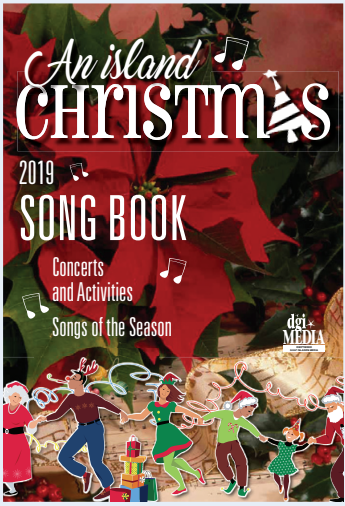


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WOUNDED WARRIOR: Soccer game spectators Ryan Smith, left, and Jason Charlebois carry Old Boys player David Toynbee off the GISS field during a Sunday game. Toynbee injured his left ankle, but not before scoring the team's first goal in a 2-0 victory against Vic West in South Vancouver Island Classics play. See Fraser Hope's game report on Page 19.

ISLAND SERVICES

Quesnel sets Dec. 5 deadline

Metal recycler cites bylaw enforcement for shutdown

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Metal Recycling will no longer be accepting materials after Dec. 5 as business owner John Quesnel has decided he is done with fighting bylaw enforcement.

The property at 251 Fulford-Ganges Rd. is currently zoned as Industrial 1 (soon to be transferred to General Employment 1), which allows indoor recycling only. Complaints about outdoor noise and possible environmental issues have continued to dog the business since the present location was established in 2015.

Quesnel told the Driftwood that he is simply tired of the situation and intends to sell both properties where he has offered the service: the current space on Fulford-Ganges Road and the previous site, a split-zoned rural and agricultural property at 440 Rainbow Rd.


"Our Islands Trust has given me the ultimatum of shut down or face \$1,000-a-day fines," Quesnel posted on the company's Facebook page. "I recycle millions of pounds of material annually. The Trust is to 'preserve and protect' our island and I do more cleaning up this place than any other. Yet somehow I am the enemy."

Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer Warren Dingman could not reveal exactly what enforcement action has taken place, but said a Nov. 1 deadline for compliance on some issues was delivered. He confirmed the outdoor sorting and storage of recycling materials was one of the problems.

Quesnel closed the doors at his original location at the end of July 2014 after many years of contention with neighbours, a failed temporary use permit application and eventual legal action from the Islands Trust. He took possession of the Fulford-Ganges property in January 2015 and re-opened for business shortly after.


Trustee Laura Patrick said she has recently discussed both properties with Quesnel and offered to help him look into the options further, since she was not yet elected when the Rainbow Road site was being used, or when the Fulford-Ganges Road site was briefly considered for upzoning under the Industrial Lands Project during the summer of 2018. Upzoning would have made Quesnel's operation legal.

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NEWS BRIEFS

NSSWD budget set

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District's 2020 budget includes a two per cent increase for ratepayers over the previous year.

Two per cent increases will be applied to the base parcel tax rate and to water consumption tolls and fees.

As reported at the last NSSWD meeting, the 2020 budget is forecast to need a 3.7 per cent increase in 2021. The board was given the option to spread that increase between two years by going to three per cent this year and three per cent next year, but decided to remain at the inflationary level.

Part of the budget will be allocated to cover new and changing positions. One labourer position will be offered as a retirement replacement, the other as a promotion position for an existing employee of the district. The district will also be looking to hire an operations manager in the new year. Another staffing change for 2020 will take place as district manager Ron Stepaniuk announced his retirement after 34 years effective December 2020.

WinterFaire returns

Salt Spring Island United Church is once again celebrating the Christmas season with their annual WinterFaire on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A major fundraiser for the church, the event includes a legendary silent auction, cash and carry treasures, winter greens, handicrafts, Christmas baking, including gluten-free items, preserves, frozen soups to take home and the sale's famous tourtiere luncheon served in the Christmas Cafe. Vegetarian options are available too.

The newest addition this year is an opportunity to preview the silent auction items the night before the WinterFaire from 6 to 8 p.m., while enjoying a hot beverage and treat. Bids can be placed or items could be purchased outright at full cost at that time.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

CREST struggles to clinch upgrade



PHOTO COURTESY CREST
CREST monopole installed at View Royal Fire Hall viewed through the surrounding trees.

Ganges tower options run into difficulties

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications Inc. continues to seek solutions to upgrade its communication network on Salt Spring but has yet to find those answers, according to the organization's general manager Gordon Horth.

Two new sites to meet coverage gaps in Ganges and Salt Spring's north end are planned, but so far community pushback has hampered CREST's ability to finalize the first of those sites, originally planned for the Salt Spring Legion property. A possible alternative on Capital Regional District land that hosts the Salt Spring Recycling Depot off Rainbow Road is also far from secure, Horth reported this week.

"What we've been trying to do is look at other options based on feedback from the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee in the spring," Horth told the Driftwood. "I don't think we've definitely got an 'A' choice at this point."

CREST provides emergency radio communications for 50 emergency response agencies in the capital region. The organization is midway through a \$24.5-million upgrade to its system to transform it over to the P25 digital standard.

Phase one and two upgrades have now been completed in the Victoria area, in Sidney and the Westshore. Phase 3 was started in 2019 to cover the Gulf Islands and the Pacific Rim.

CREST appeared before the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee earlier this year to seek a letter of concurrence on plans to install a monopole on the Legion property. With considerable community opposition to the plan registered,

trustees asked the organization to investigate the potential for other Ganges sites.

Horth said elements that need to be considered for any tower location include signal coverage ability, an adequate power source and accessibility. The site would also have to make sense fiscally for the private non-profit corporation, which is owned by its community shareholders.

Horth confirmed CREST has been looking at the recycling depot site as one of those options, and the steepness of the land could mean a shorter tower might be installed that would preclude the need for local government concurrence. However, a telecommunications tower may not be a permitted use there according to the agreement made between the province and the CRD when the former

signed over ownership to the latter.

With these difficulties, and a small staff to deal with the entire CREST system, Horth said at this point it's uncertain whether a new Ganges tower will ever be built.

"We only have five technical people trying to do these things for a region of half a million people, so we don't have the resources to spend all of our time on Salt Spring," Horth said. "I'm not totally convinced there is an option that would agree with everyone, so then you have a political decision."

Investigation of the potential for the Rainbow Road site has been directed to CRD Parks and Environment staff, after an initial presentation to the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission. A report has not yet been presented to the regional committee.



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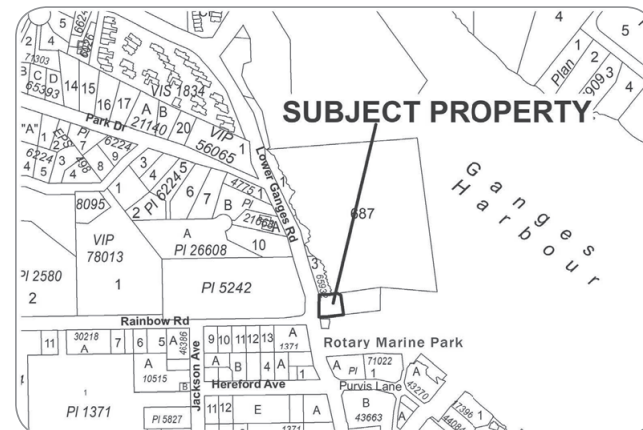
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SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

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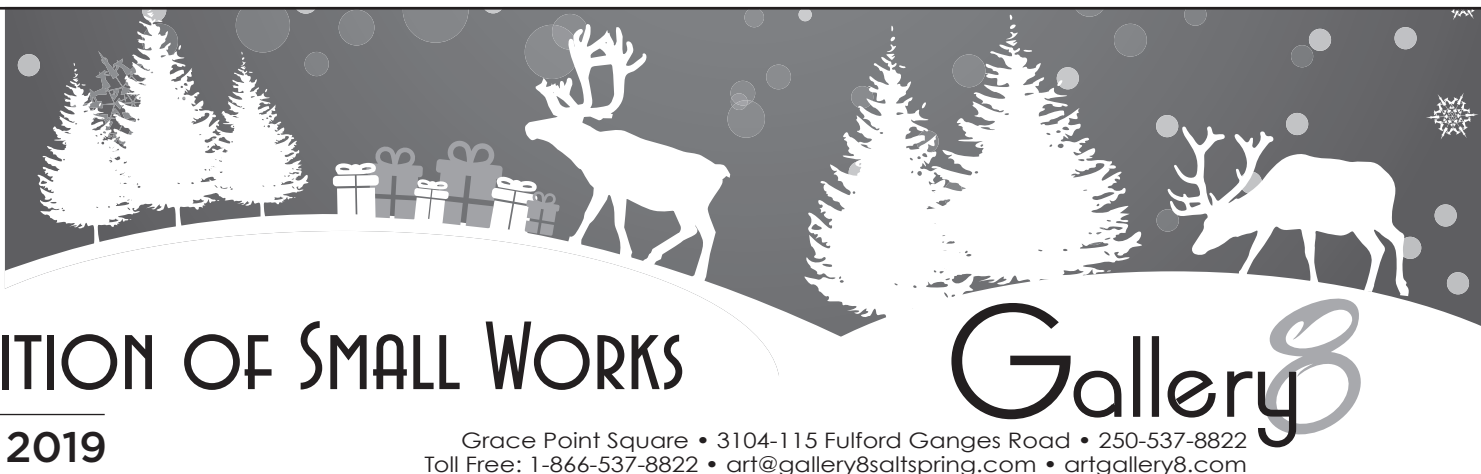
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FINDING AN ALTERNATIVE

THIRD IN A THREE-PART SERIES

Single-use solution lies outside of plastics

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Imagine living without a garbage can. Most of us probably couldn't. I know it would be hard for me to do. Most of our homes have a can under the sink in the kitchen, one in each bathroom and one in each bedroom. Elisa Rathje got rid of hers 10 years ago.

"What I found was when I had a garbage can, I thought like it," she told me as she was giving me a tour of her plastic- and waste-free north-end Salt Spring home. "I looked at things as though they were garbage."

Her family's home looks like it has gone back in time. Jars of spices, tea, coffee, grain and other staples line the shelves, a pantry filled with preserves and other scratch-made goodies have been put up for the winter ahead, and a flour mill is clamped to the counter surface. Ducks and chickens roam freely outside among the bamboo trees. They are also waiting for a big order of squash to come in, and that will sit on the porch for the winter. Rathje and her daughters dress in clothes made from natural fibres to lessen the amount of plastic they use. Even their bathroom is without plastic, with a sheet of linen for a shower curtain and refillable containers for soap and shampoo.

Despite their apparent banishment of synthetic polymers from their home, the Rathjes are not perfectly waste-free.

"I don't love the term 'zero waste,' because it's part of a system," she said. "When I started buying in bulk I was shocked about how even they wrap plastic around a pallet. You get your things delivered, and it's covered in plastic at the outset. Or with jars, you think you're buying jars with metal lids, but it's covered in plastic."

Some of the problems Rathje mentioned were lids from milk jugs, butter wrappers and the dust that accumulates in their home. I asked Rathje about recycling, since the closed-loop consumer recycling system in B.C. is relatively environmentally neutral. Besides the time it takes to dispose of everything at the recycling depot (the Rathjes are car-free), to them, recycling should be considered a last resort rather than the first and only option.

"It's difficult for us to see the huge amount of resources it takes to make these things. It's just so normalized," she said. "Any time we can just reduce the whole flow in the system is better."

Embedded energy is the measure of the materials needed to create something. Think about how much it costs to buy a plastic fork. In some situations, it costs absolutely nothing to the average consumer, since they are handed out for free at the point of sale. Bags of bulk plastic cutlery are available for a few dollars each, with around 50 forks per pack.

What then is the cost of making a plastic fork? That question is a bit harder to answer. A typical plastic fork is made from polypropylene, which is injection moulded into the rigid shape. A database of carbon and energy used in the production of everyday materials created by former University of Bath researcher Craig Jones states that polypropylene, when it is injection moulded, uses 4.49 kg of carbon dioxide to create one kilogram of material. It also uses 15 kWh of energy to create that one kilogram of plastic. That is without counting the transportation energy, additives, colourants or packaging of the final product. Bio-based plastics do not require the extraction of oil as a base material, but plant-based alternatives do require farmland, pesticides, energy and transportation, and are often used only for a short period of time like their synthetic cousins. For comparison, plastics in general use 3.31 kg of CO2 per kilogram. Nylon, which makes up most synthetic textile fibres, uses 9.14 kg of CO2 per kilo, and high-density polyethylene, which is used to make most packaging, uses 2.52 kg of CO2 per kilo.

Researchers from the University of Pittsburgh found in 2010 that during the manufacturing process, green and bio-

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your own fork?
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NINA RAGINSKY
Salt Spring Island resident**

based plastics generally were worse for the environment than synthetically derived ones. The research team attributed agricultural fertilizers, pesticides, land use and chemical processing to the large impact of the plant-based products. However, once manufactured, the bio-based plastics were much more eco-friendly than their synthetic counterparts.

If plastics of all kinds take this much work to create, and are generally thrown out after their first use, I wondered: Why bother to use them at all?

Plastic is a relatively recent invention. The late 19th century saw multiple polymers developed, and in 1907 the first fully synthetic plastic was created.

When Nina Raginsky, a retired photographer living on Salt Spring Island, was growing up, there was almost no such thing as plastic. She was born in 1941, the same year polyethylene terephthalate (PET, the plastic used in plastic water bottles and eventually synthesized by bacteria into bio-based plastic) was invented. As plastics took off in the post-war years, Raginsky was early to resist the trend.

"I don't know why I didn't want plastic," she said. "All of a sudden there was a plethora of it, because everybody wanted it. It's so recent . . . I raised my daughter with no plastic. She couldn't have plastic dolls or anything. She's 40-something now. Even before then I had no plastic."

She did, however, concede to using small amounts of plastic in the early days.

"I had a bakelite telephone," she remembered.

Raginsky's home is much like the Rathjes'. Her furniture all dates back to the 1960s or earlier, and she would much rather fix something than throw it away to buy a new one. She excitedly showed me a towel imprinted with a saying that would become her motto: 'use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.'

"It's like the art of making do," she explained.

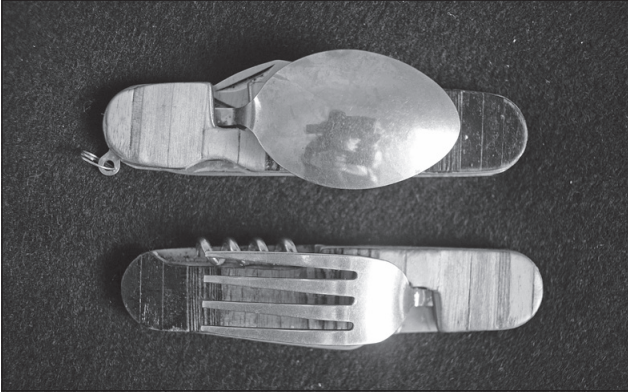
Looking around the room, it was clear that it truly was the art of making do. As I had noticed at the Rathje home, things made without plastic simply looked better than plastic alternatives. A collection of plastic-free containers looks clean, orderly and beautiful. Replace those items with plastics and it looks like garbage. Both Rathje and Raginsky said that the move away from plastics forced them to look more at quality, since nothing could be purchased to simply throw away.

"I really like how beautiful things are when there's no plastic. It's an instant shift. Things are nicer looking without plastic," Rathje said. "What you did before [was buy a good quality boot] and resole it and keep it going for your whole life. That would be nice. I would happily commit to something. I've been wearing my coat for 11 or 12 years. Now I look at it and think 'I would buy that vintage.'"

"Why don't you bring your own fork? We all used to do that, back in the '60s," Raginsky agreed.

I am not at the point where I can live without a garbage can. I am working on it, though. I bring a travel mug with me when I want a coffee, I buy whole foods when I can, I recycle what plastics I use, and I avoid compostable plastics, since I can't deal with them appropriately where I live.

I usually carry my own cutlery around with me too, except for the night described at the beginning of this series when I was given a supposedly "compostable" fork . . . that wasn't.



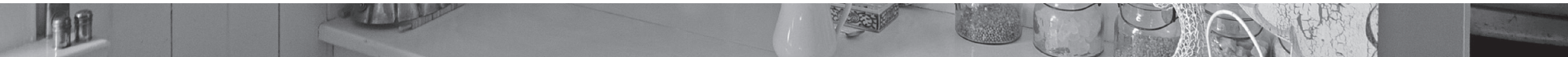
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Two of the writer's metal and wood cutlery sets.



Some of Elisa Rathje's non-plastic containers.



Elisa Rathje with cloth bags set for shopping.
Background photo: Nina Raginsky's pantry shelves stocked with foods in glass and ceramic containers.



PEDESTRIANS

Blain safety issue raised



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Blain Road from Lower Ganges Road showing a “Pedestrian Walkway” sign but no white lines on the pavement to separate the pedestrian area from the driving lane.

Ministry says no line paint until spring

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

People who regularly walk on Blain Road have raised alarms about the potential for pedestrians to be hit due to a lack of white lines in a key spot.

Janet Raynor is a caregiver for seniors who regularly walks with her clients on the road where the Greenwoods and Braehaven residences are located. A white line used to clearly delineate the paved pedestrian area on the right side of the road going up Blain from Lower Ganges Road. It is now completely obliterated so that vehicles turning right onto Blain would have no idea that the right side of the pavement is for pedestrians. A “Pedestrian Pathway” road sign is located in the area, but without the painted lines

it is not possible to accurately assess the situation.

Raynor has seen several near misses in recent months.

“This affects seniors and it is so dangerous,” she said. “There just needs to be something there.”

Kit Lewis, who is in her 90s and regularly walks in the area, said she has nearly been clipped in the pedestrian pathway as a car turned onto Blain.

However, unless a do-it-yourself solution is found, walkers will have to continue to use the area at their own risk. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure told the Driftwood that no painting will be done on Salt Spring until the spring.

“Line painting is done annually in the spring, as winter sanding, salting and plowing wear paint away and make lines less visible. The ministry will look to include this section in next season’s line-painting on Salt Spring Island.”

FERRIES

Vessel replacement announced

Bowen on Fulford route for eight days in December

BC Ferries has announced the Bowen Queen will temporarily replace the Quinitsa on the Vesuvius to Crofton route, beginning with the 1:45 p.m. sailing from Salt Spring on Sunday, Dec. 1.

After maintenance work is complete, the Quinitsa will return to the route on Mon-

day, Dec. 9 as of the 1:45 p.m. sailing from Vesuvius.

The company advises that due to the deck configuration of the Bowen Queen, there is limited over-height space and all vehicles over 6’8” in height will be sorted to the over-height lanes to maximize loading capacity. Customers may notice a change to lane assignments both in the terminal and on the ship. The maximum width for vehicles that can be loaded to the vessel is three metres (10 feet).



PHOTO BY MARC KITTINGHAM

REVVED UP TO START: Ron Lindstrom, chair of the Salt Spring Fire Protection Board of Trustees, welcomes the district’s new corporate administrative and financial officer Laurie Taylor to the position at the Ganges fire hall. Taylor, who started work with the district on Nov. 12, served four years as the chief administrative officer for the Village of Nakusp and has 40 years involvement in local government. Taylor replaces Andrew Peat, who is retiring after nearly six years with the fire district.

COURT Ticket objectors get court break

Police unavailable to testify at Friday session

Islanders who attended Ganges Provincial Court on Friday morning to dispute traffic tickets walked away without any penalties after police failed to offer their testimony.

Judge Evan Blake sent away three people who were at court to argue their matters, with all cases closed in their favour.

“I gather there is no police officer here to prosecute the case against you. If that is so, you are successful. You are free to go, sir,” Blake told the first person on the list.

Four people who were on the list but did not show up in court had their tickets decided the other way, however.

“With respect to all these matters, they are deemed not disputed,” Blake ruled.

Matters that Blake decided in Ganges court during the previous day’s session included a \$500 fine for Matt Burt, who pled guilty to driving without a licence. Alexa Dumba received a conditional discharge related to an assault charge. She was ordered to keep the peace, be of good behaviour and stay away from the victim. The sentence will be in effect for nine months.

Capital Regional District

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EDITORIAL

Trust exercise

As the land-use authority on Salt Spring, the Islands Trust gets blamed for all sorts of local ills.

Elected officials on the Local Trust Committee are there to represent the public's wishes, and if their work does not seem to reflect community reality, dissatisfied grumbling is apt to turn into outright protest. During the past electoral term the LTC was visited by multiple organized events, with islanders turning out in droves to variously demand action on several issues. Another rally on housing is being assembled this Friday at the Islands Trust office.

Community protest, along with public engagement by the trustees, in fact had direct impact on the LTC's strategic goals for this term. Increasing the availability of affordable housing is on that list, and is currently represented by a priority project to legalize

seasonal cottages for long-term rental, with a targeted wrap-up date of spring 2020. Climate change adaptation and Douglas-fir protection are also on the list.

The local government process is, by B.C. law, one that requires many proscribed steps and therefore takes some time to bear fruit. That may be frustrating for

those who want to see action now.

The Islands Trust is but one organization responsible for local regulations, however. Since the North Salt Spring Waterworks District has reached its supply limit from local lakes, water has become the major obstacle to increasing density in the village area — the most environmentally friendly place to do that.

While the LTC has explored its ability to require rainwater catchment on new developments downtown, and recently moved to require such systems in the cottages bylaw, regional health authority Island Health has so far refused to okay rainwater as a potable source for multi-family developments. It's these developments that have the best chance to significantly increase housing stock in a short time.

The Capital Regional District could also be encouraged to increase incentives for rainwater system installments with more grants and rebates. Provincial funding support is no doubt warranted.

With a climate change emergency proclaimed by multiple government levels and the housing crisis recognized all around the province, finding coordinated solutions is paramount. Island voices have proved loud enough to get local officials listening. Let's see if they can move up the chain to catch regional and provincial ears as well.



Treat climate as priority

The following was sent to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

BY PETER LAMB

We are in a climate emergency and Trust Council has joined hundreds of other communities around the world in recognizing that urgent action is needed to reduce the level of GHG emissions and to adapt to the unprecedented climate-induced risks. Our severe windstorm last December and regular news stories are sober reminders that the climate is changing and is expected to worsen.

While every individual, community organization and business needs to respond, it is critical that local government step up to establish appropriate policies and bylaws that will responsibly manage or regulate the progress toward meeting emission targets as well as the projected impacts on our island community.

Yet, we see the Local Trust Committee wrapped up with topics that are diverting your attention and staff resources. Today, your top priorities are listed as:

- Water sustainability

VIEWPOINT

- Affordable Rental Housing
- Regulate Cannabis Production
- Industrial Land Uses-update OCP and LUB
- Development Approval Information (DAI) Bylaw

To which you are proposing to add "Strategic Priorities – Update the OCP through incremental steps in consideration of the strategic priorities" and you have discussed with the Advisory Planning Commission the appropriate wording to "implement the climate change mitigation plan and adaptation measures." But neither appears to have made the "top priority" list, and protecting the Coastal Douglas-Fir ecosystem, a tangible climate action, is still considered a strategic priority.

Trustees, while the DAI Bylaw may be related, there can be no more critical or urgent issue for Salt Spring than dealing comprehensively with the climate crisis we are now facing. Your OCP (Section A6) already contains objectives and policies for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency that allow the LTC to take action

now. Section A5 also provides the basis for taking action to protect the island environment. Such actions go well beyond the proposed CDF protection and DAI initiatives.

As you know, there is extensive work being undertaken now on an updated Salt Spring Climate Action Plan that will be recommending specific actions to be taken by the CRD and Islands Trust. The LTC should be ready to implement the relevant recommendations as soon as the revised plan is released, scheduled for March 31, 2020.

You must treat the climate emergency not only as a priority but as the top priority and get staff working on the necessary bylaws to give effect to these policies. If necessary, consider additional funding in the 2020/21 budget to retain more staff or outside help. Updating the OCP, even incrementally, is a slow process that may well be necessary to deal with other climate-related actions.

At your next LTC meeting on Nov. 26, be strong and make addressing the climate emergency your top priority and direct staff to adjust its work program accordingly.

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"We only have five technical people trying to do these things for a region of half a million people, so we don't have the resources to spend all of our time on Salt Spring."

GORDON HORTH, CREST GENERAL MANAGER

SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED:

What are you doing to reduce plastic waste?

ERIN CLEAL



Trying to purchase fewer things with plastic.

MATT MASTERS



Besides the regular things, I think just talking about it more and getting it into discussions so more people know about it.

JOY LONGLEY



I recycle, use cloth bags all the time and I do all my own baking to avoid the plastics there.

MIKE MCCLELLAN



Through normal separation and recycling.

NICKI PRINSEN



I ask the grocery stores to take things like cookies out of those plastic clamshells, because they're just a waste.

LETTERS to the editor

Not a celebration

On Nov. 11 I stood with people of all ages and backgrounds in remembrance of people who had gone to war to fight for our freedom of speech, our freedom of movement, our freedom to vote for whomever we chose, freedom to choose our religion and beliefs, our democracy.

My father was a non-aggressive person. He was kind, gentle and thoughtful, but he was among the people who volunteered to fight in the Second World War. The Nazis led by Adolf Hitler were overrunning Europe and he wanted to help stop what was happening and the danger this presented to the United Kingdom.

I have heard people saying over the past week that young mothers would not take young children to Remembrance Day because it "celebrated" war. I heard people saying it was wrong

to keep repeating this day of remembrance. But I would like to say that this day of remembrance is held to remind us to never forget the horrors of war. Unfortunately it is the people who have been touched by a war who are most likely not to forget what it means and how easily it can happen. Ask the Dutch about starvation and about their Resistance fighters and what happened to them.

I grew up with bomb sites, with notices about unexploded bombs, with the sound of multiple aircraft flying overhead, with air raid sirens, with blackout curtains, with being carried under tables because the bombing had started, with rationed food, with fear. Fear that our country could be overrun by another nation and our rights and privileges destroyed, fears transmitted to me as a small child, fear that my parents and grandparents could be killed or taken away.

When I read/hear some of the statements reported in the news that pass as

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"truths," or hear political policies quietly changed to take away checks and balances, or become aware of the horrors currently lived through by people around the world, I feel as if we are on the brink of the same things that were happening pre the Second World War. They say history repeats itself, so I for one will do anything I can to prevent this. I will go to as many Remembrance Days as my age allows, I will speak out against hatred, I will speak out against Nazism and Fascism — all the things that the veterans were fighting against in the Second World War. To young men who "dabble" with Neo-Nazism, remember that this was what your grandfathers were fighting against and it is a disservice to their memory to follow this movement.

So please take your children to Remembrance Day, but remind them that this is not a celebration of war but to remind us "Never again!"

SUSAN BENSON,
SALT SPRING

Unfair

Do I understand the CRD's proposed Community Safety Service bylaw correctly?

The initiative will be paid for by the individual taxpayer. However, the service will mainly benefit the for-profit businesses in the Ganges commercial area and not directly benefit the rest of the island. Therefore it is an unfair and unnecessary burden on all island taxpayers.

The cost of this undemocratic and questionable initiative will only increase with every passing year to the bylaw maximum, thus opening the flood gate for future spending expectations of taxpayer money. Anyone who thinks differently is naive.

Instead, we should focus on improving and promoting the security services already in place. We have a fine policing institution called the RCMP, whose job is to serve and protect our island. Those opposing this Bylaw No. 4325 are urged to fill out and submit the Alternative Approval Elector Response Form.

MEL FEDORUK,
SALT SPRING

Keeping well watered extra important for seniors

"You've got to keep drinking!" he pontificated. After a pregnant pause, he clarified, "It's easy to become dehydrated in this part of the country."

I was visiting my cousin Judi and her husband Ken in Wickenburg, Ariz., while on a late October road trip through dry and overheated southern California, where temperatures hit 95 degrees Fahrenheit (35 Celsius) three days in a row and the Santa Ana winds never let up. A week later, as I drove north to Salt Lake City, I experienced the overly nippy, 1 degree Fahrenheit (-17 Celsius) and dry desert air of intermountain southern Utah. Talk about climate change. Those outlying highs and lows sound more like climate crisis to me.

Anyway, as Ken was talking about how I needed to keep swigging water in a more or less constant struggle to remain hydrated, my mind flicked back to my arrival at Los Angeles International Airport 10 days earlier. I'd wended my way with confidence from one stage to the next because I'd done it all so many times before. But whether I was waiting for the washroom, claiming my baggage, shuttling to the car rental agency, or even watching a car being washed and detailed before it was deemed ready for me to head for the freeway, my route had involved a series of line-ups that seemed lengthier than usual.

I'd spent so much time waiting, I had plenty of time to notice I seemed to be the only unaccompanied senior traveling that day. Maybe I should have had someone along to remind me to refill my water bottle because when I finally eased myself onto Interstate 405, I discovered I only had a couple of swallows left. And it wasn't as if my friend Jill hadn't emailed me that very morning warning me to keep hydrated.



Helen Hinchliff
AGING WITH
GRACE

Both Ken and Jill had good advice, particularly useful for those over 65. It turns out we're more susceptible than younger people to dehydration. Our kidney function is often less efficient, and our fluid reserves are smaller. This condition is exacerbated by our reduced sense of thirst. In fact, the Mayo Clinic says older adults often don't feel thirsty until we're already dehydrated. We can usually reverse mild to moderate dehydration simply by drinking more fluids, but severe dehydration needs immediate medical treatment.

So how do we know if we're dehydrated? Obvious indicators are dark-coloured urine and constipation, something we can detect ourselves — unless, of course, we're cognitively impaired — but how many of us check on the throughput of our aging spouses or parents? What's more, we may be fooled by certain symptoms. For example, dizziness, confusion, forgetfulness and fatigue (all conditions that can mimic dementia) can also be symptoms of dehydration. And so can muscle cramps, headaches and low blood pressure.

I was blissfully unaware of all this with husbands Donald and Murray as well as my mother, all of whom I realize in retrospect were displaying symptoms of dehydration, which I didn't have sufficient awareness and knowledge to detect.

Donald often experienced muscle

cramps in the middle of the night so severe he'd awaken screaming and which he could relieve only by getting out of bed and standing up.

Murray chose to drink almost no water on a return flight from Ireland which I later realized was because he didn't understand how to use an inflight washroom. I don't know if it was merely hydration or also the assault on his senses of so much that was new, different and fast-paced, but that two-week visit to Ireland seemed to set him back two years in his ability to navigate his world back home.

When my mother was 90 I was staying with her until a brother could complete a suite for her in his house. One early morning I found her slumped and unconscious over her kitchen counter. I thought maybe she'd had a stroke, but it turned out to be a severe electrolyte imbalance which I now realize was likely caused by dehydration. She needed several days in the hospital to get her potassium, sodium and chloride levels into balance.

Comfortkeepers.ca, an entity offering seniors "in-home care services," warns that dehydration is one of the most frequent causes of hospitalization after age 65. Who knew? I certainly didn't.

As I drove through the sparsely populated Arizona and Utah deserts, well-supplied with two full bottles of water, I employed my mind remembering fragments from Cool Water, a song composed by Bob Nolan and popularized by the Sons of the Pioneers. Its opening line is: "All day I've faced the barren waste without the taste of water, cool water." It doesn't have to be that way for us if we remember to keep a bottle handy and to keep drinking — water.

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Solutions for housing and climate

BY ERINANNE HARPER

As we face our community's and country's declared climate emergency, the time for more talk is over. We need major shifts in the way we think, act and relate to everything.

Many planners and consultants have studied the affordable housing situation here over the past 15 years and determined some clear solutions to solving the growing crisis which also happen to deal with some of the main climate change concerns. If we're going to make a dent in the biggest issues of our times, now is the time for action.

So instead of putting the brakes on these solutions out of concern for environmental impacts, it's time to ask ourselves and the Islands Trust: what if action on housing was also action on the climate? My environmental science and permaculture education, as well as my personal experience living in a radical affordable housing situation and working for Transition Salt Spring makes it crystal clear that these two issues are inseparable.

Many groups have been working on various issues related to climate change and housing, including TSS with their Climate Action Plan update launching on Nov. 30 and their biennial eco-home tour. Recently, Salt Spring Solutions and others presented a letter on housing solutions to the Islands Trust. The well-researched solutions presented there and outlined below all fall within the Trust's jurisdiction and fulfill the mandate to preserve and protect our precious natural environment and unique island community.

LEGALIZING COTTAGES AND SUITES

Many people on Salt Spring already live in illegal dwellings and many homeowners are having issues with finding the right tenants for their extra cabins or suites even if they were legal. Meanwhile, a significant proportion of our local population lives in fear of being evicted with our complaint-driven system. Using existing buildings to house people and families saves significant energy and resources when compared to

building new homes. It's also cheaper, sensible, and needs to be actively supported by our local governments. CRD could also more easily put notices on title of non-conforming buildings.

ECOVILLAGES

Many of you are aware that there already exist on Salt Spring a number of ecovillages, or permaculture-oriented communities. I've lived in one for the past 10 years and I can say it has many sides, up and down. Some of the upsides are living with people who share many of the same values, learning how to communicate, problem solve, when to live and let live, and mainly being able to share land and resources. Some of the downsides are dealing with the stress of being treated like an outlaw, having authorities threaten you with various legal action from fines to bulldozers, and not having the clarity to invest in improvements given the uncertainty of legal status.

This housing solution has small and existing dwellings used for housing, having much less environmental impact than the large new homes that are not regulated for size or resource use. Clusters of smaller, low-impact homes allowed in exchange for a commitment to conservation and permaculture practices uses fewer resources, including energy and water, than conventional homes and are a great fit with the culture and history of our island.

RAINWATER HARVESTING

We don't have a water shortage issue, we have a water storage issue. Especially as climate and weather patterns change, this is going to be an increasingly urgent issue for everyone. Currently there are some minor programs and incentives for rainwater collection but multiple new units of affordable housing are being stalled due to resistance to permitting rainwater for potable use. We need proactive programs by Islands Trust and CRD to support innovation in rainwater collection education and installation by home-

owners, and especially for approving new affordable housing developments.

HOMES IN TOWN TO PROTECT OUR FORESTS

In Ganges, land is already occupied by retail used primarily in the daytime but that could easily support upper-level apartments. Building up would create more housing to help people that are currently looking for a place because they have no home, they live in an unhealthy situation, or they commute from off island. This could also benefit the people, culture and businesses by reducing commuting and travel, adding to the vibrancy of town after hours, and creating an all-round safer neighbourhood around the clock.

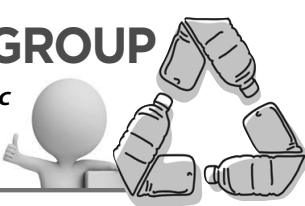
And while our community searches for ways to stop clearcut logging, currently, owners of private lots can do whatever they want to sensitive ecosystems unprotected by development permit areas. Private property rights need to be balanced with the impact that activities on those lands have to neighbourhoods and ecosystems. What if development densities in forested areas were transferred from ecologically sensitive lots to places closer to town? This would protect our remaining wild places and focus people where the human action is already happening, reducing our land and transportation footprints.

I hope we no longer need to suffer the tyranny of the lowest common denominator, the belief that we are stuck in a system where we can't do anything to help ourselves achieve better solutions. There is no zero sum game between housing people and protecting our precious island from environmental harm. They can be one and the same solution waiting for enactment of smart sustainable planning with creativity in alignment with our community's values to serve everyone.

A group of us have called for a positive, solutions-oriented rally this Friday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. at the Islands Trust offices on Lower Ganges Road. If you're fired up by what's possible, I hope to see you at our Rally for Housing Solutions! Please bring a friend!

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END-OF-LIFE CONSIDERATIONS

Green burial options outlined

Conscientious memorial practice to protect forest and farm

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Islanders are known for being passionate about environmental causes during life, but the ability to carry on a legacy of locally centred sustainability has — until now — faced a challenge at life's end.

That's set to change in the near future, as Gavin Johnston and Cathy Valentine of Night Owl Farm hope to open one of the first exclusively green cemeteries in the province as early as next year. Interment at the Burgoyne Valley plot will allow concerned residents and their family members to significantly reduce the ecological burden associated with traditional burials. At the same time, establishing the cemetery will help the owners ensure permanent protection of the property's 84 acres of forest and farmland.

As a split-zoned property that has agriculture and rural designations, the part of the land not located within the Agricultural Land Reserve would have otherwise been vulnerable to subdivision. Establishing a cemetery involves getting a certificate of public interest from the provincial regulator, Consumer Protection B.C., which will cover the entire property.

Despite it remaining privately owned, as Valentine explained during a recent tour of the site, "It means the provincial government has taken authority over the land, and will preserve it for public interest, perpetually."

"This rural land across both sides of the valley could potentially be developed," she added, "and having a cemetery right in the middle of it is the best kind of covenant," due to human respect for grave sites.

According to the Ecology Action Centre in Nova Scotia, the typical cemetery in Canada uses approximately 4,500 litres of formaldehyde-based embalming fluid, 97 tonnes of steel, 2,000 tonnes of concrete, and 132 cubic metres of tropical hardwood for every acre of space. The Green Burial Council of California adds that every traditional burial produces 105 kilograms of carbon, compared to 11 kg of carbon sequestered in green burial, assuming a 50-year life cycle of the plot.

"To put this in context, this difference is equivalent to the carbon produced by an average American's driving over a three-month period," the council's website explains.

The treatment of dead bodies changes according to culture and time period, but the focus on embalming, expensive caskets in durable materials and large monuments is a more recent phenomenon for regular people. Green burial brings things back to a simpler process, in which untreated bodies are buried in wooden boxes, hand-woven wicker caskets or just in fabric shrouds made of linen or cotton. Cremated remains are buried in containers that are similarly able to return to the earth, be stored in natural material urns, or scattered and raked into the cemetery grounds.

"Green burials in a dedicated cemetery section — or even better,

in a 'conservation cemetery' established exclusively for green burial — can, through higher densities, native plantings and appropriate environmental management offer a far greener choice than conventional burial, with embalmed remains, protective caskets and grave vaults, and high maintenance of ornamental landscapes. Green burial is, ultimately, an effective use of land, and the greenest end-of-life choice we can make," states Green Burial Canada.

It is perhaps not surprising that Canada's focus on green burial is being spearheaded in the environmentally aware west coast region. The Green Burial Society of Canada was incorporated in British Columbia in 2013. The current president and past president are both located in Vancouver.

The first exclusively green cemetery in Canada opened its gates on Denman Island in 2015, although work to establish it began in 2009. Victoria's Royal Oak Burial Park also offers a green burial option. Both facilities, along with Hayward's Funeral Services, have offered Valentine and Johnston valuable advice and support.

The future Raven Hill burial site will take up around 3.5 acres of a beautiful but under-used rainforest area located between the Night Owl farmlands and the flanks of Mount Bruce. The back part of the property rises in steep stone faces to the eastern edges of Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park. The portion of the land where the burial site is to be located features second-growth Douglas-fir with plentiful ferns, some cedar and maples. On clear days Mount Maxwell can be

glimpsed through the trees.

"It was logged originally around 100 years ago but it wasn't logged again. They logged the lower part of the farm again around 20 years ago, but they didn't come back here," Valentine said.

The farm is essentially practising forestry in their cultivation of the largest firs, except the trees are not slated for harvest; careful tending of the forest that grew up after logging will bring it back to a more natural state. Bodies and cremated remains will be planted among the trees, taking care not to disturb their roots.

"Eventually what we'd really like to do is make a walking trail to access the rock faces and then in the rock faces there are lots of nooks and crannies where we could store urns or just pour in cremated remains," Valentine said.

Another part of green burial is not having individual grave markers, so groups of name plaques will be displayed in the different sections. This practice leaves the land more intact and avoids the need for landscaping.

To date the property owners have undergone several steps towards the process of getting their licence of operation with Consumer Protection BC. First off they received a geotechnical report indicating the land is suitable for the purpose of burial, and confirmation of appropriate zoning from the Islands Trust. Initial maps and surveying were done as



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Cathy Valentine on part of Night Owl Farm under consideration by authorities as a green burial site for Salt Spring Island.

part of that work. They have now submitted more detailed mapping and are working toward ensuring the business model meets requirements. Once the licence of operation is secured they will then move on to writing bylaws and policies.

In addition to providing a green end-of-life option for Salt Spring, the Raven Hill project carries other potential benefits for the community. One key aspect for Valentine is the support it will bring to local food production on the island, by making the farm property as a whole more financially viable. A yoga teacher and teacher-trainer for many years before she turned to farming, Valentine also sees the future burial site as an extension of her work to maintain sacred space in the modern environment.

"I think public places are really important for memorialization, and sacred places, places that are dedicated to this, are really important," Valentine said. "We don't know what our descendants will want, but I don't think we should assume they won't want to memorialize their ancestors. I think that's really important, especially as Canada gets older and there are more generations here."

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LIVE PERFORMANCE

Gogo brings Coal & Wood Show to Mahon Hall

One man musical
show performed
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BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A Salt Spring audience can enjoy a musical immersion in Vancouver Island social history during an evening called John Gogo - Coal & Wood Show at Mahon Hall on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Gogo is a proud fourth-generation Vancouver Islander from Nanaimo, whose ancestors earned a living in the logging and coal-mining industries. He even spent two years working in the woods as a chokerman before becoming a professional musician.

Songs for the show have been written over the last 30 years, with some first released on an album called Coal &



PHOTO COURTESY JOHN GOGO

West Coast singer-songwriter John Gogo performs an original show that pays tribute to the Vancouver Island area's resource and social history at Mahon Hall on Nov. 21.

Wood in 1990. Gogo added to the collection with Coal & Wood (Revisited) in 2015. According to Gogo's website, the songs "explore the unique

and layered lives of heroes and villains: the visionary Finns of Sointula, the notorious Dunsmuir, labour martyr Ginger Goodwin, the ghost of Clarence Ballance and the infamous Brother XII of De Courcy Island."

But he was not finished exploring the concept after his Coal & Wood (Revisited) album was released.

"About two years ago I thought it would make a good show," he said, adding that an introductory song and another one for the end were since written.

The closing number asks people to reflect on what privilege means to them, in light of the treatment of visible minorities in Canada and B.C. Gogo's ancestors' lives were not easy, he notes, but they did not deal with the same challenges as workers of Chinese or South Asian backgrounds.

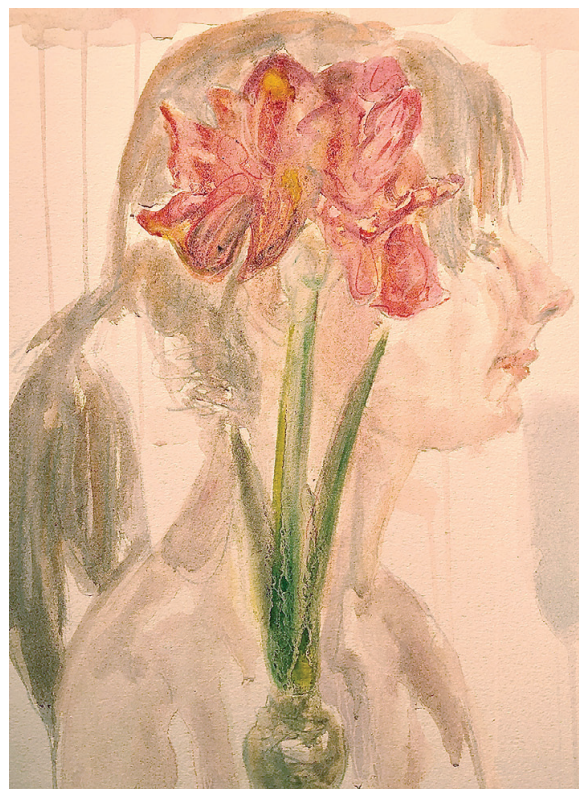
Gogo's father, grandfather and great-grandfather all have the first name of John, and he will represent each of them throughout the evening.

John Gogo - Coal & Wood Show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

Gogo has lived on Salt Spring for two years. This past summer he wowed the crowds at the Tree House Cafe on two occasions: once performing with John Guliak and another time with his daughters in their group called J. Gogo and Sons.

The Victoria Times Colonist described Gogo as "one of the most talented singer/songwriters this area has ever produced."

In addition to his two Coal & Wood albums, his other releases of original music are It Never Fails (1994), Leave a Light On (1997) and One of These Days (2010).



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Bandoneon and Piazzolla at Vetta

Next Saturday at ArtSpring

The next Vetta Chamber Music concert at ArtSpring is on Saturday, Nov. 30 and features the bandoneon played by one of Canada's preeminent and Juno award-winning bandoneonists, Jonathan Goldman.

Goldman is perhaps best known as a member of Canada's premier tango band, Quartango.

"Vetta's concert at ArtSpring is titled Art of the Tango Fugue, but could have been called What a Tango-ed Web We Weave," explained Vetta Chamber Music's Larry Blackman. "This is because the concert explores both tangos and fugues — tangos being the popular Argentinian partner dance and fugues a musical form where the individual lines are interwoven like a web."

The two composers featured on this program are J.S. Bach and Astor Piazzolla, with fugues by both and tangos by the latter.

Show time is 7:30 p.m.

"The bandoneon is similar to the accordion with the notable difference being that it has buttons on both sides and is smaller than concert accordions, which typically have a keyboard like a piano on one side," said Blackman. "The main difference between the bandoneon and accordion is one of sound. Bandoneons do not have register switches but the timbre of the instrument is constantly changing, depending on the air pressure, direction of the bellows and choice of keyboard for the melody and accompaniment."

Piazzolla was the most famous bandoneon player of his day and spent time in Paris, which may explain the popularity of the instrument there.



PHOTO BY ALEXANDRE DE BELLEFEUILLE

Celebrated bandoneon player Jonathan Goldman, seated centre, regularly performs with the nation's major orchestras and will be at ArtSpring with Vetta Chamber Music on Nov. 30.

Also performing are Joan Blackman, violin, Jennie Press, violin, Tawnya Popoff, viola, Zoltan Rosznyai, cello.

As Vetta concerts always sell out, people should purchase a ticket as soon as possible.

MULTIMEDIA SHOW

Absurd travel stories of Morocco on tap

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presented at The Fritz
tonight

Vancouver photographer and adventurer William Jans is inviting audiences to attend *Shadows in Morocco*, his ninth multimedia show about absurd travel experiences, when it makes a tour stop at The Fritz tonight (Wednesday, Nov. 20).

Jans is a Vancouver-based photographer who works throughout Canada for the past 25 years. He has been commissioned to photograph

a variety of famous faces and was fortunate to be one of the three official photographers for the Dalai Lama when he was in Vancouver for three days.

His "virtually interactive" multimedia shows feature costumes, photos, videos and wild stories. *Shadows in Morocco* includes scenes of desert chaos, transit troubles, getting lost in the hardest city to navigate in the world, and what it's like to be spied on for a month. The Vancouver premiere was sold out with a standing ovation.

Doors open at 6:45 and the show starts at 7 p.m.

LITERARY EVENT

Arleen Pare shares poetry

Next reader in DAISSI series on island

Award-winning poet Arleen Pare comes to Salt Spring for an evening of poetry at the library on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m.

Pare's first book, *Paper Trail*, was nominated for the Dorothy Livesay BC Book Award for Poetry and won the City of Victoria Butler Book Prize in 2008. *Leaving Now*, a mixed-genre novel released in 2012, was highlighted on All Lit Up. *Lake of Two Mountains*, her third book, won the 2014 Governor General's Award for Poetry, was nominated for the Butler, and won a CBC Bookie Award. Pare's poetry collection *He Leaves His Face in the Funeral Car* was a 2015 Butler Book Prize finalist.

She lives in Victoria with her partner of 37 years.

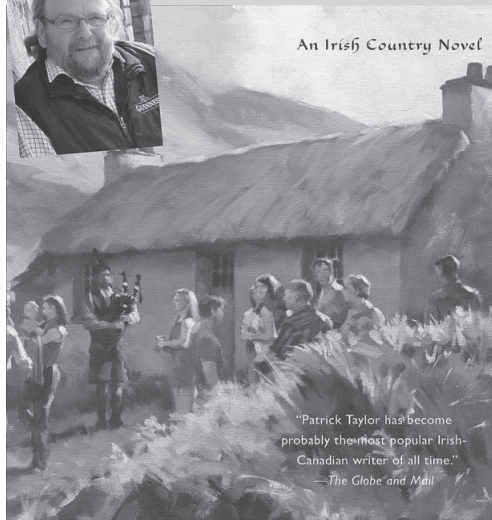
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Wed. Nov 20
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Shadows in Morocco: Live Multimedia With William Jans.

Join Vancouver photographer and adventurer William Jans for his 9th new multimedia show about absurd travels. The Fritz Cinema. 7 p.m. (Doors at 6:45)

Lonesome Ace Stringband.

Oldtime Appalachian string band plays at Moby's Pub. 8 to 11 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

After the Truth & Reconciliation Commission: Will Canadian Democracy Be More Fair? Speakers series event at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 2 p.m.

Rest & Recharge.

A two-hour restorative yin yoga practice with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest. 6:30 p.m. Questions? Contact sarahjane@thenesthotyoga.com or 250-537-6638.

Tech Tutoring with Peter Freeman.

Every Wednesday at the library in three 50-minute sessions between 10 a.m. and 1 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.

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

Thur. Nov 21
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

John Gogo – Coal & Wood Show.

Musician John Gogo presents an evening of songs and stories about the Vancouver Island coal and forestry industries, and the region's heroes and villains. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

At Your Service -The Life and Yarns of Robert Service.

The first instalment of the spectacularly popular poet's life. Created from autobiographical sources, this one-man play recounts Robert Service's humble Scottish beginnings to his departure for the Canadian gold rush. Performed in poem, song and storytelling by acclaimed Canadian actor Jeffrey Renn. ArtSpring. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.



Open Mic & Jam.

At the Legion on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Open Mic at Moby's Pub.

Every Thursday from 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Community Talking Circle on the Topic of "Community Safety."

Salt Spring Island's Restorative Justice group hosts talking circles on the proposed community safety tax. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

Thur. Nov 21
ACTIVITIES

Book Launch: Imagining Violet Married.

Second book in a trilogy by Salt Spring writer Mary Hughes is launched at the Salt Spring Public Library. 1:30 p.m. With live piano music by Susan Bull.



Tech Tutoring with Jim Watkins.

Every Thursday at the library. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Fri. Nov 22
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Karaoke Night at the Legion.

Join the fun at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Rally for Housing Solutions.

A rally to press the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee to pursue solutions to the affordable-housing crisis on the island. Salt Spring Islands Trust office. 9 a.m.

Family Movie Matinee – Bend it Like Beckham.

Kids and families welcome to library screening with free popcorn. 2:30 p.m.

Art Show Opening: Christmas Exhibition of Small Works.

Gallery 8. 5 to 8 p.m.

Art Show Opening: Small Gems Exhibition.

Opening event for exhibit of new work of small-scale pieces by Deon and Kathy Venter at Venter Gallery. 5 to 8 p.m.

Fri. Nov 22
ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Forum: Nancy MacLean.

Salt Spring Forum hosts Nancy MacLean, Professor of History and Public Policy at Duke University and author of *Democracy In Chains*, which has set a ferocious cat among the pigeons in American academia. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.


Sat. Nov 23
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt. Live band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Anglican Parish Christmas Bazaar.

Baking, needle crafts, treasures and more. All Saints By-the-Sea. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Met Opera Akhnaten.

Director Phelim McDermott tackles another one of Philip Glass's masterpieces, following the now-legendary Met staging of *Satyagraha*. Star countertenor Anthony Roth Costanzo is the title pharaoh, the revolutionary ruler who transformed ancient Egypt, with the striking mezzo-soprano J'Nai Bridges in her Met debut as his wife, Nefertiti. ArtSpring. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.


Sat. Nov 23
ACTIVITIES

Toltec Teachings: Mastery of Awareness – Stalking Practice.

Workshop in Toltec practices led by Liz Forrest at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church in Fulford). 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration required at staroftheseassi@gmail.com

Death Café.

A group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session. ArtSpring. 2 to 4 p.m.



Queer Reading Series: Arleen Pare.

Evening of poetry with Arleen Pare at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

Sun. Nov 24
ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Old Boys Soccer Game.

Old Boys host Centaurs 48s at GISS field. 10:30 a.m.

Spanish Conversation Meetup.

Chat with other Spanish speakers or learners in a relaxed and fun atmosphere on most Sundays. Salt Spring Public Library. 3 to 5 p.m.

Mon. Nov 25
ACTIVITIES

Community Alliance: Consultation On Accessibility & Inclusion For People With Disabilities.

The provincial government is seeking feedback in creating new laws, standards and practices that support people with disabilities. Community Alliance is hosting a meeting at Lions Hall. 6:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Toastmasters.

Public-speaking club meets Mondays at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room, except on statutory holidays. 7 p.m. sharp. Public welcome to observe.


Tues. Nov 26
ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

Regular business meeting at the Harbour House Hotel. 9:30 a.m., including info session on temporary use permit application for 151 Lower Ganges Rd. at 12 noon. Agenda on the Islands Trust website.

Tech Café: Fraud Prevention.

Ryan Smith, manager IT, cyber security of Island Savings Trust, will give an informative presentation on the topic of fraud prevention and cyber security. Salt Spring Public Library. 3 to 5 p.m.

Tues. Nov 26
ACTIVITIES

Book Launch: Susan Glickman.

The author reads from *What We Carry*, her collection of poetry that explores the weight of human history on individual, cultural and environmental levels. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

Trivia Tuesday.

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


Wed. Nov 27
ACTIVITIES

Parkinson's Support Group.

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Let's Talk: Island Protein and Your Health.

Info session about the Ideal Protein weight management protocol presented by Pharmasave. 6 p.m. Limited space: Call 250-537-5534 to reserve a spot.

Insight/Mindfulness Meditation.

See last Wednesday's listing.

Music Bingo.

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

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THE FRITZ CINEMA

• **Joker** shows Friday, Nov. 22 to Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. each night and an additional Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. Rated 14A. Two hours long.

• **A Midsummer Night's Dream** shows Thursday, Nov. 28 only with a 3 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. show.

For more movie info go to www.thefritz.ca

EXHIBITIONS

• **The Venter Gallery** will host an exhibition and sale of 'Small Gems' with a reception with the artists on Friday, Nov. 22 from 5 to 8 p.m.

• **Gallery 8's** 11th annual **Christmas Exhibition of Small Works** opens Friday, Nov. 22 with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. and runs through Dec. 31.

EXHIBITIONS

• **The Winter Solstice Gift Shop** — a treasure trove of artful creations in stained glass, painting, mixed-media, textile, jewellery and ceramic — is open at **Salt Spring Gallery** through Dec. 28.

• **Unwritten, Unspoken, Unheard**, an exhibit of work by 16 women artists, runs daily in the **ArtSpring gallery** until Nov. 24.

• The Group of Six Photographers — **Simon Henson, Larry Citra, Bruce McPhee, Kahsia Hartwell, Ross McLeod** and **Judy McPhee** — exhibit at **Fernwood Road Cafe** through Dec. 31.

• **Melodie Herbert** and **Philippa Tattersall** exhibit paintings in the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** through November.

• **Andy Poystila** has an exhibition in the **Jankura Lounge** at **ArtSpring** through November.

EXHIBITIONS

• **Mary Laucks** shows new abstract works in the **ArtSpring lobby** in the month of November.

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FESTIVAL

Mayne expands mushroom fest

Speakers, tours and tasting on menu

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mayne mycophiles had an eventful weekend, as the Mayne Island Conservancy held its first ever Maynely Mushroom Extravaganza on Nov. 15 and 16.

The conservancy has had an annual mushroom-based event in the past, but this year program committee chair Deb Foote wanted to bring a bit more to the table. Previously, the event consisted of a mushroom identification event where people can bring in their collections and have them identified by local experts. This year, Foote and her team added a mushroom-tasting event with guest speakers, a guided mushroom walk in the Mount Parke area, as well as a movie screening on the fungi with chaga tea and popcorn.

As she was considering an expansion of the annual event, Foote looked to similar festivals around the area for inspiration. Galiano Island holds a festival earlier in November, and others are held in the Lower Mainland as well as on Vancouver Island.

"I see that there's all these events that go on around the province in the fall and I thought that we needed to do something more than just opening up the hall for people to throw their mushrooms on a table," Foote said.

Speakers for the weekend included Sharmin Gamiet from the Fraser Valley, Paul Kroeger from the Vancouver area as well as locally based student Sierra Steele. Gamiet's experience with fungi goes back three decades, and she has been leading excursions into mushroom habitats around the province. She spoke on the role mushrooms have on the health of the forest. Kroeger was one of the founding members of the Vancouver Mycological Society and has been researching the effects of microdosing psychedelic mushrooms for treatment of mental health disorders. Steele's research into the health benefits of various mushrooms rounded out the speaker program. Friday's talk also included mushroom canapés served by different local chefs.

On Saturday morning, amateur and professional mycologists gathered at Mount Parke for a guided walk through the natural habitat of many mushrooms. Experts were on hand to help identify the local varieties and explain how the mushrooms influenced the growth of the forest around them. Saturday's



PHOTOS BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Mushroom species photographed on Mayne Island, where a fungi-focused festival took place over the weekend.

program continued with the mushroom identification event and a discussion on where to find local varieties.

Mayne has seen a proliferation of mushroom growth this year. Recent years have seen a change in the forest ecosystem due to overgrazing by deer, Foote explained, which has affected the amount of mushrooms available. She said she hoped the new growth would have a regenerative effect on the forest, as well as the network of mycorrhizal fungi that extends beneath the forest floor.

"A little patch that's the size of your foot contains miles and miles and miles of mycorrhizal fungi," she said. "Hopefully this mushroom growth that we've seen this year will have some regenerative elements for this region as well."

Saturday's events ended with a movie entitled Know Your Mushrooms.

The weekend saw a good showing from people across the island. Mushrooms are traditionally divisive, with some people being completely enamoured with fungi and others hating them.

"There are a lot of mushroom people here, and I'm surprised about the amount of people who tell me that they really don't like mushrooms at all. It takes all kinds," Foote said.

She hopes to grow the festival for next year, potentially including an art element and some other ideas like spore printing and children's activities.

PHILANTHROPY

First Queers Who Care night a success

Three charities benefit

SUBMITTED BY QWC GROUP

Queers Who Care unfolded Oct. 29 as a warm community event, bringing together folks of all ages, gender identities and sexual orientations to engage in caring conversations, enjoy a delicious feast and raise funds for three social justice organizations focused on queer issues.

DAISSI (Diverse and Inclusive Salt Spring Island) sponsored the evening, which was organized by longtime Salt Spring residents and queer community activists Debbie Louise, Anne Zeller and Caffyn Kelley. Through the summer, the organizers surveyed folks in the local queer community to see what people most cared about. This fall, they researched and chose three organizations to represent those concerns. They also enlisted volunteers to help prepare a feast of salmon, salad, vegan options and desserts, and decorated Lions Hall for the gathering. After supper and caring conversations with friends old and new, people heard short talks about the three organizations chosen to represent the needs of queer people locally, nationally and internationally.

The special needs of queer youth, who face an increased risk of depression, suicide and homelessness in the absence of supportive social environments, were represented by CampOUT!. CampOUT! is a social justice summer camp for queer, trans, two-spirit, questioning, and allied youth ages 14 to 21 from across B.C. and the Yukon. Two Salt Spring youth told of the transformative and important role CampOUT! had played in their lives.

EGALE Canada has a special initiative focused on the needs of queer seniors and was the organization selected to represent the Salt Spring Island community's concerns on a national level. Queer seniors are at an increased risk of social isolation because of their experience of discrimination and daily micro-aggressions in heteronormative environments.

Queer people are facing extreme violence and state-sponsored persecution in many countries around the world. Rainbow Railroad is a Canadian charity that helps in many of these places. The organization funds safe houses and creates escape plans so that queer people can seek asylum in new countries and resettle. Attendees at Queers Who Care heard the unforgettable story of a gay

man facing torture in Chechnya. He was eventually helped to safety by Rainbow Railroad. His story represented those of many thousands of people around the world who urgently need help today.

Folks attending Queers Who Care had a chance to contribute DAISSI funds — the \$500 provided by DAISSI was divided among the 43 people present so each person could donate to the group of their choice. People were also invited to make their own contributions to the organizations they most cared about, which resulted in raising \$1,148 for these charities.

In addition to these social justice issues with direct relevance to the local queer community, many folks are deeply concerned about the physical needs of our planet. As event organizers spoke with community members over the summer, several people described the urgency of environmental issues as a top priority when considering what matters.

Queers Who Care hopes to sponsor another event in the spring that looks at how the queer community might mobilize gifts, resources and skills to support ecological diversity and foster environmental activism.

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Salty Awards honour islanders

Gala acknowledges local business and community contributors

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Islanders celebrated local business Thursday night during a sold-out gala Salty Awards presentation at the Harbour House Hotel.

The event organized by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce offered the opportunity for hard-working business owners to relax and receive affirmation their work is important to the community. The island's entrepreneurial sector received 20 different awards, while community members who shone in other fields were once again honoured with nine award categories.

Chamber of Commerce executive director Jessica Harke-ma outlined the special challenges and rewards of the island situation at the opening of the evening.

"Doing business on Salt Spring is kind of harder than anywhere else I've ever seen," she said. "But we also have a lot of advantages."

This includes community support, she noted, as evidenced by the enthusiastic involvement in the Salty Awards process.

Event co-host Matt Steffich pointed out the Salty Awards are 100 per cent people's choice awards, with prizes determined by community voting.

"So that makes it kind of special. Visitors, locals — we all do it," Steffich said.

Country Grocer was the big winner for the night, taking home the trophies for greatest business overall, favourite place to buy local and top retail business.

"Thank you, Salt Spring, for nominating us for best ... we couldn't have done it without your support," said Rob Lowrie, who attended the event with his community relations colleague Tami Moulton.

John Bateman, who MCed the evening together with Steffich, was a two-time winner, taking home the community awards for favourite writer and funniest person on Salt Spring.

Windsor Plywood, the event's major sponsor, won the business trophy for top customer service.

"All I can say is thank you to our staff because it's our staff that makes everything work at our store," co-owner Ken Marr said in his acceptance speech. "I'm honoured by the nomination. [Fellow finalists] Barb's and Buzzy's could just as well have won."

Barb's did win the prize for "place to spend your last \$10," while Buzzy's "Hungry Jew" sandwich won the award for best menu item.

The award for entrepreneur under 40 went to Billie Woods, who has been taking photographs professionally



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Janine Fernandes-Hayden is thrilled to receive the Salty Award for Volunteer of Choice at Thursday's gala event.

for 15 years and doing so full time for the past six years. She was another one of the many winners to acknowledge her fellow finalists, in this case Erin Morris and Jessica Ells.

"I do work really hard at my business and it's a passion and I love it — but I know Erin and Jessica work just as hard," Woods said.

The Salty Award for greatest trades person attracted a whopping list of 105 individual nominees, which made it more surprising that just two votes separated the top two finalists. Graham Outerbridge of Fresco Refrigeration wound up taking the prize, after narrowly edging out Bob Akerman and Erik Lundstrom.

Janine Fernandes-Hayden was honoured as the community's volunteer of choice.

Bryan Dubien was recognized for the second year in a row in the community awards category for the "person who goes the extra mile." Dubien said that he hadn't attended the gala the previous year because he wasn't sure the award had significance to him. It turned out that it did, however.

"I wanted to share that this really means something and community awards do mean something," Dubien said.

Look for the full list of 29 business and community winners at saltspringchamber.com.

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June 17, 1928 - November 9, 2019

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Roderick Charles Bailey, son of Mary and Charlie Bailey, Okotoks, Alberta, born June 17, 1928, our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. Rod is survived by his son, Marshall (Laura), daughter, Leah (Catherine) his very special friend, Irene Currie, his brother David, sister, Mamie and former wife, Jean McKinley. Surrounded by family, Dad left us peacefully on November 9, 2019.

Rod was grandfather to Rod Bailey (Marcie), Robin Bailey, Chris Stone and Ashlynn Stone and great-grandfather to Thomas, Fletcher, Nevaeh and Chloe.

Rod was predeceased by his wife, Kathleen Bailey (nee Standbridge), his mother-in-law, Kathleen Charbonneau, his sister-in-law, Patricia Heller and is survived by Kay's sisters, Bea Brady and Anne Shaw (Alan).

Rod was a native of Okotoks, Alberta where his family ranched and farmed for many years. As the middle child, Rod knew that his future lay away from the farm. Rod obtained certificates in electric welding and diesel at Olds College, Alberta and attended the Christian Leadership Training School at Naramata, BC where he met and fell in love with Kathleen.

Following graduation from the University of British Columbia with a degree in Agriculture specializing in Animal Husbandry and Agronomy, Rod became an agricultural development specialist and administrator. Rod began his career with the BC Department of Agriculture as a District Agriculturist in Vernon, BC. Rod then served in Ubon, Thailand under the Canadian Colombo Plan for 2 years. Returning to BC, Rod again served with the BC Department of Agriculture followed by the United Nations, Food and Agriculture Office, in Rangoon, Burma (now Myanmar). Rod then completed graduate work from Colorado State University in rural sociology and University of Wisconsin in resource development and research methodology.

Following his overseas assignments, Rod and Kay wanted to ensure the kids could complete middle and high school without interruption, so following a brief stint as District Agriculturalist in Killarney, Manitoba, Rod became the area development officer and then general manager of West-Man Regional Development Corporation in Brandon, Manitoba from 1966 – 1974.

Following an initial time with Agriculture Canada in rural development, Rod was named Deputy Minister for Agriculture in Manitoba where he served under Minister Bill Uruski and J.E. Downey. Following that, Rod was invited back to Agriculture Canada under Minister Eugene Whalen as Assistant Deputy Minister for regional development.

Following his retirement from Agriculture Canada, Rod did additional development work in Pakistan and Kashmir. His final retirement from overseas development work brought him to Salt Spring Island in 1997. Rod then assisted the BC Cattlemen's Association with strategic planning before his final retirement from domestic development work.

Then Rod found a new passion – restoring old farm equipment including tractors, binders and threshing machines as well as other farm equipment such as grinders and tools. He became a member of the Farmer's Institute of Salt Spring Island and joined a wonderful team of like-minded gentlemen including Merv Walde, Ted Dodds, Robin Reid, Bruce Manley, Larry Fraser and others.

The family would like to thank Dr. Reznick and the wonderful medical team of nurses and assistants at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island. In addition, we are grateful for the assistance of the medical team at the Canadian Cancer Society headed by Dr. Zito.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the Clubhouse, Brinkworthy Place, 135 Brinkworthy Road, Salt Spring Island, starting at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society, Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary or the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute.

DR. BRYAN DAWSON

April 16, 1929 – October 14, 2019

Dr. Bryan Dawson, a resident of Victoria British Columbia, previously of Salt Spring Island British Columbia, Saskatoon Saskatchewan and England, passed away on October 14th, 2019 at the age of 90 years.

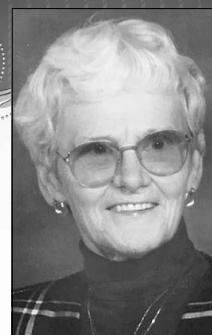
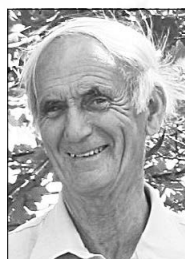
Bryan was predeceased on October 15th, 2017 by Vivian, his loving wife of 62 years. Bryan is survived and greatly missed by his five children, Kathryn Rozdilsky and husband John of Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Gillian Brook and husband Michael of Puyallup Washington, Fiona Klotz and husband Ken of Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Andrew Dawson and wife Ida Piasentin of Richmond Hill Ontario and Jonathan Dawson and wife Cheryl of Regina Saskatchewan. He will also be missed by his fourteen grandchildren, Jennifer Lucyk and husband Evan, Rebekah Kurylyk and husband Chad, Rachel Brook, Meagan Steinhoff and husband Michael, JoAnn McLain and husband Brett, Robert Brook, Daniel Rozdilsky and wife Colleen, Matthew Rozdilsky, Jeremy Dawson, Thomas Brook, Samantha Dawson, Connor Dawson, Brooklyn Dawson and Emily Dawson as well as his five great-grandchildren, Dillon Lucyk, Madison Lucyk, Noah McLain, Anberlyn McLain, and Presley Kurylyk. In England, Bryan's sister-in-law Jean Moor, his niece Lorraine Moor, nephew Christopher Moor, wife Susan and family, nephew Julian Gawthorpe, wife Diane and family, niece Judith Beckett, husband Ian and family, cousin Elizabeth Ray, husband David and family as well as numerous friends, old and new across Canada, England and around the world.

Bryan was born in 1929 in Ulverston, Cumbria England, on the edge of the Lake District National Park. In his younger years he spent many hours hiking the beautiful fells and mountains of the area. His great love for the outdoors followed him throughout his life, be it playing rugby at University, hiking, skiing, boating, fishing or simply gardening. After completing his schooling in Ulverston in 1947, Bryan fulfilled his two years of National Service in the Royal Air Force after which he was accepted into the School of Medicine at the University of Leeds. It was there in his final years of medical studies that he met Vivian and in 1955 they were married. After living and working for a short time in Stockton-on-Tees and Burton-on-Trent they, and their growing family, moved back to Bryan's beloved Lake District and settled in the village of Broughton-in-Furness where he worked as the areas General Practitioner for several years. In 1968 Bryan and family spent six months in Kamloops, British Columbia, however, Bryan was not happy with the medical position he had accepted, and they returned to England to live in Ulverston, his birthplace. The family remained there for six years, reconnecting with old friends, making new friends and once again enjoying everything the Lake District could offer. In September 1974 the family left a second time for Canada, this time choosing Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. After several more years of Family Practice, Bryan's hard work, his ever-expanding medical knowledge, his compassion for his patients, his love of medicine and his well-earned respect from colleagues opened up great opportunities for him. He became a consultant to the Department of Veterans Affairs and a physician at the Veterans Home located in Saskatoon. He was appointed to Chief of Staff at the Frank Eliason Centre, a long-term facility also in the city. In 1978 he was a member of the Joint Ministerial Task Force on Services for Seniors and a joint author of their report. The following year Bryan accepted the position of Assistant Professor in the Family Medicine Residency Training Programme and moved to the Family Medicine Department at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. During his time there he sat on the Complaints Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan and the CME and Geriatrics Advisory Boards. In 1987 Bryan was appointed the Chief of Medical Staff at Parkridge Centre in Saskatoon and provided compassionate care for long term and rehabilitation patients. Both Bryan and Vivian enjoyed life on the prairies and lived there until 1991, retiring to Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. Bryan embraced island life and his love of the outdoors flourished. He purchased a boat and enjoyed many days out on the water and spent numerous peaceful hours in his garden, orchard and greenhouse. He loved taking their dog Dougal for a walk on the beach every morning; completing the daily challenge of the cryptic crossword puzzle; discussing stamps with his fellow collectors and listening to his classical music in their sun-soaked living room in the afternoons. Both Bryan and Vivian became very involved members of Salt Spring Island Seniors for Seniors, making numerous good friends along the way at Thursday lunches and enjoyable Friday coffee mornings. Over the years Bryan was both Treasurer and President of the Society. He sang, with Vivian in the popular Seniors choir, "The Lost Chords" and played the trombone in the community band, "Bandemonium". During all these busy, active years they spent many fun and memorable holidays with their large, ever expanding family. Entertaining grandchildren with tractor tours of their property, morning treasure hunting expeditions on the beach, making delicious blackberry jam with freshly picked berries, playing games with them in the evenings and relaxing in their hot-tub. Bryan and Vivian travelled back to England annually to visit family and many great friends whom they had known for years. They discovered the delights of sun-soaked Hawaii and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and even ventured as far afield as New Zealand. In 2016 after more than 25 wonderful years on Salt Spring Island, Bryan and Vivian moved to a retirement community in Victoria and in July of 2017 were welcomed to the Sunrise Assisted Living Residence. During his final years, Bryan struggled with advancing dementia which was a difficult and very emotional time for his family, but he remained quite content and uncomplaining while slowly losing touch with the world. He still enjoyed family visits and lived to see his 90th birthday in April when nineteen family members travelled to Victoria from across Canada and the United States to celebrate with him.

Bryan's family will be forever grateful for the always welcoming staff at Sunrise Assisted Living and for the gentle, compassionate care given to both of their parents.

Dr. Bryan Dawson made an impression on many people over his lifetime; patients, colleagues and friends and most of all a family who appreciated and loved him so very much. As all of their lives go forward, he will be deeply missed.

Contributions in Bryan's memory can be made to: The Alzheimer Society of Canada

**Annie Funk**

MAY 26 1919 – NOVEMBER 15 2019

Annie was born in Halliburton Saskatchewan to William and Jean Ewen. Annie came to Salt Spring, the island she loved, with her husband Orlando Alvin Funk in 1970 after he retired from the RCAF. Annie organized and cooked many Friday night dinners, first at the "old" Royal Canadian Legion on McPhillips Ave. and then at the "new" Legion on Blain Road for which she was given an "Honorary Lifetime Membership". Annie was predeceased by her husband Orlando and is survived by her six children, Florence, Doris, Clara, Kathy, Trish, Donald and their families. Annie is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and 21 great great grandchildren.

A big thank you to the staff of Lady Minto Extended Care for the love and compassion they showed mom for the last couple of years.

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Sagittarius is the third Fire Sign and you are the first and, therefore, you share a close relationship and affinity. It confers upon you a vision of clarity and adventure to be courageous and bold in taking leads to enter new territory. In this current cycle, the destiny call is to secure your home base or vehicle and strengthen your core.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

True to your slow but sure nature, when the Sun leaves a sign it enters the house that belongs to it. The result is that you get two months and not just one with the emphasis of each sign of the Zodiac. In simpler terms, the Sagittarius influence carries with it strong overtones of Scorpio. The result of this is to want more, big time!

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Sagittarius is your polar opposite sign, the other side of the coin. In duality, all codes of nature are binary so, in some respects, there are six sign pairs. Interestingly, our polar opposite sign represents both our blind spot, as with the coin on the table just showing one face, and what we are attracted to. With Mars in Scorpio, the theme of death and rebirth in relationships is highlighted.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

The grandiose visions and spectacular philosophies and grand adventures of Sagittarius are an awkward match when compared with your empathetic, security and family-oriented values. It is like foreign adventurers arriving on your shores and coming into your village. Faith, patience, caution, and adjustment are keywords regarding this visit. Or, is that invasion?

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Contrary to your Cancerian neighbors, the Sun entering Sagittarius and adding fuel to Venus there already in close embrace with Jupiter, does not trigger caution and protection but excitement. Imagine, the royal and spiritual prince and princess have arrived to grace your shores with their magnificence. In your mind, this is a call for celebration and festivity.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

This Sagittarius wave of influence will serve to boost your confidence levels. It will also amplify your desire and determination to stimulate a more abundant flow. This could see you pushing harder than you have for a while. Whether you are pushing yourself, your products or others, or all of the above is another matter. In any case, make the most of it.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

The Sagittarius influence will get stronger this week to add extra stimulus to your perspectives regarding what you deem factual and true. Positively, you are gaining a whole new vision of the world and your place in it. There are strong indications that you have experienced a lot of changes in the past couple of years and this will continue.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Sagittarius is the sign that is situated on the house cusp of personal wealth. What this suggests for you is that while you naturally want security, you are also willing to be adventurous, to take risks and gambles. You know that you could lose, but you could also win big. Freedom and adventure are featured in this approach and are emphasized now.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

The Sun entering your sign will come as a relief. You have probably been enduring a deep and possibly scathing cycle. Mars remains in Scorpio and will through to early 2020 and this has probably been and continues to be rather harsh. All being well, you are aligned and are clearing out subconscious attachments, fears and limiting beliefs.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

You are probably ready for a cycle of rest and retreat. If so, you are wise to take full advantage of it. At least it might prove satisfying to keep social activity to a minimum. Quiet evenings supported by uplifting music and/or exposure to wisdom knowledge able to soothe your soul will prove more satisfying and beneficial than social activities.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

As empowering as Scorpio time tends to be for you, it can also amount to feeling like you are standing at the top of the mountain yet exposed to the elements. Sagittarius time presents a cycle that symbolizes having descended and finds you in much more hospitable environments and subsequently, moods. Celebrate!

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

It is as if you have received a grand invitation to attend a ceremony in your honor. Okay, this may sound a bit exaggerated, but there are some rather impressive indicators that this is a time of promotion for you. It is also true that you have to make the effort to show-up fully and prove your worth by way of diligent efforts. Yet, like a pre-approval, in doing so you will be rewarded.



We hope to see you at the upcoming AGM. IACS (ArtSpring)

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100 Jackson Avenue

Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.

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The 2018-2019 AGM report will be available to members at the Box Office as of Thursday, November 28th. If you do pick one up, please bring it with you to the AGM.

What is This?

Anyone know what this object is? It was recently photographed in an island home.



Last Week's Answer: John Quesnel was the first person to correctly identify the burned-out car at the Fulford fire hall.

SALT SPRING Star of the WEEK

Tom Woods



Tom is the current president of Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch, volunteering many hours to help ensure Legion facilities and activities run smoothly. The local branch has signed up more new members than any other in B.C. this year and it is a happening place thanks to Tom, executive members, other volunteers and staff. He also owns Gulf Island Aluminum and was once a building inspector on Salt Spring.



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MEN'S SOCCER

Old Boys maintain undefeated streak at GISS

Another home game set for next Sunday

BY FRASER HOPE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Old Boys manager Graham Tweddle used the well-tryed tactic of "deflection" in calling to arms all Old Boys to defend the "Fortress GISS" record of being undefeated at the Rainbow Road stadium since late 2016.

The "deflection" was that Old Boys FC had not played at the field because it was out of commission for most of that time. Team management had unfortunately not received any replies from the CRD in regard to the possibility of the Alternative Approval Process being utilized as a fundraising vehicle for new shorts to help boost the morale of the team after the bruising loss to Cowichan Classics and the cancellation of the Castaways visit last weekend.

With the extra time for healing body and mind, fans piled into the stadium expecting a full roster of Old Boys ready to do battle with Vic West 48s. Despite the sunshine and great field conditions, early signs gave Tweddle cause for concern as there were more practice balls than players. In fact, there were two balls for every player!



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Mike Berendt battles for the ball with his Vic West opponent Julio da Silva, with Ben Cooper circling in the background.

Eventually, 12 Old Boys turned up with socks and under team rules the last player to turn up has to play for the opposition if they are short-handed. There was much

speculation that Howe had waited at the bottom of Rainbow Road to ensure that he would be last to arrive and be able to play for the opposition "legitimately."

The sun peeked through the clouds as the whistle blew and immediately Old Boys attacked with a through ball from Dave Toynbee that gave McCormick a fleeting chance at goal. Ben Cooper, as always, got into the action with a run that started on his own goal line and ended up in the Vic West penalty box for the first real chance of the game.

Martin Thorn showed his determination as he raced back 40 metres to save a throw in. A defensive give-away gave the visitors a chance but goalkeeper Richard Steel saved an almost certain goal from Julio the Vic West danger man. Shortly afterwards a free kick to Vic West beautifully flighted came off the crossbar and thankfully for Steel rebounded out to be taken safely.

As if to take strength and confidence from his escape, Steel launched a massive downfield kick which eluded the defender and allowed Toynbee a clear route to goal, which he duly dispatched for a 1-0 lead. After a prudent restart the referee blew for half time.

As in the first half, Old Boys made good use of speed and pace on the wings with

Toynbee and Rainer Funk providing attacking opportunities. Unfortunately, Toynbee, in making a cross into the goalmouth, lay injured on the far touchline. The game restarted with no medical assistance being offered until two spectators hurried to assist him to the bench for treatment. At one point it was mooted (in jest) that the game should be abandoned to allow a helicopter airlift from centre circle. Toynbee is expected to miss a few games.

This seemed to disrupt the Old Boys rhythm, which had been more Tik Tok (15-second videos in slow-motion app for phones) than Tiki Taka, their preferred mode of play. A well-timed intervention by Tweddle obviously trying to impress family in the stands saved the lead when a goal seemed inevitable.

Mike Davis brought proceedings to an end with a nifty piece of footwork that left his opponent floundering, which exemplified the 110 per cent effort by the Old Boys and Vic West to provide an entertaining spectacle in the November sunshine. (That's for you, Betty.)

All thoughts are now focused on the new streak/run for the socks at Fortress GISS next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. when Old Boys face Centaurs 48s, a different horse for courses.

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THE GREEN EDITION

GHG REDUCTIONS

NSSWD advocates shift to green operations

Solar power possibility back on the table

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be working officially to lower its greenhouse gas emissions, after the board passed a motion directing staff to draft a policy to that effect during their October meeting.

Trustee Sandra Ungerson brought the motion to consider greenhouse gas emissions in future purchases to the table during the district's October board meeting. Staff suggested that rather than focus on the district's purchases, the motion could be expanded as a new policy with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions wherever possible.

"All purchases made by the NSSWD that emit greenhouse gases should be considered in light of the objective to reduce the district's overall greenhouse gas emissions footprint," Ungerson said during the meeting. "If the fact is that we're dumping greenhouse gases into the air, it's costing us anyway."

Through the lens of that policy, the district will be able to consider environmental impact when making all capital and operational decisions. Whereas previously the district would look for the best deal for ratepayers, it now has the opportunity to



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO
North Salt Spring Waterworks District office on Upper Ganges Road. The district is exploring ways to reduce its greenhouse gas emission footprint in its operations.

look into more expensive yet more environmentally friendly options.

"Often these things may not be the cheapest," said district manager Ron Stepaniuk during the meeting. "We want a justification. Because this is where we're going, it aids staff and others to understand why

"There's greenhouse gases, and then there's other purchases like what light bulbs we buy, how much water we're using. I think that there should be a more general policy," Stepaniuk added.

Green options include things like hybrid or electric vehicles for district staff use, installing electric vehicle charging stations, and investigating solar power as an option for powering the district's office and other facilities. The district had looked into a solar-powered emergency power backup system. That system was cost-prohibitive due to the large amount of batteries needed to make it work.

Board member Gary Gagne, the original proponent of the solar power system, raised the idea of investigating a grid-tied solar system for the office, which would not require the batteries and would instead reduce the amount of conventional power needed by the office. The district would also have the option to sell power back to the grid.

"We could look into the possibility of reducing our emissions and saving some money for our ratepayers and doing something that shows it's not just in words, but that we're doing something very progressive," Gagne said.

The board moved that staff look into the feasibility of such a project, which would include ensuring the office's roof is strong enough to support a solar panel array.

LOCAL ACTION

Climate action work begins

Saturday session for whole community

SUBMITTED BY THE CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

In the wake of the global climate strikes led by youth around the world, many people — including Salt Springers — are asking, "What do we do now?"

A key way we can respond to the climate crisis is for Salt Spring Islanders from all walks of life to work together to develop a plan that is put into action by everyone from families and churches to businesses and government.

On Saturday, Nov. 30, islanders get their first chance to meet members of the Climate Action Group and to hear how they can get involved in developing a "Made on Salt Spring" Climate Action Plan.

Attendees will learn about worthwhile actions they can do now, and about how they will be able to offer input in an engaging "eDemocracy" online format during the plan's development. The event will give attendees a chance to express their visions for a climate resilient Salt Spring and to share in a light zero-waste brunch for the whole family by Hips and Haws Vegetarian Cookery.

The Climate Action Group, a project of Transition Salt Spring Society, is the organization behind the citizen-led climate action plan to address the climate emergency. The plan, to be released in the spring of 2020, will focus on the island's key emission sources and carbon sequestration opportunities: transportation, food systems, land use, natural systems, buildings and infrastructure.

The plan will be developed through a climate impact prioritization process being completed by volunteer Climate Action Group members and will rely heavily on local stakeholder input. We hope you will be a part of building the local groundswell of support for real climate actions. The result will dramatically lower emissions and build the resilience we will need as our ecosystems change and sea levels rise as a result of a rapidly destabilizing climate.

The impacts of the climate crisis are being felt

everywhere, and climate destabilization is happening more quickly than many have forecast. For Salt Spring, the impacts are already being seen through extreme wind and snowstorm events, dangerous local fire conditions and smoky unbreathable air from forest fires in neighbouring jurisdictions. The climate crisis is also having a profound impact on everything from the health of our forests and aquatic life to erratic local fruit tree and food production.

"According to the United Nations, we only have 10 years to reduce our fossil fuel emissions by 50 per cent before we reach a tipping point where climate change will be irreversible," says David Denning, special advisor to the group and an aquatic ecosystems biologist.

There are 18 members of the group representing a wide range of disciplines from climate change adaptation and biology to renewable energy and watershed management. The completed plan will be presented to the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District. A key objective for the group is to have both levels of municipal government implement key recommendations.

The group is receiving funding from the CRD, Salt Spring Institute for Sustainability Education and Action, and in-kind support from the Islands Trust. Early this spring, both the CRD and the Islands Trust declared a climate emergency. Trust Council vice-chair and Salt Spring representative trustee Laura Patrick and CRD director Gary Holman are ex-officio group members.

"Salt Springers need to make the climate crisis a priority in their lives and show other communities how they, too, can pull together to respond to the climate crisis. We want future generations to look back with awe and respect at the decisive steps we took to protect the viability of our environment and, indeed, our way of life," says former trustee Peter Lamb, co-founder of the group in 2010, and now an advisor.

To sign up for information on how to help shape the Climate Action Plan, people can visit SaltSpringClimateActionPlan.com or send an email message to info@SaltSpringClimateActionPlan.com.

For more 'green' story content, see the third part of Marc Kitteringham's series on dealing with plastic waste on page 4.

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GREEN PRACTICES

Leaving leaves advised

Hibernating critters benefit from leaf litter

One of the most beautiful aspects of fall, the changing colour of leaves, comes with an onerous task: raking them all up.

However, the Nature Conservancy of Canada has some green advice for people wishing to avoid back-breaking yard work: leave the rake in the shed and the leaves on the ground.

The not-for-profit land conservation group says leaving fallen leaves in your yard is a small act of nature conservation that can support backyard biodiversity in many ways. While migratory birds and some butterflies travel to warmer destinations, many native insects, including pollinators, and other backyard wildlife that hibernate through the winter can use a little neighbourly help.

Dan Kraus, NCC's senior con-

servation biologist, says leaves can provide important habitat for many species to hibernate underneath.

"Backyard animals, such as toads, frogs and many pollinators, once lived in forests and have adapted to hibernate under leaves," says Kraus. "The leaves provide an insulating blanket that can help protect these animals from very cold temperatures and temperature fluctuations during the winter."

Another benefit of not raking your leaves is soil improvement. Kraus points out that as leaves break down, they also provide a natural mulch, which helps enrich the soil. Thick piles of leaves can impact the growth of grass and other plants, but a light covering can improve the health of gardens and lawns.

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