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## GRACE ISLET

# Islet protesters get reprieve

Judge issues four-week adjournment

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Grace Islet dispute shifted to a Victoria court room Tuesday, where the lawyer who represents property owner Barry Slawsky filed an injunction to end protests on and around the contentious piece of Ganges Harbour real estate.

Court issued a four-week adjournment to give defendants the chance to prepare a

case. No interim measures were issued. "We feel that we really were heard and that there are larger issues here that need to be addressed," said Phil Vernon, a Salt Spring resident listed on the application.

John Alexander presented a notice of application on Thursday, Sept. 18, the day after Tsartlip Chief Don Tom posted a symbolic stop work order on fencing that surrounds the Grace Islet construction site.

"Their failure to act, to me, has shown us disrespect," said Chief Tom during an interview on Grace Islet last week. "This [stop work order] issued on behalf of Tsartlip is to say this is Coast Salish territory and that it is sacred land and sacred ground."

If approved, the injunction would prohibit Chief Tom, Chief Vern Jacks of the Tseycum

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## TRANSPORTATION

# Rainbow Road project plans up in the air

Commissioners revisit design with November vote in sight

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Transportation Commission has gone back to the drawing board on how to make Rainbow Road safer for cyclists and pedestrians, with a new proposal to hold back on a full pathway plan introduced at its Sept. 16 meeting.

SSITC members voted in February to strike a Rainbow Road working group, whose first priority would be to "meet the basic safety needs of the project as per the original intent of the James Report." The group outlined a number of design changes at the commission's March meeting that would help simplify the project compared to what Richard James and Associates had proposed in the 2007 report, with an eight-part motion detailing the changes put forward by Ross Simpson.

Simpson and SSITC chair Robin Williams had an apparent change of heart over the last six months, and brought forward a plan to replace expensive and complicated construction projects with what Simpson called "small engineering" ideas.

Their vision for Rainbow Road is to replace the plan for a pathway along the north side all the way from Lower Ganges Road to the public pool with two shorter paths on either side of the street. The path on the north side would stop at Windsor Plywood, while the one on the south side would end at Murakami Gardens.

No motion was made to make an official change in plans. Commissioners did agree the alternate proposal would cost much less and remove the obstacle of Windsor's opposition to the pathway, but questioned whether it would fulfill the original goal.

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# Use of proposed referendum funds subject of debate

## RAINBOW ROAD continued from 2

"What you are proposing is not as good a solution," said commissioner Nigel Denyer. "We're getting away from what the pathway is meant to do, which is to provide safety, primarily for students, walking to school or the pool."

"I'd prefer to save \$300,000 or \$400,000 and not do anything if we're not going to do it

properly," said commissioner Kevin Bell.

"So what are we going to tell the community? 'We're going to get your kids halfway to school?'" he asked at another point.

"My concern is we've got to keep the numbers down, because I don't sense the public is going to accept a big ticket on this," Williams said.

SSITC's budget for 2015 puts \$780,000 toward the Rainbow

Road pathway, including soft costs, taxes and contingencies. The commission hopes to increase its capital budget by \$1,000,000 over the next four years and will put the matter to referendum in November.

The referendum request is for an increase in taxation to a maximum of either \$0.136 per \$1,000 of assessed property value or \$396,250 for four years.

The four-year increase is

also intended to cover additional phases of the North Ganges Transportation Plan, including installation of sidewalks and bike lanes on Lower Ganges Road.

Windsor Plywood co-owner Ken Marr, who attended the meeting, reconfirmed he does not agree with any pathway going along Rainbow Road. He also repeated that if a path does go ahead along his frontage, some compen-

sation would be owed to his business and to Richard Murakami, since they paid to put in the culvert and create the shoulder area that would make a new pathway possible.

"Part of the benefit to us was parking, and the benefit to the community was safer walking," Marr said.

Other small engineering projects suggested at the meeting were putting path-

ways instead of sidewalks along Lower Ganges Road, and widening the roadway on Ganges Hill to add room for cyclists.

Simpson said the biggest problem for cyclists on Fulford-Ganges Road is the alligator cracking.

"The correct thing to do is get the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to do maintenance and remove the alligator," he said.

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## More actions coming

### GRACE ISLET continued from 2

First Nation, Saanich North and the Islands MLA Gary Holman, Victoria city councillor Ben Isitt and Salt Spring residents Joe Akerman and Phil Vernon from protesting near Grace Islet.

Also named are Jane and John Doe, and persons unknown, intended to prevent others from attending protests near the uninhabited islet.

Alexander said he will comment on the matter when court issues a decision.

The application seeks an injunction based on allegations that protesters have interfered with construction and threatened the safety of workers on the site.

Direct action against the property owner's plan to build on the islet arose when construction started in June. Opponents say Grace Islet is a sacred burial site and accuse the provincial government of ignoring provincial heritage conservation legislation. Work continues at the site.

Chief Tom said he will attend no fur-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Tartlip Chief Don Tom puts a symbolic Stop Work Order on a fence erected at the Grace Islet construction site last Wednesday.

ther meetings with provincial representatives until a stop work order is issued or the owner voluntarily puts the project on hold. He said more protest efforts should be expected.

"The [provincial government's] Archaeology Branch seems to have doubled down on their opinion and fail to recognize other opinions," Tom said. "We can't afford to continue to meet with the minister and the province when they keep failing to act."

A spokesperson from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations said the

property owner has followed all necessary protocols, while acknowledging discrepancies between activity on the land in question and the Archaeology Branch's alteration permit.

A contingent of Salt Spring residents travelled to Victoria for Tuesday's hearing. They sought to fill the courtroom and hold a rally to show that Grace Islet is a matter of public concern.

"We feel this is a very positive result," Vernon said.

A story and video about the Wednesday, Sept. 17 demonstration at Grace Islet can be viewed at [gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://gulfislandsdriftwood.com).



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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

# Funding cuts jeopardize mental health services

Health worker group will highlight priorities

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A funding shortfall has raised serious questions about the future of adult mental health programs offered by the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society.

"I believe our core mental health services in the community are at a critical point," said Rob Grant, executive director of SSICSS, during the group's AGM on Thursday. "I don't know how much farther it can get stretched and where we can go with this."

Grant attributed much of the stress to uncertainty about \$245,000 in annual funding from the United Way. Approximately \$160,000 of that money is spent on initiatives like Family Place, the Core Inn and mental health outreach work.

"What has grown to be a pretty big budget item is kind of off the table right now and we have to apply to get even some of that back," Grant told staff and board members assembled for the meeting. "It'll be a portion of that, I'm sure, that will be available to us, but that will be a bit of a hit that we need to figure out going forward in the next year."



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

The Salt Spring Island Community Services building in 2014. The society, which has been in operation since 1975, is facing significant funding challenges this year.

Grant said he hopes to stretch whatever funds become available rather than cut any programs entirely.

"I would say nothing is on the chopping block," he said after Thursday's meeting. "Everything has to get spread out."

The current round of cuts follows a \$60,000 drop in United Way funding.

Community organizations across Canada have experienced similar hardships as a result of the United Way's new funding strategy.

According to Michael McKnight, president of the United Way

in the Lower Mainland, donations have flatlined and the organization has invested heavily in seniors programs since 2008.

While Grant anticipates Salt Spring will get some United Way funds, he said work is already underway to develop an advocacy group to make sure the island's health care needs are "on the radar" of major provincial and national funders.

The coalition will include family physicians, Lady Minto Hospital representatives and Salt Spring Community Services workers.

"We can really identify the gaps," Grant said.

Island Health provides SSICSS with about \$550,000 in ongoing annual funds for mental health and addiction services, and a mental health nurse for all southern Gulf Islands.

Of the 900 supported housing units within its jurisdiction, Grant added, none are on Salt Spring and the outer islands. Such units would provide living quarters for people who require regular access to mental health support workers.

"[Island Health] may not necessarily appreciate the level of mental health need here," Grant said.

Whereas Salt Spring has seen several affordable housing complexes built in the past decade, none offer the degree of mental health support that's required to house islanders in need.

"Why don't we have those resources?" Grant said.

Island Health spokesperson Sarah Plank told the Driftwood earlier in the year that the provincial government had made a commitment to fund 500 new supported housing spaces by 2017.

**"We can really identify the gaps."**

ROB GRANT  
 Executive director,  
 SS Community Services Society

"We, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and other health authorities, are still early on in the preliminary work to identify where these new resources will be needed most across the province. It's too early in the process to have identified particular communities at this point. However, once this plan is developed, we should be able to provide more information on where the additional resources will go."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Library survey

Salt Spring's library is considering staying open later one night a week and wants public input on making the decision.

A simple three-question survey is available in paper format at the library, or at <http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/islandlink/library-opening-hours-survey/>

Current library hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

### Islander at NYC march

Times Square may be a long way from Salt Spring, but the weekend vibe in New York City was closer to the spirit of Ganges than you might expect.

"Despite our prime minister's efforts, I am here to show that Canadians do care about the climate and some of us are willing to take action," wrote Nomi Lyonns on a Facebook post prior to

Sunday morning's People's Climate Change.

Once finished the three-kilometre circuit through the streets of central Manhattan, Lyonns summarized her physical state as "exhausted, exhilarated and my blisters have blisters."

Sunday's march was timed to coincide with the start of the UN Climate Summit, a meeting of 125 world leaders that began on Tuesday. Prime Minister Stephen Harper will not attend, but Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq will

represent Canada during the conference.

Lyonns recounted meeting Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May, walking alongside the Council of Canadians and 350 Toronto group members before taking in a theatrical display that involved a fairy transforming the oil sands into butterflies.

May took to the streets with Green Party of Canada supporters and Canadian environmental activists to protest the proposed Keystone XL pipeline between Canada and

the United States and "unregulated development" of the oil sands, according to information on [elizabethmaymp.ca](http://elizabethmaymp.ca).

### Election prep underway

Local elections may still be more than six weeks away but the opportunity for candidate nominations begins Tuesday, Sept 30.

Aspiring Capital Regional District directors, Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members and school board trust-

ees will have until Oct. 10 to submit their application to run in November's election.

Nomination packages for Islands Trust and CRD candidates will be available through the CRD by following the links at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca). Further details on running for one of three Salt Spring positions on the Gulf Islands School District are available by calling the school board office at 250-537-5548.

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## PET RESCUE

## 'Gat' the cat gets old-fashioned service

Ladder rescue performed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring resident Cindy Orser discovered the island still plays home to some good old-fashioned values when a family cat needed help last week.

Orser received a call for help from her daughter saying 'Gat,' a cat she was pet-sitting for her brother, had been stuck in a tree for two days.

"I happened to be downtown Ganges at the time having a coffee at Barb's, so I thought, 'Why not drop by the fire station ... see if they still help rescue kittens.'

"I must admit, I was quite doubtful. However, much to my surprise, they were very happy to help me."

Fortunately for Gat, Lt. Mitchell Sherrin was just about to take a test drive of a small truck and so he followed Orser to the address. Once they arrived, paid-on-call firefighter Tom Purssell spotted the truck from where he happened to be working at a neighbour's and came over to help.

Purssell held the ladder while Sherrin climbed the tree, holding a bag that he eventually coaxed the cat into.

"Gat the cat was extremely happy to make it to the ground and gobbled up the waiting bowl of food," Orser reported.



PHOTO BY CINDY ORSER

From left, Tom Purssell and Mitchell Sherrin with Gat the cat.

## BUSINESS

## ISCU members to vote on merger

Mail-in or in-branch voting options

Island Savings and First West credit unions are moving forward with the next steps in their proposed merger.

Island Savings members must vote on special resolutions before the organizations can legally come together at year-end. Information packages will be mailed to all mem-

bers. Voting will take place by mail-in ballot or in person at any branch from Nov. 5 to Nov. 12 with the results announced Nov. 14.

According to a press release from Island Savings, First West is B.C.'s third-largest credit union with \$7.7 billion in assets under administration, more than 177,000 members, 39 branches and close to 1,300 employees.

Island Savings has 70,000

members, 16 branches and a portfolio of \$2.9 billion under administration.

The two organizations cite a number of benefits to the proposed merger, including improved pricing, products and service delivery, and increased lending capacity for small- and mid-sized businesses.

Island Savings would keep "its name, local leadership, local decision-making and community focus," and no lay-

offs or branch closures would occur.

Plans to investigate a merger were first announced in the fall of 2013.

A member meeting is set for Wed., Oct. 22 at the Salt Spring library program room from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Meetings will also take place in the Nanaimo, Duncan, Mill Bay and Victoria areas, and more details are available at [www.iscu.com](http://www.iscu.com).

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## WATER QUALITY

## Loophole threatens watersheds

Speakers seek stronger protection

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of islanders worries a zoning oversight that allows livestock in sensitive watershed areas threatens the quality of Salt Spring's drinking water lakes.

"I think something needs to be done," said Wayne Hewitt, a resident of the Cusheon Lake area. "I don't think we should sit back and wait. I think something needs to be done now, before this becomes a big problem."

Hewitt has devoted more than two decades to protecting the water quality of Cusheon Lake and other water sources on the island.

The latest threat, he said, is a loophole in rural watershed-zoned properties that allows the grazing of animals, regardless of whether the land is within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Even large farm animals, said Maxine Leichter on behalf of the Water Preservation Society, are allowed on properties as small as a quarter of an acre.

"Livestock should not be in streams draining into drinking water lakes," she said.

After speaking with staff at the Islands Trust, Leich-

ter learned property owners could not possess more than 4,555 kilograms of confined livestock or poultry on their properties. Leichter said this represents the equivalent of approximately 2,000 chickens, 101 sheep or 10 cows. Further research revealed that no such weight limit exists for animals left to roam freely.

Hewitt and Leichter fear an increase in the amount of livestock allowed to graze in rural watershed lands will counteract efforts to limit the amount of phosphorus flowing into the island's drinking water lakes. More phosphorus means a higher likelihood of potentially toxic algal blooms.

"We've used up all the tools that local government had to offer and nothing happened," Hewitt said of his efforts to implement the Cusheon Lake Management Plan to address phosphorus inputs. "We're basically going backwards."

Hewitt and Leichter are working with members of the island's Agriculture Alliance to consider options. They said the focus of their campaign does not target land in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Anne Macey, chair of the Agricultural Alliance, said she considers the matter largely theoretical but believes the discussion to set reasonable livestock limits in areas of concern must continue.

"A prohibition on agricultural activities in these zones is not the answer," she said.

"Just because there are livestock does not mean there is a problem. If riparian areas are adequately protected and livestock numbers are low, pollution problems should not be an issue."

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members meeting on Aug. 28 said it's unlikely any rezoning can be undertaken before the end of the term in November.

"Whilst this needs to be done, it'll have to be done next term," said George Grams.

Trustee Peter Grove said the matter is one of many projects on the LTC's top-priority list.

"I understand the problem and it is of considerable concern. Having said that, we've had the problem in existence for some years at this point and, so far, we haven't had an issue," Grove said.

Speaking at the August LTC meeting, Hewitt told trustees he intends to take the matter to provincial authorities to seek restrictions under the Drinking Water Protection Act.

"I would have liked to have dealt with this locally instead of provincially, but it looks like that is the step I'll have to take."

## EDUCATION

# School resumes after teachers labour dispute settled

Teachers rep sees pros and cons in deal

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

School was finally back in session Monday after a province-wide teachers' strike added five weeks to the usual summer holiday.

Administrators, parents and even most kids were happy to see classes resume, but teachers may be wondering whether their stand resulted in any significant gains.

"I think we thought we weren't

going to do any better, and at least we had protected the class size and composition and we'll leave that intact for the court to decide in the fall," Deborah Nostdal, president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, said about the deal.

"Financially it doesn't even keep up to the cost of living, since we had quite a few 'zeros' before that, so it was disappointing."

Teachers accepted a 7.25 per cent raise over a six-year period.

Also disappointing was the fact that improved preparation time for elementary school teachers

didn't make it into the deal. On the other hand, the union did gain improvements for on-call teachers.

"And we're pleased we got a negotiated agreement, that's better than being legislated back to work," Nostdal said.

"So we are glad [to be back to work], and I think the public has a better idea of what teachers are facing every day in the classroom now."

Nostdal said with teachers at an all-time level of engagement and the good public understanding of

the issues, now is the time to put the pressure on to get better funding into the public education system, especially leading up to the new provincial budget cycle in February.

"We also want people to be really engaged during the school trustee elections this fall," she added.

Teachers and students have jumped right into a shorter-than-usual school year, since the Ministry of Education decided not to add days to make up for lost time. Gulf Islands schools superintendent Lisa Halstead explained in a letter to parents there is an option

of changing the secondary school calendar to equalize the semesters. An additional week of provincial exam dates will be added at the beginning of February.

"We are in the process of reviewing reporting timelines and schools will be communicating modifications of timelines as soon as possible," she wrote.

Drivers should be aware that 30 km/h speeds limits are in effect in school zones and to be aware of kids walking to and from water taxis at the Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads crosswalk.

## ISLANDS TRUST

## Island abattoir makes the cut

Trustees approve permit extension

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Trustees at Thursday's Local Trust Committee meeting approved a three-year extension to the Salt Spring Abattoir's temporary use permit.

"We are not aware of any issues that have been raised by anybody and things are going well from our point of view and the property owner's point of view," said Anne Macey on behalf of the Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance.

The Salt Spring Abattoir has operated at 1447/1449 Fulford-Ganges Rd. since 2012. A

temporary use permit allows the facility to operate on the split-zoned Rural/Industrial property.

Applicants obtained a TUP to assess island residents' reaction to the abattoir. The positive reception from neighbours, livestock producers and the broader community has encouraged the property owners to consider a permanent rezoning of the site.

"The landowner is happy and in agreement to go forward with a rezoning," Macey said.

The abattoir is managed by the not-for-profit Salt Spring Abattoir Society. The facility processes red meat and poultry from island farmers.

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## TRANSPORTATION

## MoTi to study Gabriola bridge

Support for fixed link prompts action

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Proponents of a bridge between Vancouver and Gabriola islands are celebrating news that the province will move ahead with a feasibility study on the project.

"We're elated, it's wonderful news," said Michael Zane, founder of the Gabriola Bridge Society.

In June, the group presented a 600-name petition that requested the province conduct a bridge study. He said many bridge supporters on the island were surprised by Thursday's announcement.

"They thought it might take years," he said. "It doesn't surprise me. The province has the appetite for this."

Zane said he anticipates the issue will define November's local government election on the island.

According to a Sept. 18 announcement, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will study the feasibility of a fixed link between the island as an alternative to ferry service.

"This feasibility study is also consistent with government's goals of connecting coastal communities in a sustainable manner, and finding

innovative ways to reduce the upward pressure on coastal ferry fares," states the government press release.

The province will hire a consultant to examine potential locations and compare costs between a bridge and ferry service.

Results of the study are anticipated by the spring.

"Gabriola Island residents have petitioned the provincial government to do this study so that any future discussion about a fixed link can be based on current, factual information," said Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "On that basis, and in consideration of our vision that coastal communities are connected in a sustainable manner, we'll assess the feasibility of a fixed link between the two islands."

Zane said the most commonly talked about fixed link proposal is a pair of two-lane spans. One would run about 100 metres over False Narrows to Mudge Island, while a second 65-metre span would cross Dodd Narrows between Mudge and Duke Point on Vancouver Island.

Zane anticipates the entire project would cost about \$70 million, roughly twice the estimated cost to replace the aging BC Ferries vessel that serves the island.

Gabriola is home to

approximately 4,000 full-time residents.

While the province's decision to conduct the study has buoyed hopes of bridge proponents, other islanders are voicing discontent.

Sheila Malcolmson, a member of the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee, said she is surprised and alarmed by the decision.

Malcolmson said islanders have concerns about ferry fares and service cuts, but added many residents are equally cognizant of a fixed link's potential to "destroy the very essence of islands; something that, once lost, can never be restored."

In a Sept. 19 letter to Minister Stone on behalf of Islands Trust Council, Malcolmson scolds the province on a lack of public consultation about the fixed-link feasibility study.

Trust Council has called on the province to reconsider its decision to conduct a feasibility study. Should the province insist on moving ahead, Trust Council members want to see a broader scope, one that includes more than location and economics.

"The terms of reference for such a significant proposal should also assess navigational, archaeological, ecological, community impacts and community support," reads the letter.



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From the Board of Education

# OPINION



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## EDITORIAL

# Room to improve

John Carter disappeared in June of 2012.

A memorial service for the father, partner and friend to many islanders is being held this week to coincide with Carter's 58th birthday.

Throughout his life, Carter is said to have struggled with occasional mental health issues so it's not without a touch of irony that the service is being held within days of a dire warning from Salt Spring Island Community Services Society.

Funding for adult mental health services, the group's executive director said at the group's annual general meeting last week, has reached a critical state.

The society faces more funding cuts from one of its major donors and an already overstretched workforce is getting ready to extend even further.

Among visitors, Salt Spring is often perceived as a languid backdrop best suited to artistic retreat or retirement paradise.

Sadly, that image appears to have registered in the boardrooms of funding agencies tasked to allocate money for mental health services.

### THE ISSUE:

Mental health services

### WE SAY:

More support needed

Salt Spring may seem too idyllic and laid back for such pressing "big city" issues, but anyone who lives here knows mental health knows no boundaries.

Stories of individuals living with depression, housing troubles and addiction don't often make headlines, but they persist on a daily basis in families and workplaces across Salt Spring and the other Gulf Islands.

In 2007, a survey of the island's homeless population showed Salt Spring had the province's highest per capita homeless rate in the province. Last winter, the island accounted for nine per cent of all cold-weather shelter spaces provided across the entire province.

According to staff and volunteers who spoke at Thursday's AGM, funding to administer support and treatment for people in need is the only thing that shows any sign of remission.

Community Services should be applauded for its work under such desperate and uncertain circumstances. Just because they've met the challenge in the past, however, is no reason to stop asking groups like the United Way and Island Health for fair and stable support to fund the programs that so many islanders obviously need.



VIEWPOINT by Marcie Hogan

# Sue Rodriguez case, 21 years later

In 1993 Sue Rodriguez, suffering unbearably from ALS, challenged the court to let her doctor help her die. The court denied her, not because it wasn't the best option for Sue, but because of their fear that some vulnerable person somewhere, sometime, might be adversely affected by the repercussions of allowing Sue choice in dying. Lacking hard data to guide their discussion, the judges were clearly divided and ruled 5:4 against assisted dying.

Since 1993, laws allowing assisted dying have been enacted across the world, including in Canada. What is different now?

1. In 1997 Oregon enacted the Dying With Dignity Act and has kept meticulous records for 17 years. Now we know that the vulnerable have not been adversely affected by the law. The majority seeking DWDA prescriptions were white, well-educated and diagnosed as terminally ill with cancer.

2. Following Oregon, other jurisdictions have enacted assisted dying laws — Washington, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Montana and Vermont. Three other states, New Jersey, New Mexico and Minnesota, are in the process. Switzerland's law was enacted in 1937. This year Quebec passed Bill 52, an Act Respecting End-of-Life Care, allowing medical aid in dying for competent patients who are terminally ill. A similar bill has reached second reading in the British House of Lords.

3. Health-care legislation has been enacted in all provinces, giving citizens the right to refuse treatments that prolong their dying.

4. Canadians are talking about death and their desire to make informed decisions about it. This past year we have had whole sections of newspapers and magazines, TV documentary series, and Canadian Medical Association town-hall meetings discussing dying. The "D word" is no longer taboo!

5. This year, the federal Liberal and Green parties adopted poli-

cies supporting the need to revise the Criminal Code and enable medical assistance in dying in specific circumstances. They have listened to the recent Angus Reid polls indicating 80 per cent of Canadians favour assisted dying.

6. The Canadian Medical Association survey, taken at their annual meeting in August, revealed 90 per cent of doctors want the freedom to assist their patients. Their current president is the first to express his support for assisted dying.

7. Internationally, a number of clergy have come to realize that there is some suffering only death can end. Last month, Archbishop Desmond Tutu said he supported assisted dying for the terminally ill. Former archbishop of Canterbury Lord Carey stated, "It would not be anti-Christian to change our laws and prevent needless suffering."

8. ALS sufferer and physicist Steven Hawking has changed his mind: "Disabled people should have the right to choose to end their suffering," he said.

9. Technological advances in medical treatments mean that we can now prolong dying long past the body's capability to support life.

10. In June 2012, the B.C. Supreme Court ruled that assisted dying must be permitted under Sections 7 and 15 of our Charter of Rights in order to protect "life, liberty and security of the person."

On Oct. 15, the Supreme Court of Canada will review the 1993 decision. Will they recognize the groundswell of support for assisted dying? Will they grant our Charter right to choose to die with dignity?

The writer is a member of the Salt Spring chapter of Dying with Dignity.

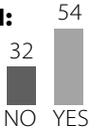
### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should Canada support the war against ISIS?  Yes  No

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### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Could the Ganges boardwalk be open by 2016?



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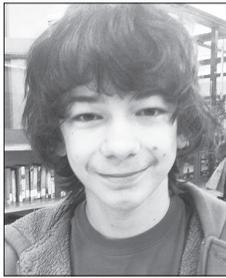
# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I'd prefer to save \$300,000 or \$400,000 and not do anything if we're not going to do it properly."**

KEVIN BELL, SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEMBER

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:**  
What's the best thing about being back at school?



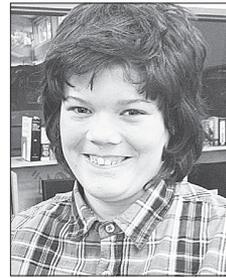
**THOMAS SIMMONS**  
*Probably getting to learn where things are in the school and making new friends.*



**ABIGAIL WALKNER**  
*The routine and seeing friends.*



**LEIGHA RIPLEY**  
*This is my grad year so I hope everything goes smoothly so I can finally graduate.*



**APRIL BENSON**  
*It's great to see the teachers.*



**TRACEY BRAIDEN**  
*Getting to be with the kids.*

## Letters to the editor

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

### Province is short-sighted

*The following letter was sent to Premier Christy Clark and submitted to the Driftwood for publication.*

The three most important jobs on the planet are that of mother, father and teacher. Getting these three right is essential — a fundamental prerequisite for all else — the core infrastructure for a healthy society and a healthy planet.

As a scientist and educator with extensive professional experience at local, provincial, federal and inter-

national levels, I highly recommend that you re-examine the long-term socio-economic perspective and goals of your administration, and give higher priority to the well-being of the families and schools of our province.

I specifically recommend that you correct your administration's short-sighted, as well as unethical and legally questionable, role and tactics in precipitating and maintaining the ongoing teacher contractual dispute, and get our schools functioning again as soon as possible.

**RALPH D. MILLER,**  
SALTAIR LANE

### Answer is simple

Re: John Callas' Sept. 17 "Residents helpless" letter.

There is a fatal flaw in John Callas' argument against the gun club, which applies to all property owners around the club.

He asks what a person can do when they buy a property and then something like the gun club moves in nearby. That has been the point all along — the gun club did not move next to the property owners surrounding it — those property owners knew the gun club was there and

chose to buy their property anyway, probably at a lower price because of its proximity to the club.

Mr. Callas asks, "What are your options?" The answer is simple . . . move somewhere else and stop squawking. You are not a helpless resident and no one is forcing you to live where you are.

In addition, the gun club supporters are not all anonymous. I have no problem saying that I am a resident of Salt Spring, in the Long Harbour area, and I totally support the gun club's rights.

I congratulate the CRD for "protecting the people whom they are paid to

serve" by recognizing the rights of the gun club to exist in its legally zoned location.

**MARIT CHRISTENSEN,**  
LONG HARBOUR

### Teachers thanked

We would like to thank our teachers for their perseverance in defence of universal public education.

There are only winners with a solid public system that treats all kids equally and respectfully.

So thank you teachers.

**CLAUDIA HOLDING,**  
**FRANCES HAVELAAR,**  
SALT SPRING

### Privatization threat

The BC Teachers' Federation deserves our gratitude for resisting repeated attempts by Premier Christy Clark and her government to erode our confidence in public education.

Our health care and education systems are both under threat of being privatized for the benefit of the few at the expense of the rest of us.

**HELÈNE NARAYANA,**  
BEAVER POINT ROAD

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# Health food police have always been a pain

Earlier this summer, my wife and I visited friends who used to live here on Salt Spring but decided a few years ago to relocate to a rural property outside of Cumberland on Vancouver Island. Together, they had turned their new acreage into one of the most fertile and productive gardens I have ever laid eyes upon, using a combination of hand labour and tractor, local manure and local lumber wrap.

As we sat at the dinner table sharing a pot of tea, C. leaned over and said, "You know what you ought to write about? Organics as a religion."

He didn't have to go into specifics because I knew exactly what he was talking about. The definition of what is and what isn't organic has been a source of dispute for decades. It's a small miracle that people haven't gone to war over the issue.

It harkened me back to another era when people were judged by how "unpolluted" in terms of "organic" they appeared to be. In the early '70s, before we had a Pacific Share Collective and before there was an Edible Island Food Co-op, there existed a loose network of small food cooperatives up, down and across the province of B.C. In small towns as diverse as Kitimat, Hazelton and Armstrong, where your chances of finding a health food store were about as likely as finding a five-star restaurant serving French cuisine, small groups of alternative lifestyle individuals and families banded together to form local co-ops dedicated to bringing good, healthy food to regions of the province that had never laid eyes on a block of tofu.

The network was called Fed Up Co-op and its

centre was an old warehouse in East Vancouver. The building was staffed by volunteers from the different regional organizations (each co-op was required to send two volunteers a couple of times a year to help run the warehouse, package the goods and fill the monthly orders from all over the province).

I lived on Gabriola Island at the time and in true granola-crunching, tie-dyeing style, we gave our little chunk of Fed Up the name "Rainbow Co-op." We divided the island geographically into five "houses" and every month each house put in a food order for the different families it represented. The five different orders were compiled together and mailed to the Fed Up warehouse. A week later, we would rent a five-ton truck in Nanaimo, ferry several of ourselves across to the big smoke and eventually return loaded with bags of rolled oats, big blocks of Emmental cheese and a host of other sundries that would soon be divvied up among the different Rainbow members.

It was at these co-op food distribution get-togethers that our socialist/altruist leanings went by the board and we "children of the Rainbow" showed our true colours. Suddenly, all of us brothers and sisters of the Harmonic Convergence turned into factions of Family Feud as we vied with one another to prove who indeed kept a more healthy diet. The game was "More Organic than Thou," and each one of us was guilty of trying to stake out the higher moral ground.



**Shilo Zylbergold**

### NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

Those who had purchased the golden Sultana raisins that had been dried with sulphites were scoffed at by the purists who laid out a few more shekels for the sundried Lexia raisins. Others were poo-pooed for ordering the inferior brewer's yeast instead of the much more classy Engevita nutritional yeast for sprinkling on organically grown popcorn.

Woe to the poor nebbish who opted for enriched white flour instead of the stone-ground whole wheat variety or the pathetic clown who did not replace his craving for milk-fat-rich creamery butter with a bagful of soy lecithin granules. Even olive oil was eschewed unless it was extra, extra virgin and cold pressed by unionized Sicilian peasants.

Nothing made you feel like more of a loser who deserved to be manhandled onto the next ferry off the island and told to stay away permanently than being caught with a package of white sugar in your order. There was a definite "sweetener" hierarchy established with white sugar at the very bottom looking up at brown sugar, Demerara and honey (especially the unpasteurized Peace River country variety) at the very top.

Times have changed, but have they really changed that much? The competition among both large commercial growers and even small backyard gardeners still seems to centre around exactly how organic is organic.

Even the word "organic" itself is rife with controversy. To chemists, it simply suggests that

a substance has at least one atom of carbon in its molecular makeup. To growers and farmers, however, the word opens up an entire Pandora's Box of possibilities.

How has the soil been fed? Did the fertilizers used come from natural sources (such as the business ends of cattle and sheep), or did they arrive in the form of nitrates, phosphates and potassium chlorides (much of which are merely by-products of the war industry)?

Even if the soil was fed with animal wastes, where did the manure originate? Were the poop-dumpers grain fed or were they allowed to range freely? If grain fed, were there any additives in the grain? Was it chockfull of steroids and antibiotics? Was the grain itself genetically modified? If the beasts were able to roam and graze at will, had the fields been sprayed lately (say, within the last century)?

Nobody asked me, but don't you think it's high time we eased off a little bit on this battle to see who is the most organic of us all? Why can't we relax our fists (or forks) and allow each other the opportunity to choose the type and quality of food that most satisfies our needs (and our wallets). If that's 100 per cent certified organic that has passed through six layers of institutional testing and has received the golden seal of approval, that's fine.

But if it's just that old guy with the straw hat down the road who hand waters his squash, tracks fresh manure around on the treads of his gumbosots and doesn't know or care about how to get his veggies certified, then that's okay too.

Let's forget about the moral high ground and settle for a little common sense and true common ground.

# Trust Council chair disappointed by lack of consultation

The following letter was sent to Transportation Minister Todd Stone.

## BY SHEILA MALCOLMSON

I am writing on behalf of the Islands Trust Council in response to the announcement of a feasibility study for a bridge to Gabriola and Mudge Islands.

The Islands Trust carries out the provincial mandate of the Islands Trust Act on behalf of islanders and of all British Columbians: to preserve and protect the provincially-significant island archipelago that lies between Vancouver Island and the Vancouver mainland. Our most recent survey (Ipsos Reid, 2011) indicates that 86 per cent of British Columbians and 97 per cent of islanders agree that the Gulf Islands are a special part of BC; 85 per cent of British Columbians agree they should be protected from over-development and 83 per cent agree the provincial government should take

action to support the preservation and protection of these islands. Within the Islands Trust Area, these latter percentages rise to 90 per cent.

Consistent with the Islands Trust Act, the province has approved the Islands Trust Policy Statement and numerous official community plans from individual islands, all developed through extensive consultation with islanders, non-resident property owners and visitors. None of these documents support fixed connections of these islands to Vancouver Island, the mainland or another island. Fundamentally, islanders and non-islanders alike recognize that such connections destroy the very essence of islands; something that, once lost, can never be restored.

From our previous experience working with provincial ministries, we are surprised and alarmed that you have now announced an initiative that seems so contrary to our previous discussions, community

consultation and the wisdom that led to creation of the Islands Trust Act 40 years ago. While it is true that we are concerned about community sustainability and the impacts that rising ferry fares and service cuts have had, we believe the solution lies in broad consultation with our communities, rather than surprise announcements about single projects.

I am disappointed your ministry has announced major infrastructure studies without any apparent consultation with the locally elected representatives or taxpayers. There are at least four government bodies with zoning or other authorities and services affected by this proposal: the Snuneymuxw First Nation, the City of Nanaimo, the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee. We are not aware of outreach to any of those bodies before making this significant announcement. I also do not understand why your Parliamentary

Secretary MLA Jordan Sturdy failed to mention the pending study when we met Wednesday to discuss Vancouver Island transportation infrastructure planning, even when I raised the issue directly.

I am also disappointed your ministry failed to study the economic impacts of your government's BC Ferries decisions, as requested by Islands Trust Council and many coastal governments. Last week's Union of BC Municipalities study found traffic losses from your ferry policies cost the BC economy \$2.3 billion over 10 years. It found BC Ferries stimulates \$1.8 billion in expenditures each year, which in turn produces \$1.5 billion in total value-added GDP for BC. These strong findings suggest your ministry should have conducted such research itself, before raising rates and cutting service, and funding this study should not have fallen on local government.

If you are determined to spend public dollars on a bridge study

instead, we strongly recommend that the scope be broader than location and economics. The terms of reference for such a significant development proposal should also assess navigational, archaeological, ecological, community impacts and community support.

I will close by reminding you of the protocol agreement between our two agencies in place since 1992 and revised in 1996. Your staff have respected this agreement by offering "effective cooperation between the Ministry of Transportation and the Islands Trust (leading to) certainty in road system planning and development, coordinated responses from the parties and the harmonization of relevant legislation, bylaws, policies and programs." We call on your ministry to uphold the cooperative spirit of this agreement.

The writer chairs Islands Trust Council.

Capital Regional District & Islands Trust



## Mail Ballot Voting Information 2014 General Local Election & Assent Voting (Referendum)

Mail Ballot Voting is now available for the election of CRD Electoral Area Directors, Islands Trust Local Area Trustees, School Trustees (61, 62, 63, 64) and Assent Voting (Referendum). Electors who:

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If you wish to confirm that your name is on the List of Electors, please call the number listed above.

The CRD will send out mail ballot packages commencing on our about **Monday, October 27, 2014**. If we receive your **application after November 3, 2014**, and time does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the CRD, Legislative & Information Services, at the address listed above.

To be counted for the election or assent voting, your mail ballot **must** be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at address listed above. It is the obligation of the person applying to vote by mail ballot to ensure that the mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer within this time limit.

For more information on Mail Ballot Voting please contact the following:

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Dated September 15, 2014  
Thomas F. Moore  
Chief Election Officer

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### Ferries listening

I am writing to update your readers about the new sailing schedule that was implemented on the Crofton-Vesuvius route in April of this year and the upcoming fall/winter/spring schedule for the Tsawwassen-Southern Gulf Islands route.

After six weeks of community consultation by BC Ferries this past spring, the schedules originally proposed by the provincial government were refined on all of the affected routes to try to introduce the best timetables that still met the service reductions outlined by the province.

Over the summer we worked with the ferry advisory committees as well as heard suggestions from other customers to help us make decisions on changes for the dangerous cargo sailings on the Crofton-Vesuvius route and amending the service proposals for the Tsawwassen-Southern Gulf Islands schedules still to come effective late October. Any change to ferry service takes some time to get used to, however, and on several routes, including the Crofton-Vesuvius route, congestion issues are being closely monitored.

FACs are comprised of local community representatives who volunteer their time to consult on operational issues relevant to their community. They act as liaisons, relaying information to the community and providing BC Ferries with constructive advice and insights into the concerns and opinions of local ferry users.

We certainly understand the vital role we play in maintaining the quality of life for people who live, work and travel in and around coastal British Columbia. We will continue to work with the FAC this fall to get a sense of community preference

about possible schedule tweaks that can be made to meet the needs of the majority of ferry users, while still achieving the net savings set out by the provincial government.

**CORRINE STOREY,**  
VP, CUSTOMER SERVICES,  
BC FERRIES

### Heart of dispute

I want to thank the hundreds of parents, teachers and students who contacted me regarding the teachers' dispute with the BC Liberal government.

I am pleased an agreement has been reached, although in my view government's intransigence has led to unnecessary and very disruptive school closures. I visited teachers on the picket lines a number of times. They made it clear that their primary concern has never been about wages and benefits — despite government claims to the contrary, and the two sides were not that far apart on this issue.

The heart of the dispute has always been about class size and composition and the lack of classroom support for kids, particularly those with special needs. The Supreme Court of B.C. has twice rejected Liberal government attempts, initiated by Premier Christy Clark when she was education minister, to strip class size and composition from the teachers' contract. Shockingly, the court actually found that government tried to provoke a strike, and fined government for bargaining in bad faith.

The province continues to defy these court rulings, and yet another appeal by government will be heard in the courts this October. If this appeal is rebuked again, it is my hope that government will stop wasting taxpayer dollars on unproductive court action and provide the resources to make real improvements in classrooms. Students and their parents deserve this, and we will all benefit from these investments.

**GARY HOLMAN,**  
MLA, SAANICH NORTH AND  
THE ISLANDS

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## Subdue the fish farm racket

The following letter was sent to the Aquilini Investment Group and submitted to the Driftwood for publication.

Congratulations on your big purchase of the extremely noisy sable fish plant.

That's wonderful for you.

We, the citizens on Grantville Street and surrounding areas on Walker Hook, sincerely hope you will be good corporate citizens and business owners and abide by Salt Spring Island's noisy bylaw, which stipulates very clearly that noise 24 hours a day, interfering with the quality of life, is illegal.

We will not tolerate the 24-hours-a-day noise that comes from your newly purchased plant.

I hope the previous owners, realtors, lawyers and Capital Regional District staff informed you of the plethora of noise complaints we islanders have made for years.

Some people nearby on Walker

Hook are fortunate in that the trajectory of the noise from the plant misses their properties completely.

I am not alone on this issue. Others, like my husband, friends and long-time residents of Grantville Street and above us, on Main Street, hear your plant noise full force, day and night, making it unbearable to simply enjoy our properties. The noise is the worst in the summer-time.

There are signed petitions available on record as well.

It has been very difficult to fall asleep for the night. I am personally affected by this noise. It has affected the quality of my days and particularly the nights. It is well documented that lack of sleep leads to all sorts of health problems.

Please make this your top priority as you begin to expand your new acquisition. Surely you will do the right thing and properly encase your equipment to subdue the aforementioned racket.

**JULIE NORTHEY,**  
GRANTVILLE STREET

## Bring back the zebra

OK, OK . . . you all had your frolics, and it would be raining on your parade, wouldn't it, to complain about illegally painting over the "zebra-crossing" at the junction of McPhillips Avenue and Fulford-Ganges Road?

However, the frolics are now way over. When are you organizers going to reinstate the white bars and with the proper paint as per roadworks specs? It is dangerous as visitors don't know it's a crossing as is.

This is not sour grapes; it is a matter of rectifying deliberate damage to road markings after the fairy-dust has settled. Can the Ministry of Transportation get on this, please?

**ROSS KING,**  
BEDDIS ROAD

Send your letters to  
the editor to  
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**SHAKE IT UP:** Kyana Deseron plays with the band at a world-wide Playing for Change fundraiser in Centennial Park on Saturday.

# RANTS and Roses

## Rants

To whoever is dumping dirty white goo near the blackberries at the foot of Corbett Road, shame on you. It appears to be dry-wall paste and sticks to your shoes like glue. K. Darling

## Roses

A wheelbarrow of red roses to Gwen Denluck for the beautifully handmade quilt she donated to the Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association, which the organization raffled off at the fall fair. Thanks from all the staff, riders and volunteers of SSTR.

The athletes of Special Olympics BC on Salt Spring Island are presenting a bocce ball court full of everlasting roses to Tim and John and their staff at TJ Beans for their generosity in hosting a wrap-up party for us on their veranda. The party and food were very much appreciated and enjoyed by every one of us.

More roses of appreciation are also sent out to our program coordinator Ross Harvey; coaches Bob Elsea, Ted Lane and Jean Elder; volunteers Caroline Bracken, Chip Chipman, Dorothy Christopherson and Martin Mongard. A rose of appreciation is also sent to Yolande Leger. Mouat's Home Hardware also receives a special rose from us for its recognition in the Driftwood for the three athletes that qualified to participate in the Special Olympics Canada national games this summer. Two of the athletes came back home winners with silver medals in bocce. Our little island is making its mark in Canada! Thank you one and all for supporting and encouraging us!

Roses of thanks to Rick MacKinnon and Country Grocer for their generous support of the Grads 2015 fundraising efforts at the fall fair. Thank you, Country Grocer. What a great community we live in!

GISS Grads of 2015 send roses of thanks to Thrifty Foods and Mouat's Home Hardware for their support of our fall fair fundraiser. Thank you!

The teachers of our islands would like to send a school bus full of fresh young roses of every colour to all of you, the people who have made this job action just a little bit easier to handle. Thank you to Arvid and Norm for sustenance and humour; thank you to Country Grocer for food and drink; thank you to numerous individuals, young and old, who stopped by to share a story, give a hug,

give a cookie, or an apple. Thank you to those who donated their own hard-earned dollars to give us coffee, muffins, hot dogs and burgers. Thank you for high fives, the honks, the waves of solidarity and good will. Thank you for the signs, posters, stickers and support. You all know that we would rather be teaching and we thank you most sincerely for your empathy and kindness.

Sincere apologies and roses to everyone in Salt Spring Singers, for the Chor Leoni collection of soothing, healing music, tucked in with my Comfort Quilt. Many thanks, Betty B.

Roses of gratitude from Salt Spring Hospice to Country Grocer, the United Church and Island Savings for helping to make our 30th anniversary tea a sun-filled afternoon of rejoicing in our past, celebrating our future and filling our present with the warmth of friendship and the virtue of devotion.

A big thank-you to the 150 participants and over 40 volunteers who brought forth this year's Terry Fox Run. The run raised \$3,000 for cancer research. We appreciate the generosity of Embe Bakery, Salt Spring Water Company, Country Grocer and TJ Beans in nourishing our tired and hot participants. We acknowledge the Salt Spring Concert Band, Earth Jazz Conglomerate, the Salt Spring Pipe Band, face painter Vincent Potrykus and magician Shaun Luttin for giving of their creative talents. Thanks to Li Read and Sue Newman for emceeding the event, and to all the kids whose enthusiasm led to the fabulous banners that inspired us on the route. We also want to recognize the contributions of the following organizations: SS Chamber of Commerce, SS Film Festival, Parks and Recreation, Rainbow Road Pool, SS Exchange, the Driftwood, Fishbowl Magazine, Shaw Cable, GO Fitness Personal Training, Island Savings, the Salt Spring Sneakers, Taoist Tai Chi on Salt Spring Island. Finally, thank you to Lynn Thompson, Karen Curtin, Melanie Morris and Kirsty Oliveira for the hours of organizational work that they poured into this event.

A school bus full of yellow roses to Salt Spring PARC for doing such a tremendous job of clearing along the path that runs from Whims to Fernwood. Much appreciated! Ann and Bruce

A huge ice bucket full of red and white roses to all of the volunteers at our fabulous Sip & Savour event. Thank you all — what a team! Linda B.

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## THOUGHTS & NEWS

from Dr. Richard Hayden

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**MASSAGE:** Massage all the muscles in your legs, which will help remove the metabolic waste that built up in your muscles due to your workout.

**STRETCHING:** After a workout your body muscles are shortened and tight. You need to lengthen and loosen them up. Tight muscle groups typically lead to injury down the road. Stretching is so important, after class take the time and stretch.

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### Buyers: How to compare prices and value?

Comparing homes with similar attributes can provide valuable insights. Consider the age of the: roof, decks, septic field, appliances and "deferred maintenance". How dated are the bathrooms and kitchen and flooring? Would you want to replace them? The cost of replacing each of these items could be considerable. Make up a comparison chart accounting for these differences.

When planning a second viewing, ASK FOR AN INFO PACKAGE & PERMISSION TO TAKE PHOTOS. Take notes. Identify chattels that you may wish to have included such as: window coverings, appliances and their brand name, built in vacuum and/or hot tub accessories, shelving, firewood on hand, riding lawn mower, water filters, garden sheds, building plans, etc. Note what items are excluded on the feature sheet to assist you in making plans for replacing. Then you will likely conclude that...

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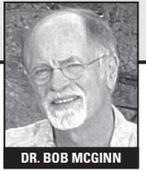


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Most people are now back from holidays and busy getting the family ready for school. Another group is just getting ready to head out for trips to usually warmer and drier climates.

Either way, you may be due for service and repair after a long trip, or check ups to avoid problems before heading out. The days are getting shorter and lighting systems need to be working their best. Heaters will soon be used to keep the windows clear and wipers will be working overtime. If you are on a 6-month oil change schedule you will need to take care of winter servicing soon. It's a little early to think about snow tire installation but give a thought to what tires you will use and possibly buy early to avoid the rush later in the fall.

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The conversation starts with media, whether it's paid or native advertising, social media or word of mouth. Include your signage, labels, the way your staff interacts with customers and the integrity of your offers. Conversations also extend to the point of sale — racking, stacking; even the convenience of your parking lot. It's your website and whether it's user-friendly (does it load quickly? Does it provide useful information?)

The contract part involves meeting the expectations set by your "conversations." In a nutshell, did you deliver what you said you would? Is the product as good as you promised? Was the service? Did the customer experience meet the expectations created by you?

Businesses in this area operate in a very competitive market that includes all the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and to a lesser extent, the Lower Mainland. It's really all one market. To stay on top, it's important to manage every aspect of your conversations with your customers.



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NATIONAL REAL ESTATE

## 'Balanced' scene in Canada

Checking in across the country

A Sept. 15 report found that Canada's housing market is "healthy and well-balanced overall," notwithstanding activity in the hot spots of Calgary, Toronto and Vancouver.

According to BMO Financial Group chief economist Doug Porter, "Housing starts are running close to demographic demand at just over 190,000 units, and Canadian existing home sales rose 1.8 per cent in August (seasonally adjusted), lifting them a modest 2.1 per cent above year-ago levels. Both main measures of home prices are up 5.3 per cent, year over year, almost matching the prior month."

The level of sales is the best in over four

years, Porter said, and is closing in on the pre-recession highs reached in 2007.

However, he noted, "the seemingly calm exterior on sales and prices masks a deepening divide between large cities and small, and West and East. On the sales side, almost half the major markets (12) reported declines last month, with double-digit drops in Halifax, Sudbury and Winnipeg. Similarly, so far this year, precisely half of Canada's cities saw sales drop, with eight of the nine cities east of Ontario down, while only one of eight in the west fell."

Markets are balanced in most regions, the report continued, with just under two new listings for every sale and a 5.8-month supply of available listings. An exception is in Alberta, where sellers retain the upper hand over the ongoing tide of newcomers to the province.



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## Hystericals put on rare and possibly final reunion show

Famed local comedy troupe reunites

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Taking a bit of inspiration from the Monty Python troupe, Salt Spring's most famous comedy ensemble is also in reunion mode this year.

The Salt Spring Hysterical Society, which began performing on the island in 1986, put on brilliant evenings of comedy and even created a full-length island-centric play called *Paradise Lots* that debuted in 1989.

As might be expected from a group of "getting-up-there-in-age" silly people, no one can remember for sure when they last sashayed around a stage together. Driftwood archives prove that in 2007 some members held a benefit for one of their own, Reid Collins. Before that the last recorded SSHS comedy night was at ArtSpring in 2001, so a Hysterical Society event is a rare thing indeed.

What can SSHS fans expect to see at the Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4 shows



From left, Salt Spring Hysterical Society members in the late 1980s, and preparing for their Oct. 3-4 shows in 2014.

at ArtSpring?

Society member Sid Filkow says the troupe is dusting off some classic skits, such as *Queen of the Diner*, *Hank Steele - Midhusband*, *the Latin Building Inspector*, *Nurturing Warriors Men's Group* and *Mr. Clearcut's*

*Kids' Show*, although new gems may also surface.

Performing in the upcoming shows are Filkow, Collins, Arvid Chalmers, April Curtis, Michael Hayes, Larry Walske and Shilo Zylbergold. Some previous SSHS members have died or no

longer live close by.

While laughter and entertainment will be the prime goal of the show, there's a serious fundraising aspect as well. SEVA Canada, a Vancouver-based charitable organization that restores sight and prevents blindness

for people living in 12 of the world's poorest places, will benefit. For every \$50 raised through SEVA, a person receives the gift of sight.

Showtime both evenings is 8 p.m. Tickets are available through the ArtSpring ticket centre.

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**CONCERT PREVIEW**

## Prince and Cox hit the stage for launch

Island Way CD celebrated at All Saints' on Sunday

Salt Spring singer-songwriter Peter Prince teams up with Dobro slide guitar vet Doug Cox to present the official Island Way CD launch concert at All Saints' this Sunday, Sept. 28.

Cox is one of several musical contributors to Prince's latest album, so he's a perfect fit for the event that begins at 7:30 p.m. and is described as "an evening of acoustic roots music destined to move body and soul."

Cox has just returned from playing shows in Denver and Nashville. He's also the director of Vancouver Island Music Fest and an enthusiastic promoter and producer of traditional and cutting edge artists.

Prince and Cox's first musical collaboration dates back to the mid '80s in Victoria when they co-produced Prince's song called *It Takes A Long Time to Become Young*. The song was cast in vinyl on Coastal Focus, a record that included songs from Canadian folk artists such as Valdy, Bob Carpenter, Joe Mock, Jenny Allen and Diamond Joe White.

In 2012, Cox invited Prince to perform at Music Fest.

"Inspired to once again create music together they hatched a plan, but this time with a hi-tech twist to the recording project," explains a press release.

"While *Become Young* was recorded on two-inch analog tape in Victoria's stately Keye recording studio circa 1986, the 2014 creative process involved digital audio streamed from

island to island. Peter recorded his vocals and guitar at his Salt Spring farmhouse studio, and then sent the audio file via internet to Doug in Courtenay. When inspiration struck, Doug recorded the Dobro part in his own studio, affectionately named *The Closet*, and then sent his audio files to Peter for mixing."

"I'm thrilled to have Doug join me," said Prince. "He's a top Dobro player and accompanist. From Indian ragas to Delta blues, you can throw any style his way and he'll create something magical. This works well with my brand of folk, because I tend to bend genres and blend global music influences."

Tickets for the show are available at Salt Spring Books, Prince's booth at the Saturday Market and online at [www.peterprince.com](http://www.peterprince.com).

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**POETRY**

## Open mic night returns to library

Award-winning poets make guest appearance Oct. 2

The Salt Spring Public Library's open poetry mic is back on Thursday, Oct. 2, and this time two award-winning guests will fill the featured reader slot.

Yvonne Blomer was born in Zimbabwe and came to Canada when she was two years old.

Her first collection, 'a broken mirror, fallen leaf,' was short-listed for the Gerald Lampert Memorial Award. Other published works include *Landscapes and Home: Ghazals, Bicycle Brand Journey and The Book of Places*. Her third full collection of poems, *As if a Raven*, was released in 2014.

Ariel Gordon is a Winnipeg writer. Her second collection of poetry — *Stowaways* — was launched in spring 2014. Recently, she won the inaugu-

ral Kalamalka Press John Lent Poetry-Prose Award.

Anyone who would like to participate in the open mic portion of the evening should arrive between 6:45 and 7 p.m. to sign up. Performers will be first come, first on the list. The open mic will run for a half hour with one poem per reader, followed by the featured poets' performance at 7:30 p.m.

A donation basket will be passed for the featured readers.

## PERFORMANCE POETRY

## 'Genius' slam poet on tap



PHOTO COURTESY JEM ROLLS

Fringe festival veteran Jem Rolls puts on his performance poetry show at Mahon Hall this Friday. He will be joined by islander Murray Reiss.

English performer is "godfather of Scottish slam poetry"

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring audiences who enjoy the combination of brilliant word-smithing and high-energy performance won't want to miss an evening featuring Jem Rolls this Friday, Sept. 26, at Mahon Hall.

Jem Rolls Attacks the Silence is the latest show being toured on the Canadian Fringe circuit by this insanely entertaining poet from London, England. Rolls will put on a souped-up, 90-minute version of the show on Salt Spring, bringing together a varied program of pieces that force language into its top performance speed.

As an Edmonton Journal review summarizes: "Just about anything, especially poetry, sounds better in a British accent, but this guy must spend a lot of time exploring the language, to invent and memorize the amazing running monologues he's brought to Fringe tours for years. There's genius in the personable way he makes it feel like fresh conversation."

"It's like a class war between the words. The capitalized nouns have a clash with the verbs; verbs of the world unite and march to the front of the sentence," Rolls explained with typically rapid-fire delivery during a conversation with the Driftwood.

Rolls recently completed his one hundredth Fringe festival while in Vancouver and has traversed Canada multiple times, but this will be his first visit to Salt Spring. He's coming thanks to a 20-year connection with local poet and musician Bruce McRae.

Rolls ran a performance poetry cabaret night for five years in an Islington pub — where McRae played bass — before moving to Edinburgh, where he got into the Fringe Festival and starting doing poetry slams. He actually wrote the local rules of that art that are still used today, to his amusement earning him the title "godfather of Scottish poetry slams" without having a drop of Scottish blood.

The current show includes a number of pieces that Rolls says are basically skits or short stories dressed up as poems. The program may shift from a soppy love poem to a piece about how the world is speeding up (with an increasingly intense delivery to match), and on from a comedy routine to something that "isn't at all funny." Humour does play a large part in his work, however, especially the self-deprecating kind.

"A laugh at myself is a quite important part of the process," Rolls said.

A laugh at his compatriots is also in order. Rolls noted the show contains a series of insults to both the English and Canadians.

"You've borrowed two languages, you've broken them and now you're refusing to give them

back," he said by way of example of the latter.

Murray Reiss, winner of the 2014 Gerald Lamerpurt Memorial Award, will open the show with a selection of his climate action performance poetry, some of which he has featured at the Only Planet Cabaret.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Local poet Murray Reiss.

"It will be mostly environment themed," Reiss said.

"I'll be looking at different issues such as the environment, the ecosystem, our role as consumers and our role as citizens, and what we can do with it. Just looking at all these issues, sometimes from different perspectives," he said.

Reiss added that he's personally excited to see headliner Rolls.

"It will be something. I don't think anyone on Salt Spring, myself included, has seen anything like this before, judging from what I've read in the reviews. He just brings a whole new level of theatre energy."

Tickets are available at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30.



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## THEATRE ARTS

## Salt Spring couple creates Madama Butterfly's world

Canadian Opera Company production in Toronto Oct 10-31

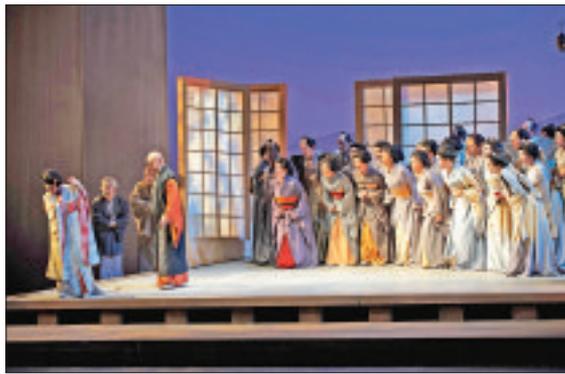
BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents Susan Benson and Michael Whitfield will be away from their island home this month to help manage the visual environment at the Four Seasons Centre, the nation's pre-eminent theatre specifically designed for ballet and opera.

Drawing them away from the quiet lifestyle they've enjoyed for the past three years is the Canadian Opera Company's revival of audience favourite *Madama Butterfly*.

First mounted in 1990, the company has revived Brian Macdonald's production four or five times since then, the latest being in 2009. Each time, Benson and Whitfield have returned to touch up the elements of the imaginary universe they were responsible for creating.

The two veterans of the Stratford Festival have often, but not always, worked together on shows across Canada and around the world, he in lighting design and she in costuming and set design. This trip to Toronto has special meaning in that it may be their



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At right, Adina Nitescu is Cio-Cio San and David Pomeroy is Pinkerton in the Canadian Opera Company's 2009 production of *Madama Butterfly*, which featured costume and set design by Susan Benson and lighting by Michael Whitfield. The Salt Spring couple is back in Toronto this month for the show's revival.

last collaboration with Macdonald, an esteemed member of the Canadian theatre world.

"What's quite nice is the fact that they don't always bring operas back — certainly not as much as this," Benson said during a recent interview.

Benson originally trained as a painter and believes all designers should have a solid foundation in drawing before specializing in theatre arts. The components of the stage set follow the same rules as two-dimensional art, with the need to create a unified composition, balance colours, and pay heed to considerations of pattern and texture. Even the smallest prop must work

within the overall picture.

Similarly, Benson said, "A good lighting designer paints with light."

"You're always interested in the fact that the stage is a composition, and the composition is always changing," Whitfield added.

Considerations include creating mood, drawing audience attention to the correct place and making the stage look its best — usually in a more subtle fashion, in Whitfield's case, than the "bold" look of many American productions.

Typically not much changes in terms of set or lighting when it comes to revivals: productions are less expen-

sive to mount if the existing material can be repeated as is. In some cases, a director might want to explore one or two new ideas which require adjustment.

A favourite scene for lighting designers in *Madama Butterfly* is the Humming Chorus, which takes place off stage while *Butterfly* looks out to the harbour and waits for Pinkerton to arrive. The sky transitions from sunset to darkness, through moonlight and stars and eventually through the dawn, all during a 15-minute period.

"It's great for lighting because you cannot be accused of overstepping,"

Whitfield observed.

Benson receives her initial inspiration from the text when it comes to plays, but in opera the music is the main key and informs what the colour palette is going to be.

"In *Butterfly*, the music is delicate and requires quite a muted palette," she said. Her painted and dyed silk costumes find balance in a minimalist set that suggests the traditional Japanese home rather than recreating it. Because so much in this production is suggested by a few elements, the audience fills in the rest through imaginative participation.

Benson designed the set

to make space for the actors to move, and the costumes likewise.

"We've worked with Brian Macdonald on many productions. He started as a choreographer, so to him movement is very important," she explained.

For this reason she eschewed the restrictive traditional Japanese kimono for her own Art Nouveau take on the garment. When *Butterfly* raises her arms, the silk flouts around her body like softly flapping wings.

Coming back to the production isn't likely to pose much trouble, although Benson will be adapting original costumes to fit new principals as well as checking the silks and the set components for wear and tear. The husband and wife team likely passed their greatest challenge when they first took on the project, when they created an original take on one of the world's best-known and best-loved operas.

"To create an enduring product, you need to find a way to say, 'Let's take another look at your common concept,' without departing from it too much," Whitfield said.

"I'm quite proud of the fact that it's lasting visually as a concept," Benson said, "It isn't out of date."

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Effective immediately, the portable behind the Capital Regional District (CRD) Salt Spring Island Administrative Office, located at 145 Vesuvius Road, is closed due to concerns with mould. The portable is usually made available as a meeting space for community groups and Salt Spring Island residents.

The CRD is working to address the issue and reopen the portable for public use as quickly as possible. Due to the planning and costs associated with undertaking remediation, this work will not be resolved in the immediate or near future. Status updates will be shared as this information becomes available.

In the interim, alternate meeting locations to consider include:

- Salt Spring Island Public Library
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- Community Gospel Church
- Fulford Hall
- Lions Club
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- United Church (downtown)

See the Salt Spring Island Leisure Guide for additional locations.

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### FUNDRAISER

## Filmmaker charts plane rehab

Kickstarter campaign in progress for local documentary

A labour of love, both in front of and behind the camera, is nearing the finish line in Victoria.

Director/producer April Butler, who lives on Gossip Island off Galiano, has been filming the restoration of an original de Havilland Mosquito airplane for the past five years. With her film *Gaining Altitude — A Mosquito Reborn* now in its post-production phase, she is looking for community support to realize a November 2014 completion date.

The documentary follows the

restoration of the VR796 Mosquito being done at Victoria Air Maintenance, an aircraft restoration firm located in Saanich.

"The Mosquito, affectionately nicknamed the Mossie, was a crucial element of the Allied Forces' victory in the Second World War," Butler explained. "By 1950, 7,781 Mossies were constructed, but most were left to the elements and have crumbled, and only about 30 examples of this historic aircraft remain. VR796 is one of just two Mosquitos that are currently flying."

"To restore this plane back to its original glory — both on the ground and in the air — was perhaps one of the biggest challenges the engineers at Victoria Air Maintenance have ever faced."

*Gaining Altitude — A Mosquito Reborn* documents this process, tracing the history of the aircraft through the many hands who guided it. The film pays homage to the importance of the Mosquito in World War II, interviewing the men who put their lives on the line in the plane in support of the Allied Forces effort. Butler also follows renowned pilot Steve Hinton as he prepares to take the beloved Mosquito for its inaugural flight after years of restoration efforts.

A Kickstarter campaign has been launched and a goal of \$15,000 has been set to finish editing and produce DVDs of the documentary. For more information on the campaign, go to <http://kck.st/ZaC9J3>.

### LIBRARY

## Youth activities at the library

Book club and internet sessions

Salt Spring's library is offering more free programs for island youth.

The Internet of Things is a fast-paced program in web development taught by developer Shaun Luttin. Open to all ages, students will learn HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript, and learn how pressing a button on a website

can communicate across the internet to flash a light on the other side of town. The Internet of Things meets every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 103 beginning on Sept. 26.

Registration is not necessary.

The Youth Book Club for ages 10 to 14 meets on the third Thursday of each month, picking a different book each month.

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CLOWNING

# Fools festival lights up dark side of humour

Deanna Fleysher's "Butt Kapinski" returns for cabaret night

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The edgy humour of modern clowning will be on tap for Salt Spring audiences this weekend when a rare ensemble of talent unites for the Festival of Fools.

Presented by Bob Twaites and Phlyax Theatre, the mini festival will see the return of Los Angeles-based Deanna Fleysher in her role as Butt Kapinski, with a cabaret evening featuring Fleysher and Twaites as well as Sue Newman, Priscilla Costa and Jesse Grindler to follow. The "celebration of the grotesque and the beautiful" offers two performance nights at Mahon Hall on Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 28.

Butt Kapinski won the Edmonton Fringe Festival's Best of the Fringe Award for 2014 and The Cultch's Cultivating the Fringe Award in 2013, earning the show a two-week run at the Vancity Culture Lab this fall. Salt Spring residents who had the opportunity to see and be part of the show last year will attest that it's a memorable and perhaps life-changing event, as the sneering, gender-bending film noir detective solves a murder by bringing audience members into the show.

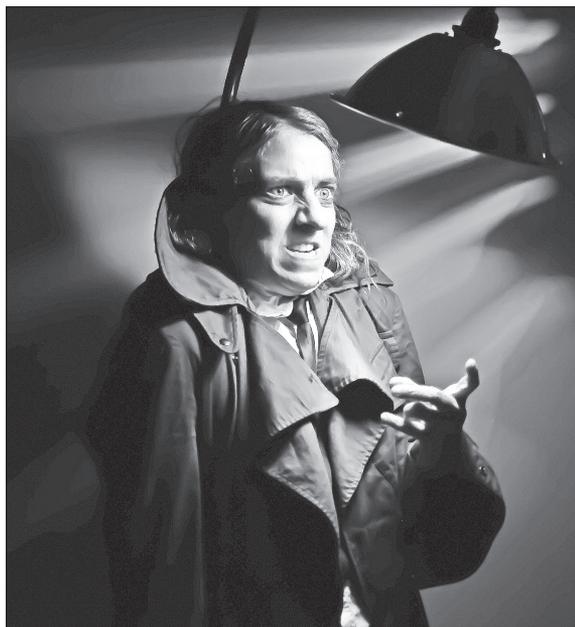


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Deanna Fleysher in Butt Kapinski mode. The award-winning performer is part of the Festival of Fools at Mahon Hall this weekend.

"I would go to Vancouver for that in a minute — and she's coming to Salt Spring," Twaites said with excitement.

The director of the infamous Red Bastard show that toured Salt Spring some years back, Fleysher has had impeccable training and now earns fantastic reviews wherever she tours. Part of her charm is her ability to elicit participation from audience members who normally prefer to sit back and watch.

"The great thing about Deanna is when she does audience participation you are safe," Twaites said.

At the same, he noted, Fleysher is able to get people to do things they may have always wanted but never

expected to do, or else never wanted to do in the first place, and love it in both cases.

In addition to the treat of having Butt Kapinski back on stage, the program will give audience members 15-minute tastes of each clown on the menu. This represents the seed of a long-held dream that Twaites has been nurturing, of creating a week-long, juried festival taking place at multiple venues with international and local talent. Although this version is all wrapped up in one evening at one venue, the show provides the critical cross-pollination of artists, who represent at least two genders, all ages and a variety of clowning styles.

Costa, who hails from Victo-

ria, practises the classic bouffon style and probably isn't the best introduction to the art for people who are afraid of clowns.

"It's such a mild understatement to say she astonished and over-joyed everyone with her filth," said Twaites, who has seen Costa perform at Victoria's In Jest Festival.

"We were trying to get an audience that likes it a bit nasty," he added.

Grindler is a familiar face from past appearances with GISPA and the Gulf Islands Secondary School improv team. Since graduating several years ago, he's been travelling the world in exploration of clowning "like a gypsy vagabond vermin," according to Twaites. His studies have taken place in Europe and the Americas.

Newman needs no introduction to the local audience, but will be focusing on the more avant-garde side of her vast professional repertoire. Twaites will appear as Victorian buffoon Bob Sneelock and present The Atheist's Home Holiday in character as "the Real Santa."

The festival event will enjoy the full benefit of B.C.'s revised liquor laws and gain extra cabaret authenticity since alcohol sales are now permitted with minors present. Twaites warns, though, the show is suitable to "mature minors" only, since nudity, extremely foul language and adult themes are to be expected.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. both nights. Ticket options include the entire show, or either just Butt Kapinski or the cabaret show portion. They are available in advance at Salt Spring Books.

For more information, visit the event's Facebook page under the name of Festival of Fools.

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MUSIC & MUNCH

# Grace Islet song on recital menu

Alan Moberg plays Oct. 1

Salt Spring performer Alan Moberg has been bringing his guitar and his vast repertoire of songs and stories to entertain the patrons of Music and Munch every year since 2005 — and this year is no exception.

Moberg will play at All Saints on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 12:10 p.m., where he will share a new song he has written about the Grace Islet conflict called Don't Build Your House on My Bones.

"It is most appropriate that Moberg should apply his considerable talents to this agonizing situation," states a Music and Munch press release. "From his early years in company with hard-working west coast fishermen, and among people living close to the land in the interior and the north, in logging camps and range-

lands he has felt a strong kinship with the working people of British Columbia and has expressed his deep feelings in his songs.

"He has found himself especially drawn to the life of the First Nations people, and is wedded to the charming well-respected Christine Hunt, a woman very active in community affairs."

Moberg has just recently returned from Port Hardy where he sang in concert with American singer/songwriter Grayson Hugh, who is best known for writing theme music for movies, such as Thelma and Louise and Fried Green Tomatoes.

While in Port Hardy he attended a traditional Kwakwiltl Feast along with Hunt and her family. Unfortunately this caused him, for only the second time in 19 years, to miss his stint on stage at this September's Fall Fair.

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Sept 24

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Harry Warner and Friends.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Garden Club.** Guest speaker is John Fulawka on deer-resistant plants. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

**Food Storage for Emergency Preparedness.** Workshop provides info on the basic principles of stable, reliable, long-term food storage for emergency preparedness. Emergency Program Room. 7 p.m. Info/register at 250-537-1220 or ssepc@crd.bc.ca

**Home Safety For Seniors.** Special program with Jeanine Innes. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. 2 p.m.

**National Theatre Live: The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night-Time.** Broadcast of live theatre performance runs at The Fritz. Two shows at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Advance tickets at Island Star Video and Salt Spring Books.

**BC Cancer Agency Mobile Mammography Screening Program.** On Salt Spring from Sept. 24-26 and 29-30. Appointments through 1-800-663-9203. At the new Seniors Wellness Centre, 129 Hereford Ave.

**Salt Spring Vipassana.** Meets for meditation and dharma instruction at The Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**SongJam.** A 21st-century pub sing-along, to vocal and instrumental backing tracks, including six decades of rock and pop hits; we provide the lyrics and you provide the harmonies. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

## Thur. Sept 25

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Never Never Band.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**Open Mic With Ross & Dave.** Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**BC Cancer Agency Mobile Mammography Screening Program.**

See Wednesday listing.  
**Greenwoods Annual General Meeting.**

At Lady Minto Hospital meeting room. 9:30 a.m.

**Library Book Club.** Meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Library Program Room. This month's pick is Through Black Spruce.

**Seniors Services Society Volunteer Appreciation Tea.** Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. 2 p.m.

**NFB Film Club.** Screening two films from the National Film Board: I Am But a Little Woman and The Wings of Johnny May. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

**Salty Wheels Square Dance Club.** Meets every Thursday. All are welcome, including new dancers. 734 Upper Ganges Road. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**West Coast Dancing.** For a physical, mental and social work-out. First lesson is free. For more information contact Marilynne Cunningham at 250-537-5356.

## Fri. Sept 26

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Synergy.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**Jem Rolls Attacks the Silence.** Performance poetry with Jem Rolls and award-winning poet Murray Reiss. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

**Gabriel Palatchi Band.** Live jazz. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Taoist Tai Chi Course.** Learn tai chi with three-day course that begins today at All Saints from 6 to 9 p.m. and continues Saturday and Sunday. Info: 250-537-7364.

**Bridge at the Library.** Spring Island Public Library. 10 a.m. to noon. Info/registration: Jean Elder, 250-537-0897, or Ruth Hopping, 250-537-9682.

**The Internet of Things.** Youth program on web development with Shaun Luttin. Meets every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 103 beginning today.

**Salt Spring Transit Open House.** Drop by open house at the Visitor Info Centre in Ganges. 2 to 5:30 p.m.

**Salt Spring Farm Photo Project Reception.** Photography exhibit and launch of the 2015 Farming on Salt Spring Calendar. Appetizers, cash bar, live music, and a presentation by photographers and farmers involved in the project. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 8 p.m.

**Salt Spring Forum: Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish.** Palestinian doctor and three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee speaks about effort to bring 100 severely wounded Gaza children to Canada for treatment. Funds raised at the event will contribute to effort. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

## Fri. Sept 26

### ACTIVITIES

**Wild Mushroom Talk.** With renowned ecologist Andy MacKinnon. Community Gospel Chapel. Mix and mingle at 7 p.m., presentation at 7:30.

**Film Screening: The Unknown Sea: A Voyage on the Salish.** See film and talk with filmmaker Kevin Campion. Lions Hall. 8 p.m. By donation.

**BC Cancer Agency Mobile Mammography Screening Program.** See Wednesday listing.

## Sat. Sept 27

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tom Hooper.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**Festival of Fools.** Headliner Deanna Fleysher presents Butt Kapinski, Winner of the 2014 Edmonton Fringe Festival "Best of the Fringe" Award at 7:30 p.m. Followed by Cabaret Grotesque with visiting and local artists at 9 p.m. Mahon Hall. Mature audience only.

**WIL.** Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Mushroom Walk and Picnic.** On Mount Erskine led by Andy MacKinnon. Meet Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Tree House Cafe.

**Salt Spring Transit Open House.** Provide input about proposed services changes. Saturday Market. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Saturday Market in the Park.** Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**The Storytelling Workshop.** Discover your gifts as an oral storyteller or hone your already acquired skills with professional storyteller Margaret Murphy. Register with Gail Meyer at 250-653-4969 or pgmeyer@telus.net. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Men's Soccer.** Salt Spring hosts Nanaimo United FC. Portlock Park. 2:15 p.m.

**Jerry Witmer Art Show.** An evening of art and wine. Featuring special musical guests, The Costners. Mistaken Identity Vineyards. 7 to 10 p.m.

## Sun. Sept 28

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Festival of Fools.** See Saturday listing.

**Peter Prince and Doug Cox in Concert.** Island Way CD launch concert. All Saints' By-the-Sea. Doors open 7 p.m., music at 7:30.

**Flora Scott.** Jazz vocalist, guitarist and songwriter brings standards and more obscure tunes to life. Harbour House Hotel. 5 to 8 p.m.

**El Zocalo Trio.** Quiet dinner music with Derrick Milton, Peter Taschuk and Ian Van Wyck. Moby's Pub. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Apple Festival.** Annual festival of a self-guided farm and orchard tour, plus main event and displays at Fulford Hall. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Blessing of Marian Shrine.** Our Lady of Grace Catholic Parish will conduct a blessing of a new shrine to its patroness, with a procession and ceremony held after 10 a.m. mass.

**Men's Soccer.** The Old Boys host Gordon Head Nearly Dead in their season home-opener. GISS field. 10:30 a.m.

**Depression Support Group.** Eight-week session meets every Sunday starting today. Meeting room portable behind Lady Minto Hospital. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register with Anastasia Williams at 250-538-4847 or Anastasia.williams@viva.ca.

**Women's Soccer.** Salt Spring United Over-30s versus Sooke. GISS lower field. 12:30 p.m.

**Ruckle Romp.** 12-km trail race starts at 11 a.m. near the Ruckle Park group campsite. Registration at 10 a.m. or online at www.saltspringtrailrunning.org. Plus youth event at 10:30 a.m.

## Mon. Sept 29

### ACTIVITIES

**BC Cancer Agency Mobile Mammography Screening Program.** See Wednesday listing.

**ToddlerTime.** For parents and children under four. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10:30 a.m.

**Chess and Scrabble Club.** Open to chess and Scrabble players of all ages and skill levels. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 2 to 5 p.m.

**iPad and eReader Tutoring.** Sign-up sheets in Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions available every Monday. Salt Spring Island Public Library. Noon to 2 p.m.

**Salt Spring Antique and Classic Motor Club.** Regular monthly meeting. ArtSpring boardroom. 7 p.m.

## Tues. Sept 30

### ACTIVITIES

**BC Cancer Agency Mobile Mammography Screening Program.** See Wednesday listing.

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

**Adult Floor Hockey.** New season starts tonight. Play every Tuesday at Fulford Hall at 7 p.m.

**Chiropractic Information Session.** Free Tuesday evening info sessions with Dr. Bob Richmond at Lancer Building office. 7:30 p.m.

## Wed. Oct 1

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Music & Munch.** Alan Moberg performs at All Saints' By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Vipassana.** See Last Wednesday's listing.  
**SongJam.** See Last Wednesday's listing.

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• **National Theatre Live: The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night-Time** runs on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. only. Advance tickets at Island Star Video and Salt Spring Books.

### EXHIBITIONS

• **Sensuous Sea** is an exhibition of paintings and drawings by **Chris Hunter** and wood turnings by **Gordon Nash** at **Salt Spring Gallery** until Oct. 9. The gallery is located at 135 McPhillips Ave. and open Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Michael Levy** shows new photographic works: **Mists of Time** and **The Excursionists** at **Fernwood Road Cafe** until Oct. 18.

• **Wesley Clark** has paintings on exhibit at the **Harbour House Hotel** this month.

• **Stefanie Denz** shows work at **kiZmit Galeria and Cafe** through September.

• **Duthie Gallery** presents **Dead Reckoning**, sculptures in bronze, steel, cement and paper by **David Robinson**, through Sept. 30. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays through Mondays. **The Summer Lights Night Gallery** is open nightly from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight.

• **Hannah Martens** shows artwork at **Cafe Talia** in September.

• An exhibit of ceramic art by various **Salt Spring artists** is on display in the **library's program room**.

• New works by **Gabrielle Jensen** are now on exhibit at **Gulf Island Picture Framing** in Grace Point Square.

• **Salt Spring Photography Club** member **Judy H. McPhee** exhibits in the **Country Roasters Cafe** at Country Grocer.

• **A Community Pride Photo Exhibit** by Click Salt Spring photographers **Jen MacLellan** and **Mel Divers** is in the lobby of **ArtSpring** this month.

• **Roger Donnelly** has paintings hanging at **Penny's Pantry**.

• **Sam Lightman** shows photos at **Island Savings**.

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**RELIGION**

## Our Lady of Grace parish dedicates namesake shrine

Grotto occupies special place for islanders

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Parish will conduct a blessing of a new shrine to its patroness this Sunday, with a ceremony taking place after the regular 10 a.m. mass on Sept. 28.

Sheltered by a grove of fir trees and located on a small rise above the church itself, the stone grotto provides the ideal place for meditation, spiritual renewal or prayer.

"I will use the place mainly to sit down sometimes and have a discussion with my son," said Gunter Palberg, a congregation member who was responsible for the grotto's principal design and masonry.

It's a handsome structure, and one that will be a fitting shrine to the parish namesake for generations to come. The arched structure of natural Salt Spring sandstone enfolds a recessed area that will shelter a statue of Mary. The recess is faced with marble and inscribed with the words Ave Maria.

Around the back side, visitors will see a cross design of inlaid bricks, along with several memorial plaques. One of those honours the memory of Palberg's son George, who passed away at age 55 after having a heart attack.

The stone grotto replaces a star-shaped wooden shrine that was created by deceased parishioner Walter Huser.

"Many islanders from all walks of life and varied circumstances, believers and non-believers alike, have come to spend a quiet, contemplative moment in Our Lady's grotto," said parish secretary Catherine Murphy.

As the original structure was feeling the effects of time and the elements,



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Stonemason Gunter Palberg points to memorial plaque for his son.

she said, "We realized that we needed to rebuild the shrine from materials that can withstand our rainforest climate."

A special account to collect funds for the project was opened in 2010. When enough money to start building accumulated, then-administrator Father Frank Franz knew Palberg was the natural person to turn to for help.

Aside from his stone masonry skills, Palberg has an enduring con-

nection to the Marian tradition. As an eight-year-old child living in Germany during WWII, he was evacuated to the Black Forest for safety and put to work on a farm. Though he was not conscious of the fact at the time, there were many shrines to Mary in the area.

What did make a lasting impression was the terror of the bombing that he and his mother later endured, when the valley they were living in

was reduced to rubble.

"I learned from my mother how to pray, and how she looked at the Holy Mary. Because I do believe that she saved us," Palberg said.

"So finally when the Father shook my hand to be part of this project, here is my opportunity to say thank you 70 years later, to fulfill a promise."

In creating his own design, Palberg was inspired by the natural-looking stone grottos he saw later in life in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Quebec. The result is a pleasing shape that fits well with Salt Spring's rugged landscape. For the tricky framing of the arched roof, he enlisted the help of Walter Huser's sons Peter and Robert, who are now themselves brilliant carpenters.

Palberg noted that although he did the bulk of the work, many hands and minds contributed to the project, through financial gifts, labour, design and donations of material. He thanks everyone involved in the project.

Sunday's dedication ceremony will start with a procession with hymn singing, and then Our Lady's statue will be installed. There will also be a moment to remember those who are memorialized on the back of the shrine. Participants are welcome to wear blue, Our Lady's colour, if they

are inclined to do so.

Refreshments will be served afterward in the parish hall.

The event is open to the entire community. Visitors are always welcome to use the grotto.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Statue of Mary is a feature of the new Our Lady of Grace grotto at the Drake Road Catholic church. A dedication ceremony is set for this Sunday.

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**FESTIVAL**

## Apple fest weekend arrives

Organic apple collection also up for grabs to highest bidder

It's time to take a big bite out of local agricultural bounty with the Salt Spring Apple Festival running this Sunday, Sept. 28.

The festival celebrates the huge number of apple varieties grown organically on Salt Spring and includes a self-guided tour of at least 18 farms, plus incredible farm lunches ranging from Thai food to pulled pork to lamb and wood-fired pizza.

"We will be making lots of happy people — as our badges state, 'Another Salt Spring Apple Connoisseur,'" said festival founder Harry Burton.

Once again Fulford Hall will be home

to a display of the largest collection of organic apples shown in Canada — approximately 300 — along with other tasty and fun events such as historical re-enactments from eclectic costumed characters and more at the hall at 10:30 a.m.

Apple pie will of course be available. Festival tickets and tour maps are available on Sunday only from Fulford Hall and the Ganges Visitors Centre.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Fulford Hall apple collection is also being sold to the highest bidder, with a reserve bid of \$500.

Burton says the collection can be transported to Victoria for shipping anywhere in Canada. More details are available from him at [harryburton@shaw.ca](mailto:harryburton@shaw.ca) or 250-653-2007.

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**CHEERS:** Sip & Savour Salt Spring made for throngs of happy, satiated locals and visitors over the weekend. Seen at the Grazing Experience at the Farmers' Institute are, at left, Heather Johnston and Morgan Fry, with Johnston winning a Driftwood/Sip & Savour Facebook page ticket giveaway, and, above, Jen Coles of Barb's Bakery and Bistro with treats to share. Below, Marcus and Lila Gill of Hips & Haws Catering talk with Michael Ableman, left, of Foxglove Farm.



MENTAL HEALTH

Depression workshop series begins

Group work helps build coping skills

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island Health is once again offering a free depression support group for adults on Salt Spring who are experiencing major depression or anxiety.

The eight-week program, based on the Changeways Core Program, will help participants learn coping skills and provide a safe place to learn from others who are engaged in the recovery process.

Anastasia Williams, the island's mental health and addictions nurse, regular-

ly offers the program throughout the fall, winter and spring. One of the benefits of the support group, she said, is that participants have each other during the learning progress.

"This is not about me disseminating information and feeding it to the participants," she explained.

"With a good group, they work through it together and it's just fantastic."

Both new and returning participants are welcome to the session, and people don't have to be currently in the midst of a major depression to sign up.

"If you're not really depressed right now and you're coming in and being proactive, that's great," Williams said.

Some of the topics covered will be the "triangle of change" incorporating thoughts, feelings and actions; looking at stress, depression and lifestyle; setting goals; mindfulness and self-care; and how to change negative self-talk.

"I also try to have fun with the group, and show people the areas where they're doing well," Williams said.

The sessions run every Sunday from Sept. 28 to Nov. 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the meeting room portable behind Lady Minto Hospital. Snacks are provided.

To register, contact Williams at 250-538-4847 or Anastasia.williams@viha.ca.

MEMORIAL

# John Carter memorial set for Monday

Two years after island man went missing, friends and family say good-bye

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring roofer John Carter was 56 when he mysteriously walked away from his life sometime in June 2012, leaving no sign of what may have happened for search and rescue teams or family members to find.

Dylan Carter was on the disc golf course at Moutat Park in July 2012 when Salt Spring Community Services worker Trish Nobile asked him if he'd seen his dad in a while.

"I said 'no' and that's when I started looking for him," he recalled.

Now more than two year years later, on the eve of what would have been Carter's 58th birthday, his friends and family believe the time has finally come to say goodbye. While his adult children will pay respect in private on his Sept. 27 birthdate, a public memorial service on Monday, Sept. 29 will hopefully provide closure for everyone who knew him.

Carter moved to Salt Spring from Ontario 22 years ago along with his infant twin sons and their mother, driving out in a Volkswagen van. Although the family didn't stay together forever, he was an active and caring father. He also took pride in his work as a roofer and was always looking for ways to do things better, his friend Ron Junker remembers.

"I guess I knew him for about 15 years. I don't have a negative thing to say about him," Junker said.

"He had a sharp mind — we used to play chess and he would always beat me. He followed the news and politics and had his own philosophies. He suffered some depression, but it didn't show that much.

"I always felt uplifted when I was



John Carter, who disappeared in June of 2012 at the age of 56, as a younger man.

with him. We had a great friendship that way. It was based on mutual self esteem."

Friends remember Carter as a friendly person, doing most of his socializing over coffee on the bridge beside Barb's Bakery in the morning.

"But for the most part, he was a hermit other than that," his son Dylan said. "He loved playing video games as much as I did."

Carter was also a good speaker who chose his words wisely and could talk his way out of any situation.

"He would always do everything to the beat of his own drum. Some of those things were to his detriment, but it was part of his character," Junker said.

Carter had acted unusually by informing his son he felt depressed in the months before he disappeared. The more time passed after he left, the more likely it became that he'd

planned it that way.

"He gave me the feeling that when he was ready to go he would just walk off into the woods, and I think that's what he did," Dylan Carter said. "He's not the man to get lost. He chose his own fate — he didn't go for a hike and get lost."

The memorial event will start around 4 p.m. on Monday afternoon, offering people the chance to say goodbye at last.

"We're just going to come together and send some energy to John, wherever he might be, acknowledge he was part of the community and a good person, and he made a difference in our lives while he was here," Junker said.

"He was a really, really good man," Dylan Carter said. "He was really nice — and also a lazy procrastinator at the same time. But he was really wise, really smart. He taught me a lot."

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6 cups flour  
Let rise for half an hour.  
Divide the dough in two. Roll out on baking surface to approximately 30 cm X 40 cm. Cover area with butter, brown sugar, raisins, cinnamon and cut apple.  
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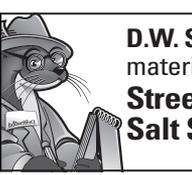
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**YES, IT'S BEEN 30 YEARS:** At left, Salt Spring Hospice / Bessie Dane Foundation pioneers, from left, Pat Desbottes, Nell Bushby and Kathleen Horsdal cut the cake honouring 30 years of service to the community. At far left, SS Hospice board president Stephen Roberts has Bushby choose the Virtues Card to begin the 30th Anniversary Tea. She picked the "Devotion" card. The afternoon tea was held under sunny skies on Friday in the United Church meadow beside the new Salt Spring Hospice/Seniors Wellness Program office on Hereford Avenue.

**This Week's  
 Horoscope**

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**Tip of the Week:**

The New Moon on September 23rd is a special one, not just because it is the first of autumn, but because it will culminate as the 2nd of 4 consecutive Lunar Eclipses. Dramatically dubbed, 'Blood Moons', this 'tetrad' (4) are considered by some to be especially significant because they are linked with Jewish 'High Holy Days': Passover – April 15, 2014 and April 4, 2015 and Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacle) – October 8, 2014 and September 28, 2015. This specific series of alignments with these Jewish Holy Days has only occurred 3 times in the past 500 years and the last time was in 1967 coinciding with the 6 Day War in Israel. If the violent activity in Gaza this summer and Iraq with Isis which is mounting daily is any indication, then we can confidently say that this prophesy is being fulfilled. What is disconcerting, then, is that there remain 3 to go.... Some question the synchronicity and assert that the timing of these events is more intentional than synchronic. Others assert that it is all coincidence. However one chooses to interpret it, the focus upon this Blood Moon Tetrad is bringing Astrology and its association with prophesy back into the spotlight. The recent New Moon occurred at 1 Libra 08 and the upcoming Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse/Blood Moon will occur at 15 Aries 05. While 'everyone' will experience the ripples of this event at least, those with planets positioned at these degrees or close within up to 7 degrees either side (8 to 22 degrees for the Full Moon) will feel the effects more strongly yet. The closer the actual degree of contact the larger the impact is likely to be. \*(In addition to individual persons, nations, provinces and states and incorporated cities and institutions and enterprises too each have a 'Birth Chart'.) This is an example of how Astrology and specifically prediction works – calendars and clocks measuring the when of peak events and how these connect with our respective Natal Charts, determines the specific nature of the event or what areas of our life are likely to undergo the synchronistic effect of change. This type of measurement is called 'Transits' and is the most popular method, but there are many other techniques used to measure the 'what and when' as well. Working with this knowledge can be fun, interesting and can provide a strategic advantage along many lines of perspective and approach. Beyond predicting events, the deepest value of Astrology is to tune-in to your nature and decipher the core themes of your destiny.

**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)**

Cooperation is your key to power especially now. The need to give more than usual remains a central theme. This week it will shift to diplomatic efforts even more. Seeing the beauty in others and your relationship will inspire your perspectives. Yet, you will also feel more inclined to quietly observe and investigate your own and the deeper motives of others.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)** Focusing to create more balance and harmony in your life continues. Health is a central focus and a review and overhaul of your daily routine is likely. Communication exchanges linked to motivational attitudes and strategies is implied. Reaching out to expert advice and guidance to boost your moral and confidence is the wise approach.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)** A creative cycle has begun. It is leading you to create beauty in your home. Feeling inspired to engage in a variety of projects is a prime motivation. Practicality will also guide your focus. Greater efficiency in your daily flow feels important. Gaining the support of other family members especially may however require extra effort.

**Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)** Focusing on matters close to home includes a focus on family harmony. Tending to a variety of fronts is featured. Clearing the old to make way for new developments is part of the plot. Key investments like new furniture, renovations, art and so on is likely. Whether for the sake of beauty or efficiency, your focus is linked to future security.

**Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)** You have entered a social cycle which includes meeting new people, making connections and hopefully new friends. Yet your focus is that much more on business and practical matters than simply socializing. Weaving the two is ideal but will require extra effort. An enthusiastic and receptive attitude to new ideas and possibilities will strike the balance.

**Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)** A process of building upon new foundations has begun. It remains important that you enter new territory. This is both literally and figuratively true. In the figurative sense you are challenged to explore alternative approaches or even re-invent yourself altogether. You may succeed in reviving old strategies, provided you add a new twist... or two.

**Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)** That extra momentum you have perhaps been waiting for will kick-in this week. Your energy levels are probably running high now but shifting into higher gear has been delayed. As your world expands opening you to new people and future directions, you are enthusiastic to engage. You remain in a process of paying dues, however, so aim for avoid unnecessary expense and aim for investments.

**Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)** Circumstances of late are demanding extra stamina and discipline. At best, your world is expanding, especially publicly and professionally. Now it is time to establish solid and reliable relations. Giving more to people, friends and associates has been necessary lately, but you are entering a period of receiving returns. The quality of these depends on prior choices.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)** The seeds of new beginning were planted in your social and professional life last month. Now it is the prospect of new features of your sense of individuality. By extension, this new cycle speaks of forging new relationships, ones that are more heart-felt and higher minded. These will emerge slowly, progressively over the coming months.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)** Getting the attention you want, need and feel you deserve is in the spotlight now. Yet you are more inclined now to private meetings with key power players preferring to keep your affairs strictly private. While sharing quality time with family and significant others will bring blessings, you are in the mood to place business above pleasure.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)** You are in a philosophical mood. Reflections upon social and cultural realities are a source of mixed emotions. Whether in your own world and/or based on the overall human condition at this time, many questions are on your mind. Fortunately, your social horizons are steadily on the rise, providing a source of hope and optimism.

**Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)** A mix of beginnings and endings on relationship fronts are keeping you busy now. As both are common sources of stress, your confidence levels may be up and down. Whether to yourself or others, you have to give more than usual now. Embrace yourself and others with empathy and compassion. A fog is rolling in, turn on your heart light to see you through.

**INTERNATIONAL AID**

**Web, TV exposure for SPARCKs**

Funds needed for mid-November deadline

A campaign to raise \$12,500 for a Cambodian education program by mid-November is picking up steam.

SPARCKs — Schooling Poor and Rural Cambodian Kids — has a brand new website at [www.sparck.org](http://www.sparck.org), which includes a link to an informative Shaw TV 'go! Island' program from September.

SPARCKs founder Ross King of Salt Spring said in a letter to the Driftwood that he was honoured that his project was featured on the segment.

"I am very pleased to have received so many compliments, though it must be said that the quality of the program owes far more to the professionalism of the production crew and the editors than it does to the interviewee. Anyway, my/our message is 'out there' in cyber-space, so much so that it is attracting attention from way beyond Salt Spring Island and B.C., including the Arabian Gulf, Singapore, New Zealand, U.S.A., the U.K. and Toronto.

SPARCKs is committed to raising funds so that bright, rural Cambodian youth can access secondary education through the Homestay Volunteer Teachers Organization program. (See [www.hvto.org](http://www.hvto.org) for more information.)

"Without financial support, they will be doomed to an intellectually wasted, rice-paddy-tilling future," said King.

While SPARCKs will no longer be holding bottle-drive events, King is still happy to continue pre-arranged "regular contract" and bulk pick-ups for weddings or other major empty-bottle-producing events.

Also, the Ganges Return-It centre has a SPARCKs account, which will welcome all drop-in contributions at any time. People need only ask to have their container deposit funds credited to the SPARCKs account.

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HVTO is a non-profit NGO incorporated in Cambodia, and now the United States, that develops and manages projects directed towards helping the poor communities. Its fundamental goal is empowering people and creating the conditions necessary for sustainable development through education.



Screen shot from HVTO Cambodia website. Salt Spring resident Ross King visited HVTO schools while in Cambodia and was inspired to create SPARCKs, a charitable organization that will help bright children in rural Cambodia attend secondary school.

About \$1,300 of the \$12,500 goal has been raised so far, reports King. Unfortunately, only funds received by mid-November will be matched by a U.K. trust, so the pressure is on to boost the total in hand.

**"Without financial support, they will be doomed to an intellectually wasted, rice-paddy-tilling future."**

ROSS KING  
 SPARCKs

"We are increasingly looking for direct donations to supplement my bottle-recycling efforts, which, on their own, despite my best efforts at promoting drunkenness, will never make it."

"We at SPARCKs feel we have earned the right, through menial work and multiple cut fingers [from handling recyclable containers], to ask financially able members of the community to step up to the plate with direct contributions. If not by cheque to the SPARCKs bank account at BMO Ganges, then by recycling at the Return-it centre."

King stresses that Cambodians have "no social welfare net, no pensions or income support, no education plan, very few teachers, no free health care and very little infrastructure.

"Please rally to an excellent cause," he concludes, "and thank you in anticipation of your kind and empathetic help... the country's future is heavily dependent on education, education, education and this is where SPARCKs is at."

King can be reached at 250-537-0666 or [kingross1st@gmail.com](mailto:kingross1st@gmail.com) for further information.

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**READY TO ROLL:** The Terry Fox Run on Sunday was buoyed by youthful enthusiasm. At left, taking off from Rainbow Road Pool grounds are, from left, Griffin Bohnet-Maul, Nolan Walton and Christopher Elwell. Smiling during the warm-up are, from left, Emily Bevan, Isabelle Graham, Nina DeRoo, India Hayden, Mia Kerrigan and Isabelle Kerrigan for cancer research. For a huge album of photos by Susan Gordon, see the Gulf Islands Driftwood's Facebook page.

**CYCLING**

## Bike course boosts rural island rides

Practical tips make riding safer and more fun

The Capital Regional District, Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society and Island Pathways have teamed up to offer a specially crafted Ride On! cycling program for rural riding in the Gulf Islands.

Set for Sunday, Oct. 5 at ArtSpring, the interactive, informative course empowers people to make cycling a

regular part of their lives, as well as helping experienced riders fine-tune their skills.

"We want to inspire people to have fun while cycling more often," said Theresa Gulliver, executive director of the Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society. "This course is designed to increase confidence and comfort riding on rural roads by teaching the skills and best practices to enhance your life through safe cycling."

Course participants will learn a

variety of essential rural riding skills. The course begins from the ground up teaching participants about bike parts, helmet and bike fit, and also offers skills specific to rural riding such as gearing, hand signals, where to ride on the road, visibility and how to manage all of those hills. It combines in-class learning with on-the-road riding all in one day.

The session runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To learn more or register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/l4tj9sc>.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

## United women off to sizzling season start

Salt Spring team enters week three with undefeated record

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's over-30 women's soccer team has kicked off the soccer season in style, outscoring opponents 11-4 during their past two matches.

The team's latest win came during a Sunday afternoon away game against second-seeded Cowichan.

"It was a really back-and-forth game," said player Sue-Anne Donaldson.

Rhea Davidson scored a hat trick while Donaldson chipped in with two goals to give United its second win in

as many weeks.

Cheryle Johnson held strong in the United goal.

United launched the season on Sept. 14 at Portlock Park with a decisive 6-0 win against Vic West Scottish.

Donaldson picked up three goals, Lee Ann Norgard got two and Lorna Walde scored a single to cap the effort.

Kim Bellavance earned the shutout.

"I think everybody's eager to be back on the pitch," Donaldson said of the team's early season success.

Salt Spring United players will attempt to maintain their team's undefeated streak against Sooke when they play at the lower field at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Sunday, Sept 28.

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TRAIL RUNNING

# Racers prepare for inaugural Ruckle Romp trail run

Online registration encouraged

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Trail runners from Salt Spring and beyond are busy loosening up for this weekend's 12-kilometre romp through scenic Ruckle Provincial Park. The race starts at 11 a.m. near the park's group campsite, from where runners will travel along narrow forest and shoreline trails before loop-

ing back towards the start/finish area.

Organizers promise moderate elevation gain with copious amounts of fresh air to complement the breath-taking views.

The race also features a 1.2-km youth event at 10:30 a.m.

"The kids race is a great new element that we hope will grow and create more access for family participation and give kids a chance to get out and run around in the woods and have a similar experience with their parents, hopefully creating

more common ground amongst all generations," said Dave Melanson, one of the coordinators of Saturday's race.

Children up to 13 years of age can be registered on race day for free with a food bank donation.

Race package pick-up and same-day registration for both events begins at 10 a.m.

But organizers ask anyone who plans to run in Saturday's event to register online before midnight on Thursday, Sept. 25.

"You can imagine what 100 day-of

registrations would be like time-wise when you are assigning numbers and documenting all of the required info, signing waivers, finding T-shirts and having to keep cash change in hand," Melanson said.

All participants get a commemorative race T-shirt, access to a finish-line "activity offset" barbecue and a chance to win raffle prizes donated by island businesses.

"Anyone feeling not super confident should consider the technical, rocky, hard-to-find footing on some waterside sections and either

resolve to really take their time or consider volunteering instead," Melanson said.

"We have trained medical staff and search and rescue people on the course, but that's no reason to go hurting yourself."

The Ruckle Romp 12K is Salt Spring Trail Running's second event of the year. An eight-kilometre race at Channel Ridge in April drew nearly 80 competitors.

Further details about registration and course details are available at [www.saltspringtrailrunning.org](http://www.saltspringtrailrunning.org).

MEN'S SOCCER

# Old Boys players deploy tricky 'tika-taka' technique

SS United opens with victory

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Old Boys fought back to redeem themselves in week-two action against Vantreights during a weekend match in Victoria.

"In complete contrast to last week's error-filled

effort, the Old Boys bossed their opposition from kick-off until the final whistle," wrote team spokesperson Fraser Hope in an email. "With effective coaching by Danica Lundy, the Old Boys continued their stylish tiki-taka movement out of defence and into the attacking third of the pitch.

"The difference from last game: no mistakes leading to goals."

Vantreights' goalkeeper

thwarted Salt Spring's effort to get on the board during the first half. The hosts then took advantage of an "uneven surface and long grass" to score the match's opening goal early in the second frame.

"Thoughts of capitulation, for once, never entered the team's collective head," Hope said. "Quickly following a tactics change to use Stefan Cermak's speed, two quick-through balls in the

channels split the defence to allow Cermak to give the Old Boys a well-deserved lead for a fine comeback win."

Hope credited Lundy's infectious enthusiasm, the team's short, successive passing game and goalkeepers Dennis Shaw and Scott Howe for the 2-1 victory.

"It must be said that Howe had one of his more relaxed performances on

the field in net," he said.

Sean Goddard earned kudos for "defying the laws of human physiology" and playing the game's full 90 minutes despite taking the stage in Saturday evening's performance of Rent at ArtSpring.

The Old Boys host Gordon Head Nearly Dead in their season home-opener at the GISS field at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28.

Salt Spring United celebrates week one win

In other men's soccer news, Salt Spring United's Division 3A squad began its season with a 4-1 win against Cermaq City on Saturday afternoon.

Jeremy Morrison scored twice while Ciaran Ayton and William George netted one goal apiece.

Salt Spring hosts Nanaimo United FC on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Portlock Park. Kickoff is at 2:15 p.m.

TRAIL & NATURE CLUB

# Bird sanctuary on October roster

All welcome to Singleton plant talk

Nature Presentation

Thursday, Oct. 23: Genevieve Singleton will present Wild About Plants: Traditional and Current Uses of Coastal B.C. Plants in the program room at the library. Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club presentations are open to the public.

Birding Trip

A birding trip to the Reifel Bird Sanctuary and Boundary Bay is being planned for October. Details will be circulated to club members by email once finalized.

Hikers

Oct. 7: Sheryl Taylor-Munro will lead a moderate hike, with some steeper sections, on the north trails of Channel Ridge. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the top end of Pringle Farm Road (off Sunset Road) at 10 a.m.

Oct. 14: Andrea will lead a hike somewhere in the north end; stay tuned as she makes up her mind on where to trod. Leave from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

Oct. 21: Sheila and Barry Spence will lead a moderate hike with some uphill parts on Maple Mountain. Carpool from Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to walk on the Vesuvius ferry.

Oct. 28: Come with Harvey Moore on a new route from ArtSpring — on foot through parks and fields, up Mount Erskine, then back to ArtSpring. No car transportation is needed. Leave from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m.

Walkers

Oct. 7: Marjie and Brian Radford lead a walk up Mount Maxwell. There are a few steep sections but we'll take it easy. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool or at the corner of Seymour Heights and Armand Way at 10:15 a.m.

Oct. 14: Jenny Meyers and Doreen Fenton will lead a walk on the north Channel Ridge trails. There will be some moderate uphill grades. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool or at the trail head across from 1110 Sunset Drive at 10:15 a.m.

Oct. 21: Nieke Visser leads a walk in Ruckle Park starting at the park gate, walking down the road to the last parking lot and hugging the coast until Bear Point. We will walk inland towards Merganser Pond, probably for lunch, and return to the gate along the other side of the farm. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool or 10:20 at the park gate.

Oct. 28: Anke Smeele leads a Sidney/bus/sneele (no cars) trip which will include the Sidney sea walk. Take the Salt Spring bus from Ganges to travel as a

foot passenger on the 9:50 a.m. Fulford ferry. We will probably return on the 3 p.m. ferry.

Ramblers

Oct. 7: Ramble with John Heddle at Maracaibo. Bring a lunch to eat under the shelter. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at Centennial Park 10 a.m. to carpool.

Oct. 14: Kathy Darling leads a ramble in the Welbury-Scott Point area. Bring your lunch to eat at a private home. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool.

Oct. 21: Leader's Choice Ramble with Sterling and Maureen. Bring a Lunch. Rain or shine, the Ramblers meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool.

Oct. 28: Off-Island trip to Sidney with Marilyn and Bill Harding. Lunch will be at a restaurant in Sidney. Please organize your ride in advance. Meet to carpool from Centennial Park at 8:45 a.m.

New Members

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 250-537-2332 or Nieke Visser (president) at 250-537-5443, 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.

More information can be found at our website at [www.saltspringtnc.ca](http://www.saltspringtnc.ca).

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