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#### **BC FERRIES**

### Bowen Queen to serve peak season

BC Ferries hears community concerns

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Regular vehicle traffic on the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry route will hopefully see overloads become less frequent as of April 2020, with plans to replace the BC Ferries vessel Quinitsa during peak seasons announced Thursday.

A news release issued by BC Ferries outlines a plan to deploy the Bowen Queen to the route between April and October in 2020 and to access its use in future peak seasons from there, until a more permanent vessel replacement takes place. The smaller capacity Quinitsa will continue to serve the route during the non-peak seasons.

"What happened is the best thing that could happen under the circumstances," said Harold Swierenga, who chairs the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee. "We were very aware a boat was not available during the summer, but we advocated for it when it

The news release explains that staff met its busy summer schedule. with the FAC and other stakeholders in August

to explore solutions for improvement after hearing customer concerns about insufficient vessel capacity and overloads. A number of related concerns were identified, including lack of customer amenities at terminals, inadequate information for travellers and commercial/dangerous good vehicles congesting peak time sailings. BC Ferries said participants arrived at priorities for the ideas that would be most realistic to implement, while offering the greatest benefit.

The same concerns were also front and centre at the semi-annual public meeting with BC Ferries officials held in June, when a full house at the Harbour House Hotel meeting room demanded improvements.

Many members of the public who attended that session and commented elsewhere wondered why the Bowen Queen could not be put on the route. At the time, BC Ferries explained the ferry was needed to service the Port McNeill-Alert Bay-Sointula route during

"We knew it was occupied. We knew that BOWEN QUEEN continued on 5

from the beginning," Swierenga said, adding with a new Island-class ferry set to arrive on the northern route this winter, the Bowen Queen will be freed up for duty as a relief vessel.

Calculated at 61 automobile equivalent spaces or AEQ, the Bowen has more capacity overall than the Quinitsa, which is calculated at 44 AEQ. It has less space available for commercial vehicles, however, because of the overhead lounge design.

"It's not going to be perfect. It's going to be better for local traffic but there will be less room for big trucks because you only have the centre lane," Swierenga noted.

Swierenga further noted overloads had already become a problem with the route's previous vessel, the Howe Sound Queen, which also had very poor rates of on-time performance. Putting on a smaller replacement vessel exacerbated the capacity problem but did not create it, he said.



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### Waterworks chooses propane backup

Solar option deemed too expensive

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

North Salt Spring Waterworks District trustees voted to approve funds for an emergency propane generator system instead of a solar emergency system at their Sept. 26 meeting.

Solar was initially discussed at the district's Aug. 1 meeting as a potential option to provide emergency power to the district office in case of a weather event like the windstorm of December 2018. The propane generator system was initially estimated to cost \$40,555

"This really started in trying to create a safe, warm, functioning workspace in the face of a weather event or something like what we experienced last year," district manager Ron Stepaniuk said to the board during the meeting.

Under direction from the board, staff got a quote for a solar system that would provide backup power to the office and shop facility with a five-day nosun contingency. The quoted price of the system without considering the costs of installation was \$121,279, the majority of which covered the cost of the 72 batteries needed to keep the office running for five days. The quoted cost of the battery bank was \$86,436.

Trustee Gary Gagné, who initially brought up the idea of the solar option, questioned the price of the battery bank.

"On the propane generator, we looked for five days of autonomy. That's why the bank is that big," Stepaniuk said. "This size of battery [bank] should meet that five-day autonomy with no sun."

Trustee Sandra Ungerson brought up the fact that in a hypothetical situation, it may be difficult to refill a propane tank within the five-day window after the emergency event that knocks out power. Stepaniuk also explained that since the December 2018 windstorm, "literally everyone has stepped up and made improvements with how they respond to these things."

Space considerations for the batteries and other equipment, installation and potential snow cover blocking sunlight to the panels were also considerations in the decision.

The vote split the board, with three trustees voting for the motion, and two against. Gagne and Ungerson voted against the propane-fired generator. Though the motion was defeated, the district has not closed the door on use of solar power at some point.

"I don't want those supporting the solar option to think I'm somehow against solar. I think it's an excellent idea. I think the solar, to spend that level of money, we need to plan it out more," Stepaniuk said during the meeting. "The initial need was immediate."

Trustee Les Howell asked about the potential to integrate any future system into the existing electrical grid, which would give the district the chance to sell power back to the grid. Stepaniuk said there would be a potential business case to be made for that kind of system, though it was beyond the scope of the project as presented.

The propane system will be sourced from local businesses, and fuel delivered by a local company. The project is expected to be complete within the next few months.

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Vandenberg verdict released

Martin Vandenberg Jr. has been found not criminally responsible for the murder of his mother Heather Jones at her Maliview Drive home in December of 2017.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Jennifer Power made the finding Tuesday morning following a multi-day hearing in Victoria.

Vandenberg has been in custody since his arrest on Dec. 6, 2017. The court heard that he has been diagnosed with having a severe case of schizophrenia. A further hearing will occur within 45 days to determine how long he will remain institutionalized.

Tammy Large, Vandenberg's aunt and Jones' sister, said, "We're thankful he's getting the help he needs and deserves. Heather would have wanted that "

#### Parks event coordinator funds sought by PARC

The Capital Regional District is pursuing a grant from the Salt Spring Island Foundation to help fund a community parks event coordinator position.

Funds will allow the CRD to provide a paid employee to organize events like Earth Day, the community movie night and the lantern festival, all of which have previously relied on volunteers. The grant will be able to fund the position for a two-year pilot period, which, if successful, will translate to a regular budget item after the pilot period ends.

### AED coming to Portlock

The Parks and Recreation Commission also approved a new automated external defibrillator for Portlock Park. The park currently has an AED onsite that is available when CRD staff are present. However, access to the life-saving equipment has been lessened as more CRD staff work in the Ganges office. The commission voted to approve a new device that will be located outside of any building and available for 24/7 public use.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

### **CREST shifts to Rainbow Road site**

Body responds to opposition to Legion site

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A small parcel of Mouat Park is being eyed as a potential spot for a 15- metre emergency communications tower that will provide increased radio coverage for emergency responders on Salt Spring.

Gord Horth, general manager of the Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications Inc., spoke to the Parks and Recreation Commission during their Sept. 24 meeting about the possibility of building the tower on CRD land. The land in question is zoned for industrial purposes, which covers this kind of project. As such, it would not need approval from the Islands Trust to go ahead, though Horth explained that he would inform the Trust of any developments as a matter of professional courtesy. The tower, if approved, would be located uphill of the recycling depot on Rainbow Road and accessed via the cleared area leading away from the depot.

CREST is undergoing a network upgrade, and will be looking to add other sites throughout the region, including in the other Gulf Islands, as part of that expansion.

"What we're trying to accomplish is to add two more transmission sites [on Salt Spring] to take over some of the problem areas that were identified by first responders," Horth said. "Our most pressing site is in Ganges. It's where we'd like to get them some coverage."

During an emergency, traditional cell phone networks often get overloaded and unusable. The CREST system, Horth explained, is not accessible by civilians and is operated using a priority process to queue communications as effectively as possible in an emergency situation. The new system, which will require more towers built throughout the CRD, will be more effective.

"The old system worked so-so in the Dec. 20 situation last year. The new system has increased capacity and it's a bit more resilient. That's what we're trying to apply here," he said. "That new system has gone live in the downtown urban core in Victoria earlier this year, and we just got over to the peninsula



GORD HORTH

fire and police earlier this morning. The next group would be Westshore, and then we'd like to get the Gulf Islands."

Currently, one tower site provides transmission for the entire island. That site is located on Mount Bruce, and is amplified by a

repeater site at the fire hall in Central. The current system leaves some of the island without coverage, including in Ganges. CREST had initially sought to build the tower on the Legion property in Ganges, but in discussion with the Islands Trust and through public hearings it was determined that the Legion was not a suitable site. The new site is considered to be 95 per cent as good as the Legion spot in terms of transmission capability.

"There were things [the Islands Trust] were uncomfortable with and they said to go back and look at other sites," Horth said. "The next best site for us is the site that's in Mouat Park."

Oona McOuat, a Salt Spring communications analyst, expressed her concerns about the new tower and system. Her concerns include added transparency from CREST, particularly about the current locations of towers on Salt Spring and where the coverage gaps are. She would also like to see a more accurate map of the location of the proposed tower, an agreement to limit the tower's use to just CREST and that any radio frequencies emitted from the tower be limited to the standards set out in Salt Spring's 2001 radiation protection document.

Part of the concerns brought to the Islands Trust included the potential of electromagnetic frequencies harming people. CREST and all other communication networks in Canada are required to follow Health Canada's Safety Code 6, which states all antennas to limit frequencies to those that fall well below the threshold for potential adverse health effects. According to an Islands Trust staff report from Feb. 2019 on the proposed tower location at the Legion, many of the guidelines are covered under Safety Code 6.

Since the proposed site is within a

treed area, Horth said that construction of the tower would require some trees be taken out. Concerns about a tree falling and striking the tower, or on people in the area are a concern. Since the presentation was for information only, no survey had been done of the site and the amount of trees to be cut down was unknown.

CREST operates other towers on parkland throughout the CRD. Typically in these arrangements, CREST either pays a yearly rent or gives an amenity contribution for parks purposes.

The information received will be referred to CRD staff and brought back to the commission at a later meeting.

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### **REDress day set for Friday**

National Day of Remembrance for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

On Friday, Oct. 4, red dresses will hang from the trees in Centennial Park for the fourth year in remembrance of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, trans and two-spirit individuals.

It forms part of the REDdress Project, a nationwide expression of grief, outrage and loss created in 2014 by Metis artist Jaime Black.

"Stonewall was only 50 years ago," said Shellyse Szakacs, past president of DAISSI and a local REDdress organizer. "From then to now, we see the power of stepping out of the shadows like we

do each year with Pride. In the REDdress Project, Black gives form to and makes visible the women, girls, trans and two-spirits whose lives have been stolen."

In July of 2012, the Assembly of First Nations declared Oct. 4 the National Day of Remembrance for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Salt Spring Islanders are invited to take a moment this Friday to witness what Szakacs describes as "silent representations of lives lost to violence in the intersection of colonialism, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia and classism." People are invited to bring red dresses or garments to hang in Centennial Park between 8 and 9 a.m., or to hang a dress in their driveways or work place. The dresses will be up all day and a vigil will be held in the park

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#### **ISLANDS TRUST**

### Trust Council considers livestreaming meetings

Options besides use of Facebook and YouTube to be explored

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islands Trust staff continue to work toward finding a solution for livestreaming and recording meetings held by Trust Council and local Trust committees.

A staff report presented to Trust Council during their September session on Bowen Island outlined some of the findings so far, with more work still to be done. The immediate message is that the Trust will most likely need to contract with a private service to record and store meeting data safely and within legal parameters.

The decision to investigate the costs and feasibility of filming and streaming videos of public meetings through the Islands Trust website and social media was approved at the June Trust Council meeting, following a motion by North Pender trustee Ben McConchie. McConchie and his local Trust committee have been following a doit-yourself approach to live-streaming since their first meeting together in January, at first using McConchie's cell phone and a Facebook live feed.

As staff reported at the Bowen meeting, that approach is not recom-

mended, partly due to Facebook being located in the United States and its rules about having a licence to use all material uploaded to its site.

"What I've been doing could leave us legally threatened," McConchie said, noting statements made on material stored in the U.S. could be vulnerable to the PATRIOT Act. A staff review of other governments' approaches revealed the vast majority of those streaming their meetings rely on custom or private on-demand services, or private live-streaming services. And while the cities of Toronto and Waterloo upload their council meetings to YouTube, British Columbia's Freedom of Information and Privacy Act adds an additional legal hurdle.

"What I'm disappointed in is the B.C. legislation, because we're trying to make the Trust transparent and accountable, to be more efficient and work harder for islanders," McConchie said. "It's a disappointment we can't put it on YouTube or Facebook. When people get their information now, they go for the easy stuff."

The North Pender LTC has found streaming their meetings has led to considerable increase in community engagement. Their video sessions can receive from 1,000 to 1,500 views — an impressive result in a community of less than 4,000 people. McConchie said added benefits include an increase in civility at meetings, and the ability

to show people who couldn't attend exactly how decisions were made.

"This is a tool to help explain the logic of my decisions, because I'm a super logic-based trustee," he said. "We have a land-use bylaw and an official community plan. If you don't want to follow them you have to come up with a good argument — otherwise, what's the use of having them?"

"This is a tool to help explain the logic of my decisions, because I'm a super logic-based trustee."

BEN MCCONCHIE
North Pender trustee

McConchie noted that community discussion Facebook pages, which are active on several southern Gulf Islands, tend to be rife with misinformation. Having a video record allows people to look back and find the truth themselves. He also feels the recording process has helped him become a better communicator.

While some islands have internet connectivity issues, remote places with small populations may have less need for the service as those communities

tend to have fewer projects, applications and meetings. But for larger places, especially those without any other media reporting on the proceedings, the addition could be invaluable.

"It's a brand new world for trustees," McConchie suggested. "I hope my fellow trustees opt in."

The infrastructure required to implement video meeting recordings would include a single fixed-position camera and microphone with encoder for each staff office and one for Trust Council at minimum. The staff recommended such purchases be made as a start. Additional costs will be incurred for storage.

"If Islands Trust were to apply its current internal policy related to meeting audio recordings, video content would be retained internally for two years, with one year available online," the staff report states. "This would lead to storage expansion costs of approximately \$22,000. This is a one-time cost to purchase the space required. The hardware components of this storage would be integrated into a five-year renewal cycle at an estimated cost of \$3,000 to \$5,000 every five years."

A preliminary cost of \$35,750 to \$52,000 is estimated for the upfront purchase of all the hardware and software needed.

Staff will come back to Trust Council with more information at the next quarterly session in December.





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**GANGES** 

### PARC agrees to take on meadow

Enforcement of activities too onerous for church

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The meadow owned by the Salt Spring Island United Church will be operated and maintained by the Capital Regional District Parks and Recreation Commission, after PARC voted to enter in a licence of occupation for the property and to maintain it as a community park.

According to the staff report presented to the commission, "in recent years the meadow has increasingly become a place where people are openly drinking, smoking and conducting themselves outside of the Salt Spring United Church's intended use" and that despite signage and following other recommendations presented by the RCMP, these activities have continued and have forced SSUC to either close the meadow to the public or provide additional enforcement.

On June 19, the United Church sent a letter to the CRD, asking them to enter in a licence of occupation for the space, which would allow the district to use and enforce CRD park bylaws.

The occupation will be similar to one governing Drummond Park. In 1996, the CRD entered into an agreement with the Fulford Community Association to maintain and operate that park.

As part of their request, the church has asked to be able



Part of the Salt Spring Island United Church meadow between Hereford Avenue and the Island Savings parking lot in Ganges. The church has asked PARC to enter into a licence of occupation to maintain the area.

to continue holding community events in the space. Some events have already been scheduled, including an Indigenous arts and crafts market, a car boot sale and an annual Sunday service in the meadow.

The creek crosses the property from the north west corner to the south east corner. The letter says that the creek acts as a natural divider, with the churchyard being on the east side of the property, and the "park-like meadow" on the west side. Initially, the request was that the CRD provide bylaw enforcement for all parts of the United Church property excluding the building itself. In their letter, the church stated that they would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep north of the creek, and that PARC would cover maintenance to the south

"I think the church should take responsibility for the fact that they have some nooks and crannies and areas that . . . I wouldn't want bylaw enforcement officers to go into at night," said commissioner John Gauld. "I think that it may be worthwhile considering that we just go into a licence of occupation on one side of the creek."

"My sense of this is that there's a benefit hidden in having the area that functionally is a park be managed and maintained as a park by PARC. That's a separate issue than enforcement and bylaws. However, the two come together and I think that's good," commissioner Brian Webster added. "In the letter they're asking for all of the outside area, other than the footprint of the building to be PARC, and I'm not sure we necessarily want to go to a place like that."

The commission asked to amend the motion to include only the lands located west of the creek on the property.

Total costs of the new park will be \$9.470, which takes all legal, signage, maintenance and bylaw enforcement costs into account. Funding for bylaw enforcement has been added as a supplementary item to the community parks budget, and potential offset could come from increased park booking revenue next

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### Other Route 6 ideas explored

#### **BOWEN QUEEN**

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The open deck MV Quinsam (63 AEQ) is expected to be brought onto the route in a few years time, once two new ferries are deployed to the Gabriola-Nanaimo route.

Other actions BC Ferries has taken to improve the Vesuvius-Crofton route include signage near the terminals regarding next available sailings. The ferry company is analyzing how and where to install webcams, and ways to provide more timely sailing information.

A community suggestion to move dangerous goods sailings to lower demand times is also being explored. Meanwhile, terminal development plans for both Crofton and Vesuvius terminals are in progress.

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### **Smoother** sailing

or Salt Spring Islanders who use the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry route with any regularity, last Thursday was a golden day.

That's when BC Ferries announced it would be bringing the Bowen Queen onto that route in the spring of 2020 to service the busy season on the island.

The Bowen Queen is rated as being able to carry 61 "automobile equivalents" compared to the Quinitsa's supposed 44. While there is concern about the Bowen's capacity for commercial vehicles, i.e. the big trucks, the extra space will be much appreciated by residents and visitors.

Islanders angry about the overloads caused by use of the smaller Quinitsa when the Howe Sound Queen was retired in June had suggested the Bowen Queen as a solution. At the time

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the ferry corporation's response was that the vessel was needed for the Alert Bay-Port McNeill route.

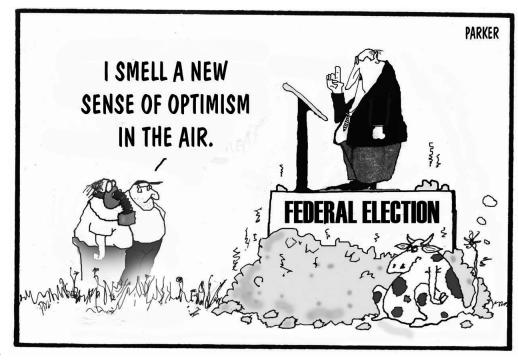
How the Quinitsa will fare over the winter remains to be seen, but lower traffic demand will no doubt make it a better situation for travellers than it was this summer.

Although many resi-

dents have said that Salt Spring felt busier than ever due to tourists this summer, the ferry traffic numbers do not support that observation. Traffic was up slightly between Fulford and Swartz Bay, and on the Long Harbour route in July and August this year, but it was down markedly between Vesuvius and Crofton: Vehicle traffic was down seven per cent in July and more than 11 per cent in August from 2018 levels. No doubt locals were not venturing off island as much due to the mayhem and word got out that trying to get on or off Salt Spring via Route 6 could be an exercise in frustration.

While BC Ferries deserved the criticism it received earlier this year for not having a realistic plan in place to deal with the Vesuvius-Crofton situation, it also deserves credit for hearing community concerns and coming up with an alternate arrangement for the peak seasons until 2022.

BC Ferries also has plans to improve the experience at the Crofton and Vesuvius terminals, which they aim to share with the public in November. We look forward to hearing what those plans may be as well.



### More safety input needed

BY CHRIS DIXON

There has always been some level of vandalism on Salt Spring, just as there has always been a group of transient individuals whose primary focus is not their next retail experience. We can't wish these people away, and more cops can only make their lives more precarious.

On the subject of a proposed new "security service" for the island, my first question would be whether this new service would benefit the entire island, or would it more specifically benefit the merchants and the landlords of Ganges who want it?

My second question would be: if the Chamber of Commerce wants additional police protection for their members' businesses, why are taxpayers being asked to pay for it?

Then I would ask, how does the CRD, whom we do not elect, become the default provider of, and recipient of tax funding for, this service when we already have a contract for RCMP protection that benefits the entire

I'd need to ask whether a counter-petition which will require pro- a casualty of their own than more cops.

VIEWPOINT

ductive people to invest their time organizing any opposition to the idea, is a credible gauge of public support?

I'd ponder our priorities as a community. Could these funds subsidize a publicly funded laundry and shower facility? Now that it's dark and rainy, could it pay for painting the centre lines on our roads? Would these things have a greater benefit to a larger portion of our population than an additional uniformed presence on the streets of Ganges?

Can we say that the businesses of Ganges are collectively a single-focus group and that their priorities are different from the priorities of the majority of island residents?

Can we contrast their desire for more business success with the reality that during the summer season, the feeding frenzy they cultivate is an equally unpleasant experience for residents and for visitors?

Can they admit that Ganges is maxed out: relentless advertising which seeks to commodify every possible aspect of our shared island home?

Can they see how local residents subsidize their commercial success at a cost of personal discomfort and safety? When a laundromat can't afford to pay rent, is that success?

I have been involved in two traffic incidents in Ganges this summer that could easily have had fatal consequences. Had there been a police cruiser present, each driver would have faced stiff penalties and possibly criminal charges.

It's tempting to dismiss both these road-rage incidents as being caused by mannerless tourists, but it's equally likely that the driver in both vehicles was a frustrated local. Driving and parking in Ganges, especially this year, has been a fundamentally frustrating experience.

In my opinion, a broader base of residents should be engaged to assess the issues and to make decisions regarding safety, comfort and livability in Ganges.

Personally, I'd advocate for less craziness, rather

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## OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Oppose

negative

How is it possible that the

newest tax scam (alternative

approval process) is coming

from our own CRD director

I read with a sense of dis-

gust the Sept. 18 article "Safety

Service Takes Next Step." Do

you not remember the inter-

net scams of a few years back

whereby one was billed for ser-

vice not because you renewed

but because you didn't cancel?

It appears that the government

is using this same tactic, but

with a twist. Many absentee

owners have no way of learn-

ing of these new taxes or

bylaws. Many of us only find

out when confronted with a

change we had no advance

notice of. I consider this behav-

iour undemocratic, and it is

impacting my level of trust of

I am still angry about the

funds originally requisitioned

for the Rainbow Road path-

way, which were to be collect-

ed for a finite time, four years

I believe, some of which were

billing

Gary Holman?

#### "It's a brand new world for trustees. I hope my fellow trustees opt in."

BEN MCCONCHIE, NORTH PENDER ISLANDS TRUSTEE

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less

### SALT SPRING SAYS

#### **WE ASKED:**

What are you doing to prepare for fall?

#### **JOSIE DOBRENSKY**



All I'm doing is changing clothes. I love this weather.

#### **SCOTT HARRIS**



I'm getting out all of my warm layers so I can cycle year

#### **PETER FREIGANG**



We're retired, so we're touring around B.C. and the island. It's lovely to see the changing colours.

#### **DIANETTE MAYHEW**



We put up jars of apples, apple sauce, plums, pears... it's all food related.



A bit of canning. All the leftovers go to the deer.

### **LETTERS** to the editor

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** rolled over into new positions at the CRD in this year's budget. In the old days we would

ing."

The most outrageous aspect of this bylaw is that the incidents of vandalism, which apparently stimulated this safety service, appear to have been perpetrated by a single person. This lone vandal has been identified by the authorities. There is no need to make Salt Spring Island residents fear for their "safety" or to impose this unnecessary bylaw and its resulting expense. I expect that Salt Spring will immediately return to its quiet, respectful personality.

have called this "empire build-

I urge all taxpayers who do not want to see tax increases come about because they haven't complained, not because they have voted for the increase, to write to Gary Holman and to MLA Adam Olsen, as the provincial government has a role in allowing the alternate approval process to go forward for this proposed bylaw. If you don't, the new "alternative approval process," in reality a negative billing system, will be in place. The CRD will have fooled us into believing that we have a safety issue and will have sneaked in an approval system of requisitioning tax money without having us vote on it.

**DIANNE CLEMENT,** 

#### Crosswalks must remain

Yet another rant about rainbow crosswalks that "these white safety areas visibly downgraded at the urging of some special interest," (Sept. 25 "Don't Undermine Safety" letter). I laugh when I see white heterosexual males get their knickers in a twist over "special interests.'

Public safety is for all. Two weeks after Pride weekend I saw three young teen girls shout and dance for joy when they came upon the crosswalk painted by the library. This reminded me of when, 40 years ago, I arrived at our door with my then-boyfriend as a carload of thugs stopped and said they'd kill us "faggots."

As the non-white crosswalks promote safety for targeted people, let's try pink crosswalks to honour women and end rape-culture, red/black themed crosswalks to atone for and reconcile Canada's treatment of Indigenous people, and so on, as we keep painting the Pride crosswalks every year until everybody is completely knicker-twist-free about gay people.

This Friday, Oct. 4, REDress volunteers will hang red dresses in Centennial Park as reminders of the 1,000+ and counting rape/murders of Indigenous women in Canada. Beyond those reminders are the historical ones: settler descendants taking native lands, kidnapping seven- and eight-year-old children for confinement in "residential schools" for religious and cultural indoctrination that included forbidding them to use their native languages.

The painted crosswalks must remain as long as privilege and prejudice are so blinding. What's so awful about slapping a little fast-fading coloured paint over the perennial white?

**DENNIS LUCARELLI,** ISABELLA POINT ROAD

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### 'Tang' aplenty in next year's cheesecake entry

I don't want you running away with the idea that I am a sore loser or mean spirited or even in a small way sulking, but really? I mean, really?

You will likely not know this, but I have for a long time regarded myself as something of a cheesecake whizz, the Edwin Lutyens of the cream cheese and cracker crumbs, and my blackberry cheesecake has been the talk of potlucks up and down the island while my baked mandarin cheesecake has brought tears of joy to the eyes of the sweet-toothed. (See attached testimonials and a friendly warning from Diabetes Canada.) But that was then.

Today you witness a man humbled, brought crashing to earth by the anonymous judges at the glorious Salt Spring Fall Fair where my blackberry cheesecake only merited second place. Second place in a contest of two. Which is about as last as you can get. Furthermore, to add to my sense of inadequacy, I learn that the "winning" cheesecake was described by its creator as a "torte," which means (and this is where things get a bit quantum physics-ish) my cake actually came second in a field of one!

Now I am not in the leastways churlish and wouldn't for a moment suggest that the winning entry was in any way inferior to my own impeccable confection, but I'd simply like to know which judge she was married to. Or is holding incriminating photos of . . .

The judges, in their summary of its shortcomings, said my entry was "seasonal," which is faint praise if ever I heard it. It's like saying that at least the last runner in a race had clean shorts. Of course it was seasonal, it was a blackberry cheesecake and you can barely move on Salt Spring without run-



ning into a blackberry bush. I might just as well have made a kale and garlic cheesecake because they're seasonally abundant. Llamas are also in season so they can be grateful I didn't chuck one of those in too.

Now comes the cruellest cut of all, and I can barely see the keyboard through my tears of shame. My cheesecake, they said, lacked "tang." Lacked tang? Lacked tang! Of course it lacked tang, it's a cheesecake, not a Thai curry. I deliberately took the tang out of it by adding sugar, which is famous for its ability to overwhelm tang. Unless by tang they meant "taste." This column often lacks taste, but my cheesecakes? To say my cake lacked taste is to say Donald Trump is full-witted.

Look, I understand that cake judges can't possibly sit down to a full portion of every entry without a finger down the throat and a vomitorium behind the marquee, but the tiny sliver they took from my entry just doesn't do it justice. My cake should be eaten at the end of an artery-crushing meal, drenched in blackberry and kirsch sauce and smothered in enough whipped cream to douse a small bush fire.

And I don't do the so-called New York cheesecakes. They are American and like so many things from that benighted country,

they stick in the gullet. They invariably have a texture not unlike the stuff sold to the elderly to keep their dentures in place.

But I'm being ungracious. The judge was decent enough to say my cake was "beautiful," which was quite pleasing, but had I known it was lacking on the taste front I'd have submitted a cake fashioned in plaster of Paris and dispensed with its eating potential entirely.

Of course food should LOOK pleasant, which is why liver and tripe are never very high on the menu, but it is a poor substitute for "tang." No one wants to stick a fork in a dessert to discover it has all the tang of a table napkin.

But enough self-pity. It is time to put on my big boy toque blanche and plan my campaign to wrestle the top prize from the floury hands of this year's winner. Next year my cheesecake will be so tangy you'll be able to taste it from Duncan and so beautiful it will rival the Taj Mahal.

Now there's a thought . . . a cheesecake vindaloo. Brace yourselves.

\* I had thought to respond to the dear reader who was kind enough to critique my earlier column that she thought was a little unkind to Salt Spring in general and BC Ferries in particular, but I decided the Driftwood editor had put up a doughty defence on my behalf, pointing out that I am supposed to be funny. And besides, the very fact that the reader had taken to time to respond does at least prove that SOME-ONE is reading it.

And to quote E.B. White (Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little etc.): "Analyzing humour is like dissecting a frog. Few people are interested, and the frog dies of it."

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Clockwise from top left: Danielle Power tastes apples at Bright Farm during the 20th Salt Spring Apple Festival on Sunday; Elida Heck shows Moira King how to press cider at Appleturnover Farm; and Chloe Frisch checks out Ilamas and alpacas at Bright Farm. Festival attendance was up 20 per cent this year over last, with about 1,750 adults attending. Some 419 different apple varieties were on display at Fulford Hall.

#### **MORE LETTERS**

#### Abandon plastic field plan

Climate change is a recognizable emergency as demonstrated by the huge response in the Climate Strike demonstrations. But it is something most of us feel is beyond our control. It needs big changes at government levels.

Plastic pollution is almost as serious as climate change, and this is something we can all do something about. Every reduction in plastic use can make a difference. That is why I'm appalled to read that in spite of hearing from many people concerned about the plastic issue, the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association, with support from the Gulf Islands School District, plans to turn one of the GISS playing fields into synthetic turf.

This means a base of polyurethane with plastic grass and some sort of infill, as it can't just be laid on the existing ground. This would all need to be replaced probably every 12 years, resulting in many tons of plastic garbage. All this at an expense of \$2.5 million, to be

raised by the soccer association. There are various excuses for why the project is needed, including more field use and less grass care, but where will all this plastic garbage go?

Children in most of the world's countries play soccer (football). In many places there are no designated fields, only bare dirt, no management, no uniforms, maybe no shoes, and even no soccer ball, except something made of trash or leaves bound together with twine. Perhaps the soccer association could find something more helpful to do with \$2.5 million.

While our governments try to ban single-use plastics, and we take our reusable shopping bags to the market and try to avoid food already wrapped in plastic, I hope this community's plan for a plastic playing field will be abandoned.

NANCY WIGEN,

#### SALT SPRING

#### Worthy cause

Salt Springers, please pause . . . and pat yourselves on the back. You deserve congratulations. Our island is a community of worthy causes and you always step up to help get the job done. Sometimes you give your time,

sometimes you give your labour and sometimes you give financially. Whatever is needed you always contribute.

Soon a highly visible example of one of our worthy causes will be transformed. Central Hall needs new siding and fundraising for this project has been ongoing for two years. Thanks to the generous support of many individuals, businesses and organizations, the work now begins.

Central Hall will not be closed while this project progresses. Every day hundreds of people visit this important community asset and will continue to be able to do so. Areas of work will be behind protective barriers.

Central Hall is fortunate to have one of this island's most experienced and skilled contractors involved in completing this project. Sheaon McAron (MC Squared) has successfully completed other projects of this type so we are confident he and his team will work diligently until its conclusion.

All of this is possible only because of the generosity of so many Salt Spring Islanders. We thank you sincerely.

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A huge bunch of beautiful roses to Jason and the other attenne first aid tent on Sunday, Sept. 15 at the fall fair. My six-year-old grandson got a nasty wasp sting under his chin. He was frantic with the pain and swelling but Jason was calm, sympathetic and professional. He treated him like he was important, asking him the essential information and explaining the treatment instead of talking down to or over him. It made all the difference. Half an hour later he was fine and Grandma was relieved, although a little more grey. Carole Eyles

Trolleys full of sweet roses to that special group of people I work with at Lady Minto Hospital. I so appreciate the good wishes and over-the-top generosity and kindness (you know who you are) that made my turning 67 "almost" worthwhile. Please accept my inarticulate thanks and gratitude. J

Thank you to the 80 participants and 25 volunteers who embodied Terry Fox's determination by braving the rain to participate in this year's run/walk. The event raised over \$5,000 for cancer research. We thank our partners; PARC/Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre for hosting the event and Thrifty Foods for providing a fabulous lunch. Additionally, the event could not have rolled out without the generosity and support of 15 of our community businesses and organizations.

A vase of long-stemmed roses to the gentleman and his companion who stopped and asked if they could help when they saw me and my luggage standing all alone at the Fulford ferry terminal after the 9:30 p.m. ferry on the evening of Sept. 23. My pre-arranged ride was nowhere in sight so they turned around and drove me to my home, then left before I could get their names. Thank you again for this anonymous act of

Many thanks and a special shout-out to the Tuesday market farmers for donations to our Salt Spring Grand Farm Stand for the Stephen Lewis Grandmothers Campaign gathering in Victoria. We raised \$400!















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#### **PROPERTY USE**

### How planting trees can help save the planet



Michael Nickels is lit by the sun through the trees at Seven Ravens Farm on Salt Spring. Nickels has led reforestation projects around the world.

Deciduous trees capture more carbon

#### BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What if one of the best ways to fight climate change was easy, accessible and cheap?

Tree planting is one of the most effective ways that people can take real action to reduce atmospheric carbon. It is also one of the easiest, as tree planter and permaculturalist Michael Nickels recently explained.

"It costs individuals a few minutes, that's it," he said. "It's finding a pot and some soil, getting some seeds in there and setting up a sprinkler system."

The sound of birds is hard to miss standing under the trees at Nickels' Seven Ravens Farms. They flit in and out of the leaves, snatching seeds, insects and berries from among the branches of the deciduous trees Nickels has planted near his home. Nickels has been planting trees his whole adult life in places all around the world. He sees trees as one of the best ways to get us out of the mess we're in.

Nickels has led reforestation projects in various countries around the world, and has seen the effect that trees can have on the environment. He has also been working to help the forest around his home become more resilient to the effects of climate change, and to make it a thriving system that will benefit generations to come.

Seven Ravens' sprawling property just looks like a forest to the untrained eye. But as Nickels explained, it is a working system that is designed to benefit people as well as the natural landscape. Nickels regularly harvests trees from his property, milling them into wood products to sell. He sees the health of the forest as an important part of his system, choosing to help the forest thrive instead of stripping it of its bounty. That idea, a fundamental of permaculture, can be applied to projects of any scale.

"Someone who has a backyard could plant fruit trees, then they have all their own fruit. They could plant bushes with berries on them, they could plant blackberries along a fence line," he said. "The more trees the better."

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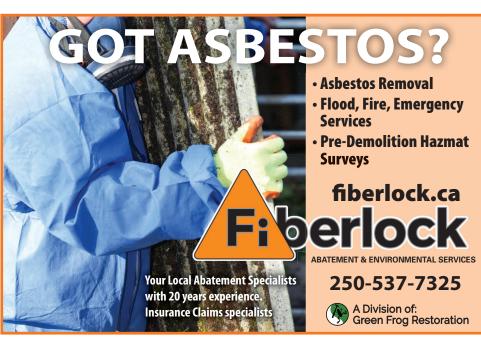


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#### **FALL FIX-UP**

### Fall is the perfect time to be planting trees

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Autumn is the optimum time for tree planting in this area, since the days are still warm and the soil temperature has not dropped enough to stunt root growth.

"Roots develop really well in soils that are above five degrees. Once it goes below five degrees, root production basically stops," he said. "The soil temperatures right now are probably between 15 and 18 degrees, and they'll stay that way for another month or six weeks, and then they'll start to drop. There's lots of moisture in the soil now, so now is a great time

Tree planting can either be done using seeds or existing trees. Trees that have already grown are available at nurseries, and those wanting to plant them need to take care to ensure their survival. Nickels recommends digging a hole twice the size of the root ball of the sapling, planting into compost and adding a mixture of bone meal and rock phosphate to stimulate root growth. Planting in a depressed area also helps water funnel to the new

Those who do not have access to land in which to plant their trees can still make a difference. Various groups allow people to fund tree-planting initiatives, from buying trees to be planted or donating to reforestation and afforestation projects.

The reason trees are so good at countering the climate crisis is their ability to sequester carbon. As trees grow, they bring in CO2 from the atmosphere and store it in their cells. The faster a tree grows, the more carbon it takes out of the atmosphere. All plants do this, but due to their size, trees are the most effec-

"Leaf trees are particularly important, because as they leaf every year they suck up so much CO2, then they dump it and leave it in the ground," Nickels explained. "Then it's locked there in the soil. In a way, they absorb more CO2 than coniferous trees."

Scientists and organizations around the world have taken notice of trees' CO2 sequestering properties. The United Nations recently announced the Trees in Cities challenge, pushing municipal governments around the world to plant trees in urban settings to help offset carbon emissions. Other independent pushes have also begun, including the Trillion Tree Campaign, and a goal set by the government of Pakistan to plant 10 billion trees within five years to fight climate

"A billion is a hell of a lot of trees, but we need to be thinking of planting on this planet something like 40 or 50 billion trees in the next few years to basically just take care of the situation with the CO2 levels now," Nickels said.





PHOTOS BY MARC KITTERINGHAM Some of the many tree species at Seven Ravens Farm are, from top, pine nuts and magnolias.

#### **BURNING**

### Ventilation index site available

#### Burning season now underway

Burning of woody debris is a common fall clean-up activity. With burning season now underway, British Columbians can now sign up for public health notifications advising people of potential or existing poor air quality in their communities.

People can enter their email on the Government of British Columbia's air quality website to automatically receive air quality advisories and smoky skies bulletins. Both serve to alert the public about existing or potential poor air quality, while providing

appropriate health advice and protective actions that can be taken.

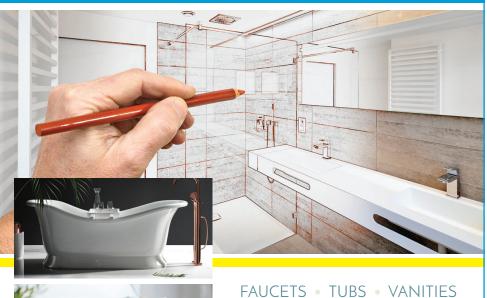
There are currently 76 community-specific sites that provide hourly data to a central database where they are processed, stored and posted near real-time on the B.C. air quality website, https://www2.gov.bc.ca/ gov/content/environment/air-land-water/

The website also contains a link to the provincial ventilation index, and an interactive map showing local conditions. This is important information for people who want to do open burning, as new regulation restricts such burning to good ventilation days (with the lowest risk to health).



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#### **FALL FIX-UP**

#### PREP FOR WINTER

### Make indoors a place you want to spend time

Fall cleaning helps people declutter

#### BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

While spring cleaning is a well-known way to shake off the cobwebs, both literal and figurative, that accumulate over the course of a long winter, there is something to be said for starting the cooler season with a bout of fall cleaning.

As the weather gets colder and gloomier, more of us will be spending time inside. Beginning the hibernation period with a freshly cleaned and clutter-free space helps keep the mental and physical cobwebs from building up too soon. Summer is a busy time, and people often do not take the time to reduce clutter and eventually all of that clutter adds up.

Psychology Today explains that "clutter is mentally exhausting," and that taking the time to reduce clutter helps reduce stress. De-cluttering has entered the zeitgeist, with TV shows, books and countless blogs espousing the benefits of putting things away. This is especially helpful as we're going into a period of isolation with a lack of sunshine. Reducing stress as much as possible will have enormous mental health benefits.

Fall is a great time to declutter. Go through your closet, put away the summer

clothes that won't be used until next year, and try to reduce the amount of clothes in your closet. Thrift stores and local charities will be happy to receive warmer clothes at this time of the year, and it helps to make space for the inevitable new sets of pajamas and socks that will come around in the holiday season.

Speaking of the holiday season, getting the cleaning done now will make holiday preparations even easier. The holidays will be a nice mid-winter chance to check in with clutter and the state of your home, which should carry you over into the spring.

Fall cleaning is a great way to prepare the home for the demands of a long season of rain, wind and possible snow. Take this time to clean out gutters, turn the garden in for the season, put away any tools or miscellaneous objects in the yard and to do any necessary maintenance to your house that you've been putting aside through the warmer months.

It is also the perfect time to go into the garage or shed and tidy things up. When winter comes, you don't want to spend more time than necessary out in the cold searching for a needed item or tool. This time offers a good chance to wash windows and trim branches to let a little more light in to your home.

We are all preparing to spend more time indoors. Why not take this time to make indoors a place you actually want to be?



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#### RENOVATIONS

### Asbestos awareness raised by WorkSafeBC

Risk of exposure most common during home renovations and demolitions

#### BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

WorkSafeBC is raising awareness about the dangers of asbestos in pre-1990s homes and urging homeowners to talk to their contractor before starting renovations or a demolition.

According to a bulletin sent out by the provincial agency last week, asbestos can be found in more than 3,000 common building materials, such as vinyl and linoleum flooring, stucco, loose-blown insulation, roof felt shingles, drywall mud, incandescent light fixture backings and deck undersheeting.

If disturbed, asbestos can release fibres into the air. These airborne fibres can then be breathed in, leading to serious health problems, including lung diseases and cancer.

WorkSafeBC reports asbestos exposure was the contributing factor in 47 work-related deaths in 2018, or about 36 per cent of all work-related deaths in the year.

"Asbestos is the number one killer of workers in B.C. and we need to continue getting the message out to homeowners, contractors and the public about the health risks from asbestos exposure," said Al Johnson, vice-president of prevention services for Work-SafeBC.

WorkSafeBC says the most common way to be exposed to asbestos is by unsafe practices undertaken during demolition and renovation of homes and buildings.

For homeowners, the key steps to protecting everyone's health and safety is to identify asbestos-containing materials on site and have them safely removed prior to renovating or demolishing the home.

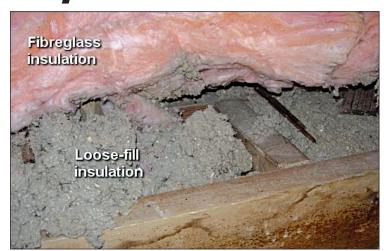
"If you're planning to renovate or demolish a home built before 1990, as a homeowner you need to talk to your contractor about planning for asbestos testing and proper removal," Johnson said. "Identifying and safely removing asbestos is critical to ensuring the health and safety of everyone working on the project."

While asbestos may seem like an outdated material that would not be found much in the Gulf Islands' newer homes, it has impacted local projects. Improper recording of asbestos and training of workers to deal with it safely led WorkSafeBC to issue stop work orders at the Brackett Springs affordable housing project on Rainbow Road in 2016. As well, the discovery of asbestos tiles at the Ganges fire hall has prevented some much-needed repairs.

To help inform and educate homeowners on the dangers of asbestos, WorkSafeBC is launching the next phase of an awareness campaign this fall. The campaign continues to support WorkSafeBC's prevention efforts in keeping everyone safe during residential demolition and renovation.

Homeowners are encouraged to talk to their contractor about testing and safe removal of asbestos before work begins.

Information and resources are available online at thinkasbestos.com.





Two of several places where asbestos can be found in homes built before 1990 in B.C.: in the attic and in vinyl floor tiles and sheets.



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#### Selling your home ... thinking about renovating?

omeowners choose renovation projects for a variety of reasons. Many improvements are made to increase functionality and comfort of a home, others are seen as worthwhile investments. Investments can add up to a higher resale value when the time comes to sell a home. Certain projects have a history of providing a greater return on homeowners' investments than others.

The following renovation tips add beauty to a home and generate good returns when selling:

Invest in your kitchen. Kitchen may not have been equipped with remodels are a safe bet when it comes to putting money into improving a home. Homeowners tend to spend a great deal of time in their kitchens, & a dated, poorly functioning kitchen can detract from the value of a home, even if the rest of the home is in good shape. The goal is to more than recoup between 60 & 120% of your kitchen remodel investment, especially if the kitchen matches up well with the rest of your home. Homeowners should know that a deluxe renovation may not be necessary, as relatively moderate improvements can create whole new look for a kitchen. Look to paint. One of the least expensive improvement materials, but one that has a significant impact, is paint. Neutral, modern colors can easily liven up any space. If you paint with low-VOC paint, you also can advertise an eco-friendly home, which is very desirable these days. Put in another bathroom. Multiple hathrooms are an attractive selling

more than one bathroom. Finding extra space for a bathroom can be tricky, but consider closets, areas under stairs or even taking some away from another room. space Popular home-improvement television channel HGTV advises that halfbathrooms require at least 18 sq ft of space, while full baths need 30 to 35 sq ft for a stand-up shower or bathtub.
• Renovate the HVAC system. Aesthetic improvements aren't the only ones that add value to a home. Many home buyers are eager to purchase a home that has a new heating & cooling system, as buyers understand that furnaces & air conditioning units or heat pumps are substantial investments that can last for years. Other improvements, such as adding attic insulation or replacing older windows & doors with more energy efficient options, also are smart bets. • Add illumination to rooms. A dark home is a dreary home. Adding light can mean including more overhead and accent lighting. Under-cabinet task lighting is a nice touch. Inclusion

of skylights & sun tubes can bring natural light into rooms that may not have south- or west-facing windows. Put a deck addition outdoors. Outdoor living spaces have become more desirable, especially as the "staycation" has grown in popularity. Decks & patios can make backvards

more appealing. The scope of your investment will depend on the size of the deck & design. Doing the work yourself can cut the cost of decks in half, but only if you have the specific tools or experience to tackle such a project.

• Improve curb appeal. Adding attractive landscaping & freshening up the entryway to a home can add considerable value to your home, as buyers judge homes by their exteriors. Completely renovated interiors may never be seen if buyers pass up your home because of a less attractive exterior. Classy, subtle changes, like well-placed shrubbery and a green lawn or a clean vard free of fallen branches that looks appealing can work wonders. An inviting front door & well-lit entryway also add curb appeal to a home.

Before making improvements, homeowners should determine if a given project will provide a solid return on their investment. In some circumstances it is best to make no changes at all. If you are thinking of selling your home contact me for

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#### **RENOVATIONS**

### Prevent injuries from do-it-yourself projects

#### Safety equipment important when tackling home improvements

Thousands of people try their hands at do-it-yourself home improvement projects every year. Whether working indoors or outdoors, wearing safety gear and exercising caution is a necessity when undertaking any home remodel-

According to the Home Safety Council, one in five consumers will need medical attention this year as a result of home improvement projects. A 2013 survey by 3M TEKK Protection and the National Safety Council found that more than one-quarter of DIY home improvement projects ended with injuries to homeowners or someone else in the household. Falls from ladders, cuts from power tools and injuries from thrown debris account for many emergency room visits. Accidents involving chemicals and cleaning agents also can occur. Safety should be the utmost priority when renovating, and that means utilizing appropriate safety equipment.

#### **Footwear**

Wear solid shoes that provide considerable traction during home improvements. A firm, reinforced toe is helpful as well. Should any items fall, they'll be less likely to cause injury if your foot is encased in a protective boot or sturdy shoe. Soles that grip surfaces will help safeguard against slips and falls.

#### Eve protection

Safety goggles and glasses are a must-have for any do-ityourselfer. They will provide a barrier between the eye and flying debris. According to VisionWeb, an eye education resource, most of the 110,000 eye injuries that occur each year in homes within the United States result from splashes with household cleaners, flying debris such as wood chips, or getting hit by branches. Many of these injuries can be prevented by wearing eye protection.

#### Ear protection

Power tools can be quite loud. When operating loud, powered machinery, use earplugs or safety earmuffs to reduce the risk of damage to hearing and potential hearing loss.

#### Ventilation and respiratory protection

When working with chemicals and other products that have strong odours and/or emit particulates into the air, make sure you do so in well-ventilated areas. This will help dissipate the smell and prevent inhalation of concentrated chemical substances. Masks guard against dust, pollen and some other microscopic particles and may not provide enough protection, depending on the job. The Home Depot suggests using particulate or filtration respirators when performing tasks, such as sanding, where you might be exposed to particles. Gas and vapour respirators offer protection against additional substances.

#### Create a safe environment

When working at home, make sure to use tools in the manner in which they were designed. Keep power cords tidy so they do not pose a tripping hazard. Falls from ladders often occur when climbing above the recommended rung or engaging in risky behaviour while on the ladder, such as reaching or hanging over too far.

When outdoors, exercise caution in inclement weather, which can make it harder to work safely. Be sure there are no bystanders too close when using power tools or tools that can kick up debris.

The right safety gear and some smart do-it-yourself tech- when undertaking home improvement projects. niques can help DIYers avoid injury.



Safety goggles and gloves are essential equipment

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**HOME SAFETY** 

### Heat appliance maintenance prevents fires

Tips for staying safe with wood or gas burning appliances

Whether you have a wood burning stove or gas fireplace it is important to properly prepare them for the winter seasons to ensure both their functionality and your safety.

Accidents involving fireplaces or stoves are a major concern and cause of home fires. However, most of these fires can be prevented. Here are some helpful tips to consider when preparing your fireplace for the season. Most of these simple inspections and cleaning can be done by the average homeowner. However, if you have any doubt at all, contact your local fireplace installer or chimney sweep.

#### **Wood Burning**

- Have the chimney cleaned before starting to burn your wood burning fireplace, stove or insert. The leading cause of fires from wood burning appliances is the result of creosote (unburned fuel) that has accumulated in the chimney.
- Have any gasket material inspected and replaced as required such as the gasket sealing the door, the door glass and in some cases the ash dump. If an airtight appliance is operated without these gaskets effectively sealing the openings,

excess air can leak into the firebox creating an over fire condition, which may permanently damage the appliance.

- Clean the blower if your wood burning appliance is equipped with one. Unlike your furnace blower, these blowers do not have a filtering system to prevent the buildup of dust and hair on the blower.
- Replace any broken or deteriorated brick lining in the wood burning appliance. While cracks in the lining are not a

concern, if the brick lining is deteriorated to the point that the steel body is exposed, the heat from the fire can cause permanent damage to the appliance.

• Replace the batteries and test any smoke or carbon monoxide detectors you have in your home to ensure these defence monitors are operating properly.

#### **Propane Gas Burning**

• Have the appliance serviced by a quali-

fied technician. A properly maintained fireplace can look as new as the day it was installed and a proper cleaning can help prevent permanent damages from occurring. Even the glass must be cleaned annually to keep it looking clear. Although gas fireplaces appear to be maintenance free, like a car engine, these combustion systems are affected by dust and even insects can impair their performance. The airways of both the pilot and main burners should be regularly cleaned to ensure that they are operating correctly and a general inspection of the entire system including the safety controls is also beneficial.

- Clean the blower if your gas burning appliance is equipped with one. Unlike your furnace blower, these blowers do not have a filtering system to prevent the buildup of dust and hair on the blower. As the dust accumulates on the blower blades, the balance of the blower will change causing premature wearing of the bearings. The dust also insulates the motor; preventing it from being cooled and can eventually cause the motor to cease up.
- Replace the batteries in any optional remote transmitters and in some cases, in the receiver as well. Even when not being used the power held in a battery is slowly depleted.

Replace the batteries and test any smoke or carbon monoxide detectors you have in your home to ensure these defence monitors are operating properly.





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#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### Safety courses aid home repairs and job prospects

PARC offerings this fall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Home maintenance and repairs can bring property owners into many different spaces and scenarios, a few of which can be dangerous if not tackled with full knowledge of the risks.

A current slate of workshops being offered through Salt Spring Parks and Recreation this fall could help the average person reach a higher knowledge level related to some specific risks and practices. The courses can also become assets in employment situations.

PARC's fall schedule includes three part-day sessions taught by ABCB First Aid, a certification company based in Nanaimo. Chainsaw Training offers the basics on a tool that everyone should learn to use safely. Fall Protection focuses on the hazards that can be found in work environments and how to protect oneself from them, and Confined Spaces teaches participants how to identify, define and classify a confined space hazard. The latter course comes with a certificate good for two years.

Parks manager Dan Ovington explained the Capital Regional District branch brought the courses to the island primarily for its own staff, with public use a side benefit.

"On our staff we didn't have anyone ticketed for confined spaces," Ovington said. "We thought, what better way to train our staff and also open it up the

Ovington said a confined space can be defined as a place with one point of entry, or limited entry and egress. The small space can leave people vulnerable to being trapped but also could have hazards such as dust, and infiltration of water or toxic gases. Heat, oxygen deficiency and flammable agents are other potential hazards.

According to WorkSafeBC, confined space incidents can happen suddenly, often without any warning that something is wrong.

"Workers need confined space training for many jobs," Ovington said. "The pool's surge tank is one example. Someone has to go in there to pressure wash

In the home environment, confined space training could be transferred to the similar job of washing out a freestanding water storage tank, or to repair jobs bringing one into a basement crawl

#### **Chainsaw Course**

The advantages of owning a chainsaw on Salt Spring are probably all-too apparent after last December's historic windstorm. Although operation may seem simple, the chainsaw can in fact be one of the most dangerous power tools out there for inexperienced users. The unguarded blade, uneven ground at



Chainsaw operation can be a dangerous activity. A PARC course can help make it safer.

work areas and the stresses applied to the materials being cut combine to create high potential hazard. ABCB's twohour course will ensure people know how to use a chainsaw properly in multiple scenarios, and will introduce things like protective safety gear.

"Whether you own a chainsaw or want to rent one, it's a good idea to have this course for your own safety," Ovington said.

Aside from having to avoid cutting oneself or being crushed by a falling tree, there is also potential for a broken or derailed chain, noise, vibrations, eye injuries, head injuries and back injuries. According to the website perfectforhome.com, "The most common mistake is that the inexperienced person is unsure what to do when a kick-back occurs and makes the wrong decision,

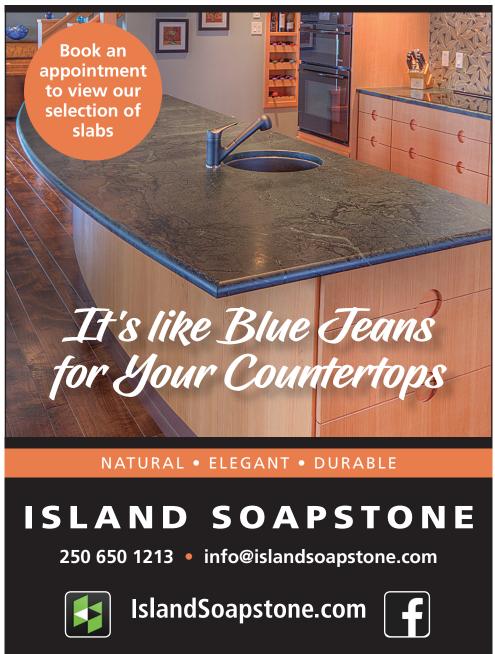
which ends in a trip to the E.R."

Chainsaw knowledge is a necessity for workers on the CRD's parks and trails maintenance crews. It would also be an advantage for those thinking they might like to apply there someday, and for other landscaping or property maintenance work.

"When we hire parks staff we do look for people with chainsaw experience," Ovington said. "A number of people don't come with that training, so this is an opportunity to learn and could be useful for future hirings."

PARC's safety courses were originally scheduled to take place this Thursday and Friday, Oct. 3 and 4, but Ovington said new dates could be set with sufficient interest. Call 250-537-1402 or visit www.ssiparc.ca for more informa-





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**ART REVIEW** 

### Islanders assert contemporary edge

SSNAP Parallel exhibit runs at ArtSpring through Oct. 20

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring National Art Prize extended its gifts to art fans this week with the opening of the Parallel Show at ArtSpring.

Comprising 50 of the local artists who submitted to SSNAP, the show is an excellent opportunity to see how artists in the Gulf Islands are responding to contemporary art concerns. The show also celebrates an important constituent group among SSNAP entrants: as founding director Ron Crawford explained during Friday night's opening reception, the national art prize relies upon people submitting works to make it financially viable (as well as to have a good

The works in the Parallel Show demonstrate a wide range of technique and expression, which Nicola Wheston has arranged into a dynamic yet cohesive whole. Karin Millson, who won the top viewers' choice award at the inaugural Parallel Show in 2017, has another spectacular multimedia piece called Ledger of Thoughts. This work consists of hundreds of small objects made of thread, twisted into conjoined spider shapes with 12 legs each. The spider orbs are strung in garlands on wire; some of the central pieces in each string contain a central orb.

Millson explained that each shape represents neural connections in the brain. The white side represents activity during the 12 hours of the day, and the black side is the re-arrangement and sorting of information during dream life. The hanging structure references human calculating aids, both the abacaus and the ancient Andean quipu.

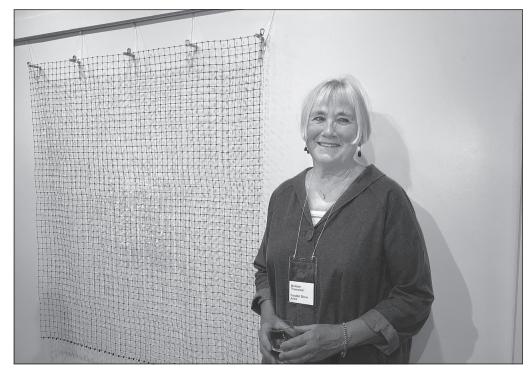
Also working with a deep conceptual base and intriguing visual expression is Melanie Thompson, who premieres a piece from her upcoming Shadow Show at the Salt Spring Gallery. A large square of black plastic deer fencing provides the base. The vertical columns are strung with fishing line, with a nearly transparent dried fish scale centred in each square. The work is projected off the wall so that subtle shadows double the imagery.

Joanna Rogers' Broken Promises: The Politician's Armour After the Election provides a similarly graphic element in the combination of black and white, and the division of space into small rectangular boxes. This three-dimensional hanging work resembles a samurai's boxy armour coat in shape, but the black base is protected only by bleached white shells that descend in rows from tiny snails to medium-

Glass artist Bob Leatherbarrow creates a utopian urban landscape in his sculpture City of Enlightenment/City of Hope. Transparent kilnformed glass blocks set with waves of colour are stood on end to become beautiful towers, with variations in height and orientation providing an interesting and surprisingly non-static com-

Chintan Bolliger's abstract work Will I Get There From Here? contains the potential of an internal journey. The human mind always seeks to impose narrative; here there is a sense of massive and dramatic landscape that draws the viewers in with wide "pathways" that start out straight but then take a sudden jag to the side.

Seth Berkowitz's photo Screamers 1 stands in stark contrast to these visions, with his apocalyptic view of nature destroyed. The sepia tone and



Artist Melanie Thompson with her multi-media piece in the SSNAP Parallel Show now on in the gallery at ArtSpring.



Karin Millson's Ledger of Thoughts.

misty background provide ironic contrast to the devastation in the clear-cut ground, a scattering of cut rounds framed in the mid-to-foreground.

Delaine Faulkner upturns the norm in a fun way with her Fractured Aphorisms. Set in an open upright book without beginning or end, her calligraphy verses mash together known sayings in a very clever way — some of them actually make more sense in their new configurations, or provoke interesting thought.

Francine Hampson-Reid's salt-fired teapot has an organic forest appeal, with the cool green base embellished with thick tendrils near the



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN Francine Hampson-Reid's salt-fired teapot.

lid. Other tendrils stretch up to grasp the sturdy branch handle, which is adorned with subtle wrappings in copper wire.

Sibéal Foyle's coloured chalk/charcoal drawing of birds of prey in conflict is a dramatic scene that benefits from her free, sweeping marks that echo the drama of beating wings. She leaves the background untouched so as to concentrate on this exciting action.

Two brightly colourful works that were completed with patient exactitude and are shown side by side come from Gave Gardiner and Cathie Grindler. Both deserve some extra time to ferret out all the miniature details. Strong works with a more limited palette and somewhat graphic sensibility come from Aja Robb and Lucas Wolf, while the sculptural/installation side gets fascinating pieces by two experienced yet constantly surprising artists, Judy Weeden and Martin Herbert, (who was the second-place viewers' choice winner in 2017).

The Parallel Show is open daily. Viewers' choice award-winners will be announced during the SSNAP gala awards night at Mahon Hall on Oct. 19.



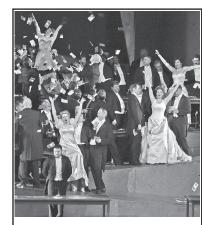
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#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

#### 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.

Every Wednesday at the library in three 50-minute sessions 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.

#### 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. 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.

Music Bingo.

With Taylor at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic & Jam. Every Thursday at the Legion. 7 to 9 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. **Donation Drop-off** Day for Giant Book & Jewellery Sales. Bring good-quality book

and jewellery donations to the Country Grocer parking lot, north side (around the corner from the liquor store) for Salt Spring Literacy's annual book and jewellery sale. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Tech Tutoring with Jim** 

Watkins. Every Thursday at the library. 10 a.m to 12 noon. Maximum of 15 minutes



per patron.

#### **Library Art Show:** Wendy Taylor.

Wendy Taylor, the library's featured artist for October, sits in attendance at the program room show from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Special SSI Local Trust** Committee Meeting. Meeting to discuss wildfire hazards with Salt Spring Fire Rescue. Salt Spring Public Library. 1 p.m. **Introductory Talk** about Mindful Self-Compassion.

Free information session about an 8-week Mindful **Self-Compassion training** course beginning on Thursday, October 10. Talk, guided meditation, Q&A. Salt Spring Public Library. 5 to 6 p.m. Info: Marcia Burton - 250-930-4541. **Chainsaw Training.** Safety course at Portlock Park portable. 5 to 7:30 p.m. Sign up through

#### ACTIVITIES

Poetry Open Mic. Featured poet Chris Muscat writes about the unseen, ecology, grief and beauty. He has selfpublished half a dozen chapbooks and is currently working on two books of poetry to be released in 2020. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m. Reader sign-up at 6:45 p.m. One poem per reader.

Salt Spring Island Půblič Library

Oct. 4

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sue's Blue Shoes. Live music at Moby's. 9 p.m.

The Regulars. Live band at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

#### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House** Museum.

See Wednesday listing. **REDdress Project.** People are invited to bring red dresses or garments to hang in Centennial Park between 8 and 9 a.m., or to hang a dress in their driveways or work place. The dresses will be up all day. There will also be a vigil at 4:30 p.m. in Centennial Park.

#### ASK Salt Spring: **Neighbours Helping Neighbours Find** Answers.

Official launch and drop-in event. Meet MLA Adam Olsen and find out more about this exciting new project of the Community Alliance. Thrifty Foods Community Room (upstairs in the Florist Shop). 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### ACTIVITIES

SSNAP: Noon-hour Artist Talks Series -David Ellingsen.

Victoria artist David Ellingsen speaks on Living Within the Sphere of Advocacy and Activism at Mahon Hall. 12 to 1 p.m. Family Movie Matinee -

Nim's Island. Kids and families welcome to library screening with free popcorn. Kids under 10 must be signed in and out. Library program room. 2:30 p.m.

#### Art Show Opening: **SSNAP Youth Art Show.**

Opening event for a curated show of works by youth aged 13-18 from the Southern Gulf Islands. Salt Spring Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m. Art Show Opening: Gabrielle Jensen &

LeeAnn Norgard. Opening reception for joint show by Gabrielle Jensen and LeeAnn Norgard, showing new techniques in ink and ceramics. KiZmit. 6 to 8 p.m.



#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Superfeather.

Live band at the Legion. 8 p.m.

Phonosonics. Reggae music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

#### ACTIVITIES

#### **Salt Spring Saturday** Market.

Market of arts and crafts vendors, food and farmers in Centennial Park every Saturday through October. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### ACTIVITIES

#### Improv Class.

Learn the elements of improv with the awardwinning GISS Improv Team in three-session course. For ages 10-13. Salt Spring Public Library. 10 a.m. to 1 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 SSNAP exhibition. Mahon Hall. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### **Salt Spring Garden Club** Fall Plant Sale.

A diverse selection of donated plants: rooted perennials of all kinds, shrubs, trees, bulbs, and sometimes seeds. Farmers' Institute. 1 to 3 p.m. **Confined Spaces Entry** 

#### Course.

Offered through PARC at the Portlock Park portable. 1-5 p.m. Emergency

### **Preparedness Series.** PTSD/Critical Incident

Stress presented by Steve Fraser of Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services. Salt Spring Public Library. 5 to 7 p.m.

#### **Salt Spring Forum:** Angus Reid.

Chair of the Angus Reid Institute speaks on A Citizen's Guide to Political Polling. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.



#### **ACTIVITIES**

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

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



Tue.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

SSNAP: Noon-hour Artist Talks Series – Jennifer Brant. Vancouver artist Jennifer

Brant speaks on I am Drawing on Ideas of Epigenetics and Intergenerational Trauma. 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 p.m. Trivia Tuesday. At Moby's Pub. 7:30 to

9:30 p.m.

#### Reconciliation Reading Circles.

Join others in reading They Called Me Number One by Bev Sellars and a facilitated discussion to expand understanding of local Indigenous history, impacts of colonialism and its ongoing effects on Indigenous peoples. Salt Spring Public Library. 4 to 5 p.m. First of five sessions.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **Discussion Group on** Spiritual Interests.

Facilitated discussion group sees participants explore a variety of topics related to spiritual interests and practices on the second Tuesday of each month at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church in Fulford). This month's topic is "Turning Points -Heavenly Messengers." 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Wed.

#### ACTIVITIES

#### **Memoir-Writing** Workshop.

Ahava Shira leads 10week memoir writing journey called Sit. Write. Hear. Telling the Truth about Our Lives beginning today at the Salt Spring Public Library. 1 to 3 p.m. SS Historical Society:

**Shanon Sinn.** B.C. best-selling author Shanon Sinn talks about his book The Haunting of Vancouver Island at Salt Spring Historical Society meeting and 30th anniversary event. Central

#### **Central Community Hall Board of Directors** Meeting.

Hall. 2 p.m.

Public welcome to Central **Community Hall Society** board of directors meeting at the lower hall. 7 p.m. **Tech Tutoring with** Peter Freeman. See last Wednesday's listing. Insight/Mindfulness **Meditation**. See last Wednesday's listing. Music Bingo. See last Wednesday's listing.

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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 Islands artists from the 2019 SSNAP entrants runs daily at ArtSpring until Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The SSNAP Youth Exhibition of curated work by Southern Gulf Islands youth aged 13 to 18 opens at the Salt Spring **Gallery** on Friday, Oct. 4 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. and continues 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily until Oct. 23.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

- KiZmit Galeria hosts a show of ceramics by LeeAnn Norgard and works in ink by Gabrielle Jensen beginning Friday, Oct. 4 with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Open hours are Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Today, Oct. 2, is the last day to see the **Salt Spring Potters' Guild Fall Show** called "Harvest."
- The Point Gallery presents RELATE(D), work by 2017 SSNAP grand prize winner **Judy Anderson** and her son **Cruz Anderson**. Gallery hours are Thursdays to Mondays, 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
- Wendy Taylor shows work in the Salt Spring Public **Library Program Room** through October.
- Lucas Wolf is the ArtSpring lobby artist for the month of

#### SSNAPy Saturdays

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#### **HISTORY**

### Author set to give haunting talk

Shanon Sinn presents The Haunting of Vancouver Island

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Historical Society will have a special guest for its upcoming session on Wednesday, Oct. 9, when bestselling author Shanon Sinn makes a presentation on some unusual aspects of local history.

Sinn is the author of The Haunting of Vancouver Island, which spent 42 weeks on the B.C. bestseller list and has just gone into its fourth printing in less than two years. While tales of ghosts, murders and sasquatches may seem outside the historical society's regular purview, Sinn's journalistic approach to the topic incorporates much of the history of Vancouver Island's settlement. As he starts with the Victoria area and largely moves north as the book progresses, Sinn mirrors the settlement of the island.

"In a sense I'm telling the story of how it was colonized," he said.

Sinn investigated many of the stories related to the supernatural that have been passed down in the process, as well as First Nations beliefs with historic and contemporary relevance.

Sinn earned his writing degree at Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo, where he was awarded the Barry Broadfoot Award for Journalism and the Gisele Merlet Creative Writing Award. Although collections of ghost stories with a regional connection are a common tourist shop draw, what sets Sinn apart is the excellent quality of his writing, coupled with his "skeptical believer" stance. Before writing his book, he did deep research into local legends to root out the truth, using newspaper articles of the time period and



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Shanon Sinn, author of The Haunting of Vancouver Island, who is guest speaker at the Oct. 9 historical society meeting.

first-hand sources whenever available.

"In almost every case the history has been altered," Sinn explained about popular ghost story collections. "I would check into the story and find out they didn't happen or had been twisted quite dramatically. A lot of stories have been tinkered to make them more scary, or for other purposes."

For example, Sinn's research leads him to conclude there is no basis for the "Headless Woman of Mount Sicker," and to set the record straight on the real facts of an infamous murderer said to have occurred in Victoria's Fan Tan Alley.

Sinn said one of his goals in creating the book was to collect and curate the stories in an engaging way.

"I wanted them to all be quite unique and different, and also very visual," he

Another unique aspect to The Haunting of Vancouver Island is the inclusion of First Nations stories, instead of setting them aside in a separate book of "myths." Sinn's sources include James Swan, the hereditary chief of Ahousat, a First Nations village north of Tofino. A chapter on stories from that region was transcribed from an interview with Swan, in his own words.

'There are so many layers to what he's saying. There's not just the narrative on the surface, there's also lessons being told," said Sinn, who also took a course on Indigenous representation and misrepresentation at university to help get things right, in addition to consulting with other First Nations friends. The book has been strongly received in that sector; a teacher in Cedar actually told Sinn he considered the book to be an act of reconciliation.

The book starts with a story about Stageva (Takaya), the lone wolf living on Discovery Island and the Chatnam islands. The Songhees people believe the appearance of this wolf in 2016 to be directly connected to the passing of Chief Robert Sam. With their influence, Parks Canada has left the wolf alone instead of trapping it, as originally planned.

The last two chapters of the book deal with stories related to the wild people of the woods and sasquatch-like beings. including contemporary sightings and current First Nations belief and storytelling, and one on sea serpents and shape-

The Haunting of Vancouver Island has been hard to keep in stock, it's so popular, but with the fourth printing just out Sinn has been booked for a 10-stop signing tour. Books will also be available at the Salt Spring talk.

The meeting is open to the public and gets started at 2 p.m. at Central Hall. The event doubles as celebration of the 30th anniversary of the historical society's establishment of the Salt Spring

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### All Saints celebration on Thanksgiving weekend

Twenty-fifth anniversary events

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Some islanders may remember the Service of Blessing held on Oct. 9, 1994, for the new church, which, after more than a year of thought and preparation, had been transformed from the old St. George's Church across the road to become the thriving hub of worship and creative activity it is today. Several days of celebration were shared with islanders at that time, including an evening of dance, a concert, a play, an ecumenical hymn sing and a dinner, all in thanksgiving for a project smoothly completed, which included over 3,000 hours of volunteer labour from the community.

From then on, regular worship services have continued, on Sundays and during the week. Appreciated for its ambiance and outstanding acoustics, the church is also a favourite venue for countless concerts. The halls are used by groups of all kinds, for community meetings, fitness and dance classes, bridge events, and much more.

The anniversary celebrations begin on Friday, Oct. 11, with an open house in All Saints from 2 to 4 p.m., where some of the history of the move will be visible in photo displays, slide shows,

audio interviews of parishioners past and present, as well as the CBC news footage of the moving of St. George's Church to the current location. Two or three members of the parish who played a large part in the venture will be hosting the day, bringing to life their own memories.

Also, on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m., a concert will be performed in the church. Poetry in Motion and Music will highlight some of the pieces performed at the evening of dance in 1994, as well as many of the songs from the popular Music and Munch series, and the Flower Festivals of the past. However, this being a vibrant and creative parish featured dancers. Sue Newman Robbyn Scott, Lolla Devindisch and friends, together with accompanist, David Storm, will also be offering some new music and dance interpretations, which will continue the tradition of an evening of enjoyable entertainment.

Celebrations continue on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 10 a.m., with a service of Holy Eucharist at All Saints followed by a light lunch.

At 4 p.m. on the 13th, Vespers at St. Mary's marks both the 25th anniversary of the dedication of All Saints and the 125th anniversary of this charming church in Fulford.

St. Mary's is not only the Anglican presence at the south end but also the home of Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Learning and Practice, which offers opportunity for the community to enjoy a calm and quiet place, where prayer and gratitude have been foremost for many decades.



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Ontario and sister Jackie Hughes (Lonnie) of

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Marianne, his wife of over 5 decades, son and

daughter-in-law of whom he was so very proud,

Chris and Darlene Hobbs, and his faithful dog Cyril.

of Grace Catholic Church as Fred's thank you to

God for the many small miracles over the past 11

months, and his final gift to Marianne was to ask to

angels who walk among us: the staff from clerks to

the nurses and doctors who service our hospital,

Lady Minto. Thank you and blessings upon the

Cedar Lane community and our faithful "dog sitter",

Letitia for caring for Cyril and keeping the home fires

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Sharon Cooke, daughter of Dr. Richard and Marguerite Moore, was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario, and grew up in Toronto. A registered nurse, she went on to practice psychiatric nursing at Queen Street Mental Health Centre. After graduate studies at Simon Fraser University, she became a registered psychologist

and practiced marital and family therapy. She was a founding member of the Canadian Association for Transactional Analysis.

Sharon completed theological studies at Emmanuel College, University of Toronto and was ordained to the United Church Ministry. She served as co-minister with her husband, Barry Cooke, at Salt Spring Island United Church, from 1989 to 1998, and at several B.C. churches thereafter.

Sharon was committed to the life and writing of Catholic monk, Fr. Thomas Merton. She studied at his French monastic community and helped found the Merton Society of Canada.

Sharon will be sorely missed by her husband, Barry, and their daughters, Shary (Daniel), Jen (Bruce +) and Jill (Mike), as well as her grandchildren, Michael (Angie), Griffin and Niko and Claire Savas, to whom she was completely devoted.

She was a sparkling and inspiring presence among family, friends and community, with a warm and inviting smile and a personal kindness almost without

A celebration of life will be held at Salt Spring Island United Church, Wed., Oct 30, p.m. (time, t.b.d.), reception following.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmothers to Grandmothers would be welcome. (O)

**Coming Events** 

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

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**UNVEILING:** Grandchildren of Isaburo Tasaka who were on Salt Spring Monday for the unveiling of a historical panel outlining his stonework done on the Mouat's Home Hardware foundation in the 1920s are, from left, Elaine Englar, Lucy Kitamura, Chuck Tasaka, Jack Tasaka, Yvonne Wakabayashi and Eileen Williams. The interpretive panel was created by the Salt Spring Historical Society in conjunction with the Salt Spring Foundation and Mouat's Trading Co. The rock wall can be seen from the government dock at low tide and by peeking over the boardwalk rail. The other side of the panel features a map of the Ganges Historical Walking Tour on which Tasaka's wall is a point of interest. Isaburo Tasaka was an early settler on Salt Spring Island. He and his family lived on Seaview Avenue. He also built two charcoal pit kilns behind his homestead, one of which has been restored and opened for viewing by the public.

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#### Ten years ago

A bus collision blocked Fulford-Ganges Road at the top of Lee's Hill, though all passengers involved were only treated for minor injuries. An RCMP investigation concluded that the driver of a northbound SUV crossed the centre line and collided with the Fulford-bound bus on a sharp curve near Salt Spring Vineyards.

#### Twenty years ago

BC Hydro and a U.S. company floated a plan to build a natural gas pipeline on the ocean floor south of Salt Spring and Saturna islands. BC Hydro announced the plan, which was to construct the pipeline from Sumas, Wash. to the Centra Gas distribution system south of Duncan.

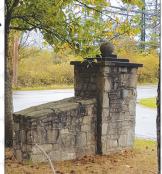
#### Thirty years ago

The Islands Trust passed a motion addressing logging in the Trust area at a council meeting on Saturna Island. The motion requested that the province declare the islands a Special Forest Management Area, and that logging operators must submit management plans before being issued timber stamps.

#### Forty years ago

The provincial parks branch indicated that it was all or nothing if the CRD through the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission was to make use of Mouat Park for a community-recreation centre. Provincial officials told the commission that they would have to take over the whole park, including the operation of the campsites. Otherwise the park would remain a provincial park and the commission would have to look elsewhere to build a community centre.





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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: Laura Jean Kreissl was the first person to correctly identify the stop light at Dagwood's Diner.



#### Jo Logan



Jo has been coaching pecial Olympics swimming on Salt Spring Island for seven years and has also worked with special needs adults for many years. She always has lots of humour to share and compassion for the athletes.

"They certainly enjoy working with her and she enjoys working with them," says Salt Spring Special Olympics coordinator Merv Anderson.

### WEEK'S by Michael O'Connor

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On October 3rd Mercury enters Scorpio and the day after Mars enters Libra and then on Tuesday the 8th Venus enters Scorpio. Planets entering new signs produce mini-cycles within their larger orbits. Each sign represents its own who within a greater whole. The implications of this cycle are quite significant. This is especially so due to Venus and Mars each in signs that are opposite their ruling signs. This is called 'planets in their fall'. As the description sounds, it produces certain distinct challenges. However, the fact that both are in each other's sign actually produces an elevation or supportive flow of the otherwise conflicted energy. Just the same, especially with Mercury also in Scorpio and advancing towards its station before turning retrograde on Halloween day, we are bound to experience some real intrigue on the world stage and perhaps some added drama in our personal lives too. As ever, the implications of these transits can be best understood by comparing them to your actual Birth Chart, a fine art called astrology.

Hopefully, you are ready to take a deep dive. This will become very evident on relationship fronts for you especially; probably more than any other sign. Yet, it will also be directly linked to finances somehow. This lends a hint that you are probably wise to be aware and focused upon co-creating a harmonious process and satisfying outcome.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)** Creating a more satisfying daily routine and rhythm is indicated. It is directly linked to both your health in general important relationships. This cycle will ask you to work harder somehow and it will continue well into November. It offers an opportunity to create a breakthrough. You must decide where and how.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) Libra time is generally a very creative one for you. But it can also manifest as fun, game and greater opportunities for romantic encounters too. This will prove at least partially true. Yet, there is some deeper-end and more sobering themes indicated as well. These could even bring you up close to realities of mortality.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22) Creating beauty in your home living environment This continues. includes some measure of design and renovation. This focus stands to begin over the coming days. Expect to have your imagination fully engaged. It will include paying closer attention to the details. Yet starting with a clear sense of the bigger picture prior

is advised. As in, have a plan. **Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)** Your mind has probably been racing and this will not only continue but accelerate and deepen. In fact, it looks like you are about to dive deeply into a creative process. Creating beauty will be to reach further than you have before. This is an exciting time excitement.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22) Your focus has turned to the prospects and realities of generating more... money, attention, fulfillment, success... you fill in the blanks. Destiny is calling you to make a bigger impact in the world and not just for your own sake. This is a time to reach beyond your own frontiers and try to contribute something meaningful. By doing so, the rewards will be yours too.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) The recent New moon in your sign along with Mercury and Venus suggests that you are destined to enter new territory. Hopefully, you are doing so by your own choices and will and not due to outer circumstances. However, if that is the case, make an effort to see beyond what is happening to see why and its value and how you can contribute.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)** Balancing doing work behind the scenes with takes new leads and initiatives will become evident this week. Most of the work will be done in the studio, lab, cave... Expect to get busier and to that of your more as the month progresses. Be careful not to slip into escape mode, unless you can afford to in terms of money, time and your life circumstances. If you can escape, do it and you will be happy you did, otherwise focus.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) Social! This is a term yelled out loud among friends sharing drinks and fun times together. You may be enjoying such moments of late and this weekend is a good time to enter into social scenes that support quality time shared. By next week, however, you may discover that you are quite happy to duck behind the scenes for a while.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Your public life is getting the full spotlight now. This will not only continue, but it will also rise to higher levels of expression and activity over the coming weeks. In some respects, you will push harder than you have for some time. Meetings with friends in positions of power and authority will prove extra important as well. Sometimes it is more about who you know than what.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) Circumstances of late are leading you to see a bigger picture. It may seem like you are getting downloaded with powerful information. On the other hand, it may be that you have begun emphasized and you will want to receive spiritual messages or have established a more intimate connection with your higher overall and indicates power and mind, which by the way is located in your heart center..., chakra...

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) You are already in deep and it is about to get deeper yet, but quite possibly in ways you will like. Part of this deepening will include doing more work, yet it appears to be of the creative kind. The other part will include penetrating insights into deeper truth and realities. Yes, a very stimulating and exciting cycle has already begun and will continue all month and did I say deepen?

The free place to list your regular group activities of any kind.



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#### **WEDNESDAY**

**SALT SPRING GENEALOGY GROUP:** Info: Email cloudie48@gmail.com

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 3:30 p.m.

**SOUTH SALT SPRING SENIORS** meet on the last Wednesday of each month at Fulford Hall at 2 p.m.

#### **EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**5RHYTHMS MOVEMENT & DANCE CLASS** led by Shauna Devlin at All Saints By-the-Sea (downstairs). 9 to 10 a m

ALL LEVELS HOT HATHA YOGA with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest Hot Yoga. 75 mins. 9:30 a.m.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC** at SS Seniors Centre board room. 10 to 11 a.m. Confidential, accurate, easy and convenient.

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**BRIDGE CLUB** at the SS Library program room from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004. COMPUTER HELP — Free help with computer, tablet, smartphone issues at Salt Spring Literacy. By appointment at the literacy centre at 125B Rainbow Rd. or by calling 250-537-9717 or emailing coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m. (for 1 p.m. start).

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY offers free access to premium genealogy websites at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. GAMES AFTERNOON at Salt Spring Seniors. 1 to

**HATHA FLOW YOGA** with Dorothy Price at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m.

KIRTAN at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 7:30 p.m. **MEDITATION GROUP** suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333. **MEDITATION MEETINGS** and teachings with the Salt Spring Vipassana Society. The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. Offered by donation with Insight Meditation teacher Heather Martin. 7 to 8:30 p.m. MEN'S BRIDGE at Salt Spring Seniors at 7 p.m. PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579. SSI PAINTERS GUILD meets at ArtSpring. 9:30 a.m. For activities see website ssipaintersquild.ca. SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel Crofton Room from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. **SWING DANCE** at SS Elementary School gym. East-Coast, West-Coast, and Lindy Hop. Everyone welcome. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Larry Nelson or Wendy Hartnett at 250-537-4118. TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

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YOGA with Dorothy Price at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Info: info@santosha-yogaretreats.com, 250-537-7675

**ZEN MEDITATION** at 210 Cedar Lane at 7:15 p.m. Call 250-537-2062 for details. Newcomers always welcome. **ZUMBA TONING** with Lee Sigmund at SSI Wellness Centre. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY**

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** meets on the first Thursday of the month at SS Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m. Info: ljcharlton@shaw.ca

VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP meets on the first Thursday of the month at SS Seniors Centre, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Info: David at 250-537-8595 or Seniors Centre 250-537-4604.

#### **EVERY THURSDAY**

**AIKIDO MARTIAL ARTS** classes for kids and adults at the SSI Wellness Centre. Kids from 5 to 6 p.m., and adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: Alan, 250-538-5549; alanwardroper@gmail.com.

**AL-ANON** for friends and families of alcoholics holds an Easy Does It Lunch Bunch open meeting at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex. 12 to 1 p.m.

ALL LEVELS WARM YANG YIN YOGA with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest Hot Yoga. 75 mins. 6 p.m.

DANCE TEMPLE at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE HOT VINYASA with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest Hot Yoga. 60 mins. 8:30 a.m.

LUNCH at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 11:45 a.m. to

1 p.m.

**KUNDALINI YOGA** - all levels with Shannon Cowan at the Wellness Centre. 8 to 9:15 a.m.

NIA — Discover the delicious music, mindful movement & healing magic of Nia, a fabulous, fun blend of dance, martial arts and yoga. "Move Your Body's Way" nurturing your body, mind & spirit in a fabulous, welcoming community of women. All age adults 18+. No dance experience needed. Antler Ridge Studio. 10:45 -11:45 a.m. Info - arleensadler@shaw.ca OPEN MIC NIGHT at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.

PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 6 to 8 p.m.

TAOIST TAI CHI for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea,
10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

WOMEN'S YOGA with Jaya Levesque at SSI Wellness
Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

**VIJNANA YOGA** with Liz Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**YOGA ALL LEVELS** with Dorothy Price at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

YOGA with Jim Dickinson at SS Seniors. 2 to 3 p.m. YOGA IN SALT SPRING - Beginner/Level I with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:15 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Info: 250-538-1716

#### **EVERY FRIDAY**

**COFFEE TIME** for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**DRUM CIRCLE** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 4 to 6 p.m.

**ELEMENTARY BRIDGE COACHING.** Beginning bridge lessons (but also with more advanced coaching available) at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**EVERYBODY STRETCH** class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH
MOVEMENT® CLASS with Anna Haltrecht, 10-

11am. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

SALT SPRING LIONS CLUB GARAGE SALE dropoff and sales at club hall at 103 Bonnet Ave. 10 a.m. till noon.

**STORYTIME** at the SS Public Library in the children's corner at 11 a.m. Drop-in program best for kids ages 3-6 and their caregivers.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH
MOVEMENT® CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats
Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m.
GAMES NIGHT at the Salt Spring Library Program

**GAMES NIGHT** at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. Facilitator Bryan Dubien brings his vast collection of board games, or you can bring your own. 6 to 9 p.m.

**MAH JONGG** players gather at Salt Spring Seniors from 12:15 to 2 p.m.

**MEAT DRAW** at the Legion. 5 to 6 p.m. **MIXED LEVELS YOGA** with John Howe at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

#### **EVERY SATURDAY**

**DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m. **SALT SPRING LIONS CLUB GARAGE SALE** dropoff and sales at club hall at 103 Bonnet Ave. 10 a.m. till noon.

MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 to 6 p.m.

PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to
12 p.m. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-

**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Open practice. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

**YOGA IN SALT SPRING** - All Levels with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:15 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Call 250-538-1716 or check YogalnSaltSpring.com for details.

**ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS** with Lee Sigmund. SSI Wellness Centre. 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

#### **EVERY SUNDAY**

**FREE POOL** at the Legion. 12 to 7 p.m. **KUNDALINI YOGA** with Jaya Levesque at SS Wellness Centre. 10 to 11:15 a.m.

**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**SUNDAY SATSANG** at the SS Centre of Yoga. 3:30 p.m.

**UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors Centre at 10:30 a.m.

#### **EVERY MONDAY**

**ACTIVE LEARNING** group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 4 p.m.

**ALL LEVELS HOT VINYASA YOGA** with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest Hot Yoga. 75 mins. 9:30 a.m.

**ALL LEVELS WARM YANG YIN YOGA** with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest Hot Yoga. 75 mins. 6 p.m. **CHESS GROUP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**DANCE TEMPLE** at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m. **DARTS** players meet for games at the Legion from 6 to 9 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca. EVERYBODY STRETCH class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH
MOVEMENT® CLASS with Alice Friedman at The
Gatehouse, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman,

250-653-4332, alicef@saltspring.com.

NIA. See Thursday description, except classes take place at All Saints Church in the downstairs hall. 10:30 -11:30 a.m.

Info: arleensadler@shaw.ca.

PARKINSON'S MOVEMENT CLASS with Anna Haltrecht, 12:45-2:15 p.m. Small group class using conscious movement and other innovative techniques to encourage regular safe exercise to increase mobility, strength, endurance and balance. Appropriate for people with PD and other neurological conditions. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

**PICKLEBALL** runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.

PILATES+ CLASS with Anna Haltrecht, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility, strength, endurance and balance. Resistance bands and other tools are also incorporated. This class uses the principles of the Feldenkrais Method® to illuminate and clarify Pilates exercises. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

**SALT SPRING ISLAND QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP** meets in Croftonbrook lounge at 6 p.m. Info: Ruth, 250-537-4075.

**SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB** holds casual coffee mornings for its members at Penny's on the Green at 10 a.m.

SALT SPRING SCOTTISH DANCERS meet at All Saints By-the-Sea Church from 6 to 8 p.m.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. With beginners until 8 p.m. Info: Stephanie. 250-537-1721.

TECH TUTORING WITH CONRAD at the Salt Spring library. iPad, Tablet and eReader tutoring with Conrad Koke. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions are available every Monday at 12 and 1 p.m.

**THE CLINIC by OPT:** Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Çore Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.

#### **EVERY MONDAY**

**TOASTMASTERS**, a dedicated band of public speaking learners and enthusiasts, meets at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m. Public welcome to attend. See saltspring,toastmastersclubs.org.

YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre: Mixed Levels from both 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; Level 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

#### **EVERY TUESDAY**

**AL-ANON** - Do you have problems with someone's drinking? Meet at 135 Drake Road (Catholic church) rear portable from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome.

ALL LEVELS WARM YOGA SCULPT with Howie Baral at The Nest Hot Yoga. 60 mins. 9:30 a.m. ALL LEVELS HOT HATHA FLOW with Andrea

Palframan at The Nest Hot Yoga. 75 mins. 6 p.m. **ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP** meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 1 to 3 p.m.

**CHESS GROUP** plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **CHOIR** at Salt Spring Seniors. 10:30 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. **EUCHRE** games are played at the Legion at 7

**FLOOR HOCKEY** at Fulford Hall at 7:30 p.m. **LIFE DRAWING GROUP** meets at Lions Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. All welcome.

**LOST CHORDS** seniors choir meets at SS Seniors at 10:30 a.m.

NIA — See Thurs. description, except classes are at All Saints Church, upstairs hall, 5:45 to 7 p.m. Info - arleensadler@shaw.ca
MEN'S GROUP - A council of highly supportive

men. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Info: John, call/text 1-519-821-9703, reinless@mender.ca or meetup.com/reinless/
PICKLEBALL games are played at Portlock Park

from 6 to 8 p.m. Instruction and equipment provided for beginners. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw. ca or 250-653-9579.

**SS SEARCH & RESCUE** - Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

**TAOIST TAI CHI** at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

**UBUNTU** sacred chants with Barb Slater. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2:30 p.m.

**YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE** — Slow Flow class at Salt Spring Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

**YOGA IN SALT SPRING** - Level I/II with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Info: 250-538-1716

**YOGA** with Gay Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.





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D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column, Streets of **Salt Spring Island** 

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com





**READY FOR A NEW SEASON:** The Gulf Islands Secondary School senior boys soccer team gathers following a third-place finish at the annual Carihi High School soccer tournament in Campbell River. The boys scored 10 goals and conceded only one in four games. "Everyone contributed and it was an important tournament for players to find chemistry on and off the field. This tournament will hopefully lay the foundation for a strong season," said coach Ciarán Ayton. The GISS Scorpions' first home game is scheduled against Brentwood on Oct. 15 at either GISS or Portlock Park.

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### Trail group sets October outings

New trail being created

#### Hikers

Oct. 8: Join Gary to finish the new KDOL Trail at the Buddhist Retreat. Bring tools that will work for grubbing out the trail (e.g. hoes, rakes). Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

Oct. 15: Hike a multitude of Channel Ridge trails with Angie. Allow approximately four hours. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 9:45 or meet at the trailhead on Sunset Drive. at 10 a.m.

Oct. 22: Karen and Marc will lead this easy to moderate hike in Bryant Hill and Andreas Vogt nature reserves and Peter Arnell Park. Mostly trails with some off-pistes. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at ArtSpring to carpool or 10 a.m. at the Mereside Road trailhead.

Oct. 29: Join Kees for a moderate hike with some up hills, going from Peter Arnell Park along the linear trail to Bryant Hill Park. We will have lunch either near the end of the trail or in Bryant Hill. Depending on the number of participants we will organize a shuttle or we walk back along Sarah Way to the cars. Meet at ArtSpring to be ready to carpool at 9:45 or at the top of Stewart Road hill behind the barrier at 10 a.m.

#### Walkers

Oct. 8: Trail Building – see Hikers schedule. Oct. 15: Join Kathleen Maser and Rob Mason for an off-island walk to Stoney Hill Trail Loop, an easy 3.7-km loop trail located near North Cowichan. The views are exceptional looking over Sansum Narrows and seeing Salt Spring from a very different perspective, so bring your binoculars for spotting birds, and perhaps whales. We will go to the Shipyard Restaurant &

Pub overlooking the marina in Maple Bay for lunch, and for those that want to bring their lunch there is place nearby. Meet at Portlock Park to carpool at 8:30 and we will catch the 9:35 a.m. ferry at Vesuvius. We will plan to catch the 3:35 p.m. ferry back from Crofton.

Oct. 22: Carol McKeen will lead a walk starting at the trailhead on Canvasback, walking along the watershed heading north and then down through the Channel Ridge trails to Sir Echos Way. From there it will be a short walk to Sunset Drive for lunch. Carol will have hot drinks for people. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool or at the trailhead on Canvasback at 10:20 — not far from the turnoff from Broadwell on the right-hand side.

Oct. 29: Angie Trarup will lead a walk starting at 10 a.m. from ArtSpring. We'll walk through Mouat Park, exiting at the pool, then along Atkins, to Lower Ganges, Booth Canal, Harrison, and Baker. Lunch at Baker Beach. Return the same route with variations along the way.

#### Ramblers

Oct. 8: Bryan will lead today. Leave Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Oct. 15: Marjie will lead in the Dukes and Kitchen Road area. Meet at Centennial to leave at 10 a.m.

Oct. 22: Off-island to the Sidney Aguarium with Frauke. Catch the 9:50 a.m. Fulford ferry. Carpool at Centennial Park at 8:40

Oct. 29: Ann will lead. Carpool at Portlock by 8:10 a.m. to catch the 9:35 a.m. sailing from Vesuvius. We will drive to the Yellow Point Regional Park for a ramble, and have lunch at the Crow and Gate.



#### What has Elizabeth May done as our MP for the last eight years?

Your Member of Parliament (MP) for Saanich - Gulf Islands, Elizabeth May, has supported hundreds of local organizations and projects. Building relationships and working across party lines, she has successfully reversed Government decisions, saved jobs, and secured federal investments for our communities.

Through her constituency office, Elizabeth gets deeply engaged with citizens who need help navigating immigration and Veterans Affairs issues - even reuniting children with their families.

Twice each year, Elizabeth reports to constituents in neighbourhoods throughout Saanich - Gulf Islands. She has held more than 80 public Town Hall meetings since she was elected.

Local projects for which Elizabeth has secured funding include:

- the Galiano Library
- $Restoration \, of \, the \, Saturna \, Community \, Centre$
- Clean-up of Reay Creek in Sidney
- Keating Cross Road overpass
- University of Victoria's Smart Oceans BC program and Funding to support 250 local summer jobs.
- Not only is Elizabeth a champion of local people and issues, she is the leader of the Green Party of Canada.

playing a highly effective role in Parliament. By 2017 she presented more amendments to legislation than any single MP in history, and two of her private members bills became law - an achievement unheard of in Canadian Parliament.

The Green Party is the only party with a plan courageous enough to solve the climate crisis and save humanity from extinction. By re-electing Elizabeth May here at home, you play a part in changing the world. What could be more important than that?

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### An Update from BC Ferries

Hello Community Members,

#### A larger vessel is coming for peak season 2020

In response to your concerns over the past summer regarding overloads that impacted residents' and business travel experience on the Vesuvius to Crofton route, we would like to announce that the Bowen Queen will service this route April through October 2020. The Bowen Queen will be deployed on the route during the peak season until the arrival of the larger Quinsam in 2022. We know it has been a challenging summer and we sincerely apologize for the experience you've had.

Traffic modelling indicates that while the *Bowen* Queen will relieve some pressure on the route, it will not alleviate overloads completely, particularly during peak times. Longer line-ups on roadways may also occur. We will evaluate the 2020 peak season to help decide the type of service needed in 2021/22. Off-peak season service between now and 2022 will be provided by the Quinitsa.

Thank you to the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) who conveyed your concerns regarding this route, and advocating for the solutions above on the community's behalf.

#### Other actions we're taking

In response to community requests, we placed flaggers at the Vesuvius and Crofton terminals over the peak summer months to address traffic flow and safety. We also placed signage along the roadway near the Vesuvius and Crofton terminals to indicate where the cut-off is for the next sailing.

During August, we held a workshop with customer and community representatives to discuss the challenges at Vesuvius terminal. Together, BC Ferries and the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee invited participants representing a variety of perspectives to the table, including residents and businesses, commuters, commercial and dangerous good users, transit and local government representatives.

Participants told us about the impacts of overloads on the community and helped identify a list of priority solutions to mitigate and/ or alleviate these impacts. These solutions are

Priority solution	Action by BC Ferries
Increase capacity by bringing in a larger ship, or expediting two-ship service for this route	We will deploy the <i>Bowen Queen</i> to the route during peak season starting in 2020.
Reviewing DG sailing times to better support business on the island	We are speaking with DG sailing users to determine how a schedule change would be acceptable to all users, and are evaluating potential impacts to traffic.
Provide accurate information regarding DG sailings on the upper sign at the terminal	We are looking to install technology at the Vesuvius terminal so terminal staff can control the sign's message. Currently the sign is controlled in Crofton, leading to delayed updates.
Provide a camera or other technology so travellers can see current terminal conditions	We are actively exploring the installation of cameras.
Provide information via signage outside the terminal or online to help customers decide whether or not to travel	We expect the installation of cameras at the terminal will assist customers in decision making.
Use lane 7 at the terminal differently – suggestions included painting it as overflow and/or using it as an assured loading lane	We will continue to use lane 7 in a variety of ways depending on the need at the terminal. We are unable to provide assured loading on this route due to space limitations that make it challenging to identify and properly stage vehicles.
Find ways to encourage travel by other modes of transportation	We will continue to work with BC Transit to keep schedules in sync, making travel on foot easier.

listed above along with a report on our continued action on them.

#### We're working on the Crofton and Vesuvius Terminal **Development Plans**

Over the last six months, our Terminal Development Team has been working with the FAC and key stakeholders to identify key issues and opportunities at the terminals. We are now developing draft terminal concepts and in early November, we'll be ready to gather your input on them. Stay tuned to the project page for more information: bcferries.com/about/ terminal-development-planning

#### **Construction at the Vesuvius** and Crofton Terminals

We'll be doing maintenance work on the trestles at Vesuvius and Crofton terminals until November 1, including replacing piles, guardrails, deck boards and other minor items. We are using a barge for the work and there will be no service interruptions during this time. There may be some increase in noise between 7am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday, but we will make every effort to minimize disruption.

It's a busy time on the Crofton-Vesuvius route. Thank you for your patience through the intense summer months and we look forward to implementing changes to improve everyone's travelling experience.

Sincerely,

**Brian Anderson** 

Vice President, Strategy & Community Engagement

