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### **ENVIRONMENT**

### Islanders rally for the climate



High school students, left to right, Isabela Martin, Hanna Borkowska Kirk and Varuna Hellmann take part in the Climate Strike rally held in Centennial Park on Saturday, Sept. 21. More photos are available online at gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

### Locals add voices to millions from around the world

#### BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

For over two hours on Saturday, Sept. 21, Salt Spring Islanders of all ages and backgrounds lent their voices to those of millions of others around the world to demand tough action from all levels of government to combat global warming.

The event was part of a massive, global youth-led climate strike and was organized by a local volunteer team. It brought together speakers and guests from various island groups to find tangible ways of dealing with the crisis.

"We feel like it's time to mobilize and attract as many new people to having a greater awareness of the climate crisis," said

event organizer Jocelyn Lukow. "Salt Spring is already a very aware community, and we're very hopeful that people become active."

One of the more poignant performers was the group of young girls, Isla and Juniper Hood Lundrie, Moira King and Aurelia Lukow, singing a cappella protest songs in front of the large crowd. Immediately following was a passionate plea from a Nancy Wiggin, a great-grandmother who begged for change.

Others included the Gulf Islands Secondary School dance class performing their tribute to Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old Swedish activist who started the climate strike movement in 2018; farmer Sue Earle, who asked people to turn to locally produced organic food; and singer/songwriter Luke Wallace, who finished the event with a sing-along of The Plastic Ono Band's Give Peace a Chance.

Worldwide climate strikes took place on Friday, Sept. 20 as part of the lead-up to this week's United Nations Climate Action Summit. An estimated four million people from around the world took part in the strikes on

Lukow explained that Salt Spring's event was held on Saturday to both give islanders the chance to take part in the Friday rally held in Victoria, and because more people would be exposed to the rally, held at Centennial Park during the Saturday Market.

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### **SPORTS FACILITIES**

### Organic infill eyed as field fix

Cork and coconut blend considered

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A cork and coconut husk blend is being considered by the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association as an environmentally-friendly infill medium for their synthetic turf field upgrade project.

Originally, the association was to use a thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) medium for the infill, but decided to look into more earth-friendly options after receiving community feedback on the project.

"What we were finding was that over the summer we got all these letters in the newspaper ... people are concerned about the plastic issue," said Field Improvement Committee chair Sean Norgard. "Our architect was recommending the TPE, but what we decided to do was go around and talk to some of the other fields that had the cork and evaluate it a bit more."

Synthetic fields are made up of three components. At the base is a shock absorbing layer typically made from polyurethane. The "grass" is also synthetic, and blades are typically five to eight centimetres long. The third component is the infill, which acts as the dirt in the equation. Without the infill, Norgard explained the grass would lie flat on the base layer and would not function correctly. Infill can be made of a tire crumb rubber, which is the cheapest option. Other options include TPE and the cork and coconut medium.

"[Cork and coconut] has some drawbacks compared to the TPE, but it also has some advantages," Norgard said. "It is biodegradable, it's an organic product, the bits that do get spread off the field are not as harmful to the environment."

Since it is made from a porous material, cork and coconut can absorb water. In the colder season, that water can freeze solid, making the field unusable. Other draw-

backs include a slightly higher amount of maintenance that is required, since the lighter material can migrate in wet conditions. Though the initial cost of the cork/coconut infill is less than TPE, Norgard said the higher maintenance cost would put the total financial burden at about the same. Coconut and cork will also degrade more over the lifespan of the field, but unlike the TPE infill, it can be used in compost or other organic mulch after its infill lifespan is over.

"It will break down somewhat overtime, so it likely cannot be reused 100 per cent in the next field like TPE could," he explained. "When you go to re-do the field in say 12 or 15 years, you can suck up the TPE and save it and put it back on the next field, whereas the cork will probably need to be fully replaced."

The soccer association has partnered with the Gulf Islands School District for the project to replace one of the field at Gulf Islands Secondary School. According to a feasibility study conducted by the association, the cost of the project is roughly \$2.5 million, which the association has committed to raise without help from the district.

The new field will allow for up to seven times more usage than a regularly maintained grass field, Norgard explained. The field at GISS falls into yearly disrepair during the dry season, requiring extensive reconstruction each fall.

That location was chosen because it would benefit both the soccer association and the school in that outdoor gym classes could be held later in the year. The field upgrades will also include lighting and have the potential for change rooms to be added after the initial construction is complete

The association is still looking for community feedback. A FAQ document as well as the feasibility study are available on their website. Feedback can be directed to ssufield@gmail.com.



Subject Property Address: 336 Cusheon Lake Road, SSI
Parcel Identifier Number: 003-397-025
Application: SS-BOV-2019.1

### BOARD OF VARIANCE HEARING NOTIFICATION

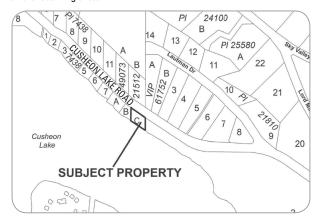
SALT SPRING ISLAND BOARD OF VARIANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Board of Variance will consider an appeal to vary the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 for the subject property.

The purpose of this appeal is to vary the front lot line and natural boundary siting provisions on the subject property as follows:

- Article 4.2.1 (1) Setbacks From Lot Lines: Front lot line setback is varied from 7.5m to 5.8m
- Subsection 4.4.1 Setbacks From Water Bodies: Natural boundary setback
- is varied from 15m to 10.7m
   Subsection 4.5.1 Setbacks From Water Bodies Water Quality Protection: Sewage disposal field or septage pit setback from Cusheon Lake is varied

The location of the property subject to the proposed variance permit is shown on the following sketch:



How do I get more information?

A copy of the staff memorandum will be available online after Wednesday, September 25, 2019 on the Current Application webpage: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/SSIapplications

or, at the Islands Trust office at #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2N8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

#### **COURT**

### Driving penalties handed out

RCMP warrant leads to non-appearance

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Two men received fines and driving prohibitions in Ganges Provincial Court Thursday after pleading guilty to charges laid out by the Crown.

Jesse Livingstone agreed with no contest to the particulars of an incident in February, as presented by Crown. The court heard Livingstone was stopped by police after driving through a check point. The officers determined his license had been suspended the previous April. At the time of the incident, Livingstone told police he believed his license was valid because of fees paid.

Livingstone received the mandatory minimum \$500 fine and a continued driving prohibition under the Motor Vehicle Act.

"Don't drive again until the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles gives you your licence back and it's clear you have it back because the mandatory sentence is jail time," Judge Carmen Rogers warned.

Victor Nahirny also pled guilty to driving charges, which stemmed from an incident in April. Police had located Nahirny's truck off Upper Ganges Road after he crashed it into a ditch. They visited Moby's Pub and confirmed with staff that Nahirny had been drinking there. Video surveillance footage showed the young man leaving the pub and entering his vehicle.

Samples taken at the RCMP detachment registered Nahirny's blood alcohol content at around 200 milligrams

per 100 millilitres, well over the 80-BAC limit. Because of the severity of the reading, Nahirny accepted a criminal

charge and the associated minimum fine of \$2,000, plus a one-year driving suspension.

New amendments to the criminal code that went into effect on Thursday "authorize mandatory roadside screening for alcohol; establish the requirements to prove a person's blood alcohol concentration; and increase certain maximum penalties and certain minimum fines." The law stipulates a minimum \$2,000 fine if the person's blood alcohol concentration is equal to or exceeds 160 BAC.

In other court business this week, Damon Cade Anderson was scheduled to appear in Ganges Provincial Court Thursday on charges of using and possessing counterfeit money, but was apprehended by RCMP acting on a warrant before he could make his way into the courtroom. Anderson was held in custody in Duncan overnight and appeared in court there on Friday instead.

Additional matters that Anderson was in Duncan Provincial Court to face included two motor vehicle incidents and an assault charge. His next appearance in Ganges court is scheduled for Nov. 14.

• Mark Trentalance received a suspended sentence of one year's probation on a weapons charge. Trentalance was charged after a fight for wearing "brass knuckles." He argued that he actually had grabbed onto a belt buckle.



When: Thursday, October 3, 2019 1:00 p.m.

Where: Baptist Church (Lower Meeting Room): 520 Lower Ganges Road, SSI

Who should attend? Anyone affected by the application.

Enquiries?
Geordie Gordon,
Planner 1
Islands Trust
250-537-9144

Written submissions are welcome and can be emailed to: ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca or, mailed or dropped off at the Islands Trust office by Tuesday, October 2, 2019.

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

#### PHOTO BY RAMONA LAM

### NEWS BRIEFS

### Vesuvius trestle under repair

BC Ferries advises it will be doing maintenance work on the Crofton and Vesuvius trestles from Sept. 23 to Nov. 1. There will be no impact to operations.

Work will include replacement of piles, guardrails, deck boards and other minor items. A barge will be used to facilitate the work.

Equipment being used may increase the normal sound levels within the terminal Monday to Saturday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. All efforts will be made to minimize noise, the company states.

## DFO adds violation reporting

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has announced a new tool to help members of the public report suspicious fishing activity and suspected violations through a dedicated email address and phone line.

According to the DFO website, potential violations include going over daily catch limits, fishing in closed areas, using illegal gear or damaging and polluting fish habitats.

The email address is DFO. ORR-ONS.MPO@dfo-mpo. gc.ca. DFO can also be reached at 1-800-465-4336.



#### **ISLANDS TRUST**

### Trust finalizes priorities

Housing in strategic plan

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islands Trust Council settled on a plan of action for the 2018-22 term during their fall quarterly meeting session, which was held on Bowen Island last week.

Council accepted a draft strategic plan prepared by staff and made a number of amendments as the interim plan, with the final draft to be reviewed once more and approved at their December meeting. While the draft document singled out land stewardship, marine and freshwater stewardship, climate change, community and communication, and governance as the top areas on which to focus, Salt Spring trustee Laura Patrick was excited to report that housing has now been included under one of the amendments.

"What the strategic plan does is it signals to staff what the priorities of Trust Council are, and the staff then assign resources behind those," Patrick explained. "So that was important to me, that housing be included."

Patrick said some of the changes to the strategic plan are based on a staff report to Trust Council on regional housing assessments. Items listed as high priority actions in that report have now been folded into the interim strategic plan. They include reviewing the Islands Trust policy statement to ensure it gives higher profile to affordable housing, makes definitions clear and includes a clearly articulated vision, goal and objectives for affordable housing.

Patrick said another result of the amendment is that a senior planner could be dedicated to affordable housing applications across all or part of the Trust area. That person could develop and share expertise for a more efficient process.

Patrick's fellow island trustee Peter Grove agreed he found the common concern to do more towards supporting affordable housing projects for the islands a meaningful part of the session.

"This is of great importance to us on Salt Spring as well as the other islands," Grove said.

Other highlights of the quarterly session for Grove included confirmation of the need for action on climate change and, in particular, the protection of the Coastal Douglas-fir zones and the development of a climate change strategy for inclusion in the strategic plan. He is also excited about the launching of "Islands 2050," a public engagement process on the Trust's policy.

# RUNNING FOR A CURE: Cancer survivors Kelda Logan (centre, left) and Joy Blondahl prepare to cut the ribbon to open the Terry Fox Run on Sunday. Logan, principal of Fernwood Elementary School, took a year off last year as she battled with breast cancer. Blondahl is a nine-year-old student at Fernwood Elementary who was diagnosed with brain cancer as a baby and has undergone a number of surgeries. She has been cancer-free since 2013.







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### Next protest event this Friday

### **CLIMATE RALLY**

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Before this event, Lukow, a mother and nurse on the island, had never seen herself as a climate activist. She was inspired by the global call and actions by local youth and stepped up to take part.

"I personally have been over to Victoria for a climate strike with my small children and seen whole groups of youth ferrying over on the Fridays to be at the Legislature ... I think their energy and their passion is really making their parents and the older generation realize that they're fighting for having a future and they are begging for their lives," she said. "They're begging to have a future. I think it's so compelling that a lot of us just can't look away."

The climate strike, while inspired by the younger generations, was open to people of all ages. Lukow and the organizers wanted to reach as many islanders as they could. Climate change has an effect on everybody on the planet, not just the younger people, she observed. Lukow hopes the effects of the strike will ripple through the island and inspire

people to take action.

"I really hope that people feel that they can't look away. I hope they realize that there's a place for them in this movement," Lukow said. "You can come in from wherever you're at in your personal life."

"You don't have to be car-free, you don't have to be at the point where you're not flying, or you're vegan. None of us are exempt from using fossil fuels at this point," she added. "There is a place in this movement for everyone and it's time to stop looking away and to join in."

Also at the event were booths set up by various organizations to help people find ways to have an impact. Other events have been planned to keep momentum going, including a group bike ride to Victoria on Friday to take part in a climate strike event timed to coincide with the final day of the protest action week, as well as a follow-up bike rally on Oct. 7.

"It's one thing to go to a rally, and then after people wonder 'Okay, so now what?'" Lukow said. "We have to keep the momentum going." Salt Spring Island Transit

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#### **ENVIRONMENT**

### New regs restrict open burning

### Grace period allowed to ease in regime

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Burn bans across the coastal region were last lifted Wednesday, but along with the permission to deal with accumulated yard and worksite waste came new provincial regulations that will significantly restrict when and how burns take place.

Changes to the B.C. Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation that went into effect Sept. 15 will effect all open burning aside from campfires in the Gulf Islands area, which has been identified as having the highest level of smoke sensitivity. Salt Spring property owners doing backyard burns will likely soon need to apply for permits for each burning session, instead of having a year-round permit, and respect many other limiting factors.

Although the new regulations are already in effect across the province, Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George said islanders will have some time to get used to the changes and for now things will remain "status quo."

"Obviously there's going to be some grace rolling that out. Unfortunately there's been very little information from the province on it, other than it's happening," George said.

George met with the fire chiefs of the other southern Gulf Islands on Thursday to discuss the situation and make sure every district was on the same page. He said many of them had been unaware the change was even happening.

Under the new regulations, residential property owners will be restricted to burning on "good ventilation" days, and can do burning a maximum of 12 days per year (and six days in any month). Residents will need to respect setbacks from neighbouring houses and notify neighbours 24 hours in advance. All open burning must be completed by 4 p.m. or two hours before sunset, whichever is later.

Category 3 machine piles will now require larger setback distances from neighbours, schools and care facilities, and seasoning of material for four months is now required. Burning will also only be permitted 12 days per year and six days in any month. The maximum burn period is reduced from 72 hours to two days. Material may only be added until four hours before sunset on the day

Those doing machine piles will also be required to record the number of piles per site, size of each pile, volume of vegetative material burned, date of ignition and the venting forecast on the date of ignition.

As George reported to the Salt Spring Fire Protection District Board on Sept. 16, the regulation will eventually mean a big change in local burning practices. The fire department is planning to hold a meet-andgreet with contractors to help ease the transition. George has also drafted a number of changes that will need to be made to permits issued under the local burning bylaw.

George feels the island will need to look into long-term solutions for dealing with wood waste, such as a community chipper or even an underground incinerator that produces very little smoke.

"It really is a smoke control issue. The key is finding an alternative on Salt Spring, because if we don't we will just increase the wildfire risk," George said, adding people who don't have options may be tempted to let fuel pile up indefinitely.

"We don't want that build up," he

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### Capital Regional District

### Notice of Application to Volunteer as a Scrutineer & Advance Voter Registration

### Magic Lake Estates Wastewater System Assent Voting

Public notice is hereby given that the assent of the electors is required with regard to Bylaw No. 4320, "Magic Lake Estates Wastewater System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3, 2019".

Qualified electors of the Magic Lake Estates Sewage Local Service Area located on North Pender Island within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area, will be asked to vote on the following question on Saturday, November 23, 2019:

"Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board adopting Bylaw No. 4320, "Magic Lake Estates Wastewater System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3, 2019", authorizing the Capital Regional District to borrow an amount up to but not to exceed SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000) for the purpose of administering, planning, designing, acquiring and constructing the capital renewal and upgrade of the Magic Lake Estates Wastewater System. YES or NO?"

#### Scrutineers

Applications to act as a scrutineer for those organizations for and against Bylaw No. 4320 shall be received at the offices of the Capital Regional District (CRD), PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm from Wednesday, September 25, 2019 until Monday October 7, 2019. Application forms and information on the requirements and procedures for making an application are available at the CRD by telephoning toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3638 or 250.360.3638 or at the address noted

### List of Registered Electors

Beginning Wednesday, September 25, 2019 until Monday October 7, 2019, a copy of the List of Registered Electors for the local service area will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the CRD offices listed below, Monday to Friday, except statutory holidays. You may also call CRD Legislative and Information Services, telephone toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3024 or 250.360.3024 to enquire whether your name is on the list.

CRD Legislative Services, 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Notice of Advance Voter Registration for Non-Resident Electors Only

Advance Voter Registration closes on Friday, October 11, 2019 for the List of Registered Non-Resident Property Electors for North Pender Island. Please note that the CRD will be using the Provincial Voters List for Resident Electors in the CRD.

Voter qualifications are set out below. You may also register on voting day if you meet these qualifications: You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector or Non-Resident Property Elector if you: are 18 years or older on voting day (November 23, 2019), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, and either:

- ▶ have resided in the Magic Lake Estates Sewage Local Service Area located on North Pender Island within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area for 30 days; (If registering as a Resident Elector on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency, one of which must have a signature); OR
- have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the Magic Lake Estates Sewage Local Service Area for 30 days and do not qualify as a Resident Elector. If registering as a Non-Resident Property Elector on voting day, you must provide the following information:
- a recent land title registration of the real property or a property tax notice, which will show the names of all the registered owners;
- 2 pieces of identification (one of which must have a signature), and
- ▶ in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property.

For more information about registering as a Resident Elector or a Non-Resident Property Elector, call toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3127 or 250.360.3127.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2019

Kristen Morley Chief Election Officer

For more information visit www.crd.bc.ca/magiclake-vote/

#### **INFORMATION SERVICES**

### Residents' info centre opens

Ask Salt Spring launch party set for Oct. 4

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Residents who are wondering which government agency to talk to about an issue, or how to find the resources to navigate island life will find help at a new community initiative called Ask Salt Spring.

Volunteers, organizers and elected officials will be on hand Oct. 4 for a launch party to introduce the new service, which will be offered Fridays next to Thrifty Food's floral department.

The project grew out of Salt Spring Community Alliance efforts to ease governance issues and assist community engagement after the 2017 incorporation referendum. Trained volunteers and elected officials will be on site to listen and to answer questions on the spot, if possible. An email service will additionally connect residents with a team of 15 experts who can provide more information.

"I think this is not rocket science. Lots of communities have something like this," said Gayle Baker, who is a Salt Spring Community Alliance member and the new centre's main champion and coordinator. "We have it for visitors; there's no reason why we shouldn't be offering our residents some solutions."

The alliance group has been floating the idea of a "solutions centre" for nearly a year but has struggled to find the right space.

'Our philosophy is having a place where people can ask questions but also talk about what's on their minds. The big piece for us is it has to be free. We could never charge for our services and we don't want to," Baker said,

adding that no income means rent payments were also out.

With Thrifty Foods stepping in to donate use of a room next to the floral department through to the end of the year, the group has a dedicated location for all of 2019 at the very least.

Another challenge that affected the location choice was finding a day that would work for elected officials. The Friday slot allows an elected representative to be present for three weeks of every month. MLA Adam Olsen will be attending on the first Friday of each month, with CRD director Gary Holman on the second Friday and islands trustee Laura Patrick on the third.

"To me, it's really exciting that our elected officials are so supportive. It's a bit of a surprise to me they're willing to spend that kind of time," Baker said.

Baker will also be on site each week, helping to set up the room, do follow-up with people who come in and collect data. She explained that although the locally elected officials and volunteers won't be able to solve every problem, it will be important to keep track of the questions asked. The project coordinators have committed to publishing a summary report of the most common questions every six months, which will help illuminate local service needs.

"There are gaps. And we need to be identifying them," Baker said.

The Community Alliance is also working with the United Way to bolster that organization's Salt Spring 211 service, with hopes that it will eventually be the island's complete resource portal. Baker noted that at present, the phone/web service has only 78 resources listed that operators can connect islanders to, while the community group has identified another 360 that could be included.

"At this point they're not includ-



Salt Spring Community Alliance member Gayle Baker is one of the friendly faces residents will encounter at the new Ask Salt Spring centre, which is opening Fridays starting Oct. 4.

ing any clubs, associations or sports teams. They are the fabric of the community — without them it's not a healthy community," Baker said.

In addition to the location support from Thrifty Foods, the Community Alliance has been able to launch Ask Salt Spring thanks to help from the Institute for Sustainability Education & Action (I-SEA), Island Savings and Country Grocer.

The first date on Oct. 4 will be more of a celebration than a work session, and runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers will be ready on stand-by to answer their first questions if need be at the party. Regular Friday hours will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The email address also opens to questions beginning Oct. 4 at asksaltspring@gmail.com.

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### **AGRICULTURE**

### ALC feedback requested

Online survey available until mid November

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

The Agricultural Land Commission is seeking more feedback about how they can encourage farming and protect farmland in the province.

The commission will be holding a series of public meetings on the mainland and Vancouver Island to hear from people. Those interested in contributing can also respond to an online survey, which will be up until Nov. 15.

The ALC is asking for insights on how they can support farmers in the Agricultural Land Reserve and help diversify farm businesses, how they can support new farmers and how they can ensure there is residential flexibility on ALR land, while still prioritizing agriculture.

Officially begun after a public meeting held in Merville, near Courtenay B.C., the commission hopes to get feedback from the public on the recent changes to the ALR regulations in the province

These changes were outlined in Bill 52, which was passed in November 2018 and in Bill 15, passed in May 2019. They were designed to limit the proliferation of large homes and estate lifestyles on ALR land, as well as end the dumping of illegal fill in the ALR and the separation of the ALR into two zones with different rules.

"A healthy agriculture industry is critical to protecting a farmer's most valuable resource – their land, now and for generations to come," said ALC chair Jennifer Dyson in a press release. "I look forward to continuing to hear from farmers and ranchers, and everyone who cares about the incredible capacity of B.C.'s agricultural land base to produce a bounty of food and farm products and ways to do so."

Feedback can be submitted electronically at https://engage.gov. bc.ca/supportingfarmers/. The consultation period ends on Nov. 15, after which the ALC will publish a summary report of its findings.

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# Cry for action

he United Nations **Climate Action Summit** in New York has once again brought people to the streets demanding change.

Islanders came on out en masse on Saturday to contribute their bodies and voices to the global movement, which has seen millions of people leaving jobs and classrooms to secure emergency action at the highest levels. Inspired and led by 16-year-old activist Greta Thunberg, the climate strikes have attracted people of all ages. But the youth who will be most burdened with a poisoned atmosphere and scorched earth have been the loudest and most compelling voices.

It is heart-wrenching to see so many young people doubting there will be a future that in

THE ISSUE: Global climate emergency

WE SAY:

Time to put the pressure on

any way resembles the cushy experience the western world, at least, has enjoyed for nearly a century. They have every reason to doubt that, though, as our policy makers fail to face up to the facts.

For all of our good intentions as individual citizens, carbon emissions have contin-

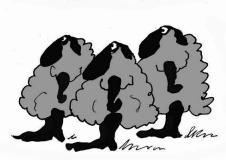
ued to rise around the world, reaching a record high in 2018. The province of British Columbia managed to reduce its carbon output starting in 2007, but recently released figures show we have returned to that benchmark level again. This creates a foreboding prediction on the success of the NDP's goal of achieving a 40 per cent reduction from 2007 levels by 2030 never mind the intended 80 per cent reduction

Huge changes in how we live our lives and organize our economies will be necessary to swing things around. Making it known to political leaders and elected representatives regardless of their affiliation — that climate is a top issue will continue to be necessary after the election dust settles and the new House is assembled.

Buying power is another tool, and one with potentially massive impact. Using your influence locally to have stores stop using plastics by refusing to buy the products or writing letters of complaint to the owners will help start needed changes.

Though we sometimes feel helpless, we have influence and must use it. Now is the time to put the pressure on.





PARKER

### **Drop GHGs with housing**

BY RHONAN HEITZMANN

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions via our personal and public choices is essential climate action. There are many great ideas about what we can do locally being discussed but one aspect of public decision making that needs rapid and urgent change is being overlooked: Housing for working class families.

Our ferries are not only clogged by ever increasing tourism, there is a growing trend of workers commuting here from Vancouver Island. This is a trend that is not likely to slow down since glaciers are melting faster than policy changes. We need more, smaller homes that are relatively affordable by design, as highlighted by Islands Trust reports going back at least as far as 2003 to address the already defined housing crisis. The low hanging fruit is to use buildings that already exist since the cost of building is now so high ... yet under the proposed bylaw to allow full-time use of some "seasonal" cottages, a property is not eligible if it is more than a kilometre from a bus stop. The result is that there are people are commuting from Nanaimo, when they could be housed here, on island in existing buildings.

### VIEWPOINT

Where are the climate activists on this issue? Water conservation groups oppose the year-round use of cottages for fear of lack of water, yet under the currently permitted "seasonal" use, nothing stops vacationers from using water all summer long at a rate that far exceeds conservative use by year-round occupants aware of the scarcity at hand. We need to house people locally, in smaller dwellings that have less impact on the environment. We have the water, it just needs to be managed appropriately. The current official trend is leading to a future of thousands more mansions on large estates, and the odd, rare subsidized housing complex that manages to crawl through the hurdles of regulation once every 10 years or so. This is not ecological planning for a climate stressed world.

Right now a majority of renters are housed by nonconforming situations such as illegal suites and non-permitted cabins. Smart governance recognizes trends established by people to solve problems and would encourage those trends to conform to safety rules and give permissions so they can be used in appropriate ways and places by those who wish to abide by the official

Salt Spring Solutions has written a letter to the Local Trust Committee outlining many things it can do right now to change policy to allow these natural trends to occur legally. Solutions such as: allocating permission for year-round use of cottages on a first come, first serve basis to those who meet eligibility requirements such as intent to rent full-time and proof of sustainable water supply; updating permissions for suites to be in accessory buildings such as shops, garages, studios and above commercial spaces, especially in the downtown core; and ecovillage/ home plate zoning that allows property owners to exchange conservation of large portions of land for multiple dwellings within a limited footprint according to set ecological criteria.

Write to your LTC now and urge them to join the 21st century. Come out to the LTC meeting at the Harbour House Hotel on Oct. 1 and support our delegation request. Go to www. saltspringsolutions.com and sign our petition, get involved and share your

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### "Unfortunately there's been very little information from the province on it, other than it's happening."

FIRE CHIEF ARJUNA GEORGE ON OPEN BURNING REGULATION

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WE ASKED: How can people do their part to address the climate crisis?

#### **TARA HUTH**



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### **ANDREW HUTH**



**Eating locally** is a big one. There's so much of that here. Just do what you can, because it matters.

### NIAM TYRELL RATHJE



Ride bikes more and make the roads safe so that kids can ride to school.

### **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. **Send your letters to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com** 

### Don't undermine safety

In last week's Driftwood there was a rant condemning "B.C. bureaucrats protecting white crosswalks in Ganges."

Unaccustomed as I am to sending accolades to bureaucrats, I'd like to send a fleet of dump trucks full of roses to those who apparently had the courage to stand up and put safety and the public interest before a special

Public funds to finance highly visible white public crosswalks is public money specifically set aside for traffic/pedestrian safety.

Publicly funded pedestrian traffic safety measures should not be undermined or compromised by allowing these white painted safety areas to be visibly degraded.

TOM PICKETT,

SALT SPRING

### Climate rally

This is a call for Salt Springers to join the Victoria Strike for Climate Action, happening at noon this Friday, Sept. 27. There will be a rally at the B.C. Legislature with music and speakers, followed by a march and block party downtown.

Islanders can walk onto the 7:50 or 9:50 a.m. Fulford ferry and hop on Victoria transit - buses go right to the Legislature at 8:30, 8:55, 9, 10:30, 10:55 and 11 a.m. Or you can arrange a ride-share with friends or online: post your ride offer or request for a ride in the comments section of the Transition Salt Spring Facebook page or on the

page for Salt Spring Carpool and Rideshare.

Young climate strikers are calling on everyone — parents, workers, and all concerned humans — to demand an end to the age of fossil fuels. Let's take some Salt Spring energy directly to our provincial government and demand urgent climate action and inter-generational justice.

JEAN WILKINSON, SALT SPRING

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### Election 2019: Time to weigh our priorities

By now, we've all been exposed to the scandalous controversy surrounding the publication of photos depicting Justin Trudeau wearing black- and brown-face makeup. We've had talk and opinions on the matter up the yin-yang to the point where our attitude towards the upcoming federal event on Oct. 21 has changed from "ho hum, another election" to "bring it

Here's a quick primer on the approaching election. There are 338 seats in Canada's House of Commons which means, using a complex combination of abstract algebra and differential calculus and the ability to divide by two, that it would take 170 seats to win a majority government. A plurality of seats (meaning a party wins more seats than any other party but not enough to form a majority) would most likely mean a minority government result, which would topple if the other parties ganged up against the winning party.

As of just before the election on Oct. 21, the Liberal Party of Canada heads the list of registered parties. With leader Justin Trudeau, it has a majority of 177 seats in Parliament. Several issues have reared their dirty little heads since the last time our nation went to the polls, making the Liberal hold on power somewhat tenuous. We'll get into these later in this column.

Next, there's the present official opposition, the Conservative Party of Canada, led by Andrew Scheer, with 95 seats in Parliament. You may remember this as the Progressive Conservative Party (one of the great oxymorons of all time, together with "jumbo shrimp" and "military intelligence") which in 2003 merged with the upstart Canadian Reform Conservative Alliance to form the new face of conservatism.

Next in order of seats in the House of Commons is the New Democrat Party (NDP) with 39. Running for the first time as its leader and carrying the orange banner is Jagmeet Singh. Right behind the NDP is the Bloc Quebecois, headed by Yves-Francois Blanchet, with 10 constituencies all in the province of Quebec.

At the bottom of the list, but still having a voice in Parliament, are the Green Party of Canada (Elizabeth May is the leader representing our very own Saanich and the Gulf Islands constituency) with two seats, and the People's Party of Canada, whose leader Maxime Bernier is also the only elected member. The People's Party immediate-



Shilo Zylbergold NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

ly brings back memories of a scene from Monty Python's Life of Brian in which we see intense mistrust and bickering between the two revolutionary rivals, the Judean People's Front and the People's Front of Judea.

The remaining 14 seats are either presently vacant, or scattered among independent members such as Jody Wilson-Raybould. However, even with only one seat in government, Maxime Bernier's party sits light-years ahead of many of the other registered political parties. These include the somewhat futile attempts at election by the Libertarians, the Communists, the Christian Heritage Party, the Alliance of the North, and the Animal Protection Party of Canada (who would certainly be more of a threat to govern if animals were enfranchised with the vote).

What exactly are the hot ticket issues in this upcoming election? What party platform speaks directly to you and makes up your mind for you as to whom you will cast your vote for and who you definitely will be rooting against? Is it climate change? The economy and the looming trade war? Eroding social services, proportional representation, and an aging population? How about the homeless and a housing shortage for both young and old?

According to media reports and the multitude of posts flooding the social media these days, none of these screaming issues seem to matter even one jota compared to the outrage generated over Justin Trudeau's ill-conceived decision almost 20 years ago to dress up in blackface and a turban at an Arabian Nights-themed gala at the West Point Grey Academy school where he was a teacher.

Okay, this wasn't the first and only time that Trudeau had chosen to make that particular image part of his public persona. Other photos and videos have since surfaced showing that perhaps his particular version of a brown-out had become his "goto" costume for celebrations and theatrical

Does this make Justin Trudeau a racist? Has he revealed the evil residing in his heart and, therefore, no longer deserves our trust and confidence as leader of our nation?

What is a racist anyway? It is my belief that somewhere in the definition of the term, there must lie a hatred by the perpetrator for the intended target. Furthermore, that hatred will be often supported by persecuting behaviour and denial of basic human rights.

Not that I would have voted for his Liberal party anyway (no way because of the many failings the Liberals have shown since their victory in 2015). I am, however, willing to give Mr. Trudeau a "get out of jail free" card and not flush him down the political toilet. What he did smacks of bad taste, immaturity and ignorance. It is probably one of many skeletons hanging in his closet. would not go so far, however, as to accuse him of being a racist.

We all have our own personal past skeletons (many of which we have conveniently stashed out of memory's way) hidden away in our own closets. My Halloween costumes from yesteryear would probably sink me in deep doo-doo if I were ever demented enough to run for public office. I look back at my old geezer leaning on his walker costume (I'm older now than the senior I was then portraying) and realize I could have my character smeared with ageism. Likewise, my Hare Krishna realtor, man-size slug, two-headed man, Bowen Queen ferry, and Fulford-Ganges Road costumes would have offended some visible minority or other, I'm sure. And certainly, my Darth Piggy outfit, which combined many of the less attractive attributes of Miss Piggy and Darth Vader, would definitely have caught the ire of all cross-dressing space aliens.

Nobody asked me, but far be it from me to tell you how to cast your ballot. Whomever you decide to vote for, it seems to me that each and every one of us should use our vote to help elect the candidate who best represents our social and political hopes for the future. If you cannot find it in you to forgive Justin Trudeau for his mistakes. then you can exercise your right to vote for another party's candidate to increase the odds that he will not be returned as Prime Minister of Canada. Just remember, let he who is without skeletons cast the first bone. As for me, I think it's about time I did a little closet cleaning.





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### Real question

Lea Weir's To Fly or Not to Fly column in last week's paper, while thought-provoking and worthy of serious consideration, is unfortunately not the real question.

The United Nations has released a study on climate change (Global Environment Outlook 6) in which they state that the meat industries' contribution to climate change is equivalent to the total of cars, buses, trains, planes, boats and rockets combined. So as I see it, buying an electric car, not flying to Mexico or riding your bike in the rain are all important steps, but until you stop supporting the meat industry you are missing the electric bus.

To eat meat or not to eat meat  $\ldots$  , that is the real question.

BOB ELSEA,

### Safety service rebuttal

Paul Marcano writes that the Alternative Approval Process (or "counter petition") for the proposed new CRD Community Safety Service is inherently undemocratic. His math is wonky, and he avoids the real issue – does this new service address a significant need or not?

Counter petitions are a well-established method for securing voter support and cost \$20,000 less than a referendum — it's how we approved our local transit service, the best of its kind in B.C. No more effort is required to sign a counter petition than to vote at a polling station, and voters have 30 days, not just one or two days, to register opposition. A counter petition isn't a secret ballot, but in a community of "10,000 opinions surrounded by water," few are shy about publicly expressing their views.

Mr. Marcano's argument that a counter petition requiring only 10 per cent of voters over a 30 days to defeat a proposal is harder to achieve than a 50 per cent plus one no vote on a single day doesn't add up. Even more problematic is his suggestion that voters oppose the initiative regardless of its merits. This is an opportunity for citizens and non-profit groups to support and engage with RCMP and social service agencies to improve safety in our community.

There will be public meetings on Oct. 15 and 28 on the proposed new service, before the 30-day counter petition process begins. I hope people will attend these meetings and make an informed decision.

GARY HOLMAN,

CRD DIRECTOR

### Beware, they're listening...

Just when we might have given up hope that BC Ferries puts the concerns of its customers first, I was happy to see a new sign recently put up in Fulford.

During a summer sailing, I filled in one of their user surveys, and suggested they erect a sign at the top of the hill above the Fulford Harbour terminal to alert customers where they would be likely to experience a sailing wait. A few weeks ago, I was pleasantly surprised to see exactly that! Bravo!

Now, about some nice, creative "Welcome to Salt Spring" signs, who we talk to about that?

MARKUS WENZEL,

### Too many taxes

Asking the property taxpaying residents of Salt Spring to pay for a new Community Safety Service for Ganges is completely wrong. We already pay for RCMP protection, which benefits the whole island. The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, residents of Ganges, or the Province of B.C. should pay for this service, not the rest of the island.

Property taxpayers on Salt Spring Island already pay for a myriad of services that should be covered by the province:

We pay for a new treatment plant on St. Mary Lake (approved by only 14 per cent of eligible voters): parcel taxes for the next 20 years for half of Salt Spring. If the North Salt Spring Waterworks District had merged with the Capital Regional District years ago, we would not be paying this onerous parcel tax for the next 20 years.

We pay for a bus system that runs buses all over the island mostly empty, burning up fuel and generating carbon for no benefit at all, except in the minds of the CRD. Around 65 per cent of the operating costs are covered by the province and taxpayers, in order to achieve the title of "The best run rural bus system in B.C."

We pay for SSIWPA services (Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance); I am not sure what they do... Can anyone tell me what exactly was accomplished by this group in 2019?

Finally, I always hate when politicians say, "It will only cost the price of a latte per month to fund this service, or it will only cost most households less than a dollar per month." This is a "death by a thousand cuts": increasing property taxes by more than the cost of living directly leads to the gentrification of Salt Spring Island.

Join with me in signing the new petition against the Community Safety Service. We need to send a clear message to Gary Holman and the CRD that we do not support the creation of yet another group on Salt Spring that will be asking for property tax requisitions in perpetuity. We need to stop the property tax bleed now; it is time for a property tax revolt on Salt Spring Island.

WILLIAM STEINER,

SALT SPRIN

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The best way to do this is to complete a snapshot of your current net worth. First, create a list of assets and liabilities and their associated values that you or your household have combined. Assets would include savings accounts, RSPs, TFSAs, vehicles, boats, your home, investment property and the like. Liabilities include credit card debt, line of credit balances, any outstanding loans, and mortgages.

Then simply add up all the assets and subtract the liabilities. If you will come out with a positive number, then you have a positive net worth. Remember, this is just snapshot in time. Ideally, you re-visit and update your net worth statement on a regular basis so you can see how you're trending.

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### **Real Estate**

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

Comparing homes with similar attributes can provide valuable insights. Consider the

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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### **ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

### Show me the money! EV owners find savings



**Jim** Standen EV **OLUTION** 

An EV owner in conversation will often mention the financial benefits. This month, let's pursue this topic in detail.

To begin with, I will not consider the use of our 10 free public chargers on Salt Spring. Not all communities have such generous vendors and organizations. Free charging would skew the results. Besides, those chargers are primarily for our valued tourists, emergencies and for our occasional use. They are not for our exclusive use or commercial use. Owners are advised to acquire a Level 2 charger for their home or business. I will also not factor in the current federal, provincial and B.C. scrap-it purchase subsidies, which are subject to change, and may or may not be available when you purchase your vehicle.

#### Where do the savings come from?

EVs can cost more to purchase, but are the big winners in the long run.

Our friends at Emotive.ca estimate that the cost of electricity to be less than one-fifth of that of the equivalent amount of gas for travelling the same distance. That adds up quickly. If you had a big glass jar in your kitchen and added to it what you used to pay for gas every time you would normally have filled up, it would be most impressive. Watch the savings grow. And you can also add to the jar things like no more bi-annual oil changes and almost all filter swaps and with regenerative braking, and brake jobs are almost unknown. EVs are not maintenancefree vehicles, but highly reduced maintenance vehicles. There is still the need for tires, suspension (especially on pothole challenged SSI), some fluids and filters. But the maintenance is either identical to a non-EV for those common needs, or almost nothing.



Charging station at ArtSpring. EV owners can realize significant operation savings over gaspowered vehicles, and will find new charging options are increasing range potential.

Want to be the cheapest?

My 2016 Nissan Leaf is EPA-rated at a range of 171 km. I am regularly achieving 220 km (25 per cent more). Nice! The big reason is the lower speed limits on Salt Spring. Even five km/hour slower can make a significant difference.

But there are lots of other tricks you can use to make your dollars take you further. EVs generally come with cool data screens that allow for detailed monitoring of your battery use. These allow you to see the difference based on altering your driving habits.

Due to space limitations, I have posted a list of energy efficient driving tips at www.ssiev.ca/maximizing-range.html.

As an aside, there is an economic case to be made for reducing the island speed limits. It could increase safety, making it better for bike riders and e-scooters, as we save our precious transportation dollars.

The bottom line is that driving electric is the least expensive automobile option over time. Take your savings from your filled big glass jar and run to the bank.

I encourage your respectful comments. I can be reached at jstanden@ ucalgary.ca.

How much are the long-term savings? The Sept. 2018 2 Degrees group report

titled Comparing Fuel and Maintenance Costs of Electric and Gas Powered Vehicles in Canada did an analysis of two almost-identical cars (a Kia Soul vs. a Kia Soul EV and a Golf vs. an e-Golf). Using B.C. fuel and electricity rates, over a vehicle-use of 250,000 kilometres, the fuel and maintenance savings are substantial: 83 per cent or an average of

And their calculations were before the higher rates of gas at the pump this past summer (\$1.70 per litre). Those rates had us EV owners smirking. The report can be accessed on the web or I can email you a copy if you request it.

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### **SSNAP** exhibition opens





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Left: Salt Spring Arts Council president David Borrowman, left, and SSNAP founding director Ronald T. Crawford speak to a guest at Saturday's opening gala. Right: Rodney Sayers and his piece Serpent GT, with Kerry Zentner's Scavenger artwork visible in the background. See page 11 for more SSNAP photos and information.

### Thoughtful approach to 2019 show

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two years of anticipation since the last Salt Spring National Art Prize finalists' exhibition are finally over, and art lovers can now view the results of the third biennial event at Mahon Hall at their pleasure until Oct. 21.

The well-attended opening gala on Saturday evening was certainly a high-spirited event, as islanders, visitors and many finalists from around the region crowded in to celebrate another remarkable achievement by the Salt Spring Arts Council and its friends.

The show itself feels a little quieter and more contemplative than previous editions, however. This year's panel of jurors has largely eschewed showy installations for smaller sculptural works, and favoured pieces that demand a longer look or closer examination. Also in evidence are many examples of technique that formerly might be considered craft rather than contemporary art, with a strong showing from traditionally "female" modes such as rug hooking, embroidery and other textile arts.

Exhibition designer Richard Steel has underlined these themes with his careful coordination of space and artworks. His strategy is to draw viewers in with works that visually demand a deeper look as the first thing people see from the doorway: a cinematic painting by Montreal's Steven Volpe, seen beside an intriguing piece by photographer Mike Bernard that is darkened almost to the point of disappearing.

Viewers are gradually drawn to the back of the hall, which is where some of the larger sculptural works wait to be discovered. They include an interactive memory cave by Tammy Salzi (Edmonton) called Self that combines video and sound inside a toxic spayfoam bubble, and the magnificent Kwakiutl-style Blue Moon Mask by Port Hardy's Tim Alfred — a four-foot diametre cedar round carving embellished with blue paint, abalone and cedar rope. An enclave created with exhibition dividers is meanwhile the

place to contemplate some more challenging or even disturbing works, such as the completely bizarre but fascinating multimedia sculpture My Mother's Mouth by Calgary's Eve Chartrand (real teeth are involved.)

First Nations artists are well-represented at the show, including some lovely examples of beadwork and weaving that combine traditional methods with contemporary concerns. Skawennati of Montreal, for example, includes an E.T. figure on her Intergalactic Empowerment Wampum Belt. Port Alberni artist Klehwetua (Rodney Sayers) has long been concerned with the formal aspects of sculpture, and because of that has often painted his works black to direct the viewer's eye there. His new approach investigating the influence of popular culture comes to a striking result in Serpent GT, in which he exaggerates Nuu chah nulth tradition in the carving, but adds hot rod-style paint in day-glow orange and a bright yellow racing stripe.

Works that employ interesting materials include Bone Stories I by Jennifer Brant (Vancouver). This abstract piece combines irregular fabric shapes in different matte colours, stitched together to become an uneasy, angular whole. Christi York stitches together maple stems with linen thread and treats this with encaustic to create a wonderful double spine, while Anna Binta Diallo (Montreal) prints collage onto adhesive fabric that's stuck right to the gallery wall. This emphasizes the two-dimensional nature of the work at the same times as she imbues it with a mysterious folklore, echoing imagery with shape.

Jackie Alcock's rug hooking piece made with pieces of uniforms worn by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in 1918 is multilayered, extremely detailed and beautiful. It needs to be seen in person to truly appreciate the texture and contrasts.

Local artists on the finalists' list this year again prove they are well at home within the larger contemporary art scene. John David James, the sole artist in Canada to have made it into all three SSNAP shows, produces an engaging and multifaceted image based on a photograph of a sculpture. Krysta Furioso and Carol Narod fit right in with the contemporary use of traditional handcraft, with Furioso's incredible beadwork piece heightened by dynamic triangles and a wonderful colour combo. Narod's textile hanging Married and Single is equally wonderful, with contrasting panels of carefully ordered and free-hanging yarns in colours that recall Tibetan thangka.

Bronwyn Austin's "portrait" of Vancouver character houses successfully emphasizes the personality in each house, in photo-realistic coloured pencil against a white background. And Josephine Fletcher gets big and bold with her abstract oil painting Trees Forest Blue Sky, which incorporates thick texture and huge brush strokes to evoke the power of the underlying elements. How the jurors will distill all this diverse work down into prizes, to be handed out at the awards gala on Oct. 19, is anyone's guess.

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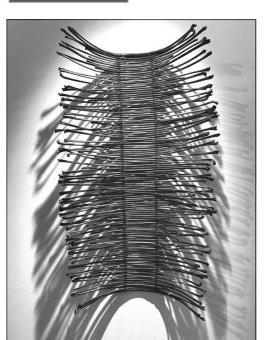
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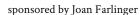


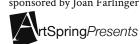




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Clockwise from left: Petiole Reach by Christi York; visitors bend to get a closer look at a sculpture by Kaley Flowers; 2015 SSNAP People's Choice Award-winner and previous exhibition hanger Nicola Wheston with former Artcraft manager/curator Richard Steel, who hung this year's show; Blue Moon Mask by Tim Alfred.

### More SSNAP on tap

Viewers will have the opportunity to see work from many more fine local artists who submitted to SSNAP at the second annual Parallel Show taking place at ArtSpring.

This year's exhibition features around 50 artists and was curated by Celia Duthie and Quentin Harris. The show opens this Friday, Sept. 27, with an artists' reception taking place that evening from 5 to 8 p.m. The show continues daily though Oct. 20.

On the following night, Saturday, Sept.

28, SSNAP presents an evening with Zita Cobb, who is the innkeeper of the Fogo Island Inn and the founder and CEO of Shorefast, an organization that has helped the small Newfoundland island transform into an important contemporary arts centre. The presentation and reception take place at ArtSpring starting at 7:30 p.m.

See our What's On calendar for noonhour artist talks taking place at Mahon Hall.

#### **CONCERTS**

### Alan Moberg plays

Tea à Tempo continues Oct. 2

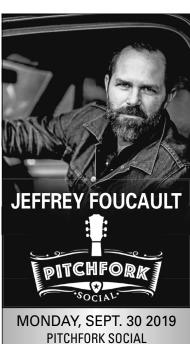
The concert series Tea à Tempo has resumed its monthly fall schedule and will be featuring Salt Spring's own "Salt Water Cowboy" Alan Moberg on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Moberg has performed annually in the Anglican Parish's All Saints venue beginning with Music and Munch in 2005. Coordinators with the Music Makers group say since that time he has endeared himself to a wide and loyal fan base just from those events, although he appears at just about every venue on the island, including the Fall Fair and the Tree House Cafe, as well as many festivals across B.C.

According to a press release from the Music Mak ers, the name Salt Water Cowboy has been used to describe the singer/songwriter for many years.

"Moberg was born into a fishing family on the west coast, which gave him the opportunity to engage with the First Nations people whom he has long admired, forming a lifelong attachment to their culture and peoples. The 'cowboy' part comes from his love and respect for the people of the interior of B.C., particularly the ranch lands, and the rugged way of life."

Music begins in All Saints by-the-Sea at 2:10 p.m, followed by optional tea and treats. Donations provide the honoraria for performers and support the production of the Tea à Tempo series.



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Oct. 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Yael Wand. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

#### ACTIVITIES

**Tech Tutoring with** Peter Freeman. Every Wednesday at the library in three 50-minutes session between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Bittancourt House** Museum. Museum on the Farmers' Institute grounds open Wednesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. SSNAP: Noon-hour Artist Talks Series -Dennis B Del Torre. Duncan artist Dennis B Del Torre speaks on Swirling in the Amnesia of History has

Defined my Art. Mahon Hall. 12 to 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support **Group.** Meets on the fourth Wednesday of

each month at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 3:30 p.m. 100 Men Who Care Salt Spring Info Session. Learn about the new

chapter of 100 Men Who Care philanthropic group being created for Salt Spring Island. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Garden Club. Robert Bateman is the guest speaker. Meaden Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for social time and parlour show, followed by the guest speaker.

Insight/Mindfulness Meditation.

A guided session of meditation in the Buddhist tradition by Heather Martin at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church in Fulford). 7 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES Film: Kimiko Murakami:

**Triumph Over Internment.** Screening of 23-minute film plus celebration of the 65th anniversary of the Murakami family's return to Salt Spring and the 115th anniversary of Kimiko's birthday. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m.

Thu. Sept. 26

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic & Jam. Every Thursday at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.

**PV Forgues.** Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. Open Mic at Moby's. Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

#### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House** Museum. See Wednesday listing.

**Tech Tutoring with Jim** Watkins. Every Thursday at the library. 10 a.m to 12 noon. Maximum of 15 minutes per patron. Library Book Club. This month's book is Up Ghost River by Edmund Metatawabin. The Salt Spring Island Public Library book club, open to all and free of charge, meets from 1 to 3 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Meet other book lovers and have fun discussing an interesting read.

**Book Launch: CC** Humphreys. Salt Spring author Chris (CC) Humphreys reads from his latest novel,

Smoke in the Glass. SS

Public Library. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

**Marathon to Everest** Presentation.

Heather Pardon speaks about preparing to run the World's Highest Marathon in Nepal this fall. Salt Spring United Church. 7 p.m. By donation, In support of Community Action Nepal. Deepening Into Aging. Four-part series led by JayaLynda Cole at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church in Fulford) begins today. 7 to 9 p.m. Registration required at staroftheseassi@gmail.com

Sept. 27

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Wanabeatles. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. Tom Hooper & the Angry Hippies. Live music at Moby's. 9 p.m.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

**Bittancourt House** Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Family Movie Matinee Storks. Kids and families welcome to library screening with free popcorn. Kids under 10 must be signed in and out. Fridays at 2:30 p.m. Art Opening: SSNAP Parallel Art Show. Opening reception for exhibition featuring the work of fifty outstanding Southern Gulf Islands artists who submitted their work to SSNAP, curated by Celia Duthie and Quentin Harris. ArtSpring. 5 to 8 p.m. Karaoke at the Legion. Join the fun at the Legion

beginning at 7:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Vargo. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. Tom Hooper & the Angry Hippies. Live music at Moby's. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES Salt Spring Saturday Market. Famous market of arts and crafts vendors, food and farmers in Centennial Park every Saturday through October. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A Taste of Tai Chi. Taoist Tai Chi® Arts Open House at All Saints By-the-Sea. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Dragonfly Art Supplies**  Open Studios. Artists with studio space at Dragonfly Art Supplies open their workspaces

a.m. and 5 p.m. SSNAPy Saturdays. All ages drop-in art making. Join in exploring a variety of art-making activities inspired by the materials, processes and ideas at work in the 2019/20 SSNAP exhibition. Mahon Hall. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Book Launch: Diana Hayes.** Salt Spring author and photographer Diana Hayes reads from Labyrinth of Green, Poems and Photographs. SS

to the public between 10

Public Library 7 p.m. **Ometepe Film** Screening: Cooperativa! Awardwinning filmmaker **Ed Carswell shares** Cooperativa!, the story of two coffee-growing cooperatives in the highlands of Nicaragua. Discussion led by Steve Stewart, executive director at CoDev, to follow, plus a short set of music before the film. All

SSNAP Art & **Community: Zita Cobb.** Zita Cobb, founder and

ACTIVITIES

CEO of Shorefast and Innkeeper of the Fogo Island Inn, will speak to how a small Island off the coast of Newfoundland has become a leading contemporary arts venue for artists, filmmakers, writers, and thinkers from around the globe. Talk followed by reception. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**Sun.** Sept. 29

### ACTIVITIES

Pool & Snooker. Free pool and snooker every Sunday at the Legion from 12 to 7 p.m.

MOn. Sept. 30

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

PitchFork Social: Jeffrey Foucault. Last PitchFork Social concert of the 2019 season. Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m. Pre-show dinner available from 6 p.m.

**Vetta Presents Vetta** String Quartet.

First concert in the 2019/20 season features Maria Larionoff, violin, Joan Blackman, violin, David Harding, viola, Eugene Osadchy, cello. Program includes Beethoven String Quartet No. 4, Shostakovich String Quartet No. 1 and Tchaikovsky String Quartet No. 3. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

Tech Tutoring with Conrad.

iPad, Tablet, eReader and basic Mac tutoring with Conrad Koke at the library. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions are available every Monday. 12 noon to 2 p.m.

**SSI Transportation** Commission.

Public welcome to observe regular business meeting. Salt Spring Public Library. 3 p.m. **Salt Spring Historical Society Panel** Unveiling.

Unveiling of a new interpretive panel about Isaburo Tasaka's masonry work on the foundation rock wall under Mouat's Hardware store. Isaburo's grandchildren, Chuck Tasaka and Yvonne Wakabayashi, will be present at the event. Ceremony to take place on the boardwalk behind the Tree House Cafe. 1:45 p.m.

Darts. Free darts played at the Legion every Monday from 6 to 9 p.m.



### **ACTIVITIES**

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

Regular business meeting gets started at 9:30 a.m. at the Harbour House Hotel meeting room, with trustee reports and town hall session at 12 noon.

#### ACTIVITIES

Tue.

SSNAP: Noon-hour Artist Talks Series -Josephine Fletcher.

Salt Spring artist Josephine Fletcher speaks on Create an Orchestra of Thrust and **Energy of the Great Forest** and Deep Skies at Mahon Hall. 12 to 1 p.m.

**Tuesday Farmers** Market. Food-only market with all homegrown or handmade goods. Runs June through October at

Centennial Park. 2 to 6 An Evening of Chanting and Drum Beats from

**Celtic and Other Traditions.** Led by Marilyn Walker at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church in Fulford). 7 to 8:30 p.m. Participation is by donation and registration is not required.

Trivia Tuesday. At Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Wed. Oct 2

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea a Tempo: Alan Moberg. Salt Spring troubadour performs for the Tea a Tempo recital series at All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m. Followed by optional tea and treats.

### ACTIVITIES

**Tech Tutoring with** Peter Freeman. See last Wednesday's listing. Insight/Mindfulness Meditation. See last Wednesday's listing. 100 Men Who Care Salt Spring Info Session. See last Wednesday's listing.

Music Bingo. See last Wednesday's listing.

### THE FRITZ CINEMA

• The Peanut Butter Falcon shows Friday, Sept. 27 to Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. each night plus an additional 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Sept. 29. Rated PG. 1 hour 42 minutes. Downton Abbey starts Oct. 4.

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#### **EXHIBITIONS**

- The Salt Spring National Art Prize (SSNAP) finalists' exhibition runs daily at **Mahon Hall** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 21.
- The SSNAP Parallel Art Show featuring select Southern Gulf Island artists from the 2019 SSNAP entrants opens Friday, Sept. 27 at **ArtSpring** with an artists' reception from 5 to 8 p.m. and continues daily to Oct. 20.
- Salt Spring Potters' Guild Fall Show "Harvest" runs at the **Salt Spring Gallery** to Oct. 2.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

• Artists with studio space at **Dragonfly Art Supplies** open their workspaces to the public on Saturday, Sept. 28 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Featuring **Susan Benson**, **Hamilton**, Edward Sauvé, Aiko Shebib, Julianna Slomka and Mel Williamson.

Saints By-the-Sea. 7 p.m.

- The Point Gallery presents RELATE(D), work by 2017 SSNAP grand prize winner **Judy Anderson** and her son **Cruz Anderson**. Gallery hours are Thursday to Monday, 1 to 5 p.m. or by appointment.
- The Venter Gallery showcases work by Deon Venter from his critically acclaimed Missing and Highway of Tear series along with a selection of **Kathy Venter's** polychrome ceramic sculptures.
- KiZmit Galeria hosts a show of ceramics by Denys James and photographs by **Michael Wall** until Sept. 29. Open hours are Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Charles Breth shows work in the Salt Spring Public **Library Program Room** through September.

### **100 Men Who Care**

Salt Spring chapter being formed Info sessions at Salt Spring Public Library on Weds., Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, 5 to 6 p.m. Info: www.100mensaltspring.org

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#### **LITERACY**

### Children get reading exposure

New 1000X5 program seeks more support

#### BY GAIL SJUBERG

DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A new Salt Spring Literacy Society program aims to give the island's youngest members access to as many books as possible.

When SSLS board member Maureen Stuart learned about the 1000X5 program operating in other B.C. communities, she wanted to bring the concept to Salt Spring.

The "1,000 by 5" term refers to the importance of a child's exposure to books in the first five years of life.

'The project is based upon the belief that if a child hears 1,000 books by age five, he or she is much better prepared to enjoy and succeed in learning," explains Stuart.

Stuart and fellow board member Cathy McCluskey researched what was needed to establish a Salt Spring program. Victoria-based organizers were extremely helpful, giving Stuart and McCluskey a tour of their operations, and donating books and materials.

Books were purchased locally from West of the Moon and Salt Spring Books (which gave a generous 30 per cent discount), from Orca Book Publishers and Scholastic Books. Orca also donated books, as have other agencies and individuals. Donation bins set up at the island's elementary schools brought in still more books.

Funds were provided by the Salt Spring Island Foundation (\$5,000), the Salt Spring Foundation of Youth (\$1,000) and Salt Spring Literacy (\$1,500)

Enough new and gently used books were acquired so that 100 children aged five and under received three books each through the first distribution day held in June. The second one is scheduled for early October.

Because the program is set up in space donated by Salt Spring Elementary School, that school's Strong Start participants were one of the beneficiaries, along with families accessed through Family Place and Island Women Against Violence.



Busy bagging books for the 1000X5 program are, from left in the foreground, Susan Davidson, Louise Shelly and Stella Weinert, with Pat Ayton in the back.

Family Place program coordinator Hannah Kahane was pleased to be a partner.

"[The book bags] have been received with sheer delight and gratitude. This is a wonderful project, and the care poured into making it happen for our families is very evident."

In addition to McCluskey and Stuart, volunteer sorters and baggers have been having fun with the program. They are Wendy Vine, Rineke Jonker, Anne-Marie Davidson, Susan Davidson, Pat Ayton, Janet Hoag, Stella Weinert, Louise Shelly, Joanna Whalley, Victoria Skinner and Martha

"We are very grateful to our sorters," said Stuart.

Books in the gift bags are selected by reading specialists and teachers, and are sorted by appropriateness for age and subject. Selecting and packaging them requires a great deal of expertise, care, time and effort.

"We don't include books on specific religions or on parenting, respecting parents' rights to decide on those subjects for themselves," Stuart explained.

Recipients are welcome to exchange individual books with other recipients or to recycle any unwanted books in the red donation bins in local elementary schools and Family Place.

In order to maintain and expand the program, more book donations and funds are needed.

"We are hoping to get more books through the donation bins at the schools to facilitate our future distributions," said McCluskey. "It is recycling at its best: Books that are still in good shape will be loved once again."

Especially needed are new board books for babies and toddlers, as they tend to be chewed and not as appropriate for passing on.

The program will be evaluated at the end of the year and organizers hope it can be expanded to include families in the other Strong Start programs on the island.

Anyone with books or funds to donate or wanting to volunteer is welcome to contact Stuart at 250-931-2267 or the Salt Spring Literacy office at 250-537-9717, or info@saltspringliteracv.org.

## Remember

### Five years ago

• The Salt Spring Water Council asked the Capital Regional District to consider mandating rainwater catchment and greywater recycling systems for all new homes built on the island. "Doing anything after the fact is really expensive and complicated, so to make it most affordable and feasible is to start at the time of build," said Sharon Bywater, a Water Council member and chair of the Highland Fernwood Water Local Service Commission. CRD director Wayne McIntyre questioned the effectiveness of the proposed requirement, saying a grant system to assist current homeowners in installing systems would be more

### Ten years ago

• Salt Spring Island RCMP took a stand against float planes landing on island lakes."From this point forward, we are treating this as an offence under federal regulations," said RCMP Corp. Martin Beardsmore. "When it does happen, we'll be happy to follow up." Pilots observed landing, taxiing or taking off on Cusheon, Stowel, Weston, Maxwell, Blackburn or St. Mary lakes would receive a letter notifying them of their offence under the federal government's Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations. The issue came up after a pilot from Maple Ridge landed on Cusheon Lake during B.C. Day long weekend. Wayne Hewitt, an area resident, pursued the matter with different levels of government to confirm that planes were not permitted on

### Thirty years ago

• High school students got off to a bad start with an "uncontrolled" dance that resulted in numerous charges. Police attended at Fulford Hall and found about 150 students standing on Fulford-Ganges Road. Only about 50 of those attending the dance were inside the building. Police, who spent most of the next three hours at the dance site, laid numerous charges, including one for being drunk in public, three to four for possession of narcotics, a similar number for possession of liquor, plus a couple of charges for drinking in a public place.

### Forty years ago

• The ferry terminal at Village Bay on Mayne Island was to grow, as plans for a new berth were released. The intention of the berth was to supplement the existing terminal for minor vessels. New parking facilities were also planned. At the time, minor vessels served the islands and linked them to Swartz Bay, while major vessels were limited to the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay route.

### Fifty years ago

 Not even bees were safe from irresponsible shots in the woods. Andrew Eburne, of Happy Valley Road, Victoria, kept bees everywhere, including Salt Spring Island. Some of the Eburne hives were situated on Musgrave Mountain. Eburne reported that "sheep thieves or frustrated hunters insisted on pumping three shots from a .22 into one of the hives." The only sufferer was Eburne himself, who had to undertake repairs to the

#### **PERSONAL GROWTH**

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Cole's approach is rooted in embodied presence by creating a safe, sacred place where soul lessons can be harvested from

JayaLynda Cole facilitates popular series one's experience rather than from spiritual concepts. Nurturing relationships within the group emerge into a collective unified field that supports and evolves.

> The series consists of four half-day sessions every other week beginning Thursday, Sept. 26, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice, St. Mary's Church in Fulford.

Cole has provided professional alternative counsellingtherapy and body work for more than 30 years. As well, she has offered regular satsang and facilitated spiritual retreats internationally. She now volunteers with Salt Spring Hospice, applying her skills with those who are grieving loss and those who are dying. She also facilitates Death Cafes and four previous Deepening into Aging day-long and half-day events.

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#### **Obituaries**

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#### SINCLAIR HOLMES NUTTING December 4, 1921

Sinclair was born December 4, 1921 at Radisson, Saskatchewan, Canada. Survived by wife Shirley Ann, and children, Byron, Jeff and Jennifer. Served in Word War II in the RCAF as a rear gunner for two operational tours in Bomber Command, Pathfinder Group, awarded DFM. Graduated from University of Saskatchewan with an MA in History. Served in Department of Foreign Affairs 1950/1983 at Ministry and in a number of posts abroad, retiring as Ambassador to Ecuador, retired on Salt Spring Island 1983/2003 where he was actively engaged in island

RONALD ALLAN WERTMAN

December 30, 1933 - September 11, 2019

Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island. He will

be lovingly remembered by his beloved wife Beverly,

his brother Lyle, his children, nieces, nephews and

One of the reasons Bev fell in love with Ron was because he had the ability to make her laugh and

smile. He was her "person" and shield in this world.

Ron will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Meaden Hall the

Legion in Salt Spring Island, Saturday October 19,

In Memoriam

grandchildren.

2019, from 12 - 2pm.

In Memoriam

ALISTAIR HAYNE

May 11, 2001 - Sept. 24, 2017

Alistair, as we mark two years

since your sudden passing, we

reflect lovingly on who it is you

are. We feel the impression of your

light and love every day. We miss

cherish and love you eternally.

your effervescent presence and are reminded to honour you always

by choosing to live as you did...loudly, with a kind and

open heart and with compassion. You are a blessing to

many and will live on in many hearts. We know you

watch over us all. Keep guiding us and helping us to

connect with one another through loving kindness. We

~ Forever your loving Dad, Mum, Sister, Grandparents,

Aunties, Uncles, Cousins and many, many friends.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ronald Allan Wertman on September 11, 2019 at

affairs and spent his last years in Australia.

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Guest Speaker: Doug Livingston, SD64 Director of Instruction – Learning Services

Join us for refreshments and a celebration of the past year!

We invite members and the public to our AGM. Voting privileges are for members in good standing. People who have either renewed their membership or have become a member during this past membership year are eligible to vote providing their membership application was submitted prior to Sept. 30, 2019.

### **Coming Events**

THERE WILL BE A **MEETING OF THE** BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL **COMMUNITY HALL** SOCIETY

on Wednesday 9th Oct., 2019 at 7.00 pm in the lower hall at 901 North End Road. PUBLIC WELCOME.

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Greenwoods residents Leo Toutant and Pat Robertson, seated, pick the winning ticket for the bench raffle. Standing, from left are Greenwoods Foundation directors April Wright, Melanie Morris, Bob McWhirter, Amy MacLeod and Donna Madsen; missing is Deb Stevenson.

### **ISLAND CONNECTIONS**

### New film profiles Ometepe Coffee co-ops

Cooperativa! shows at All Saints on Saturday

#### SUBMITTED BY OMETEPE GULF IS-LANDS FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

A film screening this weekend will give Ometepe Coffee drinkers a chance to see the jungle highlands of Nicaragua where the coffee is grown.

The work of award-winning filmmaker Ed Carswell, Cooperativa! tells the story of two coffee-growing cooperatives in the highlands of Nicaragua. The 40-minute film premiered in February 2019 at the World Community Film Festival in Courtenay, B.C.

"It was an incredible experience," Carswell said of his time shooting the film in the Matagalpa department of Nicaragua. "We were in some very remote areas with people eager to share their deep knowledge of the land and all its biological diversity."

As well as coffee production, the film also follows members of the Flor de Pancasán and Flor de Dalia cooperatives as they work to produce and process cocoa, milk and honey.

For more than 30 years, the all-volunteer group Ometepe Gulf Islands Friendship Association (OGIFA) has worked in partnership with cooperatives in Nicaragua to bring up

the photo to appear on

our Facebook page.

organically grown fair trade coffee and used the proceeds to fund community development projects in Central America.

Ometepe Coffee is best known on Salt Spring for the fresh brew served up at a stall at the Saturday Market or at community events like the fall fair. The roasted beans are also available at local outlets.

Funds from the sale of Ometepe Coffee are reinvested in the cooperatives that grow the beans and also go to support Sí a la Vida, an organization that provides support to schoolage children in Nicaragua.

OGIFA started partnering with the Pancasán and Dalia cooperatives two years ago when they needed new suppliers to make up for shortfalls in production on Ometepe Island.

Growers on Ometepe Island have been hard hit by coffee leaf rust, a disease that's sweeping through coffee plantations all over Central America. OGIFA is supporting them as they replant with new rust-resistant varieties, and in the meantime is sourcing from newer cooperatives to bridge the gap.

Located at higher altitudes, the Matagalpa cooperatives have so far been much less impacted by coffee

OGIFA is also exploring the pos-

sibility of sending a small delegation of young farmers to Nicaragua this winter with the aim of strengthening island-to-island farmer ties. Anyone interested is invited to come to the film night and find out more.

The film Cooperativa! was partially funded by Courtenay-based World Community Coffee and by Cafe Etico, a project of the Vancouver-based solidarity organization CoDevelopment Canada (CoDev).

CoDev has worked in partnership with the Pancasán and Dalia cooperatives for several years and it was CoDev that helped OGIFA develop their new partnership with the coops.

Steve Stewart, executive director at CoDev, will be on hand to lead a discussion of the film and also to share information on Cafe Justicia, another innovative project blending fair trade coffee with social justice promotion, this time in Guatemala.

And of course there will be multiple varieties of fresh fair trade coffee on hand to enjoy.

The event takes place in the ground floor level at All Saints By-the-Sea on Saturday, Sept. 28 beginning at 7 p.m. with a short set of live music followed by the film and a discussion.

### WEEK'S by Michael O'Connor

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The next New Moon occurs in Libra and on September 28th. It is special because it includes Sun, Moon, Mercury and Venus all in Libra. The Nodes of the Moon also play a key role primarily by pulling in Saturn and Pluto which are steadily moving towards a powerful conjunction in January of 2020. This emerging theme is already affecting us all and represents a powerful process of transforming the power structures and institutions the world over and the challenge to adapt to the changing times; more on this to come. So, its emphasis in this New Moon cycle means that it will be activated more fully into our personal and collective consciousness. Woven into this theme is the steadily growing understanding of the metaphysical truth that we each and collectively co-create our realities. The 'co' part in this equation refers to the fact that we each and collectively have a destiny which, in turn, reveals a universe that is conscious, intelligent and intentional. Astrology reveals this

should be especially evident personal life and probably both.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) In the deep end, you have entered a time in your life when bringing your authority down to earth is important. This means making yourself and your gifts more available. To this end, you may need the talents, expertise, and authority of others. In the forefront, lifestyle changes are underway. Connecting the dots, adapt your weekly rhythm to nurture vour network.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) If you have been waiting for a fresh boost of creative inspiration, I have some good news. This is a call to give birth to new expressions. Admittedly, there are strong indications that this includes breaking free or movingon from old perspectives, a shift in your approach and be patient with its development.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22) Like charity, beauty begins at home. Directing your focus to home and family comes naturally to you and is extra emphasized now. Meanwhile, dealing with lingering fears about health and livelihood is an important challenge to overcome. It includes not conjuring negative scenarios with an overactive imagination. Change what you can; accept what you can't.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23) Already you are receiving a flow of fresh ideas and now the larger flood is squarely on practical results. To this end, you are willing to enter than anv other time in the vear. Capitalize!

the past several weeks, you have likely taken new leads and initiatives. Now, these have entered their next major phase. This is when you decide if it will actually fly or sell... Focusing to beautify is another aspect, perhaps even the most important one. In the bigger picture, this is a foundation phase so fortifying it at this time is ideal.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Life is Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) The all about relationships and this New Moon in your sign is sure to be activating you to take new to you now. An important leads. Deciphering your priorities feature of your practical focus is extra important now lest you directly includes exchanges and succumb to scattering your focus. negotiations with significant This has been a challenge to others. Business themes are overcome all year. Positively, you likely but so too are the most are able to attend to a variety of important relationships in your fronts and meet the requirements on each of them. This month will see you push through.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) A busy time behind the scenes will not only continue, but it will also deepen starting this week. Your focus features questions about finances and opportunities and the risks you need to take. As confident as you feel, on one hand, the changes underway in your world may be unnerving, even for you. To break through, you probably need to take a new approach.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) A dynamic social cycle for you suggests that you are getting a lot more attention of late. Hopefully, it is the kind of attention you want and linked to realities in your favor. There are indications that you are working extra hard. However, you probably can't go methods, and styles. So, expect any faster than you are already. Make the most of this cycle to get some extra wind in your sails.

> Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Recognition is not the same as attention. Recognition refers to who you are and what you do and to getting fully acknowledged. It also often includes rewards or at least new opportunities. This window does not open very often and seldom as wide as it is now and over the coming weeks. So, if you feel that you want or deserve to be recognized, do what you can to make sure you get it.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) Circumstances of light are directing your focus to see a bigger waves are coming in. Your focus picture. This may also include time as well as larger current realities. Doing so will help to direct your a learning curve. In fact, your creative focus along strategic ability to receive and integrate lines. The inner work includes new knowledge stands to be getting mentally and emotionally stronger over the coming weeks prepared. The outer work includes nlanning and organizing

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Libra **Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)** Over time is when you take a deep dive in your work. This depth equates to power but also to the need to work harder. Yet, for you, this should also include creativity and play. The absence of these is the clue to feelings of confusion and depression. In the bigger picture, you are destined to be advancing your position in public and professional arenas. Hopefully, you are doing just that.



Last Week's Answer: No one was able to correctly identify the bus shelter on Furness Road.



### Sue Earle



Sue Earle is a passionate advocate for locally grown, organic food and the benefits ating locally can have on the environment. She owns and operates Duck Creek Farm, which she moved to in 2002. Since then she has seen it grow into a three-generation family farm that incorporates sustainability, wellness and community. To Sue, the best thing a person can do for the environment is learn to preserve their own food, that way locally grown goodies are available all year round.

# SPORTS + RECREATION

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Streets of **Salt Spring Island** 



### Island tennis group turns 40

Local association history recalled

### SUBMITTED BY SALT SPRING TENNIS ASSOCIATION

During the 1900s tennis was one of the major sports for people on Salt Spring. After an era spent clearing land for survival and sustenance, some settlers found time for more leisurely pursuits.

Early tennis courts were built of grass and wood and tennis competitions quickly ensued at both ends of the island. In Ganges, around 1930, the Harbour House Hotel built twin red clay courts to Canadian championship standards. Popular with both tourists and locals, the very first "Gulf Islands Open" with competitors attending from all the local islands was played at this site.

By the 1950s, there were over 30 private tennis courts on Salt Spring.

When the Lions Club purchased an old turkey farm at Central for Portlock Park, the plans included two tennis courts. Loes Holland, tennis instructor and committee member on the Portlock Project, invited the community to the official opening of the courts on Aug. 22, 1976 with a round-robin tournament.

These new courts brought tennis players together and set the stage for the establishment of a new island-wide tennis club. On Sept. 26, 1979, the Salt Spring Tennis Association was incorporated as a non-profit society.

In the ensuing years, a third public court was added at Portlock as well as another court near Fulford on property leased from the fire district. In 1987, a fourth court was built at Portlock with the help of a major contribution from Jack and Marg Fisher. The Jack Fisher Court eventually became the home of the first all-weather facility on the island, a tennis bubble. For 17 years, volunteers of the Salt Spring Tennis Association erected and dismantled the bubble for winter tennis. The bubble era burst in 2006 when the dome was finally declared beyond repair.

Another six years would pass while tennis players and supporters looked for a new site and a new solution. SSTA opened their first indoor court at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club in 2012. Just last year, the association completed a second indoor court to form the Salt Spring Tennis Centre.

The two courts' names honour two very important and generous supporters of the club: Erica Ross and Norman Elliot.

The Salt Spring Tennis Centre is owned and run by the tennis association and is available to SSTA members and the public. The club offers its members leagues and ladders, tournaments, inter-club matches, social activities and an indoor space to enjoy a great sport year round. All ages and levels of tennis from novice to competitive are able to enjoy these offerings. Additionally, we are fortunate to have professional coaches Pete Schelling and Marjorie Blackwood available to help all ages and level of player to improve their game.

A particularly important community contribution of the club is the Tomorrow's Champions Program. Launched in 2015, the program provides funding toward after-school lessons for young people to learn the game. Today there are over 60 children being coached by Pete and Marjorie.

Please join us for our 40th Anniversary Opening on Sunday, Sept. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tennis Centre. If you're curious about learning to play or getting back in the game, now is the time! Bring clean non-marking sole shoes and enjoy a hit with some of our members.

Leisure tennis court times at the Tennis Centre are accessible online at www.saltspringtennis.ca.



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SPEEDY SENIOR: Octogenarian Lynn Thompson proves he doesn't believe that getting old is necessarily a problem at the BC 55+ Games in Kelowna last week. Thompson made off with six gold and one silver medal and two B.C. records competing in his new age group (M80-84). The wins came in the 50m, 100m, long jump, triple jump, 80m hurdles and 200m hurdles. His other event, the 200m, was close but he settled for silver in a race where he finished one-tenth of a second behind the winner. The two hurdle races were in times that set both meet records and BC Masters records.

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### DO NOT ADOPT THE PROPOSED "MODEL STRATEGY FOR ANTENNA SYSTEMS": CREATE AN ANTENNA SITING POLICY THAT PRESERVES AND PROTECTS

We, the undersigned, residents of Canada, draw the attention of the Islands Trust and our Local Trust Committees to the following:

THAT WHEREAS the telecommunications industry is preparing for 5G, moving away from macro tower installations and towards installing many small cell or microcell antennas in our public rights-of-way, and;

WHEREAS the federal government gives the public no input on the placement of small cell antennas on existing structures like utility poles on our streets, and;

WHEREAS the proposed Trust-wide Model Strategy for Antenna Systems now being voted on for adoption is much less protective than current individual local Trust polices now in place,

THEREFORE, we the undersigned RESIDENTS OF CANADA call upon LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEES, and the ISLANDS TRUST overall, to create a Trust-wide Antenna Siting Protocol that is as protective as possible, thus adhering to the Precautionary Principle as outlined in several Trust regions' official community plans.

Such a policy would state that:

- Radiofrequency radiation-emitting antennas be located no closer to areas of continuous human activity than 500 metres, with the cumulative sum total of incident radiofrequency power density levels at regularly occupied buildings not to exceed 2 microwatts/cm2, consistent with the Salt Spring Antenna protocol of 2011; and,
- Antennas not be placed near sensitive areas including schools, playgrounds, and day care facilities, consistent with the current 2018 Galiano Island siting protocol, and that hospitals, long-term care facilities and areas where people frequently congregate, including parks, beaches and lakes, be 1000 metres away from telecom facilities.

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### **SAILING CLUB**

### Regatta marks milestone

SISC hosts 50th anniversary race

#### SUBMITTED BY SALT SPRING **SAILING CLUB**

Salt Spring Island Sailing Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in sailboat racing by holding a weekend regatta. Eighteen sailboats from the Salt Spring Sailing Club and the Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club competed. Sailors ranged in ages from teenagers to over 80.

The forecast for high winds and rain did not deter anyone from showing up at the skippers meeting Sunday morning. As one competitor said at the dinner to welcome SNSYC sailors the night before, "There are no bad days, just bad gear."

As it it turned out the day saw much lighter-than-forecast winds and only one shower.

The two scheduled races had the fleet start at Second Sister, at the mouth of the harbour, circle around some local marks — Batt Rock, U60 near the Channel Islands, Horda Shoals and Welbury Spa — and finish back at Second Sister.

The fleet ranged from the very competitive boats, with full crews, such as local favorites Ogopogo from SISC and My Tai from SNSYC, to older cruisers single-handed by the likes of Tony Meek on Minke and Tim Amy on Hina. A system that "corrects" for the different types of boats and sails allows any sailboat with a PHRF-BC rating to compete, and possibly podium.

The first race called for a long beat against an uneven, faltering wind out to the Channel Islands, around Welbury Spar, and back to Second Sister. Race officer Richard Ballantyne wisely ended the race, and scored the boats as they crossed a hastily imposed finish line at Welbury Spar, in order to leave time for the second race to be started at 12:30 p.m.

The second race was designed to be shorter to accommodate the lighter than expected breezes. But, as usual when sailing in our waters, expect the unexpected. The breeze picked up, leading to a very competitive start, some good natured calling for room, and a quick, exciting race.

Ogopogo, skippered by Paul Faget and crewed by his wife April and three sailors from SISC's junior program, prevailed over the My Tai (also with three junior sailors from their SNSYC club) in a double tie-breaker. The team event was won by Ogopogo, Radiant Heat, skippered by Tony Brogan, and Shingebiss, skippered by Gyle Keating.