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RCMP

Search on for stolen Pride flags

Twelve banners reported missing from Ganges

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The theft of 12 rainbow-patterned Pride flags from the downtown core over the weekend has many island residents shaking their heads in disgust as police try to determine who is responsible.

"It's despicable," said Bill Turner, president of the Gays and Lesbians of Salt Spring Island group.

Thieves removed the flags, which had been installed in late August for Pride celebrations, from locations throughout Ganges late Friday night.

"They went to a lot of trouble to search out all the rainbow flags in town," Turner said. "It's quite a conundrum."

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FIRE DISTRICT

Fire hall referendum set in motion

Special meeting called for Sept. 30

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Fire Protection District board achieved another small step toward building a new fire hall/emergency centre by setting the borrowing referendum process into motion at their regular meeting on Monday night.

Trustees passed a resolution on how to phrase



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

TELL ME A SECRET: Everest Masselink gets some last-minute advice (or an affectionate peck) from her pet duck Jake before their turn in the Fall Fair Pet Parade. More fair photos are inside this paper and in our Harvest Time publication in next week's paper.

FALL FAIR

Animals get night on town

Maggie Monsanto the Mule heads great escape

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A pair of prize-winning equines spent 16 hours on the town before picking up their blue ribbons at this weekend's Fall Fair, earning honours in the unofficial category of "best livestock escape."

Caroline Hickman of Gander's Hatch Farm wasn't intending to show Maggie Monsanto the Mule or her donkey sidekick Farley at this year's fair, but a couple of cancellations at the livestock barn made her change her mind. Hickman spent her birthday — Friday, Sept. 13 — taking several loads of animals to the fairgrounds at the Farmers' Institute, with geese, sheep, a beef cow and a bull among the crowd.

Hickman was at home enjoying a glass of wine after taking a bath when she received a call that Maggie Monsanto (so-named because she's a sterile hybrid) and Farley had broken out of the outdoor pen they were left in for the night.

"Maggie was definitely the brains of the operation. She put her big head into a corner of the pen and the post

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Trustees also voted to authorize chair Bruce Patterson to enter into negotiations with the Bank of Montreal for the interim financing demand loan, stating its rate was far superior to those proposed by other institutions.

Discussion on the referendum date resulted in a change by one week, as recommended by the deputized returning officer Tony Kennedy.

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Farmer earns blue ribbons for animal escape artists

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was rotten, so she broke it off," Hickman said.

"And what could she do? She had to head out."

If either animal had been alone, it would have stayed in place, but with two together they formed an instant pack and were soon on their way to enjoy the high life.

Hickman and her husband Andy moved quickly to get on their trail. Tracking hoof prints with flashlights, they found evidence the pair had gone to the riding ring and then to the recycling depot. They found more prints after they drove around to the cleared development area at the top of Drake Road, but couldn't find the animals.

A fruitless two-hour search progressed onto the flanks of Mount Belcher. At one point Andy Hickman got his truck stuck on a steel post that blocks the end of Wilkie Way — a post he had actually installed

himself some years ago. He got the truck loose but lost a chunk of it in the process.

"So this was rather an expensive night and it went on from there," his wife said.

The Hickmans got a call from police after they had given up searching and returned home. There was a report that a taxi driver had seen Maggie and Farley on Fulford-Ganges Road around 2 a.m. Fearing the animals would get hit, the Hickmans went back on the road for another two hours, still without luck. Then Caroline returned to the fair grounds with no sleep to sit with her other animals at the livestock barn.

Maggie and Farley were finally located late Saturday morning on Drake Road, close to where Hickman had tracked them the night before.

Pat Shewchuk, a local artist who was on her way to the Lions Club Garage Sale via Mouat Park, had spotted the animals just

outside the woods at 10:45 a.m.

"Surmising the pair must have escaped from a nearby paddock, I thought the guys at the Lions Club would have an idea about where they belong," Shewchuk told the Driftwood.

"The guys there knew immediately who they were, where they lived, and where they were probably headed."

The owners arrived shortly after and rounded up Maggie and Farley in the rough field above the club.

"And there they were, totally unconcerned," Hickman said.

"I tell you, I was extremely glad to get them into that pen."

Though many people who heard about the incident assumed the mule and donkey were trying to find their way home, Hickman said that idea is just a Disney fantasy.

"They were out to have a party night in Ganges, a wild Friday night," she said.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Caroline Hickman leads Maggie Monsanto the Mule and her friend Farley, a donkey, back to the Fall Fair grounds on Saturday. The animal friends spent 16 hours on the town after staging a daring escape Friday night.

"Maggie certainly had plans."

Though Hickman no longer considers Friday the 13th to be her lucky day, she did report one

good outcome. The captured animals were so tired after their adventure, they behaved well for visitors for the rest of the fair.

For more Fall Fair photos and stories, see page 11 and 24 of this week's Driftwood, and the Harvest Time booklet published on Sept. 25.

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Festival organizers undeterred

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Flags were reported stolen from ArtSpring, Island Star Video, TJ Beans, Salt Spring Inn and the glass-fronted case in the United Church memorial garden. Thieves also made off with the flag poles and steel mounts.

Those responsible also removed five colourful banners that had been lining the ramp towards the Thrifty Foods parking lot.

"While some of the flags would have been fairly simple to remove, a number of them, such as the ones by Thrifty's, would have required a blow torch or some such implement to melt the stanchions in order to remove the flags," Turner said.

Salt Spring RCMP ask for the public's help to identify whoever is responsible. Cpl. Martin Beardsmore said the local

detachment does not consider the matter a hate crime and is treating the incident as a theft.

Video footage has produced no leads, though investigators are confident witnesses may come forward once word of the incident gets out, he said.

The value of the flags is estimated at approximately \$400, but the crime has had repercussions in the community. Turner said the incident is especially troubling after the burning of a rainbow flag two weekends earlier, an incident that is also still under investigation.

Despite the shock caused by the thefts, Turner said, he and fellow GLOSSI members have no intention of letting the incident deter plans for next year's 10th annual Pride celebration. He anticipates the 2014 event will be the biggest in the festival's history.

"We're so proud of what's happened. This year was the best Pride ever," he said. "I don't think [the theft] is going to stop the 10th anniversary. We're not going to let this get us down. Hopefully we'll be an even more visible force."

The GLOSSI board is offering a reward for the return of the flags.

In other police news, the waffle cone sign from Glad's ice cream store was stolen between 7 p.m. on Sunday and 3:30 p.m. on Monday, and a plant and two kayak paddles disappeared from a Vesuvius Bay residence between Sept. 7 and 14.

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FIRE DISTRICT

Architect presents final design for proposed fire hall

Construction cost set at \$5 million

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents have finally got a fix on the borrowing costs for the island's proposed emergency services centre, with a \$5-million contribution needed from taxpayers announced at a public meeting on Thursday.

While speculation on the possible cost has dominated public discourse over the past year, participants at the Community Gospel Chapel meeting voiced few concerns with the final figure. Attendees who approached the microphone were extremely focused on possible cost over-runs, however, and wanted to know what would happen in that situation.

"Let's talk accountability... are you prepared to step down and resign from the board?" Cliff Jones asked.

"You guys got to be held accountable for this, and cost over-runs, that's your responsibility."

About 75 people turned out for the event, which kicked off with a video on why a new hall is needed and moved on to a presentation by Kim Johnston of Johnston Davidson Architecture and Planning.

Johnston and fire district trustees confirmed the total fire hall cost is set at \$6.25 million, with

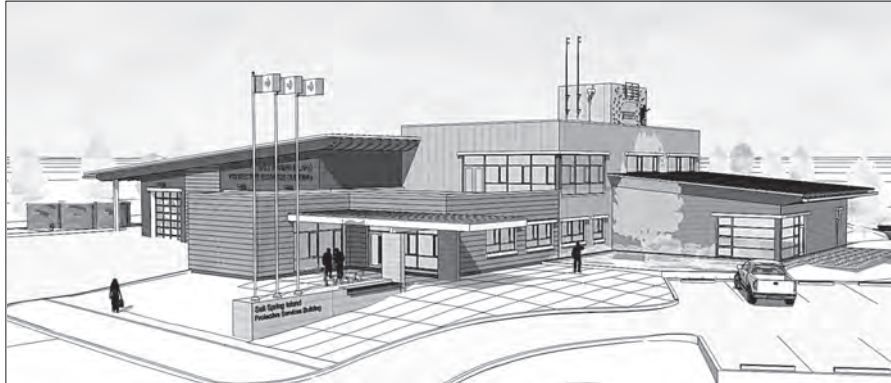


IMAGE COURTESY SALT SPRING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

An architect's drawing of the new fire hall and emergency centre proposed for Lower Ganges Road. The property is being donated by Tristar Communities from land adjacent to Brinkworthy Estates.

the construction cost estimated at \$5 million.

The board will ask ratepayers for permission to borrow the full amount to cover bridge financing. If approved, the community will eventually take a long-term loan for \$5 million after an expected operating surplus and the sale of the old hall are factored in.

The property tax increase for an average-assessed residential property of \$516,747 would be \$55.25 per year for 20 years.

The interest rate to borrow funds through the Municipal Finance Authority would be 2.5 per cent for the entire 20-year period.

"The final dollar is the final dol-

lar," said Michael Schubart, chair of the fire protection district's building committee, when stating the board would not be going to the community for any additional funds.

"I can tell you we've done over 45 fire halls now," Johnston said, explaining why she felt the cost estimate was accurate.

In the event of cost over-runs, some portions of the hall might not be finished, but Johnston said that was unlikely.

"The anticipation is that we will not run out of money and will finish the project," she stated.

Schubart added that several contingencies amounting to

\$400,000 in total were built into the budget, and said there had been offers of donations and fundraising if needed.

George Grams, one of Salt Spring's Islands Trust representatives, asked how the project compared to other halls on the basis of construction cost per square foot. Johnston replied that the hall her firm just completed in Central Saanich cost \$304 per square foot because the builders are trying to achieve LEED gold standard, or better. The Nanoose Bay hall cost \$265 per square foot and Gabriola Island's is estimated at \$275, the same as projected for Salt Spring.

In response to questions around

which items were included in the cost estimate and how it was arrived at, Johnston said everything from furniture, fixtures and equipment down to the last toilet paper roll was factored in. She confirmed landscaping and the construction manager's fees were also included.

Other comments during the public session came from Hal Cairns, who asked why the board didn't plan on tendering the project to a single contractor. Gil Mouat said the board should get a current appraisal on the old hall, and that providing estimates of the tax increase for business owners would be helpful.

Ken Marr advised the board to phrase the referendum question to relate specifically to the land being donated at Brinkworthy, and not to create a vague question the trustees could use to borrow funds to build any hall on any property.

Trustees promised to share a detailed budget with line items with the public before the borrowing referendum, which is anticipated to be Oct. 26.

The fire department's promotional video and detailed design drawings can be viewed at www.firehallinfo.com.

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NEWS BRIEFS

FOR THE RECORD

A Sept. 11 article about an equine first aid clinic taking place on Salt Spring incorrectly identified the instructor. The Sunday, Sept. 22 event will be taught by Theresa Skett from Vancouver. For more information, call 250-930-4127 or visit www.equinefirstaid.ca.

Cook's life celebrated

Community members will have a chance to get together and remember Jill Cook at a public event being held at Centennial Park this Saturday, Sept. 21.

Friends, family and anyone who knew Cook are invited to bring their thoughts, musical instruments and love to the memorial event, which

starts at 3 p.m.

Cook, who grew up on Salt Spring and whose surname became Lyons, was found dead at age 45 in her New Westminster apartment on Aug. 12. Family members held a memorial in August.

Event organizer Jane Cobanli, who went to school with Cook on Salt Spring, can be contacted at [jacobanli@hotmail.com](mailto:jcobanli@hotmail.com) for information or alternate arrangements in case of rain.

Town hall at Fulford aims to save Salish Sea

Islanders opposed to Kinder Morgan's proposal to bring a pipeline and 400 oil tankers a year through the Gulf Islands are inviting community members to help make a difference at an event set for Wednesday, Sept. 25.

"One spill could devastate the marine environment, island communities and coastal jobs. But a different future is possible," a press release states.

"Now is the time to show up, stand up, and speak up to stop it. Join us to find out how you can stop the tankers and protect this precious coast."

The evening features presentations from three young front-line activ-

ists. They are Caitlyn Vernon of Sierra Club BC, climate campaigner Eoin Madden of the Wilderness Committee, and Alexandra Woodsworth of the Georgia Strait Alliance.

A town-hall discussion will follow presentations. Refreshments and music by the Blackberry Ramblers will be provided.

The evening is free and starts at 7:30 p.m. with doors open at 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Islands Business Excellence Awards Nominations

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

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

Deadline for nominations Tuesday, October 8th, 2013. Sponsored by Island Savings and The Chamber of Commerce

GANGES VILLAGE

Community group launches fire hall survey, website

Public use of old building considered

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents have an exciting new avenue for talking about public use of the Ganges fire hall with the launch of a website and online survey.

The FireSpring Community Society is a grassroots organization that's concerned with

keeping the hall in the public domain. The new FireSpring website, created by designer Harry Bardal and located at <http://firespringganges.org>, offers a survey for community input on the many possible uses for the property if a new fire hall gets built on Lower Ganges Road, starting with space for nonprofit organizations and farmers' goods and ending with anything the respondent's imagination can dream up.

"We've been working at it pretty hard and put in a lot of time, but it's going to take even more time [to get all the answers]," said Bob MacKie, one of the coordinators of the ad hoc group.

With finding some kind of use that benefits the community the ultimate goal, MacKie said getting a good sense of what people actually want will be the group's first priority. The online survey provides options for public, commer-

cial and blended use and asks participants to rank their answers according to importance.

There are even options such as an electric vehicle rental centre, museum and medical centre to consider. An open comment space at the end of the survey allows for maximum creativity.

MacKie and fellow coordinator Ron McKenzie announced a plan to get an option agreement to purchase

the hall at Monday night's meeting of the Salt Spring Fire Protection District board. The group hopes to sign an agreement for purchase of the hall for \$750,000 any time within 18 months. An official delegation to the board to present the matter is planned for the next board meeting.

"All we're looking for is to purchase the property and keep it in public use, because it's an iconic building," MacKie said.

"We could have a McDonald's here — so I'd like to not see that."

The FireSpring Community Society numbers around a dozen members and has already met with MP Elizabeth May, MLA Gary Holman, local Islands Trust representatives, CRD director Wayne McIntyre and other stakeholders. More information such as site plans and news items will be added to the website soon.

AWARDS

Salt Spring graduate passes through adversity to UVic

WCF bursary winner

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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A 2013 Gulf Islands Secondary School grad embarked on her first year of university earlier this month with a bit of a boost thanks to a \$500 bursary awarded by the Western Communities Foundation.

"The money I receive will most likely be spent on textbooks and food," said Tahani Peters, who is studying psychology at the University of Victoria. "I'm happy that I don't have to worry about that kind of stuff in my first year. School can be so stressful already."

Peters was nominated for the prize by teachers, support staff and school council members based on her contributions to school life and broader community in the face of adversity.

Soon after moving to Salt Spring

and beginning high school, Peters became involved with community service organization and clubs, including the Gay-Straight Alliance and nature conservation programs.

"She has contributed to both her school and local community, including volunteering with the Gay-Straight Alliance, the Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Eco-Literacy Nine field trips program," said Ceilidh McMeekin, a spokesperson for the Western Communities Foundation.

"Tahani has made these exceptional contributions to her community despite personal hardships and Western commends her for her efforts."

Peters said her work with SVOVA's Pass it On program and peer counselling class has reinforced her interest in counselling work.

During her efforts to help others, Peters faced tremendous personal obstacles of her own, which eventu-

ally encouraged her to search for a more supportive home environment.

"I was having a really hard time at home," Peters wrote in an email.

"The environment I was functioning under was abusive, unstable and manipulative. Constantly feeling uncomfortable and afraid in a place where I should feel at home made it difficult to focus on living a normal life, never mind on school or a social life. As I was walking to school one day after another awful night, I asked myself: 'Do I really want to go home tonight?'"

"The answer was no, so I didn't."

Peters spent about a month couch surfing before she found permanent accommodation that offered a stable place for her to complete high school, while working at a job to pay for modest living expenses and save up for university.

"Obviously, it would be a miracle if I saved up enough to go to school



Tahani Peters at Grad 2013.

under these circumstances, so I worked hard in school to get scholarships," she said.

When she learned she'd received the Western Communities grant, along with an exceptional achieve-

ment citation, ahead of June's graduation ceremony, Peters could hardly contain herself.

"I was so nervous during the ceremony that I thought I just might pass out before my name was called," she said. "Fortunately, I managed to suppress my nervousness just enough to avoid that embarrassment."

Peters' experience has motivated her to continue her studies in the hope of someday returning to the island to establish some of the youth resources she feels are sadly missing on the island.

"I made it my goal to someday return to Salt Spring and open a group home for independent and needy youth, a place where young adults who have no place to live, but have great potential, can go to," she said.

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Trustees moved to schedule the main vote on Saturday, Oct. 26 at a public location, if one can be found that is available, or at the Ganges fire hall as a last resort. The advance poll will take place on Oct. 23.

Trustees also passed two bylaws during the meeting. Bylaw 120 is the budget bylaw for 2014, and repeats 2013's total of \$2.375 million. The draft document must also be approved by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

Bylaw 121 approves a Memorandum of Understanding between Tristar Communities (the compa-

ny donating property for the new hall), the Salt Spring Fire/Rescue Foundation and the Salt Spring Fire Protection District. Patterson explained the documents allow the transfer of land between the parties. The land will be accepted by the foundation first because it is able to issue a tax receipt to Tristar as a charitable donation.

Patterson noted the district's ability to accept the land as a tax-exempt donation was confirmed by their ministry representative and auditor Jean Elwell.

Elwell will help the board apply for status as a listed donee to meet changing requirements in 2014, which would affect any future donations.

ISLANDS TRUST

Costs approved for conflict appellants

Claim's public interest noted

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A group of Salt Spring residents whose successful court appeal determined that two former local trustees were guilty of conflict of interest have been granted special costs by Court of Appeal judges.

In a judgement released Sept. 12 in the Schlenker v. Torggrimson case, Justice Ian T. Donald states that the appellants satisfied several relevant factors in their request for legal costs to be paid in the case launched against George Ehring and Christine Torggrimson in 2011 when they were Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members.

Those factors include the case involving "matters of public importance that transcend the immediate interests of the named parties;" the fact that the successful parties did not personally benefit from the litigation's

outcome; that the Islands Trust "has a superior capacity to bear the costs;" and that "the successful party has not conducted the litigation in an abusive, vexatious or frivolous manner."

"The basic question underlying these factors is whether the public interest in resolving a legal issue of broad importance, which would otherwise not be resolved, justifies the exceptional measure of awarding special costs to a successful litigant."

An initial petition filed by 15 petitioners alleged that contributions of Islands Trust and Capital Regional District grant funds to the Climate Action Council Society, Water Council Society and Housing Council Society made by LTC members Christine Torggrimson and George Ehring and CRD director Garth Hendren violated the province's Community Charter because the elected officials were directors on one or both of those societies.

In two separate decisions, Justice

Brian MacKenzie cleared all three locally elected officials, but a smaller group of island residents appealed MacKenzie's decision related to former trustees Torggrimson and Ehring. They were Norbert Schlenker, Ted Bartrim, Alison Mary Cunningham, Derek Hill, Malcolm Legg, Dietrich Luth, Victoria Mihalyi and Mark Toole.

A Jan. 11, 2013 Court of Appeal decision by Justice Donald and his colleagues Justice Mary Newbury and Justice Christopher Hinkson overturned MacKenzie's finding, but the question of who would pay the case's legal costs had not been dealt with until now.

While Torggrimson and Ehring are the respondents in the case, they will not be responsible for paying any monies to the appellants. Islands Trust chief administrative officer Linda Adams said the Trust's insurance — and not property taxpayers — would cover the required payments.

SCHOOL BOARD

Happy Feet Day to get SIMS walking

Board approves 1 km routes

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Middle School students will receive a strong encouragement to participate in International Walk to School Day this year through a new initiative called Happy Feet Day.

SIMS teacher Martin Thorn presented his idea to the board of education at its first regular meeting of the school year on Sept. 11. Thorn explained his proposal was partly inspired by his recent year as a volunteer teacher in Bhutan, where every Tuesday is a car-free day across the small country. In addition, students regularly walk to school and home again, sometimes clocking 12 kilometres a day.

Thorn's proposal for Salt Spring is slightly more modest, and will have students leaving school buses to walk the final kilometre to school and then the first kilometre home at the end of the day on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

"The idea behind this is the kids get to be active participants in getting themselves to school, at least part of the way," Thorn said.

Thorn worked with Salt Spring administrators and school bus drivers to come up with safe routes for all cases. For example, the bus coming from the south end drops off students at Drake Road to walk through Moutat Park instead of sending them down Fulford-Ganges Road. On each route, students will be met by two parent volunteers wearing safety vests and carrying safety paddles. Parent permission forms will be sent home.

Those students who can't walk will be able to stay on the buses, but Thorn hopes the participation rate will be high — and that it could lead to more walking days in the future.

The board voted to approve the plan for Oct. 9 and then to gather feedback, rather than approving a basic structure that could be put into place any time, as Thorn had suggested.

In other school board news, Tom Graham reported the

maintenance crew had completed many projects during its summer work program. High-lights included lighting replacements at several locations that has brought in new LED lights that are more efficient and attractive than earlier models. Soundproofing has been put in around five upper classrooms at Gulf Islands Secondary School where noise level readings were high due to the prevalence of hard surfaces.

"A lot of the work . . . has to do with the quality of learning."

TOM GRAHAM
SD64 Plant Services

Graham also noted in response to a question from trustee Katharine Byers that a solar panel on the GISS gym roof was working well and was supplying heat for the building's hot water — providing a green efficiency and a learning opportunity students will be able to take advantage of.

"A lot of the work we've tried to do this summer has to do with the quality of learning," he said, adding the job also involves regular and proactive maintenance.

The board approved a water transportation contract for the next two years with its current provider Gulf Islands Water Taxi, which was the only company to submit a tender. "Obviously the costs have increased since the previous tender, but they're basically acceptable, so we've accepted their submission," treasurer Rod Scotvold said.

District superintendent Lisa Halstead reported on behalf of Doug Livingstone, director of education, on the results of an inquiry about the health effects of WiFi in schools. B.C. health officer Dr. Perry Kendall sent a letter to the board stating there was no evidence that WiFi on its own, or the cumulative effects of electromagnetic radiation from other sources such as cell phones, posed a health hazard.

The next school board meeting takes place on Wednesday, Oct. 9 on Saturna Island.

FINANCE

ISCU proposes merger with bigger entity

Membership vote required

Island Savings Credit Union is exploring the possibility of merging with First West Credit Union, which is B.C.'s third largest credit union.

First West runs 40 branches under the Envision Financial, Valley First, and Enderby & District Financial brands. Island Savings has 16 branches on lower Vancouver Island, Salt Spring and Pender islands.

"Through First West Credit Union's one-of-a-kind partnership model, Island Savings would retain its local brand, local leadership and island community focus," states Island Savings board chair James McKenzie in a Sept. 11 press release.

"We believe the timing is right to look ahead at opportunities to strengthen our future while building on our strong foundation for the benefit of our members, our employees and the communities we serve on the islands. Together

our credit unions will have greater resiliency to market fluctuations and be more agile in meeting our members' needs today and into the future."

The credit unions state that no branch closures or staff layoffs would take place if the merger occurred, as the two institutions have no branch overlaps.

The merger will not be done without approval of the Island Savings membership through a vote in early 2014.

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TIME: 7:00PM

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Transit taxes too

There's still more than five weeks to go before Salt Spring residents vote on borrowing funds for a new emergency centre.

While the Oct. 26 referendum date has just been announced, months of meetings have highlighted an intense public debate over what type of facility is required to serve the island's needs.

Questions and concerns that have repeatedly been raised about building materials, floor space, vehicle bays and furnishings essentially come down to objections over the project's price tag. Taxpayers will be asked to give the fire district permission to borrow up to \$5 million in the long term for a new hall and quarters for Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue and the island's Emergency Operations Centre.

THE ISSUE:

Fire and transit tax bills

WE SAY:

Requests need perspective

From a taxpayer's perspective, a yes vote would add \$55.25 to the annual property tax bill associated with an average Salt Spring home, currently valued at just over \$516,000.

That's roughly the same cost as a fill up at the gas station for the average car on the island for an emergency building that's expected to last 50 years.

As the fire hall debate chugs through untold litres of ink and rolls of newsprint, the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission is fewer than two weeks away from concluding a significant borrowing process of its own.

As part of an Alternative Approval Process, island residents have until Sept. 30 to sign a petition form against the commission's request to nearly triple the amount of money it can get from taxpayers from \$85,000 to \$245,000. If approved, property owners of an average-priced island home can eventually expect a \$25 annual property tax increase. The commission will use the funds to cover a modest transit service expansion and replacement costs for two buses.

Oddly enough, despite an article in the Aug. 21 Driftwood and two formal ads, there's been nary a peep about this from anyone concerned about the rising cost of living on the island or local governments' unrelenting tax requests.

An inquisitive public is crucial to hold elected representatives at whatever level of government accountable. With our focus on the emergency centre, the community is missing the broader picture.



VIEWPOINT by Andrea Palframan

FIPPA's grave implications explored

After omnibus budget bills, the proroguing of Parliament and the Senate scandals, Canadians may be asking themselves, "How's my democracy?"

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, Hupacasath First Nations' Brenda Sayers, Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May and Emma Pullman of Lead Now will be coming together in a special public forum. Taking place at All Saints By-the-Sea, the evening kicks off with a potluck supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m., where the public can informally meet (and eat) with these special guests. From 6:30 to 8 p.m., a lively discussion will ensue between these three gutsy and articulate defenders of democracy.

The evening is specifically intended to raise awareness about the Canada-China Federal Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (CC-FIPPA) and what it might mean for our future.

FIPPA, which has been signed but not yet ratified, is a 30-year lock-in with Chinese investors in Canada. It would allow Chinese state-owned companies to sue Canada for lost profits should we pass legislation inhibiting their activities. Canada already faces billions of dollars in similar lawsuits under NAFTA: under FIPPA, had Chinese oil companies invested in the Northern Gateway, for instance, turning down the pipeline project could have triggered multi-million dollar lawsuits — payable to foreign companies with taxpayer dollars.

Elizabeth May was first to sound the alarm about FIPPA, pointing to its "grave and sweeping implications for Canada's sovereignty, security, and democracy" and warning that the process by which the treaty was tabled without Parliamentary study or debate was "corrosive to our democracy."

In response to May's warning, Sayers has spent the past year

building a broad coalition of labour unions, First Nations and ordinary citizens in support of a court challenge her people brought against the federal government.

Joining Sayers was LeadNow, which led a campaign to raise \$160,000 in crowd-sourced funding to cover the cost of the FIPPA court case. Emma Pullman, researcher and campaigner with LeadNow, will be joining Sayers and May at the podium to talk about how social media and people-driven movements can restore democracy by promoting public participation on issues that the current federal government would prefer citizens be kept in the dark about.

Though the federal judge ruled against the Hupacasath claim that the FIPPA will impact their sovereignty, Brenda Sayers intends to build on the momentum of the court case. She has travelled across the country to bring together those opposed to what the Council of Canadians calls a "corporate rights" agenda.

Thanks to the Hupacasath, Lead Now and Elizabeth May, there has been more discussion about the Canada-China FIPPA than has occurred in the House of Commons, in committees, or in the media since Stephen Harper quietly signed the treaty back in September 2012.

It's a rare privilege to have these three defenders of democracy together here on Salt Spring. Come out and learn what ordinary citizens can accomplish when we stand together.

More information is available from me at 250-931-1919 or andrea.palframan@mac.com.

The writer is a Salt Spring-based activist.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

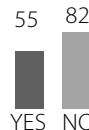
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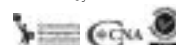
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "They were out to have a party night in Ganges, a wild Friday night."

CAROLINE HICKMAN, ON THE ESCAPE OF HER MULE AND DONKEY

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Do you have a message for Stephen Harper during his visit to B.C.?



PAUL BAUMANN
No bloody pipeline.



INEKE DE JONG
Keep the peace and don't engage in war with Syria.



DEVIN COVERDALE
Read the Lorax because it has an important lesson about natural resources.



JANET DUCHARME
Stay in Ottawa and try to make the government work.



JULIE HAMPTON
If you care about your children and your grandchildren, quit messing with the tar sands.

Letters to the editor

Bowen facts

In last week's letter to the editor, entitled Bowen Ideas, Harold Swierenga, chair of Salt Spring's Ferry Advisory Committee, describes a "proposal" to build a Bowen Queen replacement ferry in 2018 which would operate Route 9A, the Long Harbour to Tsawwassen direct sailings, through the year.

I have some real doubts about that scenario, having served as a ferry stakeholder from 2000 to 2005, when BC Ferries planners swung wildly between plans to close Long Harbour or keep it open.

Rather than pin our hopes on what might happen in 2018, I think we should celebrate the fact that Route 9A, which is booked solid from the day its season opens until it closes, is a proven top money maker of all the BC Ferries routes! These are not Bowen Queen "ideas," these are Bowen Queen facts.

Let us use all the means at our disposal and focus on extending this service into the shoulder seasons. Instead of inviting me to yet another committee meeting and providing excuses, Mr. Swieren-

ga should be on the phone to Corine Storey, executive vice president of operations (1-250-978-1368) and explore with her the viability and availability of the Bowen Queen next May and June.

KEN LEE,
BRINKWORTH PLACE

Efforts in vain

After reading the front-page article about the Salt Spring Metal Recycling bylaw violation saga, I was concerned that, as the page 6 editorial suggests, the saga could be allowed to continue on for years.

So I called trustee Peter Grove and David Marlor, director of Local Planning Services for the Trust. Mr. Quesnel is not being asked to comply with a "request" to stop unlawful industrial activity; he is facing court action on or by Sept. 23 because of his failure to comply with bylaws.

The editorial on the same topic suggests the Trust has been obsessed with "all or nothing solutions" which "hampered compromise." Wow! The Trust has tried to find a way to respect the concerns of neighbours and to

allow the business to continue operating. Those efforts have been in vain, as have other efforts by community members to help John find a more appropriate site for his business. Now is not the time for anything that would compromise the Trust's resolve to enforce its bylaws.

JAN SLAKOV,
DEER PARK ROAD

Great work

Three cheers for the new footpath down Lower Ganges Road. It makes my daily trudge so much easier and less stressful.

Less stressful for the motorists also; no longer having to dodge me.

More than a million thanks should be directed to Lloyd Cudmore and his band of merry men. What a helpful, courteous crew they are. The pathway past our driveway with bike path and drains is such a huge improvement and so beautifully engineered. The street looks wonderful.

Let's do some more and then let's decide how to lower our speed limit through town.

ROWENA DIXON,
LOWER GANGES ROAD

Proud of pride

At 85 I never know whether I'll be around to enjoy Pride week next year. Pride started in 2005 as an LGBT event. Now it has evolved into Salt Spring Pride, our island possibly the community with the most inclusive and acceptance of diversity in all of Canada.

This year I invited an 82-year-old friend from Toronto, a survivor of liver cancer this spring, who had never been to Salt Spring. Norman and I sat on our walkers on the sidewalk in front of the health food store — a perfect spot to view the parade.

I was surprised when Elizabeth May rushed over and gave me a kiss on the cheek. I've met our Green MP several times but was still pleasantly surprised. Perhaps she saw the three signs we were holding. I had taken two to Vancouver Pride "Queers For Fairness for 1st Nations" and "Queers Against all Animal Abuse."

Maybe it was the new small sign, also in rainbow colours,

"FREE CHELSEA MAN-NING." Many people were not aware that Bradley Manning, sentenced to 38 years in prison for releasing the Wikileaks devastating expose of the action of American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, has asked to be called "Chelsea." She has requested imprisonment in a facility where she can begin hormone treatments.

The parade music and fun at the conclusion in front of our beautiful new library was a fitting end to a wonderful day.

JACK HALLAM,
SALT SPRING

Ultrasound models needed

We are holding an Emergency Medicine Ultrasound Course on Saturday, Oct. 19 and Sunday, Oct. 20 in the ArtSpring theatre.

This course will allow emergency doctors in our community to learn how to use an ultrasound machine to look for life-threatening conditions.

We need "models," who must be females from the ages of 18 to 40. You only have to be there on one of the days mentioned above.

As one of the healthy volunteers, you will show the doctors what a normal person looks like (on the inside) so that they can recognize the abnormal pictures more quickly.

While you are with us, the doctors will put an ultrasound probe on your tummy and move it around. This will not hurt and it is not dangerous.

We would like you to be there from 9:30 a.m. till 5:45 p.m., although even half days will work too.

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact me at Kings Lane Clinic at 250-537-1828.

Thanks for helping your community. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

DR. SHANE BARCLAY,
KINGS LANE

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Stand up for the Salish Sea at Sept. 25 event

BY ANNA KEMP

I grew up beside the Salish Sea. As a child, I dug for clams on Galiano beaches, I hiked in coastal forests and explored the Gulf Islands with my family on our sailboat. I have seen killer whales, bears, seals, sea lions, otters, minks, cormorants, eagles, ravens and many other creatures of our region.

Now I have a child of my own. We get out on the water or go out to a beach as often as we can, with at least one Gulf Island camping trip every year. This coast is a huge part of our lives.

Earlier this year, I stood alongside many concerned British Columbians against the Enbridge pipeline. Despite the opposition of thousands, and the rejection of Enbridge's proposal by B.C.'s government, there is another pipeline

proposal which equally threatens B.C.'s coast. Kinder Morgan hopes to run 400 tankers per year full of tar sands oil through southern B.C. waterways.

Big oil will keep pushing and we need to keep standing up. All around me, people are saying the same things. We do not support tar sands oil. We do not want an oil spill on our coasts. We do not want to lose our coastal communities to rising sea levels.

I was 15 years old in 1989, when the Exxon-Valdez oil spill occurred. I will never forget that event and its devastating consequences: how the wildlife was decimated, how recovery efforts were frustrated by the remote location, and just how difficult it is to clean up an oil

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spill.

Twenty five years after the Exxon-Valdez spill the marine ecosystem of that region is still suffering the effects of contamination. Toxic hydrocarbons from the spilled oil continue to affect mussel beds, marine mammals and birds. The Pacific herring, important to the fishing industry and the marine food chain, shows little sign of recovery.

What could an oil spill mean for our Gulf Islands? Marine ecosystems could be devastated, affecting wildlife populations, fishing and shellfish harvesting, outdoor recreation and tourism.

Building more pipelines and shipping tankers full of oil not only puts our precious coast at risk, but hurtles us headlong into runaway climate change. We

need to phase out fossil fuels and start planning for a new future. We do not need fossil fuel infrastructure. We do not need more tar sands oil. We need to develop green solutions for our energy sector and to end our dependence on fossil fuels.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, join Sierra Club BC, Georgia Straight Alliance and the Wilderness Committee on Salt Spring Island for a town hall discussion on Kinder Morgan's proposed pipeline and tankers on our coast. The event is free and begins at 7:30 p.m. at Fulford Hall.

Visit www.sierraclub.bc.ca for more information.

The writer is a member of Sierra Club BC.

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Happy walkers at Meadowbrook

From Meadowbrook we send back packs and walkers overbrimming with roses to the 2013 Partners Creating Pathways group for extending the opportunity for a healthy lifestyle through walking to the wider community.

We are an example of their cause celebre. For 25 years the concept to make it easier to walk about has been in the minds of Salt Spring Islanders. So 10 years ago Meadowbrook's two pathways were in the landscape plan.

In 2006, Nancy Keith-Murray's legacy, our only centenarian to date, helped pave the pathway around the building and gardens, making access for those with walkers to get out and about.

Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club members and other volunteers completed the required public trail on the north side of the property, connecting Meadowbrook by two bridges.

This year the pathways have a mid white line for those with dimming eyesight to get about safely.

We are part of the collaborative mindset PCP mandates to get us all walking, no matter what age.

Good on you, PCP.

**KIT LEWIS,
MEADOWBROOK**

Forget Harper's circuit

This is the week that Stephen Harper's parade of cabinet ministers and senior bureaucrats descends on B.C. as part of a major push to "mollify" opponents of the Enbridge and Kinder Morgan pipelines.

We all know about Enbridge and what a truly terrible idea that is. I don't think it's as widely known that approval of Kinder Morgan's proposal would send 400 tankers full of dilbit — diluted tar sands bitumen, the world's dirtiest oil — through the Gulf Islands every year.

Let's pause for a moment to consider just what dilbit is. At room temperature, bitumen by itself has the consistency of peanut butter. It doesn't flow through pipelines. It's thick enough, you could hold it in your hands. To get it through pipelines you have to thin it with liquid chemicals, called the diluent. We can't know exactly what these chemicals are, because industry considers its formulas proprietary information that it won't share with regulators. Usually, it's a cocktail of volatile solvents like benzene, naphtha or natural gas condensate.

When dilbit spilled in Michigan in 2010, the million gallons that gushed into the Kalamazoo River separated into its constituent parts. The chemical additives, including benzene and toluene, evaporated. People reported headaches, dizziness, nausea and coughing. The heavy bitumen sank to the river bottom, leaving a 200-acre mess that is still being cleaned up. In the days following the spill, authorities advised local residents to remain indoors or leave the area to limit

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their exposure to toxic fumes. Good luck with that in the Lower Mainland, home to more than two million people.

So I say forget Harper's circus parade. We need a parade of our own — a people's parade. A good place to start is at a special event coming up Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 at Fulford Hall.

"No to Kinder Morgan! Yes to an Oil-Free Coast!" brings together three young front-line activists from the Sierra Club of BC, Wilderness Committee and Georgia Strait Alliance to lead a town hall discussion on how to stay unmollified and stop Harper's pipelines. And since every good parade needs rousing music, Salt Spring's own Blackberry Ramblers will also be on hand. Doors open at 7 and admission is free.

**MURRAY REISS,
FULFORD**

Schools on Board cancellation

Several weeks ago Elizabeth Nolan very kindly profiled me and my forthcoming adventure to the Arctic.

Many of you may have heard about the tragic accident that occurred on the CCGS Amundsen last week. Martin Fortier, executive director of ArcticNet, has described the Amundsen as a "family" that has lost "three brothers." The Amundsen expects to be assigned to recover the helicopter in McClure Strait. This decision requires that leg 2b of the scientific cruise and Schools on Board program I was in be cancelled.

So it is here that I thank all those who have so generously supported me over the last couple months. To our amazing program coordinator Michelle, to whom I am so grateful for her help during the application process, and then the countless questions and emails from the last couple months; all the members of the community who have expressed interest and offered advice and support; and last, but certainly not least a huge thank you to my parents who were the ones who made this a possibility in the first place.

For those of you who have contributed financially, I will be in touch over the next week to discuss what is happening with funds.

Please keep the Amundsen family and the families of commanding officer Marc Thibault, helicopter pilot Daniel Dube and ArcticNet scientist Dr. Klaus Hochheim in your thoughts.

**HANNAH JAMES,
SALT SPRING**

Fun-filled party

The athletes of Special Olympics BC on Salt Spring Island are presenting a court full of vibrant roses to our two favourite hosts, Tim O'Connor and John Dolman of TJ Beans coffee house. They (along with their staff) graciously hosted our recent Sixth Annual Bocce Ball Wind-up Party. The pizzas from Pomodoro Pizza were (as always) way out great!

The Andrew Krizan Bocce Ball Athlete Trophy of the Year was presented to (Lady) Dawn Hadler by outgoing athlete of the year (Gentleman) Terry Swing; while John assisted with the popular ribbon presentations . . . all in all, the enthusiasm on TJ Beans' veranda was fun-filled and infectious!

A big bouquet of everlasting flowers also goes to our program coordinator Ross Harvey for making sure all was moving along smoothly; our fantastic head coach Bob Elsea who expertly and patiently prepared us for our competitions; our assistant coaches Ted Lane and Jean Elder for encouraging us on; the always helpful volunteers Dorothy Christopherson, Martin Mongard, Maureen Macdonald, Sara Longe, Val and Chip Chipman.

A round rubber rose also goes to Johnson's Automotive Services for use of tires for our training.

Thank you all for a wonderful sports season. Your support is very much appreciated.

**MERV ANDERSON,
SS SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Herb's 'sin-shear' thanks

I'm sending a float full of rose parade roses to each and every person who supported the Shear Herb fundraiser.

Special thanks to Tina Kempling and the boys and girls at Imagine That Graphics for donating their time and expertise in the creation of the slightly odd poster and getting me started in a good way; a very special thank you to Fiona Foster of Harbour Hair Gallery; my eternal gratitude to Tim and John for not only hosting the "event of the year" on Aug. 31 but for all they donate to our little community by the sea; my love and admiration to Jean Southgate for suggesting the very public buzz cut; and the Terry Fox committee for going along with my foolishness.

Last but definitely not least I thank all the local, regional, national and international friends and family who gave their hard-earned dollars to the most worthy of causes, the Terry Fox Foundation, in memory of a true Canadian hero and inspiration — Terrance Stanley "Terry" Fox.

The \$7,500 Jean and the committee collected this year is a wonderful gift from us to all of the people to benefit from cancer research.

When first impacted by cancer in 1955, when my mom was first diagnosed with breast cancer, cancer had a capital "C," and today it is just cancer that still impacts me with her death by metastatic breast cancer in 1975 and my current diagnosis of prostate cancer. We can do what I cannot and it will take us all to rid mankind of this terrible disease.

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude." A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

With a large amount of Gratitude,

**HERB BURNETT,
SALT SPRING**

RANTS and Roses

Bushel barrels full of autumn-coloured roses to the following sponsors of the BC Thanksgiving Food Drive for our local food bank: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Country Grocer, SS Garden Club, SS Poultry Club, SSI Ground Search and Rescue, and Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue. Over 2,200 pounds of food was collected and \$491 to give to our local food bank. To all of the people who donated food and/or money, our sincerest thanks and gratitude. Many would go hungry if not for the generosity of neighbours like you. As always, many thanks to our many dedicated

volunteers without whom our food security programs would not function. SSI Community Services

High paws to everyone, and special thanks to Melanie, Jesse, Fiona and the team at Mistaken Identity Vineyards for fundraising efforts to benefit the Salt Spring BC SPCA this summer. Together these are fantastic partnerships formed with the sole beneficiaries being the animals who are helped at our shelter. Thank you!

A school bus shelter full of roses to those in the Cedar Lane community who re-roofed and decorated the shelter.

Many thanks. Nadene and Al

A powder keg full of roses to Ken Cameron and Dan and crew at The Rental Stop. You guys represent all that is good in our community. Thank you for helping out a fellow Rod and Gun Club member with the mountain of paperwork.

A huge bouquet of roses to Larry Frazer for his efforts to make the Fall Fair interesting with his engines and cars. JE

Roses to all the children at the Fall Fair who entered the Salt Spring Painters Guild colouring contest. Jayden won

the first prize of art supplies in the six and under category. Anika was awarded a second-place ribbon and Kailan a third-place ribbon. In the over-six category, Josephine took the first prize, followed by Maddy with a second-place ribbon and Grace with a third-place ribbon. Be sure to stop at the windows of West of the Moon to see the colourful entries. Many thanks to the Farmers' Institute for providing the art supply prizes and to West of the Moon for displaying the entries.

A 4Runner full of roses to Dave and Wendy for helping us start our vehicle at the Vesuvius ferry. With their help we caught the ferry and made our appointment! Michael & Mary Ellen

Opt-out as legal entrapment

BY CHRIS ANDERSON

Our Green MP Elizabeth May does not like BC Hydro's wireless "smart" meters.

At the Sept. 13 community meeting, she explained that the new meters imposed by BC Liberals, should be wired — meaning no RF (radiofrequency) transmitters affecting health. She said that a precautionary approach is appropriate, regarding health impacts of wireless technologies, and recalled how she is slammed by opponents whenever she engages in this "controversial" health debate. She referred to how — theoretically — this new technology could but in reality does not help families lower consumption. In theory it would be possible — and Greens originally supported smart-metering on this basis — to allow us to view our real-time usage of electricity, enabling us to lower wasteful consumption.

She described how in fact BC Hydro's "Itron Open Way" wireless meters fail to show real-time usage, but rather just provide a general picture of use, which she suggested isn't helpful in terms of an educational approach to energy saving.

Updating the "spymeter" situation: all who resisted are receiving Hydro's "Meter Choices" letter, demanding that we choose one of three ridiculous options: 1) get a radiating meter at no charge, 2) get one with the two RF transmitters "off" for \$100 down and \$20 extra per month, or 3) keep the safe analogue and pay an extra \$35 a month. Gulf Islanders for Safe Technology joins many outraged citizens in rejecting these illegitimate terms, which amount to bullying and extortion.

Add to this the exorbitant rate hikes saved for after the election and many who wisely reject these poorly built, fire-starting meters will be starved for this essential service, thanks to Liberal and Hydro mismanagement. Alarming, as a leaked report reveals (Vancouver Sun, Sept. 14), Liberals are bypassing both consul-

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tation with the public and the regulatory process. They are avoiding Utilities Commission overview, with the recently announced rate hikes, just as they did with ramming through the smart-metering program. As Vaughn Palmer writes: "... the Commission has been neutralized once again." And it looks possible they may again ignore democratic process with the illegitimate, extortionate charges for those avoiding being "smart" metered.

Hydro concedes that the Gulf Islands have the highest number of "refusniks," allegedly at around 20 per cent. Given the Hydro and Liberal track record of misinformation, we can only assume that all numbers are higher than claimed, including for the 60,000 B.C.-wide hold-out figure claimed by Hydro. At \$35 a month, Hydro's figures amount to a whopping \$25 million a year in undeserved revenue for not providing a service! How unjust to expect refusniks to pay to not be irradiated, spied on and rendered vulnerable to cyber-attack!

The "opt-out" scheme ignores totally the civil rights of an even larger cohort throughout B.C. — namely those who received wireless meters against their will and who need them removed.

All B.C. resistance groups advocate guarding your rights to refuse unsafe and unhealthy wireless utility meters, and recommend waiting, as strategies develop, and warn against signing on to Hydro's recent letter of entrapment. All advise that this is a sneaky attempt to re-contract those refusing "smart" meters. It is a legal notice, and unless countered by another legal process, Hydro's agenda stands.

Resistance organizers are recommending two very different strategies, which we suggest folks consider. This requires some investigation as to which of these mutually exclusive paths to take, as one

method cancels the effectiveness of the other.

First we have the legal efforts via a class action now awaiting a hearing. More plaintiffs and contributions are needed to add to the force of this effort to defend our human rights. Citizensfor safetech.org and the Coalition to Stop Smart Meters — stopsmartmetersbc.ca — are organizing this good effort. Important detail: participation in any such court action eliminates the protection of the other strategy being used by over 50,000 B.C.ers — namely the Common Law Claim of Right — COR.

This second approach refers to an area of contract law, and is less understood — even by lawyers — than the expensive, more conventional court option. Some are confused that the COR remedy — described well on BCFreedom.com — is "risky," whereas careful scrutiny shows it is effective, is routinely used in business and is legitimate. COR advocates suggest that the legal system is rigged. COR is defined under Section 35 of the Canadian Criminal Code, and defends our right to not be trespassed. Serving Hydro with your Claim of Right has proven 100 per cent successful so far, in the year since a legal team created documents for this remedy. With the latest Liberal tricks however, it's now necessary to serve a revised COR against Hydro. Please stay tuned for the imminent arrival of new documents. This option involves research and effort, as common law is complex.

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ACTIVITIES

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

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

Dying with Dignity.
Everyone welcome to regular meeting. Portlock Park. 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Salt Spring Film Festival Presents: Blackfish.
Best of the Fests film season opens with psychological thriller about the performing killer whale Tilikum. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

STOP the China-Canada FIPPA. With Elizabeth May, Brenda Sayers, Emma Pullman, and Leadnow. All Saints By-the-Sea. Potluck 5 p.m., discussion 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Thur. Sept 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Gene Grooms.
Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.
Open Mic.
Every Thursday with Ross and Dave. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Parent Child Mother Goose.
Songs, rhymes and playtime with your child(ren) ages 0-6. Fulford School. 10 to 11 a.m.

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

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

Mabon at Mahon Hall.
Dance Temple equinox extravaganza. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m.

Garry Oak Meadow Presentation.
Susan Hannon gives talk called From Seed to Snag for the Trail and Nature Club. United Church lower level. 7:30 p.m.

Fri. Sept 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Billie Woods.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Compassion Gorilla.
Worldbeat, Latin folk, dub and psychedelic music. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.
Sweet Alibi.
First Salt Spring Home Routes concert of the season features Canadian Folk Music Award nominated trio. Oloriz home at 270 Robinson Rd. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

SSI Water Protection Authority.
Regular meeting. Portlock Park Meeting Room. 10:30 a.m.

Pecha Kucha Global Night.
Speaker series, art exhibition and after party with DJ Joshua James. Art Barn International on Sunset Drive. Doors open 5 p.m., presentations at 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Governance Study Committee Meeting.
Public welcome. School board office portable. 5:40 p.m.
Rare Species Discoveries on Salt Spring.
Presentation by SSI Conservancy biologist Robin Annschild. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

Sat. Sept 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Brad Prevedoros.
Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Julia Beattie.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Jukebox Social.
Salt Spring super group plays last show for a while. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.
Christa Couture.
Vancouver singer-songwriter performs at Steffich Fine Art. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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

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

Westcoast Work Boat Fall Rendezvous.
Public viewing of beautiful work boats. Kanaka Wharf. 1 to 3:30 p.m.

CFUW Club.
First gathering of 2013/14. New members welcome. SS Sailing Club. Meeting at 11 a.m. with potluck lunch at noon.

Sun. Sept 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Brad Prevedoros. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Giant South-end Community Garage Sale. Beaver Point Hall. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SRhythms Morning Dance. Every 4th Sunday of the month. Art Barn. 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Westcoast Work Boat Sailpast. See work boats leave annual fall meeting in Ganges Harbour. 11:30 a.m.

Dances of Universal Peace. Still Point Yoga Studio. 7:30 p.m.
Equine First Aid Clinic. Hosted by the SS Therapeutic Riding Association at 1860 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info/register: 250-930-4127; www.equinefirstaid.ca

Mon. Sept 23

ACTIVITIES

Chen Tai Chi. Cedar Lane Studio. 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Youth Writing Workshop. First weekly session for youth aged 10 to 14 with Kim Thompson begins at the SS library today. 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Tues. Sept 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage with David Jacquest.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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

Tuesday Farmers' Market. Every week in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Yang Tai Chi. Cedar Lane Studio. 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Growing for Market. Two-day intensive workshop with veteran farmers Michael Ableman and Josh Volk opens tonight. Foxglove Farm. 7 p.m.
Pubstumpers Trivia. Teams of four. Every Tuesday. Moby's Pub. 7 p.m.

Wed. Sept 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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EXHIBITIONS

- Images of Africa** is an exhibit of photos of the people, animal and landscapes of Kenya and Tanzania, taken by **Curt Firestone** and **Gwen McDonald**, showing at the **Bateman Gallery** in ArtSpring from Friday through Sunday, **Sept. 20-22**. Hours are 1 to 8 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- Pecha Kucha** art show features work by **John Macdonald**, **Nicola Whetton**, **Ron Crawford**, **Gillian Gandossi** and **Andrew Gibbs** at **Art Barn International**. Before Friday evening Pecha Kucha event, and on Saturday-Sunday, **Sept. 21-22** from 1 to 6 p.m.
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** celebrates its fourth anniversary with **Sheila Hoen's** show called *Exotica: Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous of 18th-century Japan*. Show runs to **Sept. 30**.
- East of West** is an exhibit of new paintings by **Michael Hames** showing at **Steffich Fine Art** until **Sept. 28**.
- Elemental Exhibition** features landscapes from **R.M. Dupuy's** Xwaq'w'um Series and sculpture by **Janis Woode** at **Gallery 8** until **Sept. 28**.

EXHIBITIONS

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

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CONCERT PREVIEW

Acclaimed Italian pianist presents ArtSpring concert

Beatrice Rana
 makes Salt Spring
 one of three tour
 stops in Canada

BY GEORGE SIPOS
 ARTSPRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This spring all eyes in the classical music world were on Fort Worth, Texas, as they are every four years for the Van Cliburn Piano Competition, one of the most prestigious competitions for the best and brightest pianists from around the world.

The favourite this year for many who followed the performances was 20-year-old Italian pianist Beatrice Rana. After all, she had swept the prizes two years earlier at the Montreal International Piano Competition when she was only 18.

Here is what Nina Tichman, pianist and professor at the Hochschule für Musik und Tanz in Cologne, had to say about her:

"One doesn't have to be a gifted prophet to predict that Beatrice Rana will be — in fact, already is — one of the most significant artists of her generation. In every performance she shows herself to be an artist with charisma, seriousness, depth, phenomenal technique, subtlety, tremendous individuality, passion and an infallible sense of style. Music lovers all over the world can look forward to many many years of wonderful performances from this exceptional person."



Pianist Beatrice Rana: at ArtSpring on Sept. 26.

This month that world begins on Salt Spring when Rana inaugurates a three-performance Canadian tour at ArtSpring.

Salt Spring piano teacher Melissa Kodaly for one is tickled by the upcoming concert: "Chris [Kodaly] and I have been following Beatrice Rana for more than 10 years. She is my favourite of a bumper crop of first-class pianists coming along these days. I am ecstatic you are bringing her here to Salt Spring!"

Rana lives in Arnesano, on the heel of the boot of Italy. Both her parents are pianists, so she started early. At two she was tapping out tunes from Disney movies by ear. She had actually played her first scales from her mother's lap at six months. Earlier yet, her father was rehearsing for a piano competition while Rana's mother was still pregnant, so her first exposure to

Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev was actually in utero.

For all that, she has avoided the life of many tortured and solitary prodigies. After two years studying at a conservatory in Hannover, she returned gladly to Italy, distressed by some of the people she had met in Germany.

"They just think of music and don't think of life. This is very, very bad. How can we play music if we don't know life?"

She is a great lover of the visual arts, and while in Montreal became a fan of the Montreal Canadians.


"Hockey is much more interesting than soccer. So slow, this soccer. Ice hockey is faster, so much action in 20 minutes, then there is a break — sweets and cakes, which is wonderful."

As for Van Cliburn, Rana eventually ended up in second place. While some onlookers were outraged, she herself is both gracious and sanguine:

"I don't want to go to competitions for the sake of competing. Competitions can bring you concerts. That's what I want to do, concerts. I like to be onstage and talk to people with music. Nothing more."

When she comes to ArtSpring on Thursday, Sept. 26 to talk to us, we'll be here to listen.

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. concert are available at \$28 and \$5 for youth from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre at 250-537-2102 or online at www.tickets.artspring.ca.



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DANCE

Fun, play and humour on floor at equinox dance night

New collective takes reins of Thursday night sensation

Dance Temple is celebrating over three years of regular ecstatic dance events with an equinox ecstatic dance extravaganza at Mahon Hall on Thursday, Sept. 19.

Founded by Naomi Jason and Kiva Bottero in the summer of 2010,

these free-form dance evenings have become weekly highlights for a growing community of Salt Springers who love to move and express through the body.

For three years, Jason has held the focus of Dance Temple on Thursday evenings at 150 Suffolk Rd. by guiding the evenings herself and inviting local movement instructors, musicians and DJs to contribute to the event. Dance Temple has now expanded its leadership,

and a newly formed collective has stepped in to help run the show.

For this Thursday's Mabon event, which begins at 7 p.m. at Mahon Hall, movement will be guided by Vanya Laporte, Cedar Soulfather, Cat Love, Samantha Joy Halliday and Jason.

People are invited to wear gold of any sort and to bring an item for the altar.

Jason explains that the basic principle of Dance Temple, as of all

ecstatic dance, "is to honour movement and dance as essential and powerful expressions of ourselves and of our interconnectivity. Dance Temple acknowledges the healing and creative nature of movement, and incorporates fun, play and humour as vital components.

"Focused opening and closing practices, some guided warm-up exercises and some suggestions of intent give structure, yet there is always plenty of time for personal

exploration of oneself, the music, the space and the other dancers. Coming together with this intention creates a profound experience of love and community."

Dance Temple is a drug and alcohol-free space. Participants are asked to refrain from photos, video, and shoes and scents.

No pets are allowed inside on the dance floor, but kids are welcomed.

ART REVIEW

Human face given to India's underclass via Hames art

Steffich Fine Art show on to Sept. 28

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Former Salt Spring resident Michael Hames has maintained a strong presence on the island through his work, as one of the core artists in the Steffich Fine Art stable for the past decade and a half.

Though he has a reputation for not being overly fond of human company, Hames has a remarkable capacity for expressing the humanity in his subjects, whether in oil paintings, graphite drawings or sculpture. This sensitivity has never been more evident than in his new body of work, which centres on India's poverty-stricken labourers.

With two exhibitions showing simultaneously on Salt Spring and in Halifax, the volume of work and its intensity reveals just how much impact these people had on the artist. His five-month stay in India took place over a decade ago, but the faces of his subjects have so much character and life force it's as if he had just returned.

The labourers who Hames encountered at a construction project near Delhi comprised both genders and all ages, from children to the elderly. They typically worked 12 hours each day and earned an average of \$3 per shift.

In his artist's statement Hames explains, "I have ignored the conspicuously affluent minorities, concentrating my efforts on depicting the plight of the vast majority — farmers, villagers and the extraordinarily poverty-racked working class struggling to survive under the feet of the moneyed few."

"Globalization is nothing more than another form of slavery."

Since several of the pieces on display at Steffich Fine Art are studies for larger works, the human subject is often the entire focus. With their ancient forms of clothing and



Study for Freedom Fighter by Michael Hames.

the absence of modern scenery, the people could belong to any time, underscoring the fact that despite India's emergence as an Asian tiger, for the vast majority nothing much has changed.

Hames' style in these works includes a soft focus without many obvious brushstrokes. Without much detail, he expresses huge amounts of character in blazing eyes, the turn of a shoulder or a defiant tilt of the head. The artist shows his subjects' condition without pitying them, portraying pride amongst abjection, and will amidst overwhelming fate.

Refusal to be shown as a victim, desperation and anger are all emotions that come through in a painting of a woman lifting her veil to cover her body and most of her face in Study for Labour Market. Study for Dominant Demographic, featuring an adult man with headscarf and earrings, speaks to proud Rajput roots beneath the current wage struggle. In Squatters, a dusty-toned oil on panel, a tired looking woman recedes into the shadows while her fellow intruder (a

monkey) sits more boldly near the sharp concrete edge of their temporary refuge.

Sculptor Peter Allan observed during opening night that Manet's influence is notable in this series. Hames' reference to Manet, who was one of the first painters to create portraits of unknown people, can perhaps be most clearly seen in The Indian Appetite. The rough child in salvaged western clothes holding up a water-filled Pepsi bottle echoes the young figure's stance and overall composition in Manet's painting The Fifer. In both cases, the painter makes the viewer aware of an unknown child, exposed too early to the adult world of labour.

"He's got all of the masters sitting right on his shoulder," gallery owner Matt Steffich explained, noting that as a result, Hames is rarely satisfied with his own work.

Viewers are unlikely to be as ungenerous, however. When it comes to finding a master in Canada, Hames has all the sensitivity and technique to make the grade.

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CULTURE

Salt Spring joins worldwide Pecha Kucha events

Art and ideas in focus
this Friday

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An innovative forum for sharing ideas will return to Salt Spring when Art Barn International hosts its next Pecha Kucha night this Friday, Sept. 20.

The Sunset Drive barn owned by artists and designers Danielle Wood and Yves Rouselle has become a surprisingly effective cultural mecca in the island's

north end over the past few years as a venue supporting upcoming and well-known artists, and through hosting the Pecha Kucha speaker series, which was developed by designers working in Tokyo as a way to bounce ideas off colleagues.

Pecha Kucha's format, which has speakers expressing their passions via 20 slides shown for exactly 20 seconds each, has become a worldwide phenomenon. This weekend Salt Spring will link directly to many of the places where the program has taken off, as one of the loca-

tions hosting events for Pecha Kucha's fourth annual Global Night.

"Our colleagues in Tokyo have arranged for all who are presenting that evening to have access to each other through 'Google Hangouts' and then also to share our presentations through their websites afterwards. So we will be connected with over 100 cities that evening from our little old barn on Salt Spring. Pretty cool," Rouselle said.

Local presenters will include Darrel Pierce and Marc Riecher,

Shelby Johnstone, Bryan Dubien, Karen Clark, Jason Donaldson, Matt Steffich, Jacob Burton, John Macdonald, and Debby Wetmore, with Rob Pingle doing duty as MC.

Helping to expand the platform for discussion and expression will be an accompanying art exhibition, which will be open before the presentation on Friday evening and also runs on Saturday and Sunday afternoons this weekend from 1 to 6 p.m.

"We will be featuring work by John Macdonald, Nicola

Wheston, Ron Crawford, Gillian Gandossi and Andrew Gibbs. Many of the pieces will not have been seen before and of course all will be for sale," Rouselle said.

The barn will open Friday at 5 p.m. for viewing of the exhibit, with presentations starting at 7 p.m., and an after party with DJ Joshua James following at 10 p.m.

Tickets are available at Salt Spring Books and Dragonfly Fine Art Supplies. Admission to the art show on Sept. 21 and 22 is free.

ART REVIEW

Ukiyo-e prints inspire Hoen

Exotica series at
SS Fine Art

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The co-operatively owned Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art is celebrating its fourth anniversary this month, and the feature exhibition by one of its founding members is providing plenty of reason to go in and see how the space has developed.

Sheila Hoen's Exotica series finds inspiration in Japan's ukiyo-e woodblock prints—some of the most enduring sources of wonder to be found in art history. Translated as "the floating world," ukiyo-e was a popular and affordable form that persisted from the 17th to 19th centuries.

European impressionists were given ideas for new methods and composition techniques when they discovered the prints in the late 19th century. That relationship has in turn inspired modern painters such as Hoen, who spent five summers in Giverny and Normandy and fell in love with the large collection at Monet's house.

Hoen has taken some of the women depicted in these works as the starting point for her own paintings, which have also traditionally featured women as their central subject.

"It started getting my creative juices going, because I like figures," Hoen said at the show's opening on Friday.

"What fascinated me when I started was the people in those days were actually doing very similar things to what we do today.



Finding Shells on the Beach by Sheila Hoen

We play darts, we run away from thunder storms . . . and we of course spend lots of time thinking about the people we love."

Hoen's previous acrylic paintings have been slightly abstract, with bold outlines contrasted with paints thinned to a luminous fluidity, but in stylized blocking. Her palette often centres on warm, burnished yellows and oranges for light areas, with cool blue-green or vibrant violet for contrast.

Hoen has a similar penchant for the shallow depth of field and lack of perspective that the woodblock prints are known for. While she retains these characteristics, as well as some of her signature palette in the series, she has added in background scenery of her own imagining, giving personal context to the figures that have inspired the new works.

Exotica continues at the gallery through Sept. 30.

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Unites growers, food producers, chefs and vintners from Salt Spring Island, neighbouring Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island with BC vintners to create "mélanges a trois" of culinary magic!

Friday Events

Join us at one of Salt Spring's restaurants for **Wine Maker's Dinners** where the talent of chefs will combine with locally produced ingredients. Local, regional or BC vintners on hand to discuss their wine being served with each course. Participating restaurants: Auntie Pesto's Café, Rawsome Living Foods, The Gathering and Mistaken Identity Vineyard. Sip & Savour Inspired Menus available at: Harbour House Restaurant & Organic Farm, Salt Spring Inn, Hastings House Country House Hotel, Rock Salt and Calvin's Bistro. Reserve for dinners directly with participating restaurants. Contact information is at www.sipandsavoursaltspring.com.

Saturday Events

Starting at 9 am is the **Famous Salt Spring Saturday Market**, where everything is grown, harvested, created and made on Salt Spring.

Saturday Grazing Experience

1:00 to 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$55 plus gst

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As a bonus to your Sip & Savour Salt Spring weekend, stay and enjoy the **15th Annual Salt Spring Apple Festival** taking place on Sunday. Tour various farms and attend the main event at Fulford Hall.

Tickets can be purchased:

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- phone: 250.537.4223
- in person: Chamber of Commerce, 121 Lower Ganges Rd.
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events are 19+



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We would like to thank our fellow islanders for their support this season, especially those who brought their friends and family. In appreciation, we would like to invite you to our **Thank You Salt Spring Event** on Friday, September 27th.

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ISLAND FOOD

Festival fêtes island's culinary gems

Farm produce shines at Sip & Savour

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As organizers spend the next week setting the tables for this year's Sip and Savour event, participants can look forward to three days of fresh food, culinary masterpieces and some of the best wines the region has to offer.

What's on the menu isn't entirely known, however, since the final product will depend on what farmers find in prime condition in their fields, a sign that everyone involved takes the event's "farm-to-plate" philosophy seriously.

"You go by what happens to be there at that particular time," said Harbour House Organic Farm manager Rob Scheres. "Whatever I have available on the farm is getting used."

Most days of the week, Scheres can be found tending the livestock and produce at the expansive 2.5-acre organic garden. When he took on the job — soon after moving to Salt Spring with ideas of retirement — the unused green space behind the hotel offered little more than a sprawling bramble of blackberries.

After several years of hard work, Scheres' experience and passion for gardening has transformed the property into a year-round pantry for the hotel's restaurant.

"It's kind of fun. I came to Salt Spring to retire but that never happened," he said. "I've really enjoyed it."

With just over a week to go before Sip and Savour begins, Scheres said the garden is overflowing with beans, green onions, cucumbers, beets, bok choy, chard, fennel, daikon

radishes, cherry tomatoes and tomatoes.

"There's still lots of produce in here," he said.

Sip and Savour opens on Friday, Sept. 27 with the highly anticipated Wine Maker's Dinners, where island chefs work with local produce to create wine-inspired menus at their restaurants.

Sue Earle of Duck Creek Farm said the fava beans she supplied for last year's event were whisked to new heights of culinary stardom.

Aside from a great opportunity for farmers to flaunt the pride of their efforts, Earle said, Sip and Savour unites the various steps involved in getting food from the ground to the table.

"As a farmer, it's just really nice to be there so people can appreciate it one step deeper," she said. "People didn't know what fava beans looked like."

Earle has been happy to see the Sip and Savour event flourish amid the public's broader rediscovery of how much great food and wine can be grown in the region. The number and concentration of producers on Salt Spring make the island an ideal place to gather and celebrate everything local producers have to offer.

"This area of the coast is leading in food," she said. "I think because Salt Spring Island has such a rich food culture it makes sense that we have [a festival]."

"I think it's a fantastic event."

In some cases, chefs will work exclusively with specific farms, whereas others will select items from a broader range of island suppliers. Whatever the case, event organizer Milly Sinclair says people can expect gourmet meals produced with the freshest and



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Sue Earle of Duck Creek Farm at the 2012 Sip & Savour festival. This year's version takes place during National Organic Week.

highest quality local foods.

Participating farms in this year's festival include Chorus Frog Farm, Bullock Lake Farm, Duck Creek Farm, Foxglove Farm, Salt Spring Apple Company, Salt Spring Sprouts and Mushrooms, and Sugarland Farm.

Friday night Wine Maker's Dinners will be hosted by Auntie Pesto's Cafe, Mistaken Identity Vineyards, The Gathering and Rawsome Living Foods.

The abundance of local produce continues on Saturday with the Grazing Experience, featuring numerous food, wine and beer samples avail-

able with a ticket from 1 to 4 p.m. on the Harbour House grounds.

Organizers promise great food and plenty of fun during Saturday night's three-course Locavore Dinner and Dance at Moby's Pub.

The food-focused week-end concludes on Sunday, Sept. 29 with the 15th annual Salt Spring Apple Festival, featuring a tour of various island farms and a main event at Fulford Hall.

More information about ticket options, event details and a full list of participants are available at www.sipandsavoursaltspring.com.

LITERARY EVENT

Shelagh Plunkett memoir full of adventures

Reading at library next Thursday

Former Salt Spring resident Shelagh Plunkett returns to the island next week to give a reading of her memoir called *The Water Here is Never Blue*.

As described in press material, the book is set in the 1970s. Plunkett's father, a civil engineer, uproots the family from Vancouver when he is sent to inspect and assist with water systems in developing countries. The family first travels to Guyana, then to Indonesia, and along the way, Shelagh and her sister grow up with a curiosity and thirst to know the foreign lands they find them-

selves in.

"There are adventures, plenty of them: a hotel tryst at fifteen, swimming with piranhas and cavorting with monkeys — but beneath all this comes the realization that the Plunketts are not the average middle-class Canadians Shelagh initially thought her family to be. Why is her mother so nonchalant when she tells them their phones are tapped? Why is her father always so insistent on having a suitcase packed at the door? And why is her father always posted to countries during times of civil unrest?"

"This is the true story — and continuing mystery — of Shelagh's life as she remembers it. It's a story about a secretive and distant father, an unquestioning mother,

a daughter coming of age in a foreign land and most of all, wanting to belong and finding your place in the world."

The reading takes place on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Salt Spring library, and is sponsored by Salt Spring Books.

Plunkett, who edited both the *Barnacle* and *Village Views* publications on Salt Spring, has lived in Montreal since 2006.

She has been published in various Canadian and U.S. journals, including *The Walrus*, *enRoute Magazine*, *Geist Magazine*, the *Globe and Mail* and the *Vancouver Sun*. In 2007 she won a first place in the CBC Literary Awards for creative non-fiction.

The Water Here is Never Blue is published by Penguin Canada.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Crowds thin out after active summer of bridge games

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

"Summer night - even the stars are whispering to each other."
— Kobayashi Issa

Summer is here until Sept. 22, but there are signs of

BRIDGETRICKS

fall. On Sept. 2 there were seven and a half tables, but a week later there were only five, with people already leaving for southern climes or other seasonal activities. It was a Mitchell movement on the 2nd, and

still basking in North/South warmth were George Laundry and Paul Retallack, whose starry ESP about cards whispered as usual.

Only a bit cooler were Liz and Oleh Mycyk, with Nick Beringer and Pat Sutherland the third warmest. The East/West winners were really hot — namely Jeff Bell and Nancy

Arnold, but that was her last appearance here for the year because she is southward bound again. Next needing a fanning were Flo Laundry and Lynn Thorburn, with Al Wilke and Nadene McCoy pretty comfortable in third place.

Mr. Howell's player movement design took over on Sept. 9, with everyone getting exer-

cise moving from table to table and only one set of results. Cards were interesting and there were many good scores and several unbid slams, but it was summer resident Terry Wilkinson, partnered by Jean Elder, who scaled the heights, with Jeff Bell and visiting Prem Margoese in second place. Charles Kahn and Judy

Norget were third, and there was a tie for fourth between the Boodie Arnott-Gisela Welsh combo and that of Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas.

There's one more summer night to go, and if you fancy a game and need info, please contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

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GANGES

United Church meadow improvements celebrated

Fence, benches, sign among latest additions

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Recent improvements made to the United Church Meadow are upgrading and defining the popular Ganges space.

Two benches were recently installed for use by the general public, with a dedication ceremony taking place on Sept. 1 as part of the church's annual outdoor service.

An attractive wooden fence now delineates the meadow from its nearest neighbour, with a \$200 donation from Island Savings helping with the cost.

A hand-crafted welcome sign next to the credit union parking lot also now identifies the meadow as a United Church entity.

As the Rev. Clark Saunders and church trustee Arlene Dashwood explain, the church is happy to share the area with the

wider community, but also wants it available for its own use or groups wanting to rent it from them.

Various improvements on church property have taken place in the past year and a half, ranging from pruning of fruit trees to creating a memorial garden close to the church. It opened earlier this summer and is meant to be used as a sacred space for prayer and meditation.

Funds for the projects came from the Thrifty Foods Smile Card program, the extended United Church family and fundraising events.

Thanks to Harvey Moore, a flagpole previously in use at the Ganges Visitors Centre was also recently donated and erected at the church.

Dashwood noted that the meadow has multi-family zoning, which means it could be developed some day.

"For now we're making it available for ourselves and the community's use," she said.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Island Savings employees converge as branch manager Donna Robinson, left, gives an ISCU contribution to Arlene Dashwood and Rev. Clark Saunders of the Salt Spring United Church to help pay for a wooden fence that now delineates their two properties in Ganges.

GARDENING

Fall and winter colour blooms at garden club

Victoria guest visits for first presentation of a new season on Sept. 25

Carmen Varcoe, a well-known plants-woman in Victoria, will give an illustrated talk titled Fall and Winter Colour to the Salt Spring Garden Club on Sept. 25.

Varcoe is a retired schoolteacher who is a part-time instructor at the Glendale and

Woodlands Horticultural School and a key member of the Finnerty Gardens Advisory Board at UVic.

"She describes herself as a 'total plant geek' and has a reputation for being a terrific speaker," explains a garden club press release. "She has been tending her own garden for 35 years and has produced a fascinating mix of native and exotic plants that pleases the eye and boggles the mind."

"Her breadth of horticultural knowledge,

energy and passion for plants will make for an exciting evening."

Next Wednesday's meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel hall beside Portlock Park.

It's free for members and \$5 at the door for non-members. New members are welcome and may join by coming to the meeting. Annual membership fee is \$20 (single) or \$25 (family).

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Milestones reached in first autism walk

Teams and individuals step up

Results of Salt Spring's first Walk for Autism held this summer have been released.

Taking first place for Team Longest Walk was Nicola

Persson and "Team David," with 37 members completing a five-kilometre route.

Barbara Siegle won the prize for the Individual Longest Walk, doing a five-kilometre route five times.

Heather Jones and Team Country Grocer raised the most money, at \$475, while

Wendy Nixon brought in the most funds — \$123.75 — as an individual.

Organizer Jaime Halan-Harris, of Salt Spring Community Services' New Beginnings and Yellow Submarine programs, thanked everyone who supported and participated in the Aug.

17 event.

Funds raised will assist Salt Spring children and youth with autism and their families.

Business support from Country Grocer, Evolve Studios, Windsor Plywood, OMG and Spa by Lenice was also appreciated.

Spirit of Salt Spring



The Spirit of Salt Spring is a regular feature in the Driftwood for local businesses and organizations to publicize charitable donations. First-come, first-served basis as space permits.

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BC SPCA Salt Spring branch manager Sean Hogan (third from right) receives a \$1,300 donation for the local animal shelter from this summer's fundraising efforts at Mistaken Identity Vineyards. All summer long, partial proceeds from wine tastings, bottle returns and coin drives have been set aside for the SPCA. In August, a weekend celebration of animals raised even more through events, raffles and goodies produced by locals Meron Moroz and Ille Kaglik.

LIBRARY

Programs steam ahead

Maleea Acker reading this Friday

Salt Spring Island Public Library shows no signs of slowing down its offerings, with a full schedule for fall already underway.

Next up on the calendar: Poet Maleea Acker will read from her newest collection Air-Proof Green this Friday, Sept. 20 at noon. Former islander Shelagh Plunkett will launch The Water Here is Never Blue on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m., while the following day at noon, John Shields will read from his most recent book, The Priest Who Left His Religion.

Moving into the following month, local poet Chris Smart will give a reading on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 1:30 p.m. Well-known Irish Country

Doctor writer Patrick Taylor will launch his newest title on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.

Programs for children and youth are also in full swing, with Toddler Times every Monday at 10:30 a.m. offering a half hour of stories, rhymes and simple activities. StoryTime at the Library continues for children ages four to 10 on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

The first meeting of the Youth Book Club is set for this Thursday, Sept. 19 at 3:45 p.m. Open to all youth between the ages of 10 and 14, the monthly meetings will include discussion and fun activities. The first book is Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. A writing group for the same age group will take place every Monday with author Kim Thompson, starting Sept. 23 at from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

VOLUNTEERING

Grads booked for overseas adventures as volunteers

GISS alumni eager to see the world

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A former Gulf Islands Secondary School student has packed her bags fewer than three months after graduation to embark on an educational experience beyond compare.

On Saturday, Madison Greggains boarded a plane bound for the small West African nation of Ghana, where she'll spend the next five months as a volunteer in a rural school.

The 18-year-old sees the opportunity, made possible through an organization called Latitude Canada, as a chance to venture off on her own to see the wider world.

"I knew that after school I wanted to do some travelling, but I wanted to travel with a

purpose and help make a difference," she said during an interview a few days before leaving Salt Spring.

Many islanders may know Greggains from her involvement in popular fundraising initiatives like the annual Terry Fox Run or Relay For Life. The chance to volunteer overseas is a perfect fit for someone who has always enjoyed helping out, likes working with children and is eager to travel.

"University isn't quite ready for me," she said.

Greggains is one of several recent GISS graduates who have deferred post-secondary education or a place in the workforce for something entirely different. Other GISS grads have plans to undertake fieldwork in Madagascar, tour Europe, trek in Nepal or backpack across South East Asia.

"I feel there is a lot

more exploration," said Ruby Barnard of the students in her graduating class.

Just last week, Barnard booked her ticket to Nairobi, Kenya. She'll set off in November to work at a health clinic near Lake Victoria, about 300 kilometres west of the Kenyan capital. Barnard will develop and teach mental health programs for young women, many of whom are HIV positive.

"I've lived on Salt Spring Island my entire life and feel I need to get out and travel," she added. "I've always wanted to go to Africa."

She anticipates having much to learn about herself and the people she'll be working with while she undertakes the challenging assignment.

"It's really open right now," she said. "Nothing is set in stone."

Although Barnard relied on some family connections to secure



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

GISS grad Madison Greggains displays some of the goods she's taking to a rural school in Ghana.

a spot at the clinic, the GISS career counselling centre can offer one-on-one guidance

to students who think volunteering abroad might be for them.

The school's career

information website lists seven volunteer organizations, including those specializing in trips across Canada and around the world. Representatives from many of these groups, including Projects Abroad, Latitude Canada, Global Volunteers and Canada World Youth, also visit the high school during the school year to share information and their experience with prospective volunteers.

Nia Williams, a GISS guidance counsellor, said she believes having a healthy international program at the school has helped students build global awareness, cross-cultural friendships and, perhaps most importantly, develop a curiosity to travel beyond the familiar.

She said taking advantage of such programs before university can often pay off down the line when grads

choose to embark on a career or continue their studies.

"Post-secondary institutions seek students who have strong academics, but they are also looking for individuals who are well-rounded explorers and life leaders," Williams wrote in an email. "The gap year can build personal skills around effective communication, meaningful leadership and community development."

Students who seek opportunities to travel and make a difference, Williams added, tend to return with a greater sense of purpose.

"Overseas opportunities allow them to be active global citizens," she said. "This can be valuable to some students, particularly when they are raised in pristine rural islands. They wish to engage with the world community at a larger scale and help create change."

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Chain ferns and phantom orchids cause a stir

Conservancy presentation highlights rare species

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What do batwing vinyl and giant chain fern have in common?

They are two of the rare species recently discovered on Salt Spring Island by Salt Spring Conservancy biologists.

People are invited to join the Salt Spring Conservancy's conservation director Robin Annschild on Friday, Sept. 20 at Lions Hall at 7 p.m. to learn about recent discoveries of rare and interesting wildlife on Salt

Spring Island.

Think you have to go on an African safari or to the jungles of Central America to see amazing wildlife? Think again.

We live on an island that is home to all kinds of rare and interesting creatures. Last June, Salt Spring Conservancy biologists were out surveying for rare species in an area we've been to many times before...when we came upon a new species for Salt Spring Island: the six-foot-tall giant chain fern.

Walking along the beach in the sunshine, we were savouring the excitement of finding the fern, when we realized we were pressed for time to get expert botanist Ryan Batten back to the ferry home to Victoria.

We decided to walk a little further and take a trail back, rather than bush-wack out the way we had come.

As we left the brightly lit sunny beach for the cool shade of the towering firs, Ryan stopped in his tracks, staring straight down at a slender white shoot emerging from the midden under our feet. Can it be? He exclaimed, barely breathing in excitement... a phantom orchid?!

Now, a lot of the wildlife that is rare on Salt Spring is so called because of an accident of political boundaries. Species rare in Canada may be quite common further south in their range down the mountainous west coast of North America. But the phantom orchid? Now

that's another story.

This elusive, seductively scented pure white orchid is rare everywhere and we had stumbled across what turns out to be the largest population in Canada.

Okay, you have to be a bit of a botanical geek to get excited about our recent find of the endangered bat-wing vinyl lichen on Mount Erskine, but Phantom orchids?! Are you jumping up and down?

Annschild has been searching for phantom orchids and other rare wildlife on Salt Spring Island for over 13 years. Join her Friday to hear more tales from the field and meet your secret neighbours — Salt Spring's rarest and most elusive wildlife.

WORKSHOPS

Lucy St. John offers dance and yoga classes

At Still Point Yoga Studio

Dance, flow yoga and Vedantic knowledge will be the ingredients to a series of joyful workshops with Lucy St. John taking place at Still Point Yoga Studio from Sept. 28 to 29.

Starting on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., participants can join a yoga dance party where they will "sweat, flow, laugh and learn" with one of the most inspiring yogis of our times.

According to press material, "Every class is unique, offering Vedantic knowledge and different dance influences to develop your

practice. You'll find your flow and balance while letting your spirit come out to play."

During the Mula Bandha Workshop, taking place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29, St. John will help participants strengthen their pelvic floor muscles to increase sexual function and pleasure, core stability and continence. The workshop is recommended for everyone from pre- and post-natal women to high-impact athletes, those suffering injuries and yogis wishing to deepen their practice.

Balance is key to St. John's methods as she guides participants through ancient Eastern principles with a modern Western

approach in the Center Point Workshop. This class, set for Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4:30 p.m., will offer 20 practical techniques "to bring your true, limitless self into everyday life."

Participants will learn how to practise a simple technique for staying centered even in conflict, become a pro at setting boundaries by learning an ancient dance move, find out how to combine flavours that can satisfy unhealthy food cravings with Ayurveda and more.

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ENVIRONMENT

You've come a long way, baby

Everything, from men to seeds, keeps on travelling

BY BOB WEEDEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR



A few days back, changing clothes after a long drive from Kamloops, I had to pick off dozens of small round sticky seeds from my socks and frayed pant cuffs. "Where in the world?...Then I remembered shortcutting across a weedy parking lot in the dry tawny rangeland near Merritt.

"You've come a long way, baby," I murmured.

When it comes to getting around, humans must be right up there with mushroom spores and dandelions.

Which set me to thinking about the inherent restlessness of everything alive. Life has a precarious hold on the planet. Remember the poster of the kitten dangling from a branch by two claws, captioned "Hang In There?" Life can't prevent Big Ice or volcanic blasts, meteor strikes or biblical floods.

Nor, on a smaller scale, can it withstand intense wildfires, avalanches, walking

dunes or the selective sicknesses of new diseases. But from some backwater refuge, life finds its way back.

The seed in my socks is on its way, carrying messages of new life to wherever it might land, welcoming or not. The young beaver who, booted from its home lodge, shows up in your woodland pond, is on its way.

So is the cattail seed with its parachute of fluff, the alder seed skittering across crustled snow ahead of a January wind, the larval oyster riding the tide, the bank swallow eyeing a just-collapsed river bank.

When it comes to getting around, humans must be right up there with mushroom spores and dandelions. I don't mean we moderns, carried everywhere on machines and credit cards.

From origins in North Africa some 200,000 years ago our old folks walked south to South Africa and northeast to the Middle East, showing up there around 120,000 years ago.

Then something happened, a catastrophic challenge. We were on the brink of extinc-

tion about 70,000 years ago; our world population may have been no more than a fifth as much as Salt Spring Island today. Then, in a mysterious resurgence 60,000 years ago we started wandering in earnest: to India and Australia, to the Orient, then to Europe, and finally to North and South America.

Powered by agriculture and invention, we filled the entire terrestrial world except Antarctica with our unceasing march. Nothing slowed us down for long, not the steppes of central Asia, not the edge of polar ice, not the vast frozen forests of Siberia and central Canada. Peripatetic Polynesian paddlers brought pigs and poultry to the remotest islands of the Pacific.

A few years ago scientists of the Ice Field Ranges project near Klane, Yukon, found the frozen body of a man. By his body the discoverers noticed spiders crawling torpidly on the sun struck ice. Where did they come from, man and beast?

The man, it turned out, was a hunter who wandered far into the mountains from a nearby First Nations village, lost in body and memory some 400 years ago. The spiders were wanderers, too, wrung out of a cloud along with snow or rain after traveling perhaps hundreds of miles on wisps of silk.

Everything is on its way from somewhere, to somewhere. Everything. Always. That's life.

This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

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Tip of the Week:

Autumn Equinox officially occurs when the Sun enters Libra in the Tropical Zodiac and this year it occurs on Sunday September 22 at 1:44 pm PDT. The overall chart pattern reveals a heated tug of war between the pull of the past and the push towards the future. As is often the case, despite hopes and ideals of a clean break, the past has a way of carrying over into the future. This is natural in the flow yet sometimes a clean break and fresh start is beneficial and desirable. However, this is not the case here. With Venus, the ruling planet of Libra, in Scorpio there is evidence of this tenacious grip of 'what has been' to persevere, yet not in an obvious way. It will occur in a covert fashion. This hidden or secretive element in nature is as ancient as the stars. When it comes to human nature it gives rise to intrigue, espionage, suspicion and mystery in general. These darker features of the game of life are also what add to making it interesting, yet deeply complex as well. As we collectively watch and hear news of the delicate yet also outrageous antics of political processes, this age old theme has become increasingly apparent. While evening news reporting remains a common event in our modern world, the internet has spawned numerous other news sources and this has deepened the plot significantly. This last quarter of 2013 therefore will synchronize with a continued and even escalated degree of complexity, intrigue and tension as humanity endeavors to forge ahead amidst forces that want to preserve traditions of the past. Perhaps Comet Ison scheduled to appear before the end of the year will offer to support to the push for the future side. Stay tuned...

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Change is in the air and on the ground for everyone these days, not least of all you. A veritable metamorphosis is underway. You are not quite the same person you were even just a year ago and the change is noticeable. The good news is that increased confidence levels are the reflection of your new skin. Take a diplomatic lead toward renewed negotiations, in private.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Making a series of improvements and adjustments in your daily routine is now in focus. The time has come to join forces with others somehow. This may be as basic as applying for a new job. The danger of scattering your energies is high these days so you will have to be extra deliberate and focused. Clear the way of any distractions and aim for collaboration.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

A creative cycle is about to begin for you. It will require that you be willing to give more than usual, however. This includes learning new skills and the discipline it implies. Fortunately, your energy levels continue to flow at a rather high level and will through to mid-October. Use this window to launch initiatives with long term prospects.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

Many new thoughts, ideas and visions are flowing through your mind. You feel ambitious and want to invest somehow. Getting the funds and/or knowing what is worthwhile imply homework. Seeking the advice and guidance of experts feels right, even necessary. Regarding higher stakes, be extra cautious as you are likely to encounter some real players.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

The pace of things is about to quicken. You have already been in a dynamic and pioneering cycle which continues. This has included a good deal of communications and negotiations. Inspirations to beautify your home environment are in the mix. At deeper levels, the overall flow is meant to support you to lay claim to hidden gifts of power.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Taking new leads and initiatives over the past few weeks now shifts into stabilizing your base. This includes discussions, inspirations and actions to stimulate a healthier flow. Money may be a central theme but the emphasis may be on your energy levels in general. With a steep learning curve also underway, your main challenge includes determining your direction.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

The Sun in your sign will activate you to take new initiatives. This includes a deliberate outreach to communicate, negotiate and make key connections. Financial concerns and interests are likely areas of focus. Somehow you are meant to 'pay your dues'. Meanwhile, a mix of playfulness and rebellion in your overall mode of expression is signalling others to remain alert.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

The past few months have probably been quite dynamic overall. Now you are being called within to do some soul searching. You may already have felt this pull a week or so ago. Balancing this urge with a continued assertion of your will and desire to take new leads and satisfy lingering curiosities is your next goal to achieve.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

Social opportunities and exciting encounters with friends new and old characterize the incoming trends. This window will be especially open wide over the next week or so. Earned rewards and perhaps inheritances indicate a mixed blessing. Contact with spiritual agencies and/or entities add a twist of mystery to your scope.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Getting the attention you feel you want and deserve is more likely to occur over the next few weeks. With your ambitions running high these days you will want to make the most of this window of opportunity. Your overall outreach is also in a healthy period of expansion. Using your leadership to enlist the same in others is ideal now.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

The past few weeks have likely included some significant endings and beginnings. These have challenged you to see a bigger picture. They have also pushed you to make extra efforts and to acquire new tools and implement fresh strategies. Dealing with some provocative power players is also part of the plot. Now it is time to increase the scope and quality of your network.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

As if crossing a bridge across a deep chasm you are fast approaching a point of no return. The good news is that this journey is full of adventure. Yet, success requires strategic investigations into new possibilities. As well, you have to work harder than usual. However, with the right attitude, a spirit of adventure and a concentrated focus, you will prevail.

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JOB WELL DONE: Partners Creating Pathways members celebrate after the final touches are put on the new Rainbow Road kiosk and pathway in time for the Salt Spring Fall Fair. PCP committee members have worked for eight years on the Ganges Village Pathway Network, says committee chair Jean Gelwicks, and have over 150 years of engineering experience, including working on roads, airfields, in hydrological engineering, on riparian areas, and some have delivered electrical, mechanical supervision courses across Canada and delivered project management and related services.

SOCCER

Old Boys show vital signs of life

Salt Spring United crew expect exciting season

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The lack of a few seasoned veterans and a smattering of newcomers had fans and players alike wondering what to expect as the Salt Spring Old Boys took to the field to kick off the 2013-2014 season against Cordova Bay in Victoria on Sunday.

"The answer was a five-star review with some added oomph up front in the shape of two-time scorer Stefan Cermak and plenty of stability in the rear with keeper Jim Witherspoon giving a classic performance," wrote Richard Steel in a post-game report.

Thanks to Mike McCormick's successful penalty kick late in the match, the Old Boys emerged with a 3-3 draw.

"I like this new look team, a good mixture of youth and wisdom," said Fraser Hope, the team's manager. "It is the best passing game the Old Boys have produced in many a year. I'm not an easy man to please, but it looks like it'll be a good season."

The Old Boys hope to capitalize on the surplus of talent scooped up in the wake of the Salt Spring Alumni's demise. The team, which competed in the Vancouver Island Soccer League, folded during the off-season due

to a lack of numbers.

The Salt Spring Old Boys club will host the Gordon Head Gunners for its home-opener on Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Gulf Islands Secondary School field. Kick-off time for the match is 10:30 a.m.

In other opening-week soccer action, the Salt Spring United Over-30 women's team dropped its first match of the year 5-1 against Sooke at GISS' lower high school field on Sunday afternoon.

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FRASER HOPE
Old Boys manager

Sue-Anne Donaldson scored the team's only goal on a break-away opportunity during the second half.

In spite of the loss, players are optimistic about the team's prospects. The demise of Salt Spring United's Div. 1 women's team means the O30 squad stands to add considerable strength and further depth to a healthy roster of returning veterans.

Players, who will resume play under the guidance of coach

Dick Davidson, agree the key to a successful season rests on a strong defensive game, while concentrating on scoring more goals.

This year's line-up comprises Andrea Barker, Carolyn Flam, Cheryl Johnson, Daniela Wood, Daria Zovi, Jeanie Gray, Jennifer Pickering, Karen Clemson, Kechura Davidson, Anne May, Lisa Duttman, Liz Wilson, Louise Doucet, Sue Spencer, Sue-Anne Donaldson, Susan Robinson, Tara Brown and Kym Sheppard-Bellavance.

Salt Spring's women travel to Vancouver Island, where they'll take on the Bays United Breakers on Sunday morning. Salt Spring United's next home game is on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 12:30 p.m.

In other soccer news, Salt Spring United's Malcolm Legg encourages anyone who wants to get involved as a junior-level referee or coach to step up as the soccer season gets underway.

Except for girls U16 gold and boys U18 gold squads, all teams have room for recruits. There is an especially dire need for 16 and 17-year-old players on the girls U18 silver team.

Prospective referees who are over 12 years of age can contact Legg at 250-537-4970. Anyone with an interest in coaching can reach Colin Walde at 250-537-4972 or cwalde@shaw.ca.

RUNNING

Gordon maintains her winning pace

Sneakers off to great September

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Susan Gordon added yet another gold medal to her collection with a stellar performance at Saturday's Vancouver Eastside 10K race.

With a time of 43:39, Gordon placed first among the event's 58 competitors in the F50-54 category. She came 25th among the race's 828 female competitors and 1,257 overall.

The gold-medal win comes less than a week after four Sneakers women took part in Oak Bay's inaugural Zoot 10K Run on Sept. 8.

Racers in the F50-59 category were Marion Young, 48:03; Gillian McConnell, 48:36; and Lise Fraser, 44:35. Competing in the F40-49 group, Marcia Jensen crossed the line in 44:35.

All racers placed within the top 10 of their respective race categories.

"It was a great day for running and a beautiful route," Fraser wrote in a post-run email. "We all achieved personal bests, making us wonder if the route was really 10K."

In other running news, the previously announced Castaways endurance race planned for Oct. 5 has been cancelled because organizers could not finalize a course on Salt Spring.

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CLASSIC CARS

Back-to-school contest nets convertible win for teen

Sixteen-year-old guesses weight of 1953 Chevrolet

BY ALYN EDWARDS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Colin Mailey wasn't quite 16 when a friend of his cousin who worked at Brentwood Mall in Burnaby invited him and his brother John for a preview look at 30 classic cars on display inside the mall.

"I've always had a thing for cars," Colin says.

It was in late summer 1976 and the mall promotions director had organized a Canadian Graffiti Back-to-School Days contest to attract customers to Brentwood Mall retailers. The person who guessed the weight of a light blue 1953 Chevrolet convert-



PHOTO BY ALYN EDWARDS

Colin Mailey and the 1953 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible that he won 37 years ago when he was a teenager.

ible being displayed on a podium would win the car. Advertising declared:

"Guys and gals 16 to 21 years - you could win a 1953 Chevy Convertible -

\$3,000 value."

"They had just pulled the car into the mall and

it was beautiful," Colin recalls of the moment he first saw the convertible. "The possibility of winning it was entrancing."

He and his brother John set out to do just that. They took a scientific approach by getting the shipping weight from the manufacturer specifications without accessories and fluids.

"I called the mall management and asked if all the fluids had been drained out of the car for safe display," Colin recalls.

He was assured that the car contained no gasoline, oil or water. He estimated the weight of the fluids at 120 pounds. Since the car wasn't equipped with a radio, he and his brother John went to a local scrap yard to weigh a 1953 Chevrolet radio. It


weighed 15 pounds on the nose and they subtracted that weight from their estimates.

Brentwood Mall promotions had consigned the 21-year-old Chevrolet Bel Air convertible for a body and paint job, new carpets and a new convertible top — all for \$1,000. It looked like new.


Colin and John Mailey went to the mall to fill out their entry forms. Colin had written his estimate of 3,470 pounds on a tiny piece of paper torn from a match book that he had with him. At the last moment, he put a one through the zero.

"I added one pound for luck," he says of the moment.

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He filled out the entry form in blue ink leaving the actual line to add in the weight of the car open. When his brother came out of a nearby store with a new pen, he used it to fill in his guess of 3471 pounds in red ink and deposited the form in the collection box.

Several days later, Colin received a call from the mall promotions manager saying he wanted to ask some questions and telling him to be sure to be on hand selection day "because you have a good chance of winning."

When he arrived at the mall on Saturday, Sept. 4, 1976 with his mother and brother, the man in charge called him into an office and wanted to know why the entry was filled out in blue ink and the weight of the car was written in red ink.

"I explained about my brother handing me a pen he had just bought and he said he could accept that. He then told me I had won the car," Colin says.

Although there were 70 entrants within one pound of the exact weight, Colin was the



PHOTO BY ALYN EDWARDS

Interior of Colin Mailey's 1953 Chevrolet Bel Air is in excellent condition.

only one to nail it right on at 3,471 pounds. He was told the car actually weighed an additional four ounces but his guess was the correct number rounded off to pounds. His brother John was 100 pounds out in his guess.

Colin was 15 when he submitted his guessed weight of the car, but turned 16 just two days before the draw date. He would have been disqualified if

he hadn't had his 16th birthday.

The light blue convertible was delivered to his Surrey home. He had gotten his driver's licence several days prior — the day he had turned 16. He could drive his convertible, but when school started for Colin in September, the car stayed at home.

"I wasn't into trying to impress anyone with the car," he recalls.

The car stayed with him and he drove it to his job as a stock-

man at K-Mart in White Rock in the early 1980s before putting the car into storage.

Today, Colin is a property manager and lives with his wife and two children on acreage in Halfmoon Bay on the Sunshine Coast. His lifelong interest in cars continues and he owns a completely original 1940 Plymouth sedan and a 1976 Cadillac Eldorado convertible. Parked alongside these collector cars is the light blue 1953 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible that he won at the age of 16.

Looking back, he thought he was pretty smart at the time. But the reality is, when the car was delivered, he was surprised to find the radio in the trunk, the car nearly full of gas and several containers of coolant throwing his calculations way off.

"I was very lucky to come up with the weight of 3,470 pounds and then adding one pound for luck at the last minute. That was bizarre, but someone upstairs wanted me to have it," he says.

He starts the car regularly and sometimes takes his children for a ride around his property. But the convertible is showing its age. He hopes to interest his children in helping him restore the car.



Newspaper clipping of Brentwood Mall contest from 1976.

"The car is a lesson that you can do anything if you put your mind to it," he says of his back-to-school present dating back 37 years to when he had just turned 16.

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Tips for tire care and inflation

Step-by-step method

Proper tire inflation is a safe driving essential in all driving conditions. Tire under-inflation increases stopping distance and hampers performance by lessening vehicle stability, particularly when cornering.

Tire makers strongly recommend that drivers measure their tire pressures monthly to ensure they are always inflated to the vehicle manufacturer's recommendation.

"Taking five minutes each month to measure and, if necessary, adjust your tire pressures safeguards optimal tire performance," says Glenn Maidment, president of the Rubber Association of Canada. "Beyond being the leading cause of tire failure and premature wear, under-inflation also wastes fuel and harms the environment."

An under-inflated tire wastes fuel because it does not roll as easily as it was intended. The increased rolling resistance, which worsens with the degree of under-inflation, requires the vehicle's motor to burn more fuel to push the vehicle down the road.

According to the RAC, a motorist who drives 20,000 kilometres per year can save as much as \$100 in fuel simply by ensuring their tires are inflated to the right pressure. For

drivers who log many more kilometres over the course of a year the saving can be considerably higher.

The price tag for ignoring tire inflation is high. Canadian drivers rolling on under-inflated tires are expected to waste more than 500 million litres of fuel in 2013. That is enough fuel to power 250,000 vehicles for a full year. All that wasted fuel will release an additional 1.2 million tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

To ensure excellent stopping power on wet road surfaces, most tire makers generally recommend that drivers replace their tires before they are worn to the legal limit (1.6 millimetres or 2/32s of an inch).

Motorists are advised to check tread depth once every two months and at the beginning of each new driving season.

Measuring tread depth is a simple procedure. Here's how:

- The most precise method is to use an inexpensive tread wear indicator, basically a small ruler. To measure tread depth, simply rest the gauge shoulder on the tread, extend the ruler or "pin" to the deepest part of the tread groove and take the reading.

- Motorists can also give their treads the “Bluenose” test. This is

done by inserting a dime upside down into the tread groove. If the top portion of the Bluenose's sails is visible, it is time to replace the tire.

Tire makers recommend an easy, four-step approach to proper tire inflation:

Step One

- Identify the right air pressure for your tires by referring to the vehicle placard. Check the owner's manual for its exact location. Never rely on a visual inspection. A tire can be under or over inflated by 20 per cent or more and not be noticeable.

Step Two

- To get an accurate reading, use a reliable tire gauge and remember to only measure pressure when your tires are cold. If you have been driving, wait three hours before measuring tire pressure.

Step Three

- Remove the cap from the valve stem, press the tire gauge onto the valve and take the pressure reading using a reliable tire gauge.

Step Four

- Add air until the recommended air pressure is achieved. If you overfill the tire, release air by pushing on the metal stem in the centre of the valve, then re-check the pressure.

Source: www.betiresmart.ca.



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VINTAGE: Historic licence plates were part of the display on a truck at the car show section of the Salt Spring Fall Fair last weekend.

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