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## ISLANDS TRUST

# LTC ready to tackle metal application

Facilitated, 'meaningful conversation' suggested for recycling resolution

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A staff report prepared for Thursday's meeting of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee suggests a meaningful community conversation may be the key to resolving a long-standing dispute over a Rainbow Road-based metal recycling business.

The report, dated Jan. 23, recommends a skilled facilitator or the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce be used to "divert focus from parties with perceived entrenched views and instead focus on stakeholders that may be part of a solution."

The application to seek an industrial zone variation on Quesnel's split-zoned agricultural-rural lot at 440 Rainbow Rd. has created a deep division between neighbours who want an end to the illegal metal recycling operation and other islanders who feel Quesnel, who serves as the chamber of commerce's vice president, provides a valuable community service.

LTC members had placed the application in abeyance until work on a plan to follow up with recommendations of the Industrial Task Force was underway.

RECYCLING continued on 2

## GOVERNANCE

# 'Historic task' awaits committee

\$60,000 governance study process underway

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As the 11 volunteer members of Salt Spring's newly minted Governance Study Committee met for the first time last week, a provincial government representative was quick to set out a few basic ground rules.

"This is not an incorporation study, this is a governance study," said the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development's Linda Galeazzi.

With an aim to nip any potential misunderstandings, Galeazzi said the committee's role will not include finding financial or technical details about incorporation nor lead directly to a referendum on island governance.

Instead, she said, the committee will devote the next several months to an examination of the island's current state of governance. The \$60,000 process will include public engagement sessions and a consul-

tant's report to establish facts and personal opinions about how the island is now governed.

The result is hoped to provide insight on service providers, costs, how these costs are paid for and decision-making processes.

"The committee is to determine if the community is prepared to consider the topic of incorporation," she said.

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## EDUCATION

# Teachers reject 10-year agreement plan

Bargaining  
agreement ratified

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The British Columbia Teachers' Federation has rejected a government proposal for a 10-year labour agreement, stating the plan would eliminate teachers' right to negotiate the key issues of class size and composition.

The surprise proposal announced by Premier Christy Clark and Education Minister Don McRae on Thursday is framed as an ambitious plan to put students first by reducing labour conflict.

As Clark stated in the introduction to the report, "We need to stop labour disputes from distracting us from important public discussions about the future of our education system. The system we—educators and government alike—envision for the future is built around concepts like collaboration and openness to new ideas."

Teachers have questioned both the timing of the proposal and the motivation behind it, however.

"They were sure we would never agree with it—there's no reason why we should," said Jack Braak, president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association.

Braak said that if approved, the plan could potentially further strip teachers' rights to collective bargaining. Removing policy matters from the bargaining table is specifically stated as a goal in the section devoted to creating a new Education Policy Council that would include representatives from the BCTF, school trustees and government.

Braak pointed out the right to negotiate class size and composition was removed by the Liberal government in 2002 with controversial Bills 27 and 28. Government then achieved cost savings by removing more than 2,000 teacher jobs across the province. The student/teacher ratio in B.C. is now the highest in Canada.

A successful challenge through the B.C. Supreme Court required government to restore bargaining on these issues, which it promised to do by June 2013. But according to Braak, if the 10-year agreement proposal is implemented, that bargaining point might never make it back to the table. Instead, some of the most important issues defining an effective learning environment would be left to the new EPC to determine, but that body would only have the power to make recommendations to government, not enact them.

"There's no hope in heck that

we as teachers would agree with that," Braak said.

Another section of the proposal is that teachers' salaries would be indexed to other public sector employees in the province instead of comparing them to peers in other provinces. While B.C. teachers say they are the third worst-paid in the country, the government report argues an annual compensation increase of 1.8 per cent for teachers over the last 10 years "is not significantly out of step" with the two per cent that nurses, college faculty and government employees received over the same period.

Braak questions the value of comparing different employment groups. He also said that if the statistics went back a few years further, they would show two years of zero wage increases for teachers starting in 1998.

A part of the proposal that pertains to a more effective bargaining process has in fact been addressed by the BCTF and their employer group, the BC Public School Employers' Association. The two bodies were already scheduled to discuss a new framework for the 2013 bargaining process two days after the government proposal was announced. Both parties ratified the framework.

According to the agreement, bargaining for the next contract

will begin on Feb. 4. A mutually agreed-on facilitator will be appointed with costs to be shared by both parties. The facilitator will suggest a process for continuing negotiations if a collective agreement is not reached by the June 30 deadline.

The government report makes similar recommendations but with a more defined timeline. Under its plan, if a collective agreement is not reached by August, teachers can issue strike notice by Aug. 31. In that case, schools would not open at the start of the school year.

Braak said it's unclear at this point how the government will proceed with its proposal, since the legislature is not due back in session until Feb. 12.

"Our fear is they're going to pursue this through legislation, but it's my understanding it would contravene the labour code, and contravene the Charter of Rights," he said.

Braak said it's also possible the government only introduced the plan as a "wedge issue" to divide its position from the NDP's in the upcoming election campaign.

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With work to pursue those recommendations now in motion, LTC member Peter Grove requested at a November LTC meeting that the Quesnel matter be brought forward for consideration in early 2013.

Since September 2012, Salt Spring's Islands Trust office has received more than 15 letters of opposition from neighbours. During an LTC meeting earlier this month, Quesnel presented LTC members with a petition that, according to the staff report, "demonstrates

a large number of Salt Spring residents support the recycling operations of Salt Spring Metal Recycling."

The application's conflict with Islands Trust bylaws and widespread neighbourhood opposition to the plan have led Trust staff to advise LTC members to proceed no further with the application.

"Neither the application, nor the land use bylaws have changed in any significant amount since staff's last staff report," reads the Jan. 23 document.

"While the bylaws do not support the application, a substantial por-

tion of the community supports the business operations. A community-based solution may be found by requesting support from the community as represented by interested groups."

The report concludes by recommending LTC members request the island's chamber of commerce to consider "facilitating a meeting with industrial and business stakeholders to propose a solution that would facilitate the ongoing operations of Salt Spring Metal Recycling in a legal matter."

The application will be addressed during the afternoon session of

Thursday's LTC meeting.

Thursday's meeting agenda also indicates delegate Katherine Trajan will present a report on the St. Mary Lake Watershed Group's latest efforts and Tom Varzeliotis will speak about the plight of Booth Inlet.

The morning session will include discussion of a proposed bylaw to legalize secondary suites on parts of the island and a review of the advisory committee terms of reference.

The meeting starts on Jan. 31 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lions Hall. The afternoon session begins at noon.

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## ENVIRONMENT

# Potential fallow deer invasion a worry for Saturna

Parks Canada looks for help

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of a fallow population deer from Mayne Island may have reached Saturna Island, and Parks Canada is seeking the public's help to evict the invasive species before it's too late.

"One of our early focuses will be to find the deer on Saturna," said Todd Shannon, acting park superintendent of the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve.

"If we are able to find any we'll work with the community at finding a solution."

Fallow deer is a species native to Europe that was brought to B.C. in the early 1900s for the benefit of private game reserves and hunters. More recently, a government economic initiative encouraged game farmers to raise the deer for the organic venison market. Escapes of both origins have become established in the Gulf Islands and are wreaking havoc on native ecosystems.

While fallow deer have not been spotted on Saturna Island since the summer,

where they were seen at Winter Cove, Parks Canada is taking a proactive approach to removing the threat before the spring breeding season begins.

Native black-tailed deer can have a negative effect on island ecosystems through large-scale browsing of the understory, but Shannon explained that fallow deer are a much more worrisome beast. There are three main reasons why Parks Canada is working on reducing, or possible eradicating, populations on Sidney and Mayne islands.

"Number one, it is an introduced species so they shouldn't be here," Shannon said.

"Number two, domesticated populations will grow rapidly if they're left alone. And number three, they're very adaptable, and they're not discriminating of what they'll eat."

Fallow deer out-compete black-tailed deer because while the local species may focus on particular vegetation, the European breed has no trouble eating anything plant-based, rather like goats. Their destructive potential has been well-documented on Sidney Island,



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Fallow deer spotted on Sidney Spit. Parks Canada suspects some of the deer may now be on Saturna Island.

where Shannon says basically the entire understory has been cleaned out.

Fallow deer grazing can mean destruction of habitat for small animals and the elimination of nesting sites. Tree seedlings get eaten and therefore aren't available to grow up and replace old trees in the forest cycle.

"On Sidney Island, native birds, butterflies and endangered plant species have all

been negatively affected," stated Rob Walker, manager of resource conservation at the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve.

According to the United Nations group Cooperative Initiative on Invasive Alien Species on Islands, "The rate of extinctions of native species has been higher on islands than anywhere else in the world. Threats to biodiversity also affect the eco-

system functions, and the cultural and economic use made of biodiversity by local communities."

Devastation to island ecosystems has been documented throughout the South Pacific, including small islands off Australia and New Zealand; off Mexico and California, and in Haida Gwaii, where Norway rats polished off five out of six species of burrow-nesting birds in a period of 30 to 40 years and severely reduced the last.

But Shannon said there is good information to be learned from organizations working to restore island ecosystems. The Island Conservation & Ecology Group, for example, has succeeded in removing feral cats, Norway and black rats, house mice, rabbits, goats, sheep, and burros from nine Mexican islands since 1994.

Here in the Gulf Islands, private landowners, scientists and parks personnel have been working together to achieve similar success. A population of approximately 2,000 fallow deer found on Sidney Island a few years ago is now down to around 300.

Sidney Island residents have participated in a live

capture and processed the meat with a mobile abattoir for commercial markets. Most of the park portion of the island is closed over the winter so that First Nations groups can hunt. (According to federal law, it's illegal for anyone else to discharge a firearm in a national park.) On Mayne Island, where hunting was strictly banned, the community now invests in an annual restricted, permit-only hunt for fallow deer.

Shannon notes that management through hunting is just one of the available solutions, and Parks personnel will be looking at long-term sustainability. Complete eradication on Sidney Island could be the next step. As for Saturna, almost half of which is protected parkland, Shannon said the community will need to decide how it wants to proceed if fallow deer are indeed found.

Fallow deer are smaller and have lighter coats than native black-tailed deer. They often have white spots like fawns in their adult years. Anyone who thinks they have seen fallow deer on Saturna Island should contact Parks Canada at 250-654-4000 or toll free at 1-866-944-1744.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Trust seeks budget input

There's no surer sign that spring is around the corner than the Islands Trust's annual call for comments on its budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Trust's Financial Planning Committee recommends a budget of \$6.9 million for 2013-2014. This figure, which represents an increase of \$133,517 in expenditures over last year, would result in a 1.3 per cent increase.

"We want to know what

people think of this year's budget proposal, and whether we have struck the right balance," said Sheila Malcolmson, chair of the Islands Trust Council, in a press release.

This year's budget includes funds to ensure compliance with Riparian Areas Regulation legislation, improve public communication tools, an increase in bylaw enforcement capacity and fulfill BCGEU collective agreement wage increases.

If approved at Trust Council's quarterly meeting on Thetis Island in March, the new budget would mean a tax

increase of approximately \$4 for a \$450,000 property.

Property owners have until Feb. 28 to comment on the proposed budget. The budget is available from the Salt Spring Trust office or [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca).

### Luxury hotel honoured

A Salt Spring establishment is getting rave reviews and the attention is based solely on the opinions of its guests.

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Other recent accolades have included positive reviews in National Geographic Traveller and MSN Travel.

### Riding fix in the mix

A proposal to expand the number of federal seats on Vancouver Island from six to seven could mean slight changes to the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding.

If approved by MPs later this year, the minor boundary adjustment would affect North Saanich voters who live at the riding's southern-most reaches.

The change is part of broader adjustments that are a result of Vancouver

Island's growing population, according to the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

The effort to redraw boundaries of Vancouver Island ridings made it to the House of Commons earlier this week. MPs can submit concerns about the proposed changes to the Electoral Boundaries Commission before completion of a final report in June.

More information about the changes is available on the 2012 Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution website.

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## WATER

## St. Mary phosphorus surge noted

Water council group still afloat for 2013

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Phosphorus levels in St. Mary Lake rose by nearly 14 per cent between 2011 and 2012, according to figures presented to the Salt Spring Island Water Council's AGM on Friday morning.

Data collected at the end of 2012 shows levels of the algal-bloom-causing element reached 66 ppb, up from 58 ppb at the same time during the previous year.

Bob Watson, a member of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, attributed the release of phosphorus in the lake's lower level to a lack of oxygen, a phenomenon that occurs as algal blooms die off. This depletion of oxygen precipitates the release of phosphorus trapped inside lakebed sediment.

In most years, Watson said, aerators operated by the NSSWD are sufficient to keep recirculate oxygen to the lake's lower levels.

Since higher phosphorus levels are linked with a prevalence of future algal blooms, Watson suggested water council members examine the feasibility of having a lake expert examine phosphorus levels and the biology of St. Mary Lake.

"We should look at it or at least find out how much that would cost," Watson said.

"We are the neutral party that should organize something like this."

Although water council members agreed to look into the idea, retired biology professor John Sprague called the prospect of another phosphorus study a big and costly mistake.

**"We should look at it or at least find out how much that would cost. We are the neutral party that should organize something like this."**

BOB WATSON

Member, NSSWD

"The action is needed now and that action is to stop the septic input," he said. "You're talking something like three-quarters of a million dollars to do this. It's not a small operation. Sure it's a good idea, but it's not cheap and we should not delay action on St. Mary Lake until we get the results of this study."

Taking steps to manage phosphorus runoff from properties in the St. Mary Lake Watershed

is needed to address phosphorus concentrations, according to the St. Mary Lake Watershed Management Plan.

A staff report about Watson's suggestion is expected in time for the water council's next meeting.

In other water council news: Water council has enough funds to operate for several months as board members examine grant options and fundraising opportunities.

"It looks like we're broke, but we're not," said treasurer Laurie Hunt.

The council's new coordinator, Suzan Chamney, spoke optimistically about the group's long-term prospects to receive funding that would not only sustain the group but enable contributions to special events and research projects.

Peter Lamb, Katherine Trajan, George Ehring, Laurie Hunt and Garth Hendren were elected to the commission by acclamation for two-year terms. They join members John Borst and Rick Gilleland.

The water council's next meeting is on March 28. More information about the organization is available at [www.ssi-watercouncil.com](http://www.ssi-watercouncil.com).

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## ISLANDS TRUST

## Trust acts on mining claims

Mineral Tenure Act is 'subject to abuse'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Islands Trust Executive Committee wants the provincial government to revisit an outdated and unfair piece of legislation that's stirred much grief on North and South Pender islands during the past two months.

Committee members who met in Victoria last week asked Islands Trust chair Sheila Malcolmson to back a staff letter to the B.C. Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development in hopes of eliminating uncertainty over subterranean mineral claims that have been filed on 20 properties covering roughly 17 square kilometres.

Since would-be prospectors Isaac McPhee and William Simons obtained free-miner certificates on the properties' subsurface rights from the province in November, island residents have reacted with a mix of

outrage and bemusement. Most islanders are concerned about the mining claims' effects on their private property rights.

In a Driftwood story published in mid-December, a spokesperson from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas confirmed that title holders need to acquire a permit and provide notice before they attempt to access private property. Furthermore, a Notice of Work permit application must be filed before any mechanized exploration activity can occur.

According to a Friday announcement by Gary Steeves, a member of the North Pender Local Trust Committee, news of the Pender islands situation has put renewed attention on the province's controversial Mineral Tenure Act.

"Legal counsel for the University of Victoria's Environmental Law Centre have called for a fundamental redrafting of the MTA," Steeves wrote. "The existing process does not provide for any consultation with

landowners or First Nations prior to filing claims.

"Critics say that the statute is over 100 years old and that changes to the licensing system, which allows anyone with a credit card to register and file claims, leaves the entire process unaccountable and subject to abuse."

Trust Executive Committee members want the provincial government to recognize and act on a section of the Islands Trust Policy Statement that states "there should be no extraction of peat, metals, minerals, coal or petroleum resources in the Trust Area."

The decision was made in response to a request from the North Pender LTC.

"The LTC takes the position that, as the B.C. Cabinet has the authority to exempt areas of the province from mining claims being staked and to restrict the exercise of free mining rights where claims already exist, it should take immediate action to reserve the Islands Trust area from mining."



## Re: Consideration of Local School Calendar Option for 2013/2014

The district has received recent information from the Ministry of Education regarding new legislation and regulations around local school calendars. The *School Calendar Form* provided by the Ministry is required to be submitted by each district in the province to the Ministry no later than March 31, 2013.

To accommodate these changes, the following Notice of Motion was presented at the December 5, 2012 Board of Education Public meeting:

"It was moved that the Board of Education adopts a Local School Calendar for the 2013/2014 school year that reduces the number of instructional days by approximately 25 to 30 resulting in a four-day school week. The instructional time from these days will be added to the remaining days of instruction. The resulting savings will allow the district to preserve programs and options for our students. The motion will be tabled at the regular Public Board meeting on March 13, 2013."

Submissions may be made to the Board until February 28, 2013.

Opportunities to provide feedback include:

- Email through: <http://sd64.bc.ca/calendar-input>;
- Individual written submissions addressed to the Board of Education, through Dawne Fennell, Executive Assistant;
- Public Meeting of the Board of Education – March 13, 2013 at Pender Islands School at 1:00 p.m.

The calendar template to be considered for the 2013/2014 school year can be viewed at: <http://sd64.bc.ca/calendar-input>.



## RECREATION

# Islander serves up squash court idea

Markus Wenzel wants input from islanders on facility concept

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Since Markus Wenzel moved back to Salt Spring in 2007, he's been focused on building a family home and starting his financial consulting business.

Now that he's got a jump on both, Wenzel is set on an even larger task.

"This is what I call the exploratory stage, where I will assess the demand and potential for squash on Salt Spring before approaching

public bodies," he said in a recent interview.

Wenzel picks up where many before him have failed since murmurs of a squash court for Salt Spring began nearly 30 years ago.

When his father Wolfgang proposed the idea in the early '80s, it received some traction but got bogged down when the movement was divided between squash and racquetball camps.

"So they both died on the vine," Wenzel said.

Other proposals may have come and gone but Wenzel says the time has come to take stock of islanders' feelings about the prospect of a Salt Spring squash facility.

As things stand, he said, island squash players must travel to the Panorama Recreation Centre in North Saanich or the Duncan Squash Club to play.

"They are coming out of the woodwork as I am publicizing this effort," Wenzel said. "It is a great game, excellent workout, not weather-dependent and very addictive. The average age of a squash player is getting older, but there exists the opportunity to get youth into the game as well."

Costs are yet to be determined, but Wenzel's preliminary design calls for a single 600-square-foot court that could be built where infrastructure and

zoning are already in place.

The building's modest size, combined with possible collaboration with other groups, would help keep project costs manageable, he said.

Interest from as few as 100 players is all he needs to justify the effort and start consulting with groups like the Capital Regional District-led Parks and Recreation Commission, the Salt Spring Tennis Association and the Gulf Islands School District.

Anyone with an interest in the project is invited to voice support or contribute suggestions by contacting Wenzel at saltspring-squash@gmail.com or 250-653-9788.

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## EMERGENCY

# Local man saves friend with CPR

Thirty-year-old first-aid training kicks in

A Salt Spring man survived a heart attack and is now awaiting surgery in Victoria thanks in part to the quick action of a friend, who kept oxygen pumping to his brain with CPR while waiting for paramedics to arrive.

Realtor Eric Booth was at a poker game on Monday, Jan. 21 when his friend Dan Davies suddenly leaned on the table looking tired. The group of players soon realized Davies had stopped breathing and got him down to the floor. Booth started in with CPR while they waited for the

ambulance, which arrived around five minutes later.

"My best guess is that no one else had any training at all. It's a natural sort of thing to step in at the moment," said Booth, who had his last first-aid training as a BC Ferries employee more than 30 years ago.

Under direction of the 911 operator, Booth learned CPR techniques have changed slightly since he first learned them. The operator advised him to do compressions in the centre of the chest in line with the nipples, twice every second, to pump air both into the heart and lungs.

"My highest recommendation to anybody out there is to start in

with the CPR and don't quit until someone gets there," Booth said.

"That's about as simple a technique as you can get — because he was basically dead on the floor."

Paramedics took over doing CPR when they arrived and administered three shocks. Davies had regained his pulse and was again breathing on his own before they took him to Lady Minto Hospital. He was transferred to Victoria the following day.

"It was a pretty tense situation — but it looks like there will be a good outcome, and I'm always happy to help a friend," Booth said.

# Committee members roll up sleeves

## GOVERNANCE

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A further \$20,000 grant will be used to assess how Salt Spring's incorporation would affect the Islands Trust.

The strict parameters couldn't tarnish the celebratory mood of the island's three locally elected officials who sit as non-voting governance committee members. "This is a dream the three of us had," said Peter Grove, a member of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, on behalf of fellow LTC member George Grams and Capital Regional District representative Wayne McIntyre. "It's part of our election promise, so this is a very historic moment."

"This is a hugely important event in our island's history," he said during last week's meeting at the Portlock Park portable.

Salt Spring's LTC and CRD representatives, four Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development staffers, Islands Trust CAO Linda Adams and the

11 volunteers appointed to the commission can expect to spend much more time together as the governance committee's work gets underway in earnest.

Committee members were selected from 36 applicants in hopes of representing as wide a demographic as possible.

"We've done our best to assemble a team that represents the diverse range of people who make up Salt Spring Island," Grams said.

Membership consists of island residents with various levels of engagement in local government and community matters. Back-grounds cover legal, corporate, small business, communications, the arts, administration, education and non-profits.

"Salt Spring Island is at a pivotal place and I want to see where it's going to go next," said Gerda Lattey, a stone sculptor and self-described political buff.

John Macpherson, chosen as the group's chair last week, is a former Buddhist monk turned Vancouver realtor who became

engaged in the governance committee process after he developed "grave concerns" about the tone many islanders have adopted about the governance issue.

Stanley Shapiro was named the group's vice chair, Dion Hackett will serve as treasurer, Jacquie Harkema took on the role of secretary and Pat Preston will act as the group's official spokesperson.

Preston said she expects the group to meet every two weeks as it resolves organizational matters such as the committee's terms of reference and a request for proposals to hire a consultant.

The committee's full list of members is: Carole Eyles, Jack Giles, Dion Hackett, Jacquie Harkema, Gerda Lattey, Tim Marchant, John Macpherson, Nicole Melanson, Pat Preston, Bob Rush and Stanley Shapiro. Ex-officio members are CRD director Wayne McIntyre and LTC members George Grams and Peter Grove.

More information about the committee and the governance study is available at [ssgovernance.wordpress.com](http://ssgovernance.wordpress.com).

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## EDITORIAL

# Crucial first steps

The many islanders who think they've got all the answers to Salt Spring's governance questions can be forgiven for letting out an impatient sigh at the outset of last week's inaugural governance committee meeting.

By coming out and stating what the governance committee will not be doing during the next few months, provincial senior planning analyst Linda Galeazzi promptly put the brakes on any ideas that an incorporation referendum is right around the corner.

It may be on the horizon somewhere, but there's a pile of work that must get done to ensure we're all on the same page from the outset.

### THE ISSUE:

Governance committee

### WE SAY:

Patience will be needed

Trust's future.

Ten years represents an eternity in politics at any level. The island's population has grown, property values have spiked (but are dropping), new facilities have popped up, economic interests have evolved and environmental concerns have shifted.

Given these changes, it's impossible to predict how islanders would vote in a new referendum and equally difficult to know where to launch the debate.

Much of the frustration about the state of local governance has fermented because of the lack of clear and concise answers about the hows, the whys and the how much of local politics. In the absence of facts, islanders excel at filling in the blanks, but that won't cut it when it comes to a decision of this magnitude.

It's hoped that a community dialogue and facilitator-led investigation into how political decisions are made on the island will enable the governance committee to develop recommendations about what comes next.

Establishing a timeline at this stage is futile, but recognizing the importance of the public's participation during these initial steps is crucial as we embark on the complex, emotional and sorely needed discussion about how we're governed.

The last time Salt Springers had their shot at incorporation was in 2002. The move to incorporate was rejected by 70 per cent of islanders, many of whom cited concerns about property tax increases, a strong sense of uncertainty and concerns about the Islands Trust's future.



VIEWPOINT by Shelley Nitikman

# Lack of respect shown for the law

The B.C. Court of Appeal decision in *Schlenker v. Torgirson*, 2013, BCCA 9 should not be lightly dismissed as a bothersome interference by people who like lawyers and courts.

The Jan. 16 Driftwood headline: "Appeals court flips conflict decision" is misleading and suggests the three judges came to their decision that the trial judge got it wrong by playing "eeny meeny" or tossing a coin.

Salt Spring residents have a right to a fuller understanding of how the law and courts operate. The decision under appeal was argued by experienced counsel, who presented their arguments, the law upon which the trial judge had relied, as well as the law upon which the petitioners relied. The appeal judges made every effort to understand the way the Islands Trust operates under its governing legislation. The court took an entire day to hear the matter and then reserved its decision for further consideration. Finally, the judges came to a unanimous decision and granted the petitioners' appeal. This cannot be dismissed as a simple "flip."

Nor should we think of it in terms of winning or losing. The decision is far more important than that. Viewed in its entirety, the decision reaffirms the law as it existed in the Community Charter and other relevant legislation concerning conflicts of interest prior to this court case. And the appeal judgement reaffirms the principles of accountability, transparency and respect for the law, principles upon which a just and democratic society is founded. The decision also makes a powerful statement about the Trust culture as it appears to have developed on our island.

It seems that too often otherwise right-thinking residents of this island choose not to openly criticize their trustees and the way in which the Trust operates. Why? Merchants and business people hold their tongues because they perceive, on the basis of ample evidence, that if they do speak out, their livelihood will be adversely affected.

This suggests a culture of intimidation. Those who hold trustees to their legislated mandate when they make decisions beyond that mandate are vilified. When residents speak out, it costs them friends, money and tainted reputations. At the same time, the notion that a law has been broken does not seem to resonate. "It's not the Salt Spring way," say critics. Democracy, transparency and accountability are not "the Salt Spring way?" Really?

LTC chair Sheila Malcolmson is quoted as saying that the former trustees "had good intentions and acted for community benefits, not their own." This comment illustrates a lack of respect for the law by the chair of the LTC. Is the implication that breaking the law is okay if the intentions of the law-breakers are good and for the benefit of the community? And if it was for community benefit, then shouldn't we, as members of the "community," require particulars of these "benefits" and of the community she is referring to?

Does she mean the approximately 10,500 Salt Spring residents or only certain members of it? We believe these questions need to be asked. Surely we will not simply accept, without question, what Ms. Malcolmson has to say in defence of the former trustees.

We decry the erosion of democratic principles under our current prime minister and his government. And so we should because it appears these principles are fragile in the hands of those who choose to subvert them. We must be watchful and concerned and do everything we legally can to protest when we see our elected representatives acting in ways that threaten the principles of accountability and transparency and respect for the law.

And those who demand justice should not be vilified, but praised for their commitment and courage.

*The writer is a retired master at B.C. Supreme Court.*

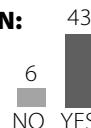
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### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should U.S. gun control laws be reformed?



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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Salt Spring Island is at a pivotal place and I want to see where it's going to go next."**

GERDA LATTEY, SSI GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER

## SALT SPRING SAYS

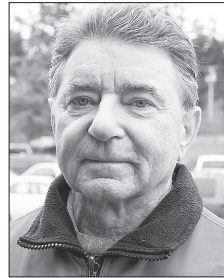
**We asked:** Do you have an idea for Thursday's Dragons' Den auditions?



**PAT FRASER**  
*Twenty years ago, I was making costumed mascots. Where were [the Dragons] when I needed them?*



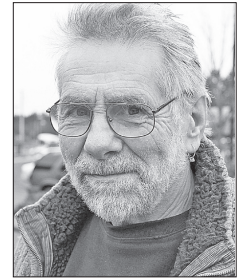
**CHRISTINE GODLONTON**  
*I do the Smart Cookies at the Saturday market, but think I need to work on my business plan before I'm ready.*



**MIKE LEEDHAM**  
*If I had an idea, I'd be there myself. Thorough preparation is a must.*



**CHARLENE WOLFF**  
*Something I'd like to see invented is a way to make free energy.*



**ROGER COOPER**  
*A cordless extension cord.*

## Letters to the editor

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### No misquotes Who is served?

Last week the Driftwood published a letter from Jon Ehly making untrue charges about Islands Trust chief administrative officer Linda Adams, related to our news release about the Schlenker case.

Linda Adams did not misquote the appeal court judge, as was alleged. The news release was vetted by our lawyers to ensure it was balanced and accurate. Ms. Adams has my full support.

This has been a complex case, and it resulted in new case law; we'll learn from it, and I am hopeful that all parties can move on.

**SHEILA MALCOLMSON,**  
CHAIR, TRUST COUNCIL

A question I learned to ask many years ago is: "Whom do you serve?" The answer to this is always illuminating.

I'd like to ask those who launched the lawsuit against former trustees Torggrimson and Ehling whom they believed they were serving in taking this action. I am confident that if I had asked the trustees this question they would answer unequivocally — the community and people of Salt Spring. Their hard work, unbelievably hard work, as trustees and on the various committees and societies they were part of, spoke to their dedication to our island and us, its citizens.

Whom does it serve to

instigate court action that has cost us, the taxpayers of Salt Spring and our sister islands, thousands upon thousands of dollars? Whom does it serve to celebrate a court victory when it will, in the long run, deter good people from public service? Whom does it serve to sidetrack two of the most pressing issues our island faces — potable water and climate change? Whom does it serve to wound those who gave three years in service for us and the good of the island?

**NORA LAYARD,**  
SALT SPRING

### Pessimism not a moral choice

I missed the Tzaporah Berman talk at ArtSpring a

couple weeks ago, and was disappointed, especially after a dozen friends reported how inspiring it was.

Wednesday morning I got a call from Jane Petch asking if I had Tzaporah's book, This Crazy Time, and could I send her the words of the final paragraph? Here was the nudge I needed. A few iPad clicks later I was scanning through Tzaporah's words on my Kindle App.

Later in the day, I opened the Driftwood to discover Jim Erickson's opinion piece: "Tzaporah's Challenge." I read with enthusiasm as he recounted the passion and clarity of the presentation. I reached the end. Thud. The "challenge" was dismissed in pessimism.

Erickson's ending made me feel like I have felt after many conversations lately. Helpless, afraid for our grandchildren, guilty, mad. Mad that we might let pessimism keep us from doing the single most important thing we have to do: wean ourselves gradually off our reliance on fossil fuels over the next 12 to 20 years. Starting yesterday.

I turned to Berman's book and read the opening quotation from Barbara Kingsolver from a CBC radio interview:

"Optimism is the only moral choice. It's an option, first off all, it's not a given . . . If you give up hope and stop trying to fix what's wrong, you're handing to your children — and mine and everybody else's — a worse world

than the one you found. And I can't live with that."

I say to Jim Erickson and anyone else who chooses, or defaults to, pessimism. Buy Tzaporah's book. Join the 350.org campaign. Start shopping for that electric car. Stand on the front line in the movement to stop tankers on this coast, force your pension funds provider to divest of oil stocks, support our MP with money. You may be doing some of these things already, and still feel pessimistic — so maybe do more of them.

Pessimism is not a moral choice.

**DAVID DENNING,**  
SALT SPRING

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## Weary winter blues can dominate the psyche

Mark Twain is generally credited with having once said, "Everybody complains about the weather but nobody does anything about it." Even though the quote is not actually his, but originated from his good friend, essayist and novelist Charles Dudley Warner, it's hard to argue with the sentiment that the words imply.

In the song called Subterranean Homesick Blues, Bob Dylan penned the line, "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows," which leads one to believe that the science of meteorology may not be quite all it's made out to be. Mind you, Dylan's birth name was Robert Zimmerman (surname originating from High Middle German and meaning "man who works with wood"), which disqualifies him as a weather expert.

Right now, however, weather isn't getting a lot of ink. These days, everybody's concerned about climate. With daily headlines screaming out the perils of climate change and global warming, climate has become the "poster child" of our age. Not a week goes by without us hearing dire warnings on flash floods occurring in previously arid regions while, at the same time, we are being alerted to the knowledge that long-time wetlands are suffering from conditions of drought and extreme heat.

Polar caps are shrinking, glaciers receding, and icebergs are melting faster than ice cubes floating in a mug full of hot toddy. Hurricanes and tropical storms have been ravaging coastlines worldwide, while tornadoes have ripped the guts out of continental interiors. Half of North America lies buried under drifts of snow

dumped by the latest of a series of "super blizzards" while farmers lean back and watch in horror as freezing temperatures turn citrus crops to mush while they still hang on the branch.

All these devastating calamities are attributable to climate. Weather, on the other hand, is a completely different kettle of fish. Weather is climate's mischievous kid brother, tagging along and doing embarrassing things to annoy its older sibling, climate. Weather revels in spilling cherry Kool-Aid on a white table cloth or making loud body noises at inappropriate times and then pointing at climate.

Like the perpetually uncomfortable comedian, Rodney Dangerfield (real name: Jacob Cohen), weather just can't seem "to get no respect." Climate will sweep away mountain sides and submerge coastlines. Weather will force you to wear a raincoat and galoshes and make your nose run.

What weather can do is give us the blues. The weeks following the seasonal orgy of good cheer we call "Christmas" are especially noted for the general "blah" we feel at this time of year. There is even a medical syndrome closely associated with the season. It is called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) and is recognizable by the depression experienced by many people as they sense themselves being enveloped by a grey fog sucking all light from their souls and spirit.



**Shilo Zylbergold**

### NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

Even the knowledge that the days are getting longer doesn't do much to lift the pall surrounding us because it's hard to tell the difference between day and night when there is as little light to go around as we have at this time of year.

This perpetual twilight, this shadow zone, acts like a thick callous covering our beings. Statistics show that five per cent of us suffer from SAD and another 20 per cent show some of the symptoms of the disorder. This means that one in 20 people you know are depressed because of the weather. They are the lucky ones. The other 19 don't know why they feel depressed.

To nobody's surprise, the incidence of SAD diagnoses increases the farther away from the equator you go. Those of us who live in the northern hemisphere may not appreciate the fact that residents of southern Chile look north for relief. What you may find especially surprising is that the number of cases of SAD decreases in regions where there is snow on the ground for much of the winter. That's because the white stuff reflects what little light there may exist around you and give you the illusion that life is brighter than it actually is. This is probably why you never hear about depressed penguins in Antarctica. You can simulate this uplifting effect by going over to your freezer, chipping away some of the ice and frost lining its inside, and spreading little piles of the stuff in strategic areas inside your house.

For many, the only viable solution is escape. "Weather" rhymes with "feather" as in "birds of a feather," and it is during the first couple of months of the new calendar that many follow their ancient migratory instincts and flock together to parts of the globe where the sun is shining and the water is warm. In short, they are looking for a place where "the weather is nice."

Invariably, these places have Spanish names like Costa del Sol or So-Lo da Cost and are teeming with like-minded Gringos desperately seeking respite from the northern winter and prepared to go to any extreme measure to obtain a suntan.

Unfortunately, the tan does disappear within the first couple of weeks back, and most have a hard time remembering whether it was this winter or the one before that they spent sipping margaritas on the beach.

Nobody asked me, but the weather is more than just a topic of conversation or a source of complaints around these parts. Weather dominates our entire psyche and we find ourselves spending inordinate periods of our daily life staring at the pages of the calendar, willing them to hurry up and tear themselves out.

Personally, this kind of wishful thinking seems like a distraction from what is really going on in our lives. We should just "cowboy up," forget about the weather and get on with it. That's what I'm going to do right now. There are a few puddles of melting snow around the house that need mopping up.

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## Reinstate advisory committees

On the one hand we read that the Salt Spring trustees recognize the value of advisory committees, and on the other that they want them dismantled.

That we find so many highly trained and educated people living here is a huge source of pride. For them to be willing to volunteer on the community's behalf is an undeniable asset to sound decision making and their community thanks them for it.

Last week, the mayor of West Vancouver urged his constituents with careers to become engaged in local politics so that their input could benefit his community. Imagine, a mayor of a municipality yearning for something we have enjoyed for decades. Amalgamating these committees in the name of efficiency spells downsizing to me. This means less time and attention spent on the very things that need to be closely examined.

It is still the trustees' job to make the decisions and one wonders how fair decisions can be made in ignorance of important facts that might arise out of informed consultation. They do a great disservice to these professionals specifically as well as to all volunteers without whom this island of Salt Spring would implode.

I hope the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee will do the honourable thing and allow these advisors their full rein. These are the people you can trust to give factual information devoid of bias, one way or the other.

**RUTH TARASOFF,  
DUKES ROAD**

## Protect the public purse

In response to Andrew Okulich's letter last week wherein he imagines my intent was "vicious," far from it.

One day Andrew and people who share his blind spot will understand the importance of the fiduciary responsibility we entrust in our elected representatives. This case had fundamental elements in law that were clearly overlooked in favour of people's innate appreciation of the concept of public service. Unfortunately, it is hard to escape the subjective nature of per-

ception that determines "as a thing is viewed, so it appears."

This was nevertheless a very important case and the Islands Trust immediately responded after the election with a clear reminder to trustees that mirrored the concerns of the citizens who first brought this illegal behaviour to light.

Typically when you lose a court case you pay expenses, so I agree with Andrew that the taxpayers should not be further burdened. Trust Council members could, however, forgo an increase in their budget this year as a fig leaf of recognition that they should not have legally supported our former trustees' inappropriate actions.

A simple apology might have sufficed at the time, but our trustees chose erroneously to deny their conflict of interest and argue the case in court, even fighting the appeal with dubious tactics at taxpayers' expense. The case is now resolved and I think we can at least celebrate (dance even) that our courts can be counted on to protect the public purse.

So to Andrew I say "chill." In my opinion you are way off base on this one. As much as you are certainly entitled to our opinion, name-calling seems out of order considering the principle importance of conflict of interest law.

**PAUL MARCANO,  
VESUVIUS**

## Final refusal

*The following is an open letter to BC Hydro, filed with this newspaper for publication.*

In reference to your letter dated Jan. 4, in which you outline your plan to force the installation of smart meters on people that initially refused them. Take this letter as final refusal of your intentions. Enclosed you will find a copy of my op ed piece, Reasons to Refuse a Smart Meter, published in the April 25, 2012 issue of the Gulf Islands Driftwood. That article, as the title suggest, lists my initial reasons for refusing a smart meter. Since that date I have learned of another reason to refuse the meters. In the May 2012 issue of Common Ground, Josh del Sol reported:

"According to BC Hydro's figures, our cost of each smart meter in B.C. is approximately \$555. In Quebec, where citizens now have a free opt-out option, the cost is \$263.16 — less than

half our amount. In Ontario, it is \$232.56. In many states the cost is less than \$200 per smart meter, including in Idaho, where no meter transmits wirelessly."

It is noteworthy that some other jurisdictions, such as California, have opt-out provisions. I see the motivation for the installation of the meters being to charge the majority of customers more for the electricity they consume at peak times as a partial offset to the billions of dollars in losses that Hydro is accumulating as result of signing those private power producer contracts at two and three times the market price for electrical energy in North America. If the present financial trajectory of BC Hydro is allowed to continue it will eventually lead to bankruptcy.

You may win the battle with those of us customers of Hydro opposed to the installation of smart meters, but I predict that eventually you will lose the war. I also predict that despite changes to the law by the Campbell government designed to avoid legal repercussions for the willing participants who promoted the scam that was hatched to steal from ordinary ratepayers to line the pockets of private power producers — they will eventually be brought to justice.

W.A.C. Bennett must be rolling over in his grave at the damage currently being done to the once "crown jewel" of the province and previous cash cow for the provincial treasury until it fell victim to greed. My advice to the perpetrators of the scheme is to "cut your losses." Cease your efforts to force smart meters on those that don't want them. You have already done enough damage to the personal economy of British Columbians and the provincial treasury.

**RAYMOND E. PHILLIPS,  
GANGES**

## Restorative Justice

*The following letter was submitted to the Driftwood as part of Salt Spring's Restorative Justice program.*

Restorative Justice. That name never clicked in my head when the officer brought it up. He gave me two options, one was court, and the other Restorative Justice.

Well at that time I never really knew how either one worked, but I knew court was probably the worst choice in the end.

Eventually I chose the Restorative Justice. The officer didn't really know what it was either so I never really understood what I was going up against.

For those who don't know how Restorative Justice works: The offender has a meeting with the victim, maybe his/ or her family members and other people related to both. You discuss your feelings about the event that has led you here and to come to a reasonable agreement for the criminal to pay for his actions.

As I went through with the program, having a meeting with the store owner was probably the hardest thing to do. (I forgot I was meeting up with the store owner... I thought the guy was just another volunteer.)

The happiest moment during the meeting was when I gave the store owner this drawing, as sort of a "peace treaty." After all the emotional anger, when I gave him that, the atmosphere in the room changed dramatically to a lighter note. It also brought more ideas to the table as to the agreement of how I was going to pay back for my crimes.

**NAME WITHHELD,  
AS PART OF RESTORATIVE  
JUSTICE PROGRAM**

## Not dingy

In last week's Driftwood there was a Parks & Recreation Commission column item about repairs to the dingy dock.

I'm so glad it is no longer dingy.

Can we now call it the dinghy dock again?

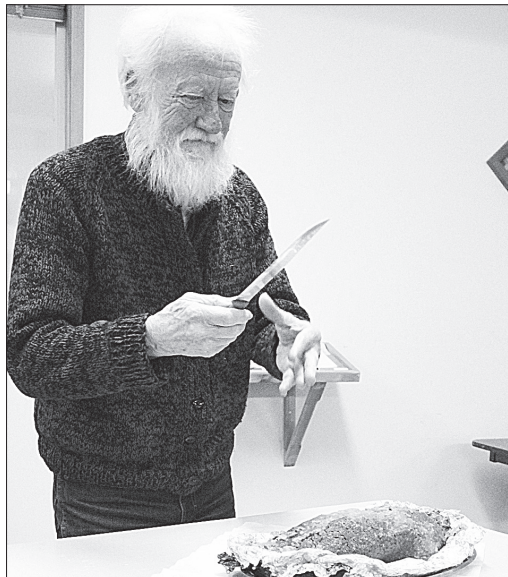
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## FOR THE RECORD

A Jan. 23 Driftwood letter from Jon Ehly stated that Linda Adams, chief administrative officer of the Islands Trust, changed wording of a B.C. Court of Appeals reasons for judgement in a press release. In fact, the words attributed to Adams do appear in the conclusion on the last page of the reasons for judgement document.

As well, Ehly stated that the judgement found trustees had "illegally" used taxpayer funds. This was not stated in the judgement and the Islands Trust has been advised that "illegal use of taxpayer funds" has a different meaning, is inaccurate and should not be used in this context.





PHOTOS BY SEAN MCINTYRE

**ROBBIE BURNS FANFARE:** Salt Spring Seniors members had plenty of fun at a Burns Birthday Party on Jan. 23, where a traditional Robbie Burns Day meal was prepared and served. Above, Lewis Pitman pipes in the haggis, while Murray Shoolbraid tests his blade before giving an animated Address to the Haggis. For a video clip of the event, see <http://www.youtube.com/gulfislandsdriftwood> or the Driftwood Facebook page.

## RANTS and Roses

### Rants

To the gifted young athletes driving the red VW Golf demonstrating their athletic prowess by throwing cans off the cliffs at the top of Mount Maxwell on the morning of Jan. 19. Your parents must be so proud. The next time you need to engage in that sport, if you could pick a spot more accessible and let me know, I would be happy to collect and redeem them for you and we can use the money for your scholarship fund. This way you can practise your sport, save for college and still have a beautiful space to live when you grow up. Bob Elsea

### Roses

A bouquet of roses to Barry Kazakoff of Shipstones for graciously providing us with power for our annual Christmas light-up in Rotary Park. Thank you from the Salt Spring Rotary Club.

Sleighfuls of

snow-dusted roses from Salt Spring Island Community Services Food Bank to the 50 or so fabulous volunteers: individuals, groups and families who helped with the Christmas hampers, to the Friday special needs group who helped with set-up and to all the local businesses who donated so generously, especially Moonstruck Organic Cheese, Salt Spring Cheese Company, Soya Nova Tofu, Salt Spring Coffee Company, Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply (pet food), Country Grocer (lent shopping carts and pallet jack), Thrifty Foods (donated 200 reusable bags and deli platters to feed the hard-working volunteers) and ISCU staff (bagged tea and pancake mix). Together we were able to

deliver almost 200 hampers to low-income families and individuals in our community!

Roses to Paul and Mark of Country Grocer for their generous support of Lady Minto Thrift Shop. Their "no hesitation attitude" is very much appreciated.

A huge bouquet of multi-coloured roses to the Harbour House and Tania Aguila for hosting and promoting the SIMS music trip fundraising concert called When Trumpets Rocked and Ruled on Friday night; to Carolyn Walkner of Persnickety Clothing for ticket sales, and to Christina Woodley and Mark Nahirny for handling the door and more; to the musicians who donated their talents: Der-

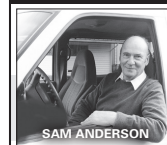
rick Milton, Karen Arney, Margo Milton, Ian Van Wyck, Peter Taschuk, Tom Martin, Laurent Boucher, and student musicians Adler Rabson and Victor Nahirny. A separate huge bouquet also to our attentive and appreciative audience — it's your ticket sales that will help towards the SIMS music tour of Seattle in May. A special bravo to the students in the audience — you were the best. It was great to witness young people listening to and focusing on great music from the past.

Gosh! A big bunch of red roses to Michelle Nadon, physiotherapist. I would highly recommend Michelle! She takes her time, never letting me feel rushed, and helped me feel so much better. Pattie Taylor

Congratulations and fragrant yellow roses to chef Moe and his incredible crew for creating an incredibly tasty meal for 125 hungry haggis eaters at the Robbie Burns dinner at Fulford Hall. The event was beautiful. It was a real pleasure working with

such a great crew. Thank you all.

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## THEATRE REVIEW

# Canterbury Tales retelling entertains local audience

GISS Acting tackles Chaucer for term finale

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands Acting 11/12 students under the direction of Jason Donaldson created an intriguing new interpretation of one of the great classics of English literature with their retelling of The Canterbury Tales staged at ArtSpring last week.

Chaucer's epic story involved the framework of a pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral. His characters and the stories they told on route demonstrated the very limits of human nature from nobility to corruption, along with those found somewhere in the middle.

The 2nd Story Theatre production didn't try to replicate the world of Chaucer's medieval pilgrims but instead created a timeless story by moving both forward and

backward in history. Simple costumes suggested somewhere around the turn of the 20th century, while visual and textual cues stretched the theme to cover the entire human era, including its earliest beginnings.

The GISS students made a point of showing how the deepest-rooted human desires and motivations haven't changed since the species first crawled out of the caves of its prehistoric ancestors. A skin-covered hut topped with antlers at stage left was a symbol and ongoing reminder of how those base qualities are always lurking just below the surface of modern civilization. The grotesque side of humanity was further emphasized by prosthetic noses, misshapen features and masks, while vocal delivery was often delivered in shrieks or growls.

The sparse set centred on a postmodern campfire, with a ring of white risers surrounding a burn barrel eas-

ily transforming to fit whatever tale was in action. Nick James set the scene with his Baba Brinkman-inspired rap/verse intro, which ended with a quotation of the original Middle English text (in fine period accent). James proceeded to shine as a star of the comedy-rich play, with excellent timing and truly funny characterizations as the clueless knight Cods-brain in the Wife of Bath's Tale and the Russian torturer turned weapons coach in the Knight's Tale.

One of the interesting aspects of Chaucer's work is the power that women sometimes yield (although only two of his original storytellers were women). The Wife of Bath remains appealing for her lusty take on life and her story of the knight who learns to submit to an undesirable old woman, because she is more wise. This tale also features a Queen Guinevere who is very much in charge of the Camelot household.

Sarah Kennedy showed great comedic timing at the centre of that tale as both the Wife of Bath and the old woman, although the first character was transformed from a jolly old woman into a sort of screeching hag. Nicole Jory had a short but engaging part as the offended maiden turned more-than-willing executioner, while Paige Penny excelled both at regal command as Guinevere and later at equal-



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

GISS Acting students perform a scene from the Knight's Tale in the 2nd Story Theatre production of The Canterbury Tales. Clockwise from top left are Maya Cook, Sylvia Hughes (her arm), Daniel Irving, Ben Dow, David Thomas, Paige Penny Nicole Jory and Nikole Love.

ly regal boredom as Queen Matilda in the Knight's Tale.

For the Miller's Tale, which features a kiss on another bodily orifice besides the lips, the students cleverly got

around showing that unsavoury scene by telling the story with puppets. The large puppets were well made but the puppetry itself was unconvincing, which dis-

tracted from the story being told. Perhaps something to work on and perfect in the future — without need for dialogue, the puppet John's final crawl off the stage was extremely funny.

The nun's priest, played by Jolen Maclean, was transformed into a sort of malevolent shamanic agent who skittered into centre stage in a creepy disjointed movement. Perhaps this sinister characterization was meant to reaffirm the connection to humanity's dark underside, past and present.

Appearing in the Nun's Priest's Tale, the original characters of a vain rooster and a conniving fox were transformed wonderfully with showy a cappella singing by Trevor Walker and hilarious villainy by Ben Dow. JD Hughes also produced engaging characters as a suavely Latino husband and a happily crooked miller. The Pardoner's Tale got a fun update in becoming western people with unscrupulous bounty hunters, and ended rather beautifully with a chorus of Deaths singing a gospel hymn as they left the stage.

In the end, the audience got to ponder seven timeless morals along with an extremely entertaining introduction (or reintroduction) to classic literature, and the students found full opportunity for participation through the multi-charactered, multi-layered play. Another great achievement by GISS.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

# Life interpreted at Five Takes show

February exhibit opens Friday

A handful of Salt Spring Photography Club members have teamed up for a Five Takes exhibit at the Harbour House in February.

The "Takes" are the photographic interpretations of life from Cliff Kelly, David Thomas Jones (Jonesi), Greg Klassen, Margaret C Benmore and Wendy Rosier.

Kelly has been taking pictures for more than 60 years. Along the way he has been mentored by professional photographers and has taken college and university classes in photographic techniques and philoso-

phies. He maintains his amateur freelance status, allowing total freedom and flexibility in content and style of images.

Jonesi is a photographer and videographer. A Vancouver Island native, Jonesi studied at George Brown College and UBC/Emily Carr Multimedia and has worked in many facets of the film industry. Travelling extensive through Europe, the Middle East and Asia he documented in stills and video the essence of indigenous peoples, their cultures and monuments. His work, which he describes as "postprimitivism," has been exhibited in Vancouver and New York City.

Klassen is a photography-based artist who

imagines himself in a dark room facing a two-way mirror. His camera is set up to shoot whatever he sees through the glass. In the room is a single candle providing faint illumination and casting a "reflection" on the glass. Klassen has a Ph.D. in marine biology, advanced studies in photography and an MAA in visual arts from Emily Carr University. In the fall of 2012 he and his family moved to Salt Spring and showcased his "Who?" series at ArtSpring.

Benmore is described as an impulsive/compulsive photographer, self-taught at first, and then followed by an MFA, who loves the surprise of images that spontaneously appear everywhere; in the

street or in nature, some quasi-planned and others purely accidental. Salt Spring has been home for 27 years.

"See the Extra . . . in the Ordinary" is Rosier's photographic mantra. Her works in oil have been shown in major cities in North America and Europe. Her photography has been published in Chatelaine, Madame, Toronto and Vancouver Calendar and Harper's Bazaar. Her photography joined other talented photographers in the Driftwood feature, Day in the Life of Salt Spring 2012.

The show opens at the Harbour House Hotel on Friday, Feb. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.





PHOTO BY KYLE HEEB

**MUCH ALIVE:** D.O.A. lead singer Joey Keithley, right, leads the pioneering punk-rock band on stage at ArtSpring for a concert on Saturday night. The decibels were up a little higher than normal at the arts centre, thrilling fans of the Vancouver-based band on their farewell tour. Keithley is now taking a run at politics, seeking the nomination for the NDP in the B.C. riding of Coquitlam Burke Mountain.

## DANCE

## Cutting edge dance comes to ArtSpring

RUBBERBANDance films screen Feb. 5

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

ArtSpring is the place to find some of the most innovative dance touring the world during February when two Montreal-based companies appear on stage.

RUBBERBANDance gets things rolling on Tuesday, Feb. 5 with a presentation of dance films choreographed and directed by the company's founder Victor Quijada, followed by school and community workshops on Feb. 6. Just two weeks later, Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal performs a program of three choreographers' work on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Quijada's experience in the street culture of L.A. created his early foundation in breakdance, which he later built on with studies in classical and other contemporary forms. As he explained on the phone from Montreal, his unique style tends to get shorthanded into "a fusion of ballet and hip hop."

"The description of what we do gets kind of simplified," he said.

"It's a lot more than that. In



PHOTO COURTESY RUBBERBANDANCE

Scene from Gravity of Centre by RUBBERBANDance, part of a dance film series showing at ArtSpring on Tuesday.

fact, it's not a fusion of ballet and hip hop."

Instead, he says, it's made of the raw genetic material of breakdance, urban forms and classical components, perhaps, but is not a simple mishmash of those things. It is an entirely new form he's intentionally created over the past 10 years.

"I think there's been a lot of progress... I think I'm there," he said of that goal, adding his original desire was to take the street vernacular of breakdance and do something more with it.

Quijada's influences include others before him who opened up new paths of expression. They include choreographers like William Forsythe, but also

visual artists such as Picasso and Salvador Dali and musicians like Igor Stravinsky. RUBBERBANDance is arguably doing the same type of pioneering work.

"When we first started in 2002, contemporary break was just in its embryonic stages. The work that I've done has made a mark on what's possible, at least on one branch."

"Now I'm going broader," he explained. "I'm looking at how to use theatre events and artists of the past — how can I take these and push them through my own artistic filters?"

The visit to Salt Spring will be a break in a busy touring schedule featuring large houses like the Banff Centre and the Luck-

man Fine Arts Complex in L.A.

The more intimate space at ArtSpring will also allow for a change in programming. The presentation of dance films by RUBBERBANDance demonstrates another branch of expression that Quijada has become passionate about.

"I love live performance, but there's something about the diffusion — the distribution — when you use film and video that's exciting, and just the numbers of people you can reach [as opposed to bringing a show to a venue] is incredible," he said.

"I'm excited by it. I love to use the camera to direct the eye, and that you can bring audience members into an intimate relationship with a dancer and his environment is one of my favourite things."

The film retrospective on Tuesday includes the award-winning Gravity of Centre and other films, with Quijada in attendance for discussion afterward. Tickets are just \$12.

On Wednesday, Quijada and other company members will deconstruct the choreography involved in Gravity of Centre for workshop participants. See [www.artspring.ca](http://www.artspring.ca) for registration details.

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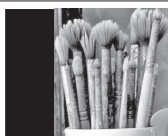
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## SALT SPRING FILM FESTIVAL

# Film fest: from the driver's seat

Coordinator  
James Cowan  
reports in



**BY JAMES COWAN**  
SALT SPRING FILM FESTIVAL  
COORDINATOR

It's a wintery night and I'm up on stage at ArtSpring preparing to introduce one of the "Best of the Fest" feature films that are proving so popular with island audiences. The auditorium is packed. Expectant faces look at me and I know we are about to share something special: A love of film. It's going to be a great night.

Right now, I live and breathe films, specifically documentary films. It's my job. I'm the coordinator for Salt Spring's annual film festival taking place at GISS from March 1 to 3. That's — gulp — just four weeks away. My to-do list is long, very long. Tasks range from marketing, film programming, logistics for the festival weekend and communications. The push is on to finalize the festival schedule, negotiate some of the outstanding screening fees, invite filmmakers to appear at the festival and diplomatically but tenaciously deal with some of the overseas distribution companies who fail to see our little fes-

tival as a top priority.

Fortunately, I am ably supported by the festival's administrator, Jane Aitkin, as well as by heads of volunteer committees and the film society board.

The festival is a home-grown product through and through. It attracts an army of volunteers — and we could still use more hands — as well as generous financial support from local businesses and individual donors.

On the subject of money, we are currently in the midst of our yearly fundraising campaign. This has to be one of the toughest aspects of the work we do. The need is great, the pool small. We rely on the goodwill of people to support us with financial contributions. It's what helps keep the event alive. Costs for film distribution keep rising. Grant applications are not always successful. We don't want to cut back on the number of films shown. Nor do we want to abandon the founding principle of admission by donation. As a

social justice based festival, it's important to us that we foster inclusivity. This is a community event to which everyone should have access. More information about how you can contribute is available on our website at [www.saltspring-filmfestival.com](http://www.saltspring-filmfestival.com). Or, you might get an appeals letter in the mail. Please take time to read it and consider a donation.

What drew me to the coordinator role initially was the word out on the street and from friends, neighbours and colleagues. People love the festival and appreciate they get to see films they might otherwise never have a chance to know about or watch.

Me, I've always been a non-fiction fan. Both books and movies. I'm easily inspired by a good story and a strong message. I love the time and effort passionate filmmakers put into getting a story told, a story that without the festival might not have reached someone like me.

Without giving away the whole festival program just yet, here's a heads up for a few of the films I've really liked. Watch out for our opening night film, *Chasing Ice*. It's one of my personal favourites, about a man who makes time lapse mov-

ies of glacial movement. If that doesn't immediately grab your attention, you've got to see the footage. It's truly astonishing and so very important as a critical marker of climate change.

Some other films I'm excited about are *Birth Story*; Ina May Gaskin and the Farm Midwives, set in rural Tennessee; *The Iran Job*, about a U.S. basketball player who takes a contract to play on an Iranian basketball team and becomes immersed in that society's culture and domestic conflict; and finally, *Big Boys Gone Bananas*, a film about the Dole corporation and its efforts to silence a documentary filmmaker.

Prior to the festival weekend, there are two film events happening at ArtSpring. On Feb. 13, the film society will be showing the Oscar-nominated documentary *Searching for Sugar Man*, about the musician Rodriguez.

Then on Feb. 22, in partnership with the Salt Spring Forum, there will be a screening of *Conflict Tiger*, based on author John Vaillant's book *The Tiger - A True Story of Vengeance and Survival*. Vaillant will be at the screening to talk and answer questions.

So, lots to look forward to and enjoy.

## ART EXHIBIT

# Creatures in focus at Cogan show

Opening on  
Friday

Cafe Talia hosts artwork from "a local girl made good" when Ora Cogan's *Return of the Creatures* show runs through February.

"I've been painting with oils for the past year, packing my easel into fields and meadows and obsessing over light and colour and animals and fantastic surreal creatures and situations," she said.

"There are lots of stare downs: human vs. dragon, deer vs. wolf, frog vs. elk. It's very serious business. As Ursula K. LeGuin put it, 'Those who refuse to listen to dragons are probably doomed to spend their lives

acting out the nightmares of politicians.' So I've been listening to dragons a bit."

Primarily known as a musician, Cogan is gearing up to release her fifth album — *Ribbon Vine* — on a Chicago-based label and

setting out on an international tour in March.

The Cafe Talia art show is a collaboration with Cowichan Valley artist Collin Elder.

An opening event is from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1.

## MUSIC & MUNCH

# Warner and Moberg form dynamic duo for recital

Next week at  
All Saints

A special treat is in store on Wednesday, Feb. 6 when two Music and Munch regulars team up for the first time.

Alan Moberg is a singer, songwriter, entertainer and performer of B.C. folk, country, cowboy, gospel and western roots music, and plays guitar and fiddle. He lives on

Salt Spring, where he has performed at most island venues, including the fall fair, the Tree House Cafe and, of course, Music and Munch.

Harry Warner, originally from Ireland, is a singer, songwriter who plays banjo, tenor guitar and mandolin, and sings Irish traditional songs, folk and country. Warner also lives on Salt Spring Island and he too has performed at many different

island venues, including Music and Munch.

The concert begins at All Saints By-the-Sea at 12:10 p.m.

While the music is free, donations are always accepted for the Music Makers program.

An optional light lunch, for \$5.50, is provided by the Anglican Caterers immediately following the concert. People must purchase lunch tickets before the concert begins.



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## HISTORY

### Archives gets piece of Best history



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Spring Island Historical Society president Bob McWhiter, left, receives a donation of historical documents from Mike Best.

Land title recalls island's homesteading past

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A set of documents recently donated to the island's archives proves that an investment in island real estate can weather the test of time, especially if you're prepared to wait nearly 130 years.

According to the copy of an 1886 certificate of purchase now available at the Salt Spring Archives, Joel Broadwell acquired 240.5 acres of pastoral land along Ganges Harbour for no more than \$240.

The property included land along present-day Long Harbour Road and Scott Point, including Goat, Deadman, First, Second and Third Sister islands.

"These documents demonstrate the purchase price was one dollar per acre in 1880," said Mike Best, a third-generation islander who donated copies of the documents acquired when his uncle Albert bought Goat Island in 1948.

Best's uncle, who worked as one of the chief planners responsible for the creation of Stanley Park, bought the property to be closer to his parents, who decided to homestead and raise their family near Ganges Harbour in 1912.

"My grandparents were missionaries in India and they were aiming for Victoria and they missed," Best said. "They were on a boat that ended up on Salt Spring and decided to stay."

Before kicking yourself too hard for having missed out on the deal of a lifetime or two,

consider that the value of today's Canadian dollar has lost about 96 per cent of its value since 1870.

Statistics Canada information estimates the average yearly wage of an urban factory worker was approximately \$375, while an average office worker could expect to earn a princely \$846 per year.

Likewise, costs for common household products were very different from today. In 1905, a half-kilo of beef rang in at about 14 cents, a loaf of bread would set you back four cents, a dozen eggs cost 26 cents and a litre of milk cost a nickel.

Given that the average price for an acre of Salt Spring farmland in 2008 was estimated at anywhere between \$60,000 and \$100,000, Broadwell's investment appears to have withstood inflation's toll with ease.

Best, who found the documents among his late uncle's estate papers, said filing them at the archives will offer future historians some insight on the island's past.

"It is important to maintain these records and fascinating facts and sometimes I think we forget how much the historical society does for our community in maintaining these records and helping piece together the island's history," he said. "Our family is pretty excited about this discovery and we hope this entices a few other residents to check those attics."

Bob McWhirter, president of the Salt Spring Island Historical Society, encourages islanders with historical treasures to drop by the organization's new home at the public library.

The archives contain thousands of documents, many of which have been digitized and made available online at [www.saltspringarchives.com](http://www.saltspringarchives.com).

"It was a nice surprise to get [Best's] phone call," McWhirter said. "We will preserve the documents here at the archives so future generations can come and have a look at them."

"More and more, people are aware of us and people are phoning us from all around the world."

The society is interested in documents that go back more than 50 years. More information about visiting or contributing to the archives is available by email at [info@saltspringarchives.com](mailto:info@saltspringarchives.com).

## PERSONAL GROWTH

### Workshop taps into writing's wisdom

Lynda Monk and Ahava Shira offer Feb. 10 event

An afternoon of expressive writing and playful renewal is promised when two Salt Spring women lead a workshop at ArtSpring on Sunday, Feb. 10.

Openings: Write Your Way to Self-Care and Creative Inspiration is the name of the event put on by writers

Lynda Monk, a writing-for-wellness coach and founder of Creative Wellness, and Ahava Shira, a poet, creative mentor and founder of the Centre for Loving Inquiry.

The session, which runs from 1 to 3 p.m., will give participants the transformative benefits of Life Source Writing and Loving Inquiry, described as "two powerful practices that can support you as you go to the page for openings into your inner

wisdom, greater clarity and feelings of calm."

Workshop participants will learn to use writing to: Relax, slow down and become more present; play, take risks and explore your creative self; practise compassion with yourself and for others; create more clarity and be open to possibilities in your life.

Admission is by donation. Organizers note that the event will be video recorded.

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**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will hold a community information meeting and a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 110 – cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 78, 2002, Amendment No. 2, 2012"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at **12:30 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 2013, at Saturna Island Community Hall, 105 East Point Road, Saturna Island, B.C.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

Proposed Bylaw No. 110 – In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 110 is to amend the Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw to permit "ocean loop geo-exchange systems" in some of the zones that apply to the sea within the Saturna Island Local Trust Area. Proposed Bylaw No. 110 also contains a definition for "ocean loop geo-exchange system". The bylaw has been prepared in order to allow for ocean loop geo-exchange systems to be put in place for the purpose of domestic heating and cooling accessory to the residential use of an upland property.

A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing January 29, 2013 and up to and including February 13, 2013.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Saturna Island, B.C., commencing January 29, 2013. The proposed bylaw can also be viewed on the internet at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) and selecting [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/sa/bylaws.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/sa/bylaws.cfm)

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be **sent on-line** by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/sa/meetings.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/sa/meetings.cfm) and completing the "Public Hearing, February 14, 2013, Submission Form", prior to **4:30 p.m., February 12, 2013;**
2. After **4:30 p.m., February 12, 2013** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **12:30 p.m., February 14, 2013.**

The public is asked to send any electronic response by using the on-line public hearing submission form. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written submission.

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Gary Richardson, Planner, at (250) 405-5157 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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Kathy Jones,  
Deputy Secretary

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## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Stage with Richard Cross.**  
Every Wednesday night at Moby's. 8 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Community Kitchen.**  
Sign up weekly at Family Place. Parents and kids ages 0-6. 1 to 3 p.m.  
**Texas Hold'em Poker.**  
Every Wednesday night at the The Local. Sign up at 6:30 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Genealogy Group.**  
Casual group meets to share and discuss all things genealogical on the last Wednesday of each month at the Mormon church on Vesuvius Bay Road. 7 p.m.

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic with Richard Cross.**  
Every Thursday at The Local. 6:30 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Local Trust Committee Meeting.**  
Regular business meeting. Lions Hall. 9:30 a.m. (Town hall session at noon.)  
**SSI Weavers and Spinners Guild.**  
Colour & design workshop. Visitors/new members welcome. ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m.  
**Stay & Play Drop-in.**  
Come in for a bowl of soup. Toy library open. Parents and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. Noon to 3 p.m.  
**Raptors of Canada.**  
A presentation by John Neville illustrated by paintings of Robert Bateman, with sounds and images of the 19 raptors native to Canada. Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Rollerblading to Music.**  
Every Thursday night at Fulford Hall. Skate rentals available. 7 to 9 p.m.

**Fri. Feb 1**

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Julia Beattie and Friends.**  
Live music. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Sea Otter Talk.**  
Special presentation by marine mammal biologist Linda Nichol for the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Spelling Bee.**  
Second annual challenge to be "the brains of Salt Spring Island." A fundraiser for GISS athletics. Gulf Islands Secondary School. 6 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Return of the Creatures.**  
Art show opening event with artist Ora Cogan and Collin Elder. Cafe Talia. 3 to 5 p.m.  
**Five Takes Opening.**  
Opening reception of photography show with five local artists. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 8 p.m.  
**Stay & Play Drop-in.**  
Light lunch provided. Parents and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Board Games Night.**  
Coordinated by Bryan at Thrive Lifestyle and SS Coffee Co. Thrive Lifestyle store & SS Coffee Cafe. 6 to 10 p.m.

**Sat. Feb 2**

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Barley Bros.**  
Every Saturday. The Local. 3 to 5:30 p.m.  
**Bill and Dale.**  
Live music. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

**Zocalo Trio.**  
Great jazz tunes. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Dad 'n Me Pancake Breakfast.**  
Drop-in with free pancakes for dads and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Starting Out With Poultry.**  
Introductory poultry course for people thinking about keeping a small flock of laying hens or growing a few meat chickens. \$5. Register with Caroline Hickman at 250-537-5761. Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
**Words of Peace Video Presentations.**  
Videos featuring Prem Rawat's message of peace. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. 5 p.m.

**Sun. Feb 3**

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Paul Mowbray.**  
Singer-songwriter from Victoria. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Super Bowl Party.**  
Royal Canadian Legion. Doors at 3 p.m.; game time at 3:30.

**Mon. Feb 4**

## ACTIVITIES

**ASD Family Support Group.**  
For families with children aged 0-6 who are on the Autism Spectrum. Family Place, 10:30 a.m. to noon.

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**RUBBERBANDance Films.**  
ArtSpring presents short films that feature Montreal's cutting-edge dance troupe. A discussion with choreographer Victor Quijada will follow. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Parent Tot Dance.**  
For parents/caregivers and their children ages 0-3. Donations for instructor are appreciated. Family Place. 10 a.m. to noon.  
**Stay & Play Drop-in.**  
Light lunch provided. Parents and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. Noon to 3 p.m.  
**Prenatal Yoga and Education Series.**  
With Rebecca Nygard and Shannon Cowan, starts today. Family Place. 5 to 7:30 p.m. (Soup and bread served at 6 p.m.) Info/registration: 250-537-9176 or familyplace@ssics.ca.

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Alan Moberg & Harry Warner.**  
Music & Munch recital. Free music, followed by an optional \$5.50 lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers. Lunch tickets must be purchased before the concert begins. All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.  
**Open Stage with Richard Cross.**  
Every Wednesday night at Moby's. 8 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**AED Course.**  
Learn how to save a life using an AED. Lady Minto Hospital portable. 1 to 5:30 p.m. Info/register: 250-538-4824 or karen.mouat@viha.ca.  
**Texas Hold'em Poker.**  
Every Wednesday night at the The Local. Sign up at 6:30 p.m.  
**RUBBERBANDance Community Workshop.**  
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## CINEMA

• **Les Misérables.** Victor Hugo's epic tale set in 19th-century France tells a story of broken dreams, love, sacrifice and redemption. Hugh Jackman plays ex-prisoner Jean Valjean, hunted for decades by a ruthless policeman after he breaks parole. When Valjean agrees to care for factory worker Fantine's young daughter, their lives change forever.

## EXHIBITIONS

• **Window to the Soul,** an exhibit of artwork by Carol Adam, runs in the lobby of ArtSpring through February.  
• **Five Takes** — an exhibit of photography by Salt Spring Photography Club members Cliff Kelly, David Thomas Jones (Jones), Margaret C Benmore, Wendy Rosier and Greg Klassen — is showing in the restaurant and lobby areas of the Harbour House Hotel through February. Opening reception on Friday, Feb. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.  
• **Return of the Creatures** is an exhibit of oil paintings by Ora Cogan, with additional work by Cowichan Valley artist Collin Elder with an opening event on Friday, Feb. 1 from 3 to 5 p.m.

- Well-known Salt Spring photographer **John Cameron** shows work at the Fernwood Road Cafe.
- Work by **Jasper Snow Rosen** and featuring **Jade Rosen** is hanging at **Barb's Bakery & Bistro** during the month of **January**.
- **Richard York** has artwork on display at **Salt Spring Coffee Company Cafe**.
- **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** features work by **Peter Allan, Heide Van Impe, Ken Ketchum, Dawn Davies, Lorne Shantz, Bob Rogers** and **SaltSpring Fancy**.
- **Rachel Vadeboncoeur** shows mixed-media and glass works at **Island Savings**.
- **Gilleen Proctor** shows photographic works at **Auntie Pesto's Cafe**.
- **Salt Spring Photography Club** members featured at **Country Roasters Cafe** in **Country Grocer** through **January** are **Avril Kirby, Curt Firestone** and **Wendy Rosier**.
- **Steffany McAren** has paintings hanging at **Penny's Pantry**.

## Salt Spring Spelling Bee

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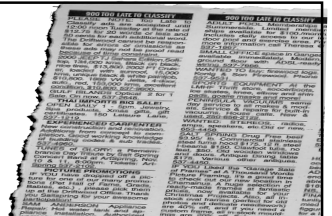
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## HIKING CLUB

# Meyer Road, Burgoyne on Feb. program

Lots of activity planned for Hikers, Walkers and Ramblers

## Hikers

Feb. 5: Zeke Blazecka will lead an easy to intermediate hike to Reginald Hill and the Indian Reserve. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the end of Morningstar at 10 a.m.

Feb. 12: Lynn Thompson will lead a moderately strenuous hike up the south face of Mount Maxwell from Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. to carpool or at Burgoyne Bay parking area at 10 a.m.

Feb. 19: Sharon Sullivan will lead a long but moderate hike up Meyer Road to visit the Bulman Park Mother Tree, then will follow a circle route back through the north end of Ruckle Park to Kings Cove and ending on Meyer Road at the parked cars. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the south end of Meyer Road next to the trail head to Cusheon Cove at 10 a.m.

Feb. 26: Charles Kahn will do an exhaustive, if not exhausting, exploration of Channel Ridge trails, weather permitting. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

## Walkers

Feb. 5: Marcelle Roy will lead

the moderate walk in the Burgoyne Bay area that was previously cancelled by rain. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the bottom parking lot of Burgoyne Bay at 10:15 a.m.

Feb. 12: Charles Kahn will lead a walk in Maracaibo. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

Feb. 19: Fred Powell will lead a moderate walk from Sir Echo Road in Channel Ridge. Meet at Portlock Park at 10 a.m.

Feb. 26: Lorrie Storr will lead the walk. Plan for a beach walk so think footwear for wet and slippery conditions. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. Details will be sent via email closer to the day.

## Ramblers

Rain or shine, the Ramblers will meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park. The weather will determine our destination.

## New Members

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 250-537-2332 or John Heddle (president) at 250-537-2672, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in. Participants need to bring a lunch and wear appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing.

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## ISLAND HISTORY

# Road vs avenue designation pondered

Hello Salt Spring.

The fifth street on my Streets of Salt Spring list is Alders Road . . . or is that Alders Avenue? While doing my research I realized that this street was referred to as both.

The Salt Spring Archives refers to Alders Avenue and says Captain Victor and Winifred Best lived on a property called The Alders.

Once again help from somebody in the know has supplied us with a wealth of information on Alders and also other items that I have tucked away in my file for later use.

Mike Best, a grandson of Captain Victor and Winifred Best, supplied the Driftwood with a plethora of information. Thank you, Mr. Best!

Mike explained to us in an email that in 1947 his grandparents subdivided what is now Alders Avenue.

Even though the roads on the island are designated "Rd.," the Bests were English and when naming the property used the "proper" English term "avenue." That is what they registered and what the post office now has in its records for



D.W.  
Salty

## STREETS OF SALT SPRING

addresses on Alders.

It was common for the English to name their home sites, and the Bests named their main property The Alders.

A sign still exists today at the main driveway entrance from Fulford-Ganges Road; one of two vintage items kept and preserved. The other is an old-style rotary dial phone from the 1940s that is still in use in the old homestead.

The name Alders was chosen simply because there were groves of alders everywhere when Captain Victor and Winifred Best first arrived. Many were cleared to create the pastures and orchards.

The Bests, wanting to have essential services close to town, donated several lots and had them rezoned to industrial.

There are 15 lots that touch on Alders Avenue, including Wolfe-Milner's surveyor's office property; the old ambulance centre now owned by Brian and Sue Cunningham; and the former RCMP lot, which is now the Search & Rescue hall.

**"The name Alders was chosen simply because there were groves of alders everywhere when Captain Victor and Winifred Best first arrived."**

The industrial lot at the end of Alders once belonged to Salt Spring Coffee Company (a controversial topic on the island back in 2009) and now houses Blaine and Cher-

yle Johnson's Automotive Services and car detailing businesses, as well as the adjoining Island Marine Construction business.

A residential association was formed back in 1969.

Another interesting fact Mike Best shared was that several of the lots on Alders have one or two very old standard apple trees that add to the Salt Spring diversification talked about by Harry Burton at the apple festival. Thanks again, Mike, for all the information.

Also — thanks to long-time resident Ron Cunningham for correcting some information in a previous column about Acheson Road. Ron advises that Hilda (not Hannah) was the wife of Miles Acheson. Hannah was the housekeeper. As well, the Acheson house is on Stark Road and not on Acheson Road.

P.S. I am looking for any interesting facts and/or stories on Aldous Road, Ambleswood Drive and Andrew Place. If you live on one of these streets or know something you will share, please email me: dwsalty@driftwoodgimmedia.com.

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

# Bridge players undeterred by murk and ice

George Laundry and partners clean up

BY JILL EVANS

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

It was a misty, moisty evening on Jan. 14 and four and a half tables drove through the chill for bridge that evening.

Jean Elder and Isabelle Richardson were hot stuff, though, and topped the field.

Almost as heated were George

Laundry and Paul Retallack, and third in warmth were Ted Baldwinson and Terry Clement.

Oleh Mycyk, partnered this time by Blanche Poborska while Liz Mycyk nursed a cold, found this a cool combo and came fourth.

There were no little cat feet bringing in the fog on Jan. 21, but an elephantine body of the icy stuff spread-

ing itself everywhere, yet that didn't deter four full tables from showing up at Seniors for a game.

The Laundry-Retallack twosome cleared the way to first place, with Oleh and a cured Liz Mycyk blowing in second.

Keeping winnings in the family was Flo Laundry with partner Lynn Thorburn making it through the murk to the third spot.

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

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- Name & address of next of kin so we can notify them of your gift.
- Your name and address for tax receipt



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**DEATHS****DEATHS****VICTOR JARVIS HALL**

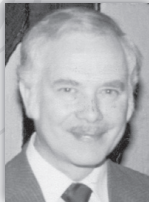
Born August 10, 1931  
Stratford, Ontario. Passed  
away January 21, 2013 at  
Lady Minto Hospital Salt  
Spring Island after a lengthy  
illness.

In accordance with Vic's wishes cremation has  
taken place.

Celebration of his life will be held at a later  
date at St Andrews catholic church in Oakville  
Ontario.

He will be sadly missed by his whole extended  
family.

*God saw you getting tired  
When a cure was not to be,  
So He closed His arms around you  
And whispered "Come to me"  
And when we saw you sleeping  
So peaceful and free of pain,  
We could not wish you back  
To suffer that again.*

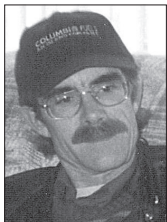
**CAKE, DAVID FRANK**

October 23, 1953 - January 16, 2013

We regretfully announce  
the sudden passing of  
David. "HE LIVED TO  
DRIVE"

He's taken his last  
drive to join our circle of  
Guardian Angels, Mom  
(2004), Dad (2012) and  
several pets. David is  
survived by his wife and  
best friend of 25 years, Sandra; his brother, John  
(Carol); his step-daughter, Tammy (Eddie); his step-  
son, James; granddaughter, Dianne; niece, Shauna  
(Ian); great-grandniece and nephew, Zadie and  
Aubrey; step-niece, Bonnie and great-niece, Chloe.

Celebration of life will be held at Lantzville  
Legion on Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 2 pm  
to 4 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to  
The Brain Injury Society. Condolences may be  
offered to the family at www.mccallbros.com.

**Workshops on the Rock**

**SS Arts Council Workshop Brochure**  
2013-2014

**Call for applications**  
**Information meeting Thursday, February 7th**  
**Mahon Hall**

Two sessions - Morning 10-11:30am & evening 5-6:30pm.  
Application forms will be available  
Refreshments served

All categories of workshops are welcome, ie food,  
writing & journalism, agriculture, healing arts,  
etc. as well as art related workshops.

for more info jemmanow@gmail.com  
or visit www.ssartscouncil.com  
Application deadline - March 4th 2013

**Raptors of Canada**

a presentation by  
**John Neville**

Illustrated by paintings of Robert Bateman

John Neville Canada's bird song man  
will present the sounds and images  
of the 19 raptors native to Canada.

**Harbour House Hotel**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 7 pm to 9 pm**  
Cash Bar - Presentation to start at 7:30 pm  
Admission by donation of \$10+  
All Proceeds to the SSI Rotary Foundation

**Interested in Renting Agricultural Land???**

**SSI Farmland Trust Society**  
will present the  
**LAND USE AND RENTAL POLICIES**  
**FOR THEIR AGRICULTURAL LAND**  
**on Seedy Sunday - 10 Feb**  
**10:00am-12:30pm**  
**Upstairs Meeting Room**  
**Farmers' Institute Hall**

Please attend if you want to know more about the  
SSI Farmland Trust or this  
exciting opportunity for farmers.  
info: ssifarmlandtrust@shaw.ca

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12:30 pm-1:30 pm lunch by Bruce's Kitchen \$7  
(reg. required email: dogwoodlane@telus.net)

1:30pm-3:30pm - discussion -  
"Is there a SS Alternative to Organic Certification?"  
info: ssiseedysaturday@gmail.com

**treeFrog DAYCARE**  
You are invited to  
**Retirement Open House**  
for Celine (Mona) Yezina  
at Tree Frog Daycare

**Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-2**

Please come and help her celebrate  
the beginning of her next big adventure

Thanks for the 19 years  
of love and laughter, Mona!

**Valentines Dance/Swing for the Kitchen Sink**

Dance and listen to the music of the  
**Swing Shift Band**, featuring the vocal stylings of  
Barb Rankin, Randy Marchi and Jim Raddys

**When?** Saturday February 16, 2013; Doors open 7:00 pm;  
music at 7:30 pm

**Where?** Mahon Hall, 114 Rainbow Road, Ganges

**Why?** Joint fundraiser - Bandermonium and Salt Spring  
Arts Council (for Mahon Hall)

**How?** Tickets in advance Salt Spring Books, RE/MAX  
Salt Spring, SS Arts Council 250 537-0899  
salt spring arts council

**Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society**  
is offering  
**two scholarships**  
to students presently attending  
**Gulf Islands Secondary School**

Applicants must be continuing  
their studies in health care related fields

Completed applications must be  
Submitted to the GISS Counselling  
Department no later than March 31, 2013.

**Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society**  
is offering one  
**"Back to School"**  
**Bursary**

Applicants must be mature students who wish  
to pursue a career in a health related field.  
Information & application forms available at  
Thrift Shop located at back of the  
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**LMHAS.CA**

Application deadline is March 31, 2013.

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**5 Day School Week** at  
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**Would a 5 Day School Week**  
improve the quality of education  
for children of the Gulf Islands?  
Yes or No Results  
500 Responses Polls  
See Pollsters Opinions

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TUESDAY 9:30 AM

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## COMING EVENTS



## TAOIST TAI CHI

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**OPEN HOUSE AND FREE DEMONSTRATION**

Wed. February 6, 6:30-8pm

All Saints Anglican Church, Ganges

New weekly classes start Thurs. Feb. 7, 10:30am-noon & Wed. Feb. 13, 6:30-8pm at All Saints.

Call David 250-537-1721

## INFORMATION

Your gift to the Heart and Stroke Foundation will help support life saving research and education in heart disease and stroke.

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INFORMATION

**Al-Anon** - Thurs. 11:45am  
Our Lady of Grace (rear annex) & Thurs. 7:30pm Lady Minto (rear annex)

**Alcoholics Anonymous Service Meetings**

Salt Spring  
250-537-7573

Gallano  
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Pender  
250-629-3631

**Research Participants Needed!**

**PATIENTS OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

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Participation in this study means completing a short survey either by mail or telephone.

To learn more and sign-up for the study, please contact Joanne Thompson Research Assistant at jthomps@uvic.ca or 250-721-7964

University of Victoria  
School of Nursing

## LEGALS

## Notice to Creditors

Re: Estate of Robin Wood, Retired  
Late of 181 Beddis Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

Take notice that all persons having claims upon the Estate of the above named deceased must send them to the undersigned Executor by the 9th day of March, 2013, after which date he will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice.

Donald Ounsworth  
% his solicitor  
Lenore B. Hariton  
#215 Superior St.  
Victoria, BC V8V 1T4

## INFORMATION

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PERSONALS

**DENIED CANADA** Pension plan disability benefits? The Disability Claims Advocacy Clinic can help. Call Allison Schmidt at 1-877-793-3222. www.dcac.ca

## LOST AND FOUND

**BLACK & WHITE** feathered boa in a bright red bag Sat. Jan. 26th. Fell from car in downtown Ganges. Irreplaceable, sentimental value. 250-537-9500

**FOUND REMOTE** (possibly for movie camera) at top of Reginald Hill - claim at the Driftwood Newspaper.

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For more info link on the link: <http://www.epicroofing.ca/about-epic/careers.html>

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## HOMES FOR RENT

## RENTALS

## HOMES FOR RENT

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## Community Gospel Hall, 7 pm

(suggestion donation - \$5)

## DEADLINE FOR TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY IS 2:00PM TUESDAY

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## Tip of the Week:

The Sun Mercury and Mars in Aquarius indicate communications both carried by and propelling of revolutionary forces. Yet Mars' shift, which has taken a significant lead in this dynamic, is now over and it will ingress into Pisces on February 1st. Less than an hour later, Venus will begin her shift in Aquarius. This will synchronize with events that reveal a more diplomatic, humanitarian and civil tone than we have witnessed over the past few months when in mid-November Mars entered Capricorn followed by its tour through Aquarius which began on Christmas day. Whenever a planet transits a sign, Astrologers look to the "ruling planet" of that sign to decipher subthemes and influences. Capricorn's ruler is Saturn which has been in Scorpio since October 5, 2012 and will be until September 17, 2015. Saturn in Scorpio is a very provocative, sexual and yet potentially ruthless placement. The Sandy Hook massacre and the gang rape leading to murder incident in India are two prime examples. When Mars entered Uranus ruled Aquarius the Idle No More movement began to stir. Uranus in Aries (2011-2019) is a potent pioneering and revolutionary indicator. While Mars was in Aquarius and Uranus in Aries - each in the other's ruling sign, revolution surfaced. Meanwhile, Pluto in Capricorn (2008-2023) continues to purge and purify especially at high levels of power, authority and influence. Pluto's core function here is to activate accountability and higher levels of integrity. Mars entering Pisces and Venus entering Aquarius just 53 minutes apart will produce more outer calm, grace and diplomatic politics with the revolution going underground, or under water, with Mars in Neptune's realm. Yet, when Mars then Venus enter Aries beginning in mid-March, the sounds of beating drums will overtake the bleeding hearts that Pisces often produces.

## Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Your sense of individuality is shining brightly. This is helping you to attract and meet new friends. Yet, you may feel divided. You want to make new connections, yet you also want it on your own terms. You are not interested in settling in any way. In some respects, you feel the urge to run away. But doing so is not so easy; the openings are just not there...yet.

## Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

You are getting all the attention you want and deserve and more. Whether you want it all is another consideration. Yet, this time does offer some golden opportunities to ask for favours and/or earned rewards from others in key positions. Success now, however, depends on whether you can win the hearts of others. Making good use of the right tools is the other angle.

## Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

A growing urge to take new initiatives is a current theme. Clearing the way for this to happen has been necessary. You want to have a healthy start and you have been focused to this end. But now you are in the mood to play and/or at least to enjoy some cultural stimulation. The time is right to cruise for a while, to ease the pace. Maintain your focus yet enjoy the ride.

## Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

You are in an innovative mood. Tapping into your reserve of talents is highlighted. Yet you are also open to accessing the genius, creative gifts and resources of others. Your ambitions are on the rise but you are determined to work smarter than harder. This is where hiring enlisted the support of others enters the picture.

## Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

You are in the mood to get out and meet the people. The timing may be a bit tricky, however, as you are straddling between what once was and what will be. Yet, others are calling you out, challenging you to rise to the occasion. You are willing as long as you can be convinced that it is for your higher good. Make that your stipulation.

## Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

You are in the mood to make some deliberate changes in your usual routine. The overall quality of your entire lifestyle may be in question. You have been keen to do what it takes. In some respects this has pushed you to get to the bottom of things, to clear clutter, get organized and make some core repairs. Others have taken notice and they are pushing you to persevere.

## Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

You are in the mood to play. This is causing you to make some changes on relationships fronts, or at least significant others are motivating you. Yet your energy levels of state of health may be a barrier. The power of belief and faith are among your best allies now. Yet, herbal medicine and endeavors to boost your immune system in general will help a lot.

## Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

A lot is shaking within and on the home front. With each new day you feel the urge to explore new territory. This may be literal, as in geography, or it may be creative or intellectual territory that you have never been exposed to that attracts you. What is clear is that you want to make a break with the past.

## Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

Your curiosity levels are rising. Dreams of what might be are entering your mind. New and more satisfying relationships rhythms are featured. You want more stimulation, social interaction and variety. The time has come to visit new places and see new faces. Yet some important changes close to home may have to happen first. These may include attitude adjustments.

## Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

You are feeling the urge to make some real power moves. This includes breaking free from old barriers and/or cutting ties that bind. On the flip side, forging new alliances with people of influence and affluence is extra appealing. If you can achieve both, make clean breaks and play for higher stakes, you could well be in promising new territory soon.

## Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

A pioneering mood continues. This includes new perceptions as much as new places. Your desires, values and priorities are changing. You may not feel so sure where you fit or belong anymore. Deciphering your best place, position or approach is on your mind. A steep and possibly intimidating learning curve is implied.

## Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Yours is the sign of the dreamer and the mystic, the one that lives in the world but is not of this material dimension, at least not entirely. The time has come to assert yourself. Will you move towards or away from your dreams and ideals? Moving away suggests denial and escapism. Moving towards means you are ready to take deliberate steps.

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**BRANCHING OUT:** Iain Leckie gets a workout at Bring Your Branches Day behind Rainbow Road Pool on Saturday. The events see property owners' unwanted woody material collected and chipped.

## SOCCER

# Women's fire not cooled by long break

Salt Spring's men's teams meet with less success

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN AND SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring United's Over 30s team finally got back on the pitch on Sunday to find the long holiday season break had not dampened their appetite for a match-up against the Sooke Jaggers.

"Our team was passing the ball well with great communication between our players," said team spokesperson and goalkeeper Kym Bellavance.

The defensive line was sure at passing the ball up to forwards, with many shots on the Sooke net made by Liz Wilson, Tara Brown and Anne May.

The Sooke goaltender managed to stop the attack, with teams going into the halftime with a 0-0 score, but the situation soon changed after the break.

"Mid-way through the second half we started the play from a goal kick and worked our way up the field, when Danie Wood sent a perfect cross to the net to Anne May," Bellavance reported. "Anne knocked it down to the ground for Sue Spencer to get a perfect kick past the goalie and into the side of the net for a 1-0 lead."

United continued to play well for the rest of the second half.

Solid goalkeeping from Bellavance and outstanding defensive play from Christine Godlonton, Sue Robinson and Louise Doucet added up to a 1-0 shutout for Salt Spring.

## Men's Soccer

Meanwhile, in men's soccer action, a late afternoon start left Salt Spring's Old Boys off guard and down early against the Gordon Head Gunners on Sunday.

"The 4 p.m. kick-off made a lot of us look like we were ready for our beds," wrote Richard Steel in a post-game report.

The Gunners amassed three goals within the match's opening 15 minutes, with the Old Boys' midfield and defence allowing opponents to attack at will.

Despite the best efforts of Old Boys keeper Jim Witherpoon, little could be done to stem the flow of Gunner goals.

A fourth and final Gordon Head goal finished off the Old Boys, who failed to put any points on the scoreboard during a late-game

offensive surge.

"The Old Boys rallied and played with some pride, ending up unlucky not to score a couple of goals," Steel added. "We'll just have to write that game off and hope for better next week against Vantreights in Victoria."

In Vancouver Island Soccer League action, Division 1's Salt Spring FC failed to carry any of the momentum left over from last week's scoreless draw into Sunday's game against the Castaways, losing a 3-0 decision.

The loss drops the team to 1-11-3 as it prepares to host Sooke Celtic (3-9-1) at Portlock Park on Saturday afternoon at 2:15.

In Masters-B action, third-place Salt Spring Alumni FC travels off island to play Westcastle United on Saturday, Feb. 9.

## RUNNING

# Runners hot at Cobble Hill

Sneakers keep pace in second race

The Salt Spring Sneakers followed up a strong start to the 2013 Vancouver Island Race Series with a round of stellar performances at the Cobble Hill 10K on Sunday morning.

"Whata day," wrote team spokesperson Lynn Thompson in an email. "Eight of nine in the top 10 in their category and

two medals."

Topping the day's results was Andrew Haigh, who dominated the M55-59 category with a second-place finish and a time of 39:17. Susan Gordon fared equally well, crossing the line in 44:10 to earn top spot in her F50-54 age category.

Other finishers were Marcia Jansen: 47:40; Lise Fraser: 48:47; Karen Curtin: 50:24; Greg Taylor: 51:30; Janice Dickie: 52:04; Marion Young:

53:12; and Catherine Bennett: 55:27.

The racers earned a combined 121 points for the Sneakers in the VIRS overall standings.

"We'll have to wait until they post team points to see where we rate, but we are very close to our last year's total for these two races and then we were in 10th place," Thompson said.

The Sneakers will be back in action on Feb. 10, when run-

ners lace up for the Cedar Hill 12K event.

For more information, visit the Vancouver Island Runners' Association website at [www.vira.bc.ca](http://www.vira.bc.ca), or catch up with members of the Salt Spring Sneakers during one of the team's regularly scheduled training runs.

For times and more information about the group, contact Janice Dickie at 250-537-2399 or [jdickie15@hotmail.com](mailto:jdickie15@hotmail.com).

## WRESTLING

# Wrestlers pin multiple medals

Campbell River tourney results

Salt Spring Island's young and energetic wrestling program scored a major lift by picking up seven medals and plenty of impressive performances at the 2013 Campbell River Invitational over the weekend.

Stefan Esquivel, Hamish Supina and Chase Dawson brought back gold medals for their efforts in the 38-, 41- and 130-kilogram classes.

Esquivel pinned each of his opponents in the first rounds of his three matches to leave no doubt who deserved top spot in his class.

Supina came from behind to win his first match and handily won his second bout to earn the 41-kg crown.

Dawson racked up a 4-0 score before pinning his lone opponent of the tournament for the gold.

Jonah Baker faced tough competition in the 63-kg event, but followed up an

opening-round loss with three victories to earn a silver medal.

Bronze medals were awarded to Jimmy Beck, who went 2-2 in the 51-kg class, and Karol Esquivel, who went 2-1 in the 54-kg class. Sebastian Howe also placed third in the 57-kg group.

Fellow island wrestler Jorel Anderson placed fourth in the 63-kg class, while Trent O'Donnell ended the day in eighth place among the competitive 45-kg group.



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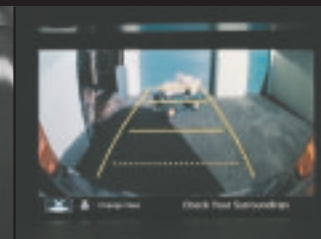
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