Saturday September 14, 1 - 3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Cancer Agency.

Jill Marguerite Lyons (nee Cook)
January 19, 1968 - August 9, 2013

Don & Sheri Hickman sadly announce the sudden death of their daughter, Jill. Survived by two wonderful sons, Tanner and Christopher Holtby. Predeceased by nephew Aaron Cook. Survived by sisters Sheralin, Sonya, Megan and brothers Ted and Chris. Also survived by father Edward Cook senior, grandfather Bob Hickman, many aunts, uncles and cousins. A family gathering in her honour was held on August 18th. She is missed by her family, many friends and birth mom Joanne.



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This Week's
Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:

The last month of summer has begun. By now the cooler air and decreasing hours of daylight are evident. This intimate relationship with the sun's light is the foundation of Western Astrology. For many, this year has been extra dramatic. The Mercury Retrograde cycle which began in late June and lingered all the way through to August 4 due to its recovery or shadow period was particularly turbulent. From a wider angle, close and potent alignments between Pluto, Uranus, Saturn and Jupiter continue to synchronize with revolutionary change. Among its effects is a growing emphasis on women assuming positions of power and authority. The rising demand for democracy and justice and the decline of power linked to religious institutions as we are seeing in the Middle East are other important themes. The crazy weather patterns that have and continue to result in massive flooding all over the world is certainly a factor. From the stand point of Chinese Astrology, this Year of the Water Snake is sure delivering. It is symbolic of the 'shedding of skins', which implies significant changes on personal and collective levels. Those who are tuned-in and are actively peeling their own skins by making significant conscious changes are better off. Otherwise many are experiencing circumstances beyond their control doing the peeling for them. For many others yet it is a mix of both. This cycle continues through to February 2014 so there is still time to tune-in and start peeling and shedding that old skin. I can help you to do so with greater awareness.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Although summer is not over yet, you will feel a definite switch this week. Your mood will become more sober and practical. This is your chance to get back to and perhaps complete unfinished business. Your playful spirit will return soon though, so use this window to be productive so you can get back summer fun with added peace of mind.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

A creative wave will continue and in fact increase this week. Yet it will be spliced with an urge to get to the bottom of things. This is hardly a superficial cycle. You want everything to be just right. Getting it that way will likely require extra effort. This rhythm will continue for the next several weeks so set a steady pace.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

A busy social time mixed with mini excursions here and there finds you in your element. The focus now is turning to home and family. The emphasis to create a healthier lifestyle also continues and will actually increase. Fortunately, your energy levels should continue to rise. Use this opening to establish a new norm with health in mind.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

You can expect your focus to diversify this week. There will be more demands from more fronts and you will feel more enthusiastic and adventurous as well. The spin-off will be upon your ambition levels. To feed this growing determination, focus to gain inspiration by entertaining the possibilities. Counter balance these with a healthy measure of realism by doing the numbers.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

A new momentum has been initiated. You may have encountered a few setbacks however, that linger still. As the week progresses, your pioneering spirit will rise high again. Accessing the full measure of your talents and resources will be evident. At deeper levels, you are being called to confront some very real fears to lay claim to latent powers.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

The Sun is now in your sign and this will activate your will and drive. Your focus will sharpen as well. Ironically, this will open you to new ways of doing things. Changes in your daily routine and rhythm will become increasingly evident as the month progresses. It may even prove to be a point of no return. All this will come spiked with a spirit of adventure.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

The time has come to retreat for a while. You may still be busy behind the scenes, busy dreaming that is. This can prove very productive, as you work on your dreams and visions. Formulating a practical plan of action to realize dreams and to clarify visions is a key to success. Work to get clear on your ideal outcome and then outline all the steps you will take.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

A time of getting the attention you want and have earned continues. Yet, now it is time to push even harder, to stir the pot and shake things up. The urge to do so will increase over the next few weeks. To succeed however, you may have to pay extra close attention to tendencies to escape or procrastinate. Do a little war dance, voice your intentions and go for it!

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

As old rhythms, patterns, appetites and priorities steadily dissolve you are challenged to replace them with something new. This is where the slow but sure process of building upon new foundations comes to the fore. Creating new alliances is featured. Intend to make extra efforts to set appointments and to reach out to be seen and heard.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

You are entering an expansive cycle. Your passions and ambitions have been rising steadily and you have been busy putting everything in place. Now it is time for a review. Cast a constructively critical eye upon developments to increase your confidence in their efficacy. Approach others with empathy, diplomacy and a negotiable attitude for best results.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

A time of endings and of new beginnings has begun. Fortunately, the emphasis leans to the beginnings end. Your main challenge now is to ensure that the ground soil for these new seeds is nutrient rich and sufficiently moist. It is quite important that you focus diligently over the next several weeks so your future aspirations can germinate in a healthy and timely manner.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Making some specific improvements on relationship fronts is an emerging theme. Some of these may require outright renovation. Either way, you will be challenged to increase your focus and efforts over the coming weeks. Be open to advice, guidance and coaching as necessary. As well, collaborative efforts will prove more productive than solo work.

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BUS #4	Walker Hook/Stark Rd	Lv from SIMS	7:57 AM	BUS #5	Vesuvius/Sunset	Mobrae 1	7:24 AM	BUS #5	North End Rd.....cont	246 Sunset	7:44 AM
		Central	8:07 AM		Channel Rdg/Sunset	Chu-Ann/Humphrey's H	7:27 AM			Margolin	7:56 AM
		Acheson/Stark	8:11 AM		North End Rd	Stonecutter	7:28 AM			Fernwood School	8:00 AM
		Grantville Rd	8:15 AM			Mobrae 2	7:30 AM				
		Maliview Rd	8:19 AM			Ves / Sunset	7:31 AM				
		Fernwood School	8:23 AM			Broadwell/Channel Rdg	7:33 AM				
						Tern Road	7:40 AM				
Fulford Community Elementary School				Start Time 8:13 am — End time 3:00 pm							
#1	Fulford-Ganges Rd	Leaving from SSE	7:45 AM	#2	Beaver Point Rd	174 Stewart	7:35 AM	#2	Beaver Pt Rd cont.	Forest Ridge Rd	7:49 AM
		Blackburn Rd	7:53 AM			425 Stewart & Jasper	7:38 AM			Bullman Rd	7:57 AM
		Furness Rd	8:01 AM			King Rd	7:47 AM			Reynolds Rd	8:00 AM
		Fulford School	8:09 AM							Fulford School	8:07 AM
Salt Spring Elementary School (SSE) and Phoenix Elementary				Start Time 8:24 am — End time 3:15 pm							
#3	Old Divide Rd	Old Divide/Cranberry	7:42 AM	#6	Long Harbour/Eagleridge	William Street	7:26 AM	#7	Beaver Point Rd	1365 Beaver Pt Rd	7:21 AM
	Cusheon/Beddis Rd	Stewart Rd	7:51 AM			Long Harbour Ferry Term	7:30 AM		Fulford/Ganges Rd	Reynolds Rd	7:30 AM
		1298 Beddis Rd	7:56 AM		Leisure Lane	Quebec/Eagleridge	7:34 AM			Fulford Fire Hall	7:39 AM
	Drop off Phoenix @	ArtSpring	8:07 AM			Thomas Rd	7:53 AM			Garner Rd	7:51 AM
		SSE	8:09 AM			Leisure Lane/Howell Lane	8:00 AM		Drop off Phoenix @	Seaview & Jackson	8:02 AM
					Drop off @ SIMS	for SSE & Phoenix	8:03 AM			SSE	8:04 AM
Saltspring Island Middle School (SIMS)				Start Time 8:30 am — End time 3:24 pm							
#3	Old Divide Rd	Old Divide/Cranberry	7:42 AM	#4	Walker Hook/Stark Rd	160 Stark Rd	7:28 AM	#6	Long Harbour/Eagleridge	William Street	7:26 AM
	Cusheon/Beddis Rd	271 Cusheon Lake Rd	7:48 AM			Maliview Rd	7:39 AM			Long Harbour Ferry Term	7:30 AM
		Stewart Rd	7:51 AM			Whims Rd	7:44 AM			Quebec/Eagleridge	7:34 AM
		Samuel Cr	7:56 AM			Acheson Rd	7:48 AM			Thomas Rd	7:53 AM
	Drop off for SIMS @	SSE	8:09 AM			SIMS	7:56 AM			Leisure Lane/Howell Lane	8:00 AM
										SIMS	8:03 AM
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	Fulford/Ganges Rd	Reynolds Rd	7:30 AM						Channel Rdg/Broadwell	Southey Point	7:37 AM
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		1621 Fulford Ganges Rd.	7:48 AM			GISS	8:25 AM		Elizabeth Drive	Stonecutter Rd	7:53 AM
		Garner Rd	7:51 AM			SIMS	8:28 AM		Drop off for SIMS & SSE @	SIMS	8:06 AM
	Drop off for SIMS @	SSE	8:04 AM								
Gulf Islands Senior Secondary School (GISS) and Phoenix Place				Start Time 8:55 am — End time 4:15 pm							
#1	Beaver Point Rd/past	Fulford Tri (past Southr)	8:15 AM	#2	Beaver Point Rd	Forest Ridge Rd	7:49 AM	#3	Old Divide Rd	Old Divide/ Cranberry	8:17 AM
	Southridge	Burgoyne Triangle	8:20 AM			Reynolds Rd	8:00 AM		Cusheon/Beddis Rd	Stewart Rd	8:26 AM
	Fulford/Ganges Rd	Kitchen Rd	8:26 AM		Isabella Area Student pick up @	Drummond Park	8:16 AM			Samuel Cr	8:31 AM
		GISS	8:35 AM			GISS	8:33 AM			GISS	8:44 AM
#4	Walker Hook/Stark Rd	Fernwood School	8:26 AM	#5	Ves/Sunset	Canvesback	8:13 AM	#6	Long Harbour/Eagleridge	William Street	8:09 AM
		Grantville Rd	8:34 AM		incl Broadwell/Channel Ridge	Southy Point Rd	8:26 AM			Old Scott Rd	8:10 AM
		240 Stark Rd	8:39 AM			Epron Rd	8:34 AM			LH Ferry Term	8:13 AM
		GISS	8:45 AM			CISS	8:47 AM			Quebec/Eagleridge	8:17 AM
#8	Vesuvius Loop	Vesuvius Ferry	8:23 AM	#8	Vesuvius Loop.....cont	Stonecutter	8:29 AM			Bullock Creek	8:22 AM
		Bayview	8:24 AM			Mobrae 1	8:33 AM			230 Cedar Lane	8:37 AM
		Humphrey's Hill	8:26 AM			GISS	8:40 AM			Kings Lane & Howell Lane	8:42 AM
										CISS	8:45 AM

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NEW CAR REVIEW

Malibu LTZ is Chevrolet's first global mid-size sedan

New model sees serious sales jump

BY LORNE DRURY
METROLAND MEDIA

The Malibu name has been around for more than 35 years with sales of 8.5 million.

But the redesigned 2013 version has the honour of being the first global mid-size car for Chevrolet.

This new Malibu is now sold in more than 100 markets on six continents worldwide and represents an important vehicle for the Chevrolet brand.

This is certainly true in Canada where the mid-size segment makes up 20 per cent of the overall market and features some of the best-selling cars of all like the Ford Fusion, Toyota Camry, Honda Accord, Hyundai Sonata and the Nissan Altima.

While the new Malibu still trails these market leaders as of the end of June, Malibu sales are up a whopping 63.2 per cent year-to-date to



PHOTO BY LORNE DRURY

The Chevrolet Malibu has been totally re-engineered for 2013.

4,313 units, so things are looking up, although more changes are planned for the 2014 model.

Starting at \$24,995 for the LS model, our tester was a Malibu LTZ with the 259 hp 2.0-litre Ecotec turbocharged four that was a late addition to the model lineup last fall. With

a 0-100 km/h time of just over six seconds, this is the performance model of the bunch, although still a family car rather than a sports sedan.

Starting price for the LTZ is \$32,540, but our vehicle had options totaling \$4,270 to bring the as-tested price to \$38,410 when you add in the taxes

and destination charge of \$1,500.

For 2013, the Malibu is only available with four-cylinder engines, with the base being an all-new 2.5-litre Ecotec, making 197 hp.

Also offered is the Malibu ECO that has a 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine linked to an e-Assist system, also used on the Buick LaCrosse and Buick Regal. This light electrification system includes a 120-volt lithium ion battery pack. The combined gas-electric system produces 182 hp.

As with the outgoing model, the new Malibu is based on the same Epsilon II platform as the LaCrosse. Chassis tuning is derived from the European Car of the Year, the Opel Insignia, so the new Malibu has great DNA from the get-go.

Styling isn't a great departure from the outgoing model, yet this is the most aerodynamic Chevy mid-size ever with a coefficient drag of 0.29.

The new look gives the car a more planted, sporty stance with 16, 17, 18 or 19-inch wheels available, depending upon the trim level.

There's no doubt it's a Chevrolet with the signature dual-port grille with Chevy bow-tie insignia, while the rear fascia and tail-lamps are Camaro-inspired, according to General Motors.

This is the quietest Malibu ever, thanks in part to an enhanced body structure with a 20 per cent improvement in rear torsional stiffness over the current Malibu.

Even at the base LS level, standard equipment is plentiful, including six-speed automatic transmission, 16-inch alloy wheels, 60/40 split folding rear seat, keyless remote, air conditioning, cruise control, air conditioning Bluetooth hands-free phone connectivity, OnStar and a six-speaker sound system with AM/FM stereo and CD player.

While the styling may not match up with the sexy looks of the Ford Fusion or Hyundai Sonata, with the turbo four-cylinder engine, the Malibu should be a real contender in the mid-size segment.



No crash test dummies were harmed in the testing of this vehicle.

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SWIMMING

Master swimmers return from Italian job well done

Islanders faced stiff competition and gourmet cuisine

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When it comes to swim meets, it's hard to beat a place like Italy in the summer.

Or is it?

Think of the challenges faced by swimmers tempted at every turn by fresh pasta, cured meats and fine Italian espresso. As if that wasn't hard enough, there's having to squirm back into a swimsuit after indulging in one too many tiramisus.

Regardless of the formidable culinary challenge, not to mention a roster of the most talented masters-level athletes from nearly 200 countries, a Salt Spring duo left an impressive mark during the World Masters Games in Turin earlier this month.

"We both achieved results above our expectations. To be top 15 or 10 in the world in anything or to win medals was beyond our wildest expectations," said Don Clifford, a swimmer who competed in several events in the M55-59 age category.

Clifford notched a top-10 finish in the 100-metre breaststroke, a 10th-place finish in the



Salt Spring swimmer Don Clifford, left, makes an impression at the World Masters Games in Turin earlier this month. Joan Gunn-Allard displays one of the medals she picked up there.

50-metre breaststroke and placed 15th in the 50-m freestyle.

Salt Springer Joan Gunn-Allard won a gold medal in a swim relay, a silver in the



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100-metre backstroke and a bronze in the 50-metre butterfly in her 55-59 age category.

The pair offered special thanks to trainers Erin, Walter and Tami from the Rainbow

Road Pool, who helped them before the trip.

Besides the strong performances, event highlights included the opening ceremonies, which saw athletes march through the host city's bustling streets, and cheering for the inspirational competitors in the 90-plus age category.

"Someone once said, 'It's not the destination point in life that counts, but it's the journey getting there that does.' These are words to truly live by."

Clifford added that he and other masters-level swimmers on the island hope to establish an official club in the fall. As members of the B.C. masters program, island swimmers can compete provincially and nationally, but are limited when it comes to local or regional events.

"Ideally, we would like to establish a masters club whose mandate will be to have a competitive component with coaching so as to compete on local, regional, provincial, national and international levels as well as a recreational component with stroke improvement and swimming as a fitness pursuit," he said.

The club would be open to swimmers who are 25 years of age and older. The team's next international event will be in Montreal in 2014. A healthy appetite is an asset but not required.

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SWIM TEAM

Fraser wins butterfly golds

Coquitlam meet marks end of 2013 season

Salt Spring Stingrays sent 19 athletes to battle rainy skies and some of the province's fastest swimmers at the B.C. Summer Swimming Association provincial championships in Coquitlam this weekend.

Stingray Cassidy Fraser

pion in Division 6 (ages 16 to 17), capturing two golds in the 50 and 100-metre races. Fraser also won a bronze on a relay with three other athletes from the Vancouver Island region.

Salt Spring swimmers to achieve a spot in the finals included Shane Webster, Maggie Birch, Mac Flett, Lyly Kennedy and Aaryn Funk. Other Stingrays to represent the island were Kaelin Ertel, Kiel Johnson,

Zoe Johnson, Rylan Burnett, Austin Bisnar and Nigel Bisnar.

The provincial championships took place from Aug. 16 to 18. The event gathered roughly 1,200 athletes ages seven and up and 200 coaches in four aquatic disciplines: speed swimming, synchro, diving and water polo. The event wraps up a season that began in May, giving all athletes a holiday from training until next year.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Low-scoring dog days hit tables

BY JILL EVANS

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

So these are the Dog Days of August, when Sirius, the Dog Star in Canis Major, rises with the sun — or it used to back in Roman times. Wikipedia says Dog Days were then popularly believed to be an evil time — "the Sea boiled, the Wine turned sour, Dogs grew mad, and all other creatures became languid; causing to man, among other diseases, burning fevers, hysterics, and phrensies."

According to Brady's Clavis Calendaria, 1813. The Romans sacrificed a red dog in

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April to appease the rage of Sirius, believing that the star was the cause of the hot, sultry weather. Canis miserabilis! Now it's known as the Silly Season.

On Aug. 5 there were seven and a half tables of not very languid people. It wasn't an evil time for the winners — North/South first place went to Liz and Oleh Mycyk, second were Gisela Welsh and Jillian Reid, and third were Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas. East/West saw Blanche Poborsa

and Gerry Nicholson rising to the top spot, with Jeff Bell and Nancy Arnold next and the third place going to Al Wilke and Nadene McCoy. Nothing silly about that.

Sirius must have been seriously cross on Aug. 12, because scores for another seven and a half tables were relatively low, with the cards providing more part-games or downers than anything really starry. Top dogs North/South were again the Mycyks, having sniffed out a rare slam along the way. The Gisela Welsh-Jillian Reid

combo repeated their second place, with George Laundry and Paul Retallack coming third. As far as the East/West group went, the burning fever of Vic Parks and Doug Reid saw them rise high, with the Poborsa-Nicholson pair settling for second place, and Jean Elder with Ruth Topping in the third spot.

As for the rest, well, sour Wine, boiling Sea, hysterics, and phrensies? Not a chance. They'll be back for more, as usual. And the Dog Days will have ended by then, according to the Romans.