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**RESCUE MISSION:** Dave Howell holds a crow he rescued from the water around Centennial Dock on Friday. Howell said it took awhile for the bird to recover enough to fly away, but it managed to take flight after resting on top of a neighbouring boat. As a seasoned mariner, Howell has rescued various creatures in distress over the years, but that was his first crow plucked from the drink.

**ENVIRONMENT**

## Drought impacts islands

### Water conservation stages keep rising

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

It's official: the Gulf Islands are in a drought expected to last all summer.

The provincial government announced on Friday that Eastern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands had entered Drought Level 4, with five being the highest level. Fulford Creek on Salt Spring and the "majority of the Gulf Islands" were specifically cited among those as being areas of concern.

"Water conservation is being urged across the region to help reduce the risk of significant impacts on the environment or other water users," stated the province on Friday.

North Salt Spring Waterworks District trustees discussed the drought situation at a special meeting on Monday. A few days earlier the district made an appeal to its customers to conserve water in order to put off the date when higher restrictions are enacted.

"Your diligence will help delay the implementation of Stage 4 Watering Restrictions for as long as possible during this dry summer," a July 7 NSSWD news release stated.

On Monday, NSSWD office manager Tammy Lannan said meter readings for the May-June period show that customers have been using more water due to the heat and the lack of rain.

"We are 25 to 30 per cent above normal [for the May-June period]," said Lannan.

Operations manager Vaughn Figueira said when exactly the district moves to Stage 4 depends on three factors: "If the amount of usage remains the same; if the lack of precipitation continues — as I think it will — and the temperatures remain high, we are very likely going into Stage 4 the last week of July."

At the current Stage 3 level, all water uses are authorized, although some have day and time limits — such as hand watering of gardens — while in Stage 4 activities such as washing vehicles, topping up pools and hot tubs, and watering playing fields and parks (without a permit) are not permitted. The northsaltspringwaterworks.ca website details the regulations of each stage.

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HOSPITAL FUNDRAISING

# Country Grocer donation boosts ER campaign

Foundation excited by sponsorship

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The Lady Minto Hospital Foundation says it is thrilled with islanders' early enthusiasm for its emergency department fundraising campaign, which got a major

boost with a \$50,000 donation from Country Grocer last week.

"The community's response has been terrific," reported LMHF chair Dave Taylor. "We're run off our feet keeping up with all the donations, but we love it when we're kept busy like this."

The foundation aims to raise the final \$2 million required for the 240-square-metre (4,500-square-foot) \$10.4-million project by early October.

Taylor said his group was "honoured and grateful" for Country Grocer's generosity, but not surprised.

"Country Grocer is always there for Salt Spring Island. They want our community to thrive, and they recognize that excellent emergency health care is fundamental to a thriving community."

In a press release issued Friday, Country Grocer said, "We hope that our \$50,000

donation will help to 'Strengthen the Lifeline' by building a state-of-the-art facility that will serve us for years to come."

The company said the health of the community has always been a priority for Country Grocer and it is pleased that islanders will receive even better care at Lady Minto Hospital when a new emergency department is built.

Leigh Large, owner of Country Grocer Salt Spring, Pharmacy and Upper Ganges Liquor Store, encourages Salt Springers to join the campaign to help the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation reach its fundraising goal.

"Similar to many others on Salt Spring, I have benefitted from excellent care during an unplanned visit to the emergency ward at Lady Minto," said Large. "I recognize the value of our hospital and am grateful for the excellent treatment I

received. However, it was also evident that our local hospital needed a new emergency ward."

"We are delighted to welcome Country Grocer as our lead corporate donor to the new emergency department campaign," said campaign chair Carol Biely. "Not only are they being generous with a donation and promotional support, they were amazing contributors to our very successful golf tournament this weekend. We so appreciate the Country Grocer team members and their commitment to our community, and especially the hospital."

Some 152 golfers participated in the 30th annual LMHF charity tournament on Saturday.

People wanting to contribute to the new emergency department can visit [ladymintofoundation.com/lifeline](http://ladymintofoundation.com/lifeline) for details.

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## FISHERIES

# Crab trap violations irk residents

Theft, raiding and noncompliant setting observed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Treachery on the seas is not just the domain of pirates these days, as islanders setting crab traps by the books are increasingly frustrated by others who are helping themselves to their catch and their gear.

Danielle Finnigan is one of the recent victims, having lost a trap she left between the Second and Third Sister islands overnight at the end of June.

"I went to check and it was there, and when I went back it was gone," Finnigan said. "I spent the next hour checking every other trap in the area in case it moved."

Finnigan has a 16-foot fibreglass boat that she uses to get her traps out into the water. She is well-versed in the crab harvesting regulations set by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and has made sure to set her trap correctly with a buoy with a GPS marker. Unfortunately, the June event marks the third time a trap owned by Finnigan has disappeared.

"I lost one this year, one last year and one the year before," Finnigan said.

Other incidents reported recently that suggest some people are not following the rules or crabbing etiquette include the discovery of two traps with improper floats. In one case a life-saving ring and in another a child's life jacket was used. Celine Boychuk of Eagle Eye Marine Services announced discovering the two traps and depositing them with the Ganges Coast Guard earlier this month.

According to DFO regulations, people harvesting crab recreationally must have a valid tidal waters sport fishing licence. All shellfish traps must be marked with a

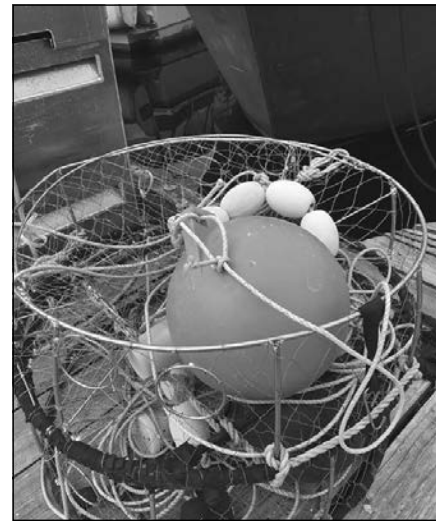


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Crab trap and float at Centennial Dock.

floating tag or buoy that has the owner's name on it. Any fishing gear that interferes with safe navigation can be removed under the Navigation Protection Act.

DFO told the Driftwood its fish management office had not received any complaints about crab traps around Salt Spring, nor has the fisheries violation line been contacted. The department added theft is an RCMP issue, so anyone with stolen property should contact the local detachment to file a report.

DFO suggested boaters who run into problems due to trap placement contact the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island (HASSI) as a first step. There is a regulated "no float zone" in Ganges Harbour (the map can be found in Appendix 7 of the Crab Integrated Fisheries Management Plan) to allow for the safe transit of motor vessels.

"If this is an issue, the harbour authority or Transport Canada should notify DFO to jointly work together on a solution,"

the department stated.

HASSI staff said they have not received any complaints about crab traps in Ganges Harbour either, but they were not surprised to learn about thefts since it happens "all the time."

Dave Howell is a former member of the Coast Guard who now runs a boat transporting BC Hydro workers to other islands, often in overnight emergency situations. He said crab traps are frequently placed in the channel between Deadman and Goat islands, which impedes navigation in those situations.

"If I see traps in those areas, which I have in the past, I just move them. I just pick them up and move them one way or another," Howell said.

Thefts of crab are common, he agreed. One problem is traps are left out 24 hours a day and owners can't monitor them the whole time, he said.

"It's always an ongoing thing where people raid other people's traps. Sometimes they take the crabs. Sometimes they pull the trap and get a couple of crabs and throw a beer in there and let it go again. That happens too," Howell said.

Finnigan is very aware of the rules for placing and identifying traps, so it's unlikely someone just moved hers because of poor location. She would also have preferred an unsolicited exchange to losing her entire trap.

"I'm choked. If you pull someone's trap, don't steal the whole get-up. Put some freakin' beer in it. And leave the bait in there too so when I pull it up at least there's more crab in there," Finnigan said. "At least have some etiquette and leave the trap. Like everything else on Salt Spring, it's expensive."

Crab harvesting violations can be reported to DFO's toll-free Observe, Record and Report number at 1-800-465-4336.

## TIDE TABLES at Fulford Harbour

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ISLANDS TRUST

# Trust Council puts brakes on policy process

More on-island public input opportunities planned

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islands Trust Council will defer consideration of first reading of its Trust Policy Statement update until December following widespread calls to slow down the process.

Multiple people who spoke at an online town hall session held on July 7 asked for a pause so that in-person consultation could take place. More requests came from all across the Trust area and included a petition signed by 700 people residing in many parts of North America and beyond.

"If we go ahead with the first reading, the perception from islanders that I'm getting is we're not listening at all," North Pender trustee Ben McConchie said during a special meeting held Thursday, summing up the position of many who spoke against advancing first reading that day.

The Islands Trust Policy Statement contains the principles and policies that guide how Islands Trust Council interprets and implements its provincial mandate "to preserve and protect the unique amenities and environment of the Islands Trust Area." It also guides how individual island communities develop their official community plans and land-use bylaws.

With the most recent policy statement created in 1994, the Trust's programs committee has been working to update the document with specific goals of addressing the climate crisis and the Trust's commitment to reconciliation with local First Nations, and to better manage housing needs.

Galiano trustee Tahirih Rockafella raised the failed motion to advance first reading of the draft new document, arguing issues like climate change, the housing crisis and First Nations reconciliation cannot wait. As she and many others pointed out, first reading is just the first step in a bylaw approval process, with many opportunities for amendments after that.

"People are asking for a pause in the process and I think many of those people possibly are not fully aware of the process, and I don't fault them for it because it's not an exciting process to go through. However, I do believe



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Screenshot of Trust Council meeting via Zoom last week.

that as trustees we can walk our communities through this process and fully engage, especially since now we have these people at the table and they're very excited to fully participate," Rockafella said.

Her fellow island trustee Jane Wolverton agreed the draft policy document was not perfect, but said it needed to get on the table so trustees could get to work on shaping it better.

"We have so many examples of why it's important to address these areas now," Wolverton said. "As trustee Rockafella mentioned, the wildfires in Lytton and elsewhere; the effects of clear-cutting old growth forests; the severe heat wave last month; the drought conditions on most islands. We also have the locating of children's remains at residential schools. We know that the Kuper Island Residential School was one of the worst in Canada."

Salt Spring trustees Laura Patrick and Peter Grove both spoke earlier in the day about the clear preference in their community to wait. Patrick noted in discussion of the motion that a power outage the evening before had prevented many southern Gulf Islands residents from speaking at the town hall session. She also wanted to propose amendments to the draft.

"I can't support giving first reading. I would support waiting until December," Patrick said.

Prior to consideration of first reading, trustees participated in a roundtable discus-

sion to share constituents' concerns. Common themes mentioned were both the draft policy statement's content and the process to create it so far. Trustees reported many islands are divided between people who support the new policies and those who don't, and that social media has not helped. Misinformation has spread there and also reportedly showed up in an anonymous letter sent to local mailboxes, according to some trustees.

Representatives also found many constituents were confused about what the Trust Policy Statement is and what its first reading would signify, and there may not have been enough information provided about how the process works. Many people have said they were not adequately consulted or engaged prior to the proposed first reading, and only a small percentage of constituents responded to surveys and events held under the Islands 2050 banner over the past 18 months. Ironically, trustees noted the alarm that spread through social media may have actually caused people to become engaged.

Trust Programs Committee chair Deb Morrison said she felt the Islands Trust has an unfortunate history of not listening well to community. Forcing first reading of the policy statement would cause people to focus on problems with the process, she added, when what the Trust needs is engagement on the specifics of the content.

"I think the amount of consultation we've done and an additional six months of consultation is appropriate for us to make some decisions and move forward [in December]," Morrison said. "And if we get to a place where, as many people have worried about, that we are not moving forward, I will be the first one to say, 'We should step up and have some spine.'"

Additional motions passed at Thursday's meeting direct local Trust committees to share the draft policy statement with their communities by September, and for staff to refer the draft to local agencies and First Nations. Council approved an additional \$75,000 for enhanced engagement with communities and with First Nations.

## School field permit denied

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With Stage 4 restrictions an inevitability, NSSWD staff have decided to not issue a watering permit to School District 64 in order to save two of its sand-based fields. Figueira explained that school grounds staff told him that only being able to water fields one hour a day would not be enough to keep the fields alive. But Figueira said


allowing more water use at this point would only be delaying the inevitable.

"We feel it would be irresponsible to water fields we know are going to die and shortening the time span of going to Stage 4," he said.


Decisions about permits are delegated to staff, but Figueira wanted the board to be informed about his decision. Some trustees pointed out that the school district chose to not invest

in an artificial turf, which would not have required watering.

In related news, trustee Sandra Ungerson, who represents NSSWD on the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance, shared information about an initiative to convene a meeting of all St. Mary Lake water licence holders to ultimately achieve a coordinated conservation approach for the lake's water supply.



**NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT**



**NSSWD Board Announces NEW District Manager Don Pickle**

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) is pleased to announce that Don Pickle joined the NSSWD as District Manager on July 5, 2021.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am delighted to welcome Mr. Pickle to the district. He brings the combination of leadership experience and technical ability we were seeking to take full advantage of the opportunities before us, and overcome the challenges we face" said Michael McAlister, NSSWD Chair. "I would also like to thank the staff at the district for their dedication to our ratepayers during the nearly six months we have been without a district manager."

Mr. Pickle was selected by the Board of Trustees after a cross-Canada search. He brings over 25 years of experience in the public sector including service as the chief administrative officer in three northern Canadian communities, and manager of public works and utilities in Invermere, BC and Jasper, AB. Mr. Pickle has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta and has held water and wastewater Environmental Operators Certificates in both BC and Alberta. "I am excited to be joining the district and am looking forward to working with the board and staff to best serve our ratepayers and contract customers," said Mr. Pickle. "It is a special opportunity for me to apply the leadership and technical skills I have while enjoying life on Salt Spring."

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### EDITORIAL

# Water savers

**F**or some Salt Spring residents, lack of potable water has always been an issue.

Groundwater is just not plentiful in certain parts of the island, and those who use it have learned to be frugal with its use and resourceful in acquiring water from other sources, if needed.

It used to be that a hook-up to the North Salt Spring Waterworks District system was the key to a golden aqua tap. St. Mary Lake water may not have tasted or smelled too good at times, but there was plenty of it, and Maxwell Lake water was almost prized.

It wasn't until 2015 that reality struck, when a dry spring and summer saw Level 4 (now called Stage 4) watering restrictions enacted for district users. That was the year islanders learned how to save household water for gardening by standing in a bin as they showered, or catching water that would otherwise go down the drain in a plastic tub in the kitchen sink. Those showers were also shorter and taken less frequently.

### THE ISSUE: Drought conditions

### WE SAY: Learn to save water now

That year solutions such as a desalination plant were floated, as well as the need to raise the Duck Creek weir in order to increase storage capacity at St. Mary Lake. (Neither have occurred.)

The NSSWD moratorium on new service hook-ups was also confirmed to continue indefinitely. Some other intervening summers have been dry and troubling for both wildfire risk and water scarcity, but this one is unfortunately on track to be a record-breaker. The provincial government last week declared the Gulf Islands and East Vancouver Island at Drought Level 4. While the NSSWD has not yet put the district into Stage 4 restrictions, with no rain in the forecast the shift appears inevitable.

Many islanders know the drill when it comes to personal water conservation. Newcomers from urban centres, in particular, may not. Following the NSSWD Stage 3 (at this point) restrictions is essential for people in the district, and is a solid guide for those in other lake-source districts. What can and can't be done is clearly laid out on the NSSWD website.

Changing wasteful habits such as leaving taps running while brushing one's teeth or flushing toilets more than necessary can be easily done. Installing water-efficient showerheads, taps and toilets can also make a big difference; as can rainwater catchment systems of any size to augment garden-watering needs.

The NSSWD water conservation slogan is "Every Drop Counts." It's true, and the task of preserving those drops is in each person's hands.



# Septic savvy tips shared

BY MARY RICHARDSON

As chair of the Capital Regional District Liquid Waste Commission on Salt Spring Island for the last few years, I've come to realize that there's more to flushing than meets the eye.

It seems easy enough: just throw things down your toilet or sink and they magically disappear! Not so! It's really important to pay attention to the rest of the story. Here on Salt Spring, your drains either go to a septic tank or a sewer treatment plant. In both cases, what you put into the system matters a lot.

Firstly, only poop, pee and toilet paper should go down the toilet. Please don't throw wipes, hygiene products, condoms, cotton swabs, or dental floss down the drain. Even if it says flushable on the package, our systems can't handle it. (The same goes for grease down the kitchen sink.)

Secondly, only green cleaners should be used when they are going to enter the system, either septic or sewage. (As a veterinarian and animal welfare consultant I encourage you to use

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only non-tested-on-animals products throughout your home.) These cleaners are non-toxic and will biodegrade once they leave your home. It's also really important for septic tank owners to have regular pump-outs. Every five years is the recommended schedule.

**Here on Salt Spring, your drains either go to a septic tank or a sewer treatment plant. In both cases, what you put into the system matters a lot.**

I've heard from a number of sources that Salt Spring's sewage is the thickest in the land. I am not sure if this is from all the kale we eat, or whether we just need to pump more often, but it

would really help down the line if we kept our tanks cleaner.

As taxpayers, we spend over \$400,000 per year on trucking our poop off island. Once it leaves your house, it travels to a holding station near Burgoyne Bay. (The sludge from sewer treatment plants goes there too.) The haulers deliver it into tanks and then those big blue trucks pump it out and take it to Victoria. All the extras that get flushed really clog up the system and add a lot of work for the haulers, and a lot of cost to us to fix the equipment. We could save lots of money and make everyone's job easier if we took care of our drains!

Here are a couple of links for more information:

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*The writer chairs the CRD's Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Commission.*

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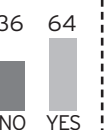
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**Did Trust Council make the right Policy Statement decision?**

Yes  No

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

**Have you taken action to help FireSmart your property?**



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# OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

**“If you pull someone’s trap, don’t steal the whole get-up. Put some freakin’ beer in it.”**

DANIELLE FINNIGAN, ISLANDER WITH CRAB TRAPS

## SALT SPRING SAYS

### WE ASKED:

*Do you have any travel plans this summer?*

#### CHARLIE JAMES



Sailing in Barclay Sound.



#### MIKE ROGERS

We’re going camping at French Beach and to Whistler.

#### DIANA HANNON



I think more people are planning to come visit me here.

#### SPENCE PENTLAND



We’ve just arrived here.

#### VIV NIELSEN



I’m going to see my guy in Salmon Arm.

## LETTERS to the editor

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### Post COVID? Not yet!

I liked your June 30 Driftwood Question of the Week: “Are you ready to accept tourists to Salt Spring?”

I voted “no,” and no was the majority vote.

My reason for voting no is because of this experience. On July 1, I was in the grocery store. After a year and three months of mask wearing, I was surprised. Very few people had masks on — old

and young alike.

In my opinion, and apparently I am not alone, the public, entering any store, should be required to wear a mask in order to be conscientious and considerate of everyone around them. No matter how many vaccinations you’ve had, you can still infect others. Our cashier people, and business people in general, should be able to be maskless (if they have had two vaccinations). They have earned that privilege, but not shoppers and browsers entering their prem-

ises. Those people should keep masks on indoors. Some stores are quite small and it is impossible to maintain social distancing.

With so many tourists now eagerly coming to our island, yes we need their business but we also need the protection that masks afford. If COVID-19 or a variant of the virus starts here, Salt Spring will be in a state of crisis.

Shouldn’t we err on the side of caution?

**ALIX WHITFIELD,**  
SALT SPRING

### Golden signs

To all the folks at Golden Tree Farm, we send a huge, warm and friendly neighbourhood thank you for the “Cultivate Peace” sign heading south and the “Harvest Gratitude” sign heading north. Love is all that matters!

P.S. Strawberries and flowers are ok too.

**CHERIE GEAUVEAU,**  
**JEWEL ELDSTROM,**  
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## Islanders voices matter for Trust Policy Statement

BY LAURA PATRICK

The Trust Policy Statement is required by provincial legislation and is intended to be a general statement of the higher-level policies required to carry out the mandate of the Trust, which is to “. . . preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia.”

The Trust Policy Statement (once adopted) applies to all of the member islands equally; however, each island still has its own official community plan. The Trust Policy Statement provides the over-arching vision and goals, the things we all need to be mindful of to meet our obligation of “preserve and protect” under the act, while allowing each island to uniquely shape its own community plan to address its specific needs.

The most recent Trust Policy Statement was prepared decades ago. It is being updated because it doesn’t speak to our responsibilities around reconciliation, climate change or affordable housing.

The current Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan and land use bylaws continue to govern our decisions on land use as they always have. There are no immediate impacts to our decision-making considerations. However, when the day comes that we need to update our OCP, the update must align with the vision and goals of the Trust Policy Statement.

What I have been hearing from Salt Spring Islanders:

- Please write the policy statement in plain language! The Trust Policy Statement should be simple to understand, goal driven and inspirational.

- Remove the prohibition on new docks! Most islanders I have spoken with understand and accept the current policies and regulations that limit the location and scale of new private docks. These minimize impacts on sensitive marine ecosystems and aquatic species at risk, including eelgrass, kelp, and clam beds, forage fish spawning areas, as well as First Nations’ cultural, archaeological and traditional harvesting sites.

### GUEST COLUMN

- Agriculture and local food production are vital to the character of the islands! Not only are these vital to island character, they are “important contributors to the preservation of land and economic vitality, and entirely compatible with important goals of enhanced attention to reconciliation and climate change,” as stated by the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance in its June 22, 2021 letter to the Islands Trust Council. A great example of helpful and specific suggestions for improving the draft Policy Statement has come from the Agricultural Alliance, which has specifically requested that the following two current policies be carried forward into the updated policy statement:

**[The Trust Policy Statement] is being updated because it doesn’t speak to our responsibilities around reconciliation, climate change or affordable housing.**

“It is Trust Council’s policy that agriculture is a valuable activity that contributes to the islands’ rural character and that local food production can play a positive role in protecting land and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.”

“Trust Council shall encourage the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission to approve applications from property owners for inclusion of their land with potential for agriculture in the Agricultural Land Reserve.”

- Remove the prohibition on desalination plants! I have heard that, instead, the new policy should regulate potential negative impacts of desalination plants without prohibiting them.

- Why wasn’t I consulted? Some people are just hearing about these issues now and are concerned their voices will not be heard. The Trust, and I as one of your local trustees, do intend

to engage the community further and hear your thoughts about the draft Policy Statement.

### Next Steps

Trust Council’s Executive Committee (of which I am a member) has been tasked with developing the final phase of public engagement, to take place between September and December this year. Here’s what I will be seeking to achieve at the upcoming meeting:

- Provide staff with direction to seek external advice on the design of this upcoming phase of engagement. We cannot repeat the tactics used in previous rounds of engagement. This phase requires something deeper and more accessible.

- Recognize that participative democracy is a best practice method of public engagement and likely the most suitable for building trust and reducing polarization across the Trust Area at this juncture. This may include facilitated group discussions that provide participants the opportunity to consider issues in depth, hear about and challenge each other’s opinions, and co-develop a set of informed recommendations to the Trust Council.

- Ensure that public input plays an integral part in the next draft of the Trust Policy Statement.

I want to hear your ideas for this next phase of public engagement. Please email me at [lpattick@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:lpattick@islandstrust.bc.ca).

In the meantime, if you already have comments and thoughts about the current draft of the policy statement, we’d love to hear from you. Specific recommendations are the most useful, like the Agricultural Alliance provided (above), and a show of support for the public engagement noted above would be beneficial.

The draft new Policy Statement and background information can be viewed at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/islands-2050/>.

Please send your comments to [Islands2050@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:Islands2050@islandstrust.bc.ca).

*The writer is a Salt Spring Local Trust Committee member and a member of the Islands Trust Executive Committee.*

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# On life, death and sauerkraut

BY FRANTS ATTORP

The recent heatwave was made even more unbearable when a full-grown deer lay down near our house and drew its last breath. The lack of breathing posed no particular problem for us, but the smell that ensued triggered a curious chain of events.

It is not uncommon to catch whiffs of putrefaction in the forest. Animals die where they live. But locating the deceased can be difficult since animals tend to hide when the end draws near, and the shifting breeze can carry smells in many directions.

When the mercury shot up to record levels, the unmistakable smell of death wafted through our open windows, so I decided to try to find the source and, if possible, move it farther away from our house toward the neighbours. Dripping with sweat and bracing myself for a grisly discovery, I searched through the woods like a sniffer dog.

Despite my blunted senses, I soon located a dead doe about 100 metres from our house. I almost fell back-

wards as the full force of the smell hit me and my eyes fell on bloated deer remains that seemed to undulate with thousands of swarming flies. The buzzing of the excited insects warned they had taken possession and discouraged interference.

It was a grim reminder of what awaits us all when we "pass." No wonder most of us want to be buried or cremated — anything to escape nature's clean-up crew!

I quickly retreated from the ghastly scene, barely able to control my gag reflex. Any thoughts of moving the carcass were banished as I realized I could not possibly approach, let alone handle, the stinking mess.

Whether by design or coincidence, it was around this time that my wife, an all-too-adventurous culinary artist, tried her hand at making sauerkraut, a procedure that involves putting chopped cabbage along with salt and spices into a glass jar, and then letting the mixture ferment at room temperature for several days. The end product


is actually very tasty, especially in Reuben sandwiches or potato salad, but there is a downside: the fermentation process releases gases that are rather odiferous.

When the intense heat abated and the wind shifted direction, my wife and I were puzzled that an objectionable smell continued to linger in the kitchen. I checked everywhere for a dead rodent but found none. Next, I ventured into the crawlspace with mask and gloves on to see if something had died there, but again, all clear.

After several days, I finally thought to look in the drawer where we keep empty jars. To my surprise, I noticed that the jar used to store the sauerkraut, although thoroughly cleaned, still smelled of its recent contents. The culprit was not so much the glass jar, but the metal lid with the rubber seal.

I have now put the jar and lid in the recycling box and hope the folks at the depot won't complain too much. As for Reuben sandwiches, it'll be a while before we regain our appetite.


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## MORE LETTERS

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### Genuine public process wanted

I disagree with many of the points Susan Yates raised in her July 7 letter about Saturna trustee Paul Brent's letter in the June 30 Driftwood and I would like to extend my deep thanks to him and all the other concerned residents and trustees who have written, warning us about this latest attempt to change/undermine the Islands Trust's only legal mandate.

Sixty-two per cent of us voted in favour of that mandate despite all the propaganda and expensive attempt to force incorporation down our throats (for the third time) in 2017. I recently ran into a trustee and made my new concerns known, only to be mollified by promises of Zoom conferences and a proposed public meeting.

My 25 years of personal experience leads me to the opinion that many public meetings with the Trust and CRD are largely dog and pony shows, providing window dressing and the patina of legitimacy, while the real decisions were made well in advance.

If the Trust really wanted public input they would have listened and adhered to all the public input they have had prior to starting down this road. As it is, I think we are being stickhandled into opening a Pandora's box of unintended and perhaps irreversible consequences that could destroy or negatively impact these islands along with the creatures and people who call them home.

There should be no rush to judgement here. This major proposal deserves a genuine public process that actually involves the public, as opposed to a handful of their alleged representatives. And all this could be easily accomplished through a referendum and/or making this proposal an election issue.

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

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## Strawberry love

There is nothing like a Salt Spring Island strawberry! Nothing!

And in a recent off-island trip we purchased a box of "ripened by the sun" strawberries, which confirmed to us the above belief. They just didn't compare!

Our first experience with these island strawberries was when we had attended the Saturday market. We bought a box and started strolling down the walkway and our first bite brought us to a small swoon. A little melodramatic maybe, but we'll let you decide. But ooh, such juiciness, such sweetness, such pleasure!

Coming from a background of Canadian restraint we initially thought we'd eat a few and save the rest for "later" . . . because good things are drawn out and enjoyed a bit at a time. But no, not this time. This time we devoured those berries then and there and bought another box. Their intoxication encouraged a frivolousness to which we rarely succumb.

We did savour each bite but gave ourselves up to the supreme culinary luxury of greedily consuming not only the first but the second basket: the ultimate indulgence.

These summer days we try to pop down quickly to grab a box or two. We've begun succumbing to our addiction earlier and earlier.

And you know it was also one of a number of memories, (which also included those of family and friends) that sustained us during those long wet winter months coupled with the relentlessness of COVID restrictions: The remembered Salt Spring Island strawberry . . . eaten, standing in the sun.

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# ISLAND LIFE



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## WSÁNEC people restoring historic connections

Educational videos show WSÁNEC perspective on Southern Gulf Islands

**SUBMITTED BY TETÁCES REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

Archaeological records establish Coast Salish cultural presence in the Southern Gulf Islands spanning more than 5,000 years. WSÁNEC traditional knowledge extends that span to time immemorial through protected creation stories.

The WSÁNEC Leadership Council (WLC) and the WSÁNEC School Board (WSB), in partnership with the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resources Centre (CRC), have launched the TETÁCES Revitalization Project to help restore the WSÁNEC Peoples' historic connection with the Southern Gulf Islands, known as TETÁCES in the SENCOTEN language.

WSÁNEC Leadership Council director of operations Gord Elliott observed: "The WSÁNEC people have been too long separated from the islands as a result of the oppressive impacts of colonization and the failure of the settler population to recognize our unceded inherent rights. This project supports the resurgence of the WSÁNEC people in

our traditional homeland."

This project, supported by a \$75,000 matching grant from the Real Estate Foundation of B.C., will provide a series of five educational videos highlighting WSÁNEC traditional knowledge and the role that TETÁCES plays as part of WSÁNEC homeland — ÁLENENEC. TETÁCES translates as "relatives of the deep" in the WSÁNEC creation story for the islands.

The videos will highlight excursions of WSÁNEC elders and youth to the three southernmost islands: S,DÁYES/ Pender; S,KTAK/Mayne and TEKTEKSEN/Saturna on Raincoast Conservation Foundation's 66-foot research vessel the Achiever. Each island will be the subject of a video providing a WSÁNEC perspective on that island.

A central video of the project provides an historical perspective on WSÁNEC homeland, focusing on the question "Whose Land is It?" This video will be based on a recently published paper by assistant professor Nick Claxton and John Price, emeritus professor of history at the University of Victoria, titled "Whose Land Is It? Rethinking Sovereignty in British Columbia."

A fifth video will present the TETÁCES creation story in an animated video portraying the creation of the islands and emphasizing the "reciprocal stewardship" role the WSÁNEC people have with these islands — their "relatives of the deep."

These five videos will be owned by the WSÁNEC School Board and will be used in the tribal school curriculum to support the TETÁCES revitalization initiative. The videos will also serve as the basis for a community forum on each of three southern islands in 2022, focusing on the question "Whose Land Is It?" and



PHOTO BY ALEX HARRIS

Peter Underwood steers the Raincoast Conservation Foundation's 66-foot research vessel Achiever as part of the TETÁCES Revitalization Project.

exploring how the WSÁNEC reciprocal stewardship obligation can support sustainable land use and inform the Islands Trust's "preserve and protect" mandate.

Project co-coordinator and CRC director Peter Paré said, "The TETÁCES Revitalization Project is a community-to-community engagement with support from the WSÁNEC Leadership Council, the WSÁNEC School Board, Raincoast Conservation Foundation, UVic's Living Lab Project, the SGI Community Resources Centre, the South Pender Historical Society and the Capital Regional District with matching funding from the Real Estate Foundation of B.C. The TETÁCES Revitalization Project builds on the very successful 2020 TETÁCES

Climate Action Project."

Elliott adds: "The islands, our relatives, have provided a way of life for our people for thousands of years and WSÁNEC law creates a reciprocal relationship of care and stewardship between WSÁNEC and TETÁCES. This responsibility is absolute; we are obligated to care for these islands, not only through our own actions but by protecting the islands against harmful actions by others. This project supports our exercise of this deep responsibility."

For more information on the project, people can contact its co-coordinators: Tye Swallow, WSÁNEC School Board - tye@saec.ca; and Peter Paré, Community Resources Centre - peter.pare@hli.ubc.ca - 250-222-0358.

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# Sexual assault response services increased

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**SUBMITTED BY ISLANDERS WORKING AGAINST VIOLENCE**

A new program launching this month will see sexual assault survivors on the Southern Gulf Islands able to access emergency response, ongoing support/advocacy and individual counselling.

To connect with these services, sexual assault survivors will call the Islanders Working Against Violence help line or use IWAV's secure online chat.

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact done without consent, and it happens regularly on the Gulf Islands. Survivors will be able to call the help line 24/7 (250-931-7712 or toll-free 1-833-946-7712) to access a coordinated emergency response by a team of professionals. Survivors can also use IWAV's secure online chat (iwav.org) from 12 to 8 p.m.

Several services will be available to sexual assault survivors, but regardless of which option they choose, they'll be in charge of how to proceed, with their safety and comfort prioritized. These services are confidential and free, and survivors will be listened to and believed.

IWAV executive director Kisae Petersen said, "IWAV is grateful to EVA BC and the province of B.C. for responding to the long-standing need for community-based support for survivors of sexual assault. The new program will provide focused, responsive and compassionate care for people of all genders. As well, the inclusion of youths, ages 13 and older, allows IWAV and our partners to better serve young people who have experienced sexual assault."

For sexual assaults that occur within seven days of the call, emergency support will be provided to people of all genders, ages 13 and over. This can include telephone or in-person sessions for emotional and practical support and sharing of information. Survivors can also choose to have IWAV staff meet and accompany them at the hospital for medical support or at the RCMP detachment to report sexual assault.

Survivors of sexual assault can also receive support from the sexual assault response coordinator, Jessica Terezakis, to discuss options, information, safety planning, access to medical services and criminal justice processes, and referrals to other service providers. This service is available weekdays during regular business hours.

As well, ongoing individual counselling is available to survivors of sexual assault who are youth 13+, women, non-binary and trans folks. This free and confidential service can provide therapeutic techniques towards healing from sexual assault.



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Image of support used to illustrate the Sexual Assault Response Program newly established for the Gulf Islands.

Program manager Charlie Barteaux commented, "Often when there is a shift in the societal perception and response of an issue, it's because of years of dedicated work by groups and individuals that made the moment of change possible. The Sexual Assault Response Program (SARP) is possible due to the voices and the hard work of many who have brought the issue of sexual assault and sexualized violence to the attention of government and society. It's possible because of survivors who had the courage to come forward and report even though they knew the many challenges and obstacles ahead. Through our SARP and offering services that encourage

dignity, strength, healing and the empowerment of choice, it's our hope that we'll be able to increase the number of survivors who come forward. Our primary message is 'you are in charge every step of the way and in every decision made.'"

Barteaux added, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank our local heroes and services providers such as the The Circle (formerly known as SWOVA), Victim Services, members past and present of our Violence Against Women in Relationships Committee, forensic nursing team at Lady Minto Hospital, Island Health and the RCMP, and of course, our funder EVA BC."

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Other than the first few weeks in June, the spring of 2021 has provided unusually low precipitation resulting in record low lake levels. NSSWD source water reservoirs, St. Mary Lake (SML) and Maxwell Lake are both showing declining levels that are on pace with the drought we experienced in 2015.

**2015 DROUGHT**

Looking back to July 3rd, 2015, the Province announced that the Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands region was in Drought Level 4 and NSSWD initiated Level 4 Watering Restrictions accordingly. Unfortunately, NSSWD customers experienced considerable water shortage and limited use for the remainder of the summer. Damage to private and public landscaping was sustained, turf at school district and community sports fields were in very poor condition by mid August. It was not until late October of 2015 that SML level began to recover. The annual low-level recorded on October 28 was less than 10cm (3 7/8 ") above the minimum level permitted under the terms of our Water License issued to NSSWD by the Province.

**2019 BETTER WATER MANAGEMENT TOOLS DEVELOPED**

NSSWD engaged a water resources engineering consultant to develop drought management guide curves to aid in decision-making about implementation of drought management activities including watering restrictions. The curves were developed based on local hydrology, water system demand data, and Environment Canada weather data. Please refer to our website to see the current lake level trend line comparisons to previous years, the drought management Guide Curve, as well as a chart which outlines permitted uses and watering restrictions within the advanced stages of the conservation plan.

**CURRENT 2021 DROUGHT**

The decision to enter Stage 3 Watering Restrictions at the beginning of June was not taken lightly. It was based on record low lake levels breaching the Stage 3 trigger point of the Guide Curve, and Environment Canada projections for above average temperatures during summer months. The objective is to ensure ratepayer access to domestic water for as long as possible through dry summer months while maintaining the District's responsibility to conserve and protect water supplies and aquatic ecosystems.

NSSWD is thankful to all customers for their cooperation and diligence to help conserve water by adhering to Stage 3 Watering Restrictions. Please refer to the website for current information and conservation tips. The lake level trend data will be updated regularly and overlaid on the Guide Curve chart to monitor the potential for implementing Stage 4 Watering Restrictions.

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**what's on this week**



Wed. July 14	Fri. July 16	Sun. July 18	Tue. July 20	Wed. July 21
<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Mike and Margo.</b> Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 10 p.m. <b>Peter Prince.</b> Live music on the porch at Mahon Hall. 12 to 2 p.m.	<b>ONLINE</b> <b>Treasure Fair.</b> See Wednesday listing. <b>Sat. July 17</b> <b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Fairy Creek Fundraiser With Luke Wallace &amp; Safiya.</b> Night of music and updates to raise funds for the Fairy Creek Blockade and Indigenous Land Defenders. Bullock Lake Farm. 7 p.m. <b>Oliver Swain.</b> Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 10 p.m.	<b>VIA ZOOM</b> <b>Comic Book Camp.</b> Tahltan comic artist Cole Pauls runs a virtual Comic Book Camp for youth aged 10-15 from today through July 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. Register through the library.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Bachman &amp; Hillberry.</b> Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 10 p.m.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Jessica Benini.</b> Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 10 p.m.
<b>ONLINE</b> <b>Treasure Fair.</b> Silent auction for ArtSpring fundraiser runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and continues through July 18 at 6 p.m. See <a href="http://treasurefair.artspring.ca">treasurefair.artspring.ca</a> .	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Saturday Market in the Park.</b> Saturday market runs with COVID-19 safety protocols in place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. <b>StoryWalk.</b> See Friday listing. <b>Salt Spring Cat Welfare Society Bottle Drive</b> Fundraiser at 127 Rainbow Rd. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Tuesday Farmers' Market.</b> Weekly market of fresh produce and food/drink products at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m. With COVID safety protocols in place. <b>Library Summer Camp.</b> Games, crafts and more. SS Public Library. Ages 5-8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; ages 9-11 from 1 to 3 p.m. Advance registration required: 250-537-4666 or <a href="mailto:kpowell@saltspringlibrary.com">kpowell@saltspringlibrary.com</a> .	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Library Summer Camp.</b> Games, crafts and more. SS Public Library. Ages 5-8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; ages 9-11 from 1 to 3 p.m. Advance registration required: 250-537-4666 or <a href="mailto:kpowell@saltspringlibrary.com">kpowell@saltspringlibrary.com</a> .	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Tom Hooper.</b> Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 10 p.m.
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<b>ONLINE</b> <b>Treasure Fair.</b> See Wednesday listing.	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>StoryWalk.</b> Self-guided family activity from SS Public Library through Mouat Park toward the Rainbow Road Pool. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. <b>Ask Salt Spring.</b> This week's guest is Islands Trust trustee Laura Patrick. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Outside at the United Church Meadow, or the Portlock Park Pavilion if it's raining.	<b>ONLINE</b> <b>Treasure Fair.</b> Silent auction continues online until 6 p.m.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>TBA.</b> Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 10 p.m.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>StoryWalk.</b> See Friday listing.
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**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Crossroads**, a showcase of oil painting and digital art by father and son **Paul Robert Bryans and Lorence Bryans** is up at **Salt Spring Gallery** until July 21.
- Photographer **Ramona Lam** presents **50 Over 50** — portraits of women over 50 years of age — at the **Salt Spring Public Library program room** through July.

- **Artcraft**, the summer-long show and sale of work by Gulf Islands artists and artisans and regional Indigenous artists, runs at **Mahon Hall** daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also see the Showcase exhibit by the **Island Textile Artists group: On the Edge - A Planet in Crisis** in the hall from July 2 to 18. Then from July 21 to Aug. 8, the Showcase exhibit is **The State of the World and the Feel of the Earth** with artists **Stefanie Denz, Jette Leimbigger, Sibylle Leimbigger and Leann Norgard**.
- Photographer **Gwendolyn McDonald** presents **Hard Light, Soft Light ...** Images from **Around the World** at the **Country Grocer** cafe until July 30.
- The **Salt Spring Photography Club** presents **Eclectic Visions**, an online exhibition accessible at <https://ssphotog.ning.com/page/eclectic-visions> and open for viewing until Aug. 31.

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## Barbara Joan Knoblauch

(nee MacLean)  
1928-2021

Barbara was born on 21 September 1928 and passed peacefully on 30 June 2021 at Lady Minto Hospital at the age of 92. She was born in Fairview, Alberta to parents Howard A MacLean (deceased 1956) and Barbara C. MacLean (Potter) (deceased 1992).

She graduated in 1951 from Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing, Edmonton, Alberta and enjoyed Nursing across Canada - from Nova Scotia to Vancouver Island, B.C. working for D.V.A., Operating Room Nurse, Obstetrics and Geriatrics.

The family moved to Salt Spring Island in 1962, where she worked for Dr. Robert Dixon as his nurse/receptionist. It was a much smaller community at that time. She and the children moved to Pouce Coupe in 1971, where she worked as a nurse, and then they returned to Salt Spring in 1973 to live, with her commuting to work at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital for many years (working 12 hours shifts traveling to and fro after each shift). Between 1985 and 1991 she worked as Matron of St. Charles Manor Retirement Home in Victoria. These were some of her happiest nursing days caring for the patients.

Barbara loved her family and having the children bring their friends home (always welcoming them in at any time, day or night). She enjoyed the sunshine, travel, history and archeology.

Barbara is survived by children Joan Ingrid, Greg (Wendy), Dan, grandchildren Eric (Ashley) and Scott, along with her great-grandson Wyatt.

We would like to thank all the Home Support Staff who helped care for mom in her home, the doctors, nurses and all hospital staff who cared for her in her final days. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Lady Minto Hospital, or a charity of your choice. No service as per Barbara's request.

## Edythe Mildred Folliet

Our dear mother passed away in her sleep in the early hours of June 30, 2021.

Edy, as she was known to all, was 88 years old and lived a very full and interesting life. Mom was a wife and mother, a singer, a song writer and an amazing baker to name but a few of her talents. She was fiercely independent and faced many challenges in her life. Her stoic approach to life's unexpected turns made her a role model, second to none. Possessing the kindest of souls, an indomitable spirit and the ability to laugh every day, she left an indelible stamp on the lives of all who knew her.

Edythe Mildred Folliet is survived by her children, Janis Woode, Wendy Dallian and Victor Wasend, her siblings Hazel and Mae and three grand children, Andrew, Michael and Ellis.

A special thank you to Dr Ian Gummeson and all the staff at Greenwood's for the kind and gentle care you showed Mom over the years.

We all love you Mom. Truly, you will be missed.

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## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

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**TIP OF THE WEEK:**  
As the Sun enters its final phase of Cancer, which is symbolically related to Pisces, we arrive at a significant juncture. This juncture can be understood as having a distinctly spiritual flavour to it due to the contributing factors of Jupiter and Neptune in Pisces. As usual, there are two sides of the story, the lower and the higher. The lower refers to mass denial, irrational survival instincts ironically leading to suicidal feelings and actualities especially among many of our youth feeling despair in light of an uncertain future, and also contributing to addiction and escapism. The high side reveals a steady flow process of spiritual awakening revealing a deep sense of unity and compassion for all beings subject to this common-denominator global crisis and which is serving also to break us free of the limitations of religious, dogmatic beliefs. The July 9 New Moon further reveals a theme of revolution significantly linked to the economy. Altogether, adapting to the Kali forces of change and destruction is challenging, yet wise.

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)** The emphasis on home and family continues. Yet, now it turns to themes of love and romance, as well, or at least to fun in the sun and quality time shared. This may be easier said than done for some due to catastrophes, yet you may notice that either way circumstances are pushing you in that direction. Exercise humility and gratitude to meet these challenges.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)** A busy cycle continues finding you covering a lot of bases and attending to a variety of fronts. One way or another, you are diving in deeply. This could include home renovations or could direct your focus to healing and deepening your bond with your true love, on the other hand. New love interests are also indicated and all of the above imply emphasis on the details.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)** New perspectives regarding what constitutes security continue to flow in. Positively, you are able to live one day at a time and fully, letting tomorrow take care of itself. Your capacity to do both is stronger than other signs, so you have that advantage. This is where your leadership shines most brightly. See the humour and the spirit through the drama.

**Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)** The steady flow of change sometimes comes with extra thrusts, like now. You are feeling the push to be more awake and aware. This includes an emphasis on relationships, yet it also touches upon investments, securities and inheritances. These themes will increase and deepen for the rest of the year. The main theme now is to push on and adapt.

**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)** A busy time behind the scenes continues. Yet, it includes the planning and actions required to take pioneering initiatives. These will increase when the Sun enters your sign on July 22. Then, another wave will be activated by the August 8 Leo New Moon. So, now is the time to prepare and build momentum and, consequently, confidence.

**Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)** An emphasis on your sense of individuality is strong now. It may be stirring philosophical thoughts about it all. Who you are and are not, what you will and will not do, and so on carry some rather revolutionary impulses. These may have and be manifesting as dramatic bursts, but also as creative and original insights and realizations.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)** One way or another, your social status has been affected by recent events. These stand to have long-term implications. Positively, you are feeling more social and are getting wanted recognition. Yet, you are also feeling the urge to push through and beyond the existing status quo and this trend will both continue and increase over the coming weeks.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)** A crazy cacophony of flows, circumstances and events are leading to changes in your relationship life. Some of these may not yet be apparent, but if you keep paying attention, you will soon become aware of them. On the other hand, the changes could be quite obvious, if unexpected. Either way, be open to new knowledge, tools and methods of handling them.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)** Some plunges into the deep end take us further than before and this is one of these times. They include some measures of cleansing and purging. Changes in your usual rhythm and routine are also indicated. Working consciously with these influences, focus this week especially to push through with any area of your life where these guidelines apply.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)** Changes on relationship fronts continue to roll in. These will lead to personal changes, as well, which stand to have a direct impact on your finances and upon your overall scope of values and priorities. These all together comprise a rather serious tone and you are probably wise to pay due attention. Look to the future with fresh perspectives and realistic appraisal.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)** A steady flow of changes in your lifestyle continue to unfold. The financial realities required to help make your dreams come true are featured. To this end, you may find yourself concentrating more and making extra efforts that you would not usually. Positively, you have reason to feel confident and you are ready to take a few risks.

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)** Your creative juices should be flowing steadily by now. Your confidence levels have likely been rising, supporting you to take a few risks and even a leap of faith. The time is right to at least take some preliminary steps and measures now, in this regard. Before experience is imagination — which can work for or against — and after it is knowledge and know-how!



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### EXHIBITIONS

# Textile artists group advocates for the planet

Artcraft Showcase on to July 18

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Viewers have a few more days to take in a sobering perspective on environmental collapse and all we stand to lose in an Artcraft Showcase exhibition featuring the Island Textile Artists group.

On the Edge: A Planet in Crisis shows daily at Mahon Hall through to Sunday, July 18. Past shows by the textile group have often included works in celebration of nature, with plenty of birds, tropical fish and flowers represented. The beautifully vibrant tones are still present in this show, but they often fade into grey zones that reveal those species' ongoing destruction.

"Each piece represents our oceans, forests and wildlife by combining beauty with a sense of tragedy. The individual artworks unify to remind us of the worsening, devastating impacts that lie ahead, and all of the existing beauty that we have to fight for," a statement from the groups explains.

All the artworks were constructed as a vertical hanging banner, so the show has a cohesive look despite the diversity in imagery, colour palette and materials. The artists have also provided a short statement on the concerns each work inspired. The wide range of real and present dangers brings home the message that climate change is impacting every part of the natural world, from B.C. forests and fields to tropical reefs and the deeper reaches of the sea.

Viewers will be quickly drawn in by the eye-catching piece *Temperatures Rising* by Elna Gravelle, displayed centre stage as one ascends the stairs: a vivid splash of flame orange makes a strong contrast with surrounding tones of dark green fading into grey. The subject matter is all too relevant. The flames are part of a massive fire that divides the cool forest and turns the sky to ash. The work is expertly conceived and executed, both in its message and the formal composition.

Joanie Paterson considers the human victims of climate change in *Migrants*, noting many people are already facing starvation and loss and are therefore seeking less extreme environments. This abstract work features a colourful patchwork river snaking from bottom to top. It flows through a dusty, barren landscape embossed with contour lines and small directional arrows, perhaps suggesting the inevitable pull north from uninhabitable regions.

Gil Kidd contrasts swatches of cheery pink and green tones with plummy red and darker green in *Silent Skies — No Birds Left to Sing*. The floral patterned fabrics create a rich jungly tapestry nurturing applied bird figures of several species. Diversity below fades to a disturbingly bare view above, however, where muted panels host skeletal leaves, bird skulls and one dead bird. As Kidd notes in her statement, North American bird populations have declined by 30 per cent since 1970, mainly due to human-altered landscapes.



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Pieces at the Island Textile Artists' Artcraft Showcase show, from left: detail of *Big Lonely Doug* by Karen Tottman; detail of *Temperatures Rising* by Elna Gravelle; group installation of species-at-risk prints.

Janet Wheeler employs a similar treatment to address declining returns in the Fraser River with *Spirit Salmon Remember*. A thicket of spawning fish swimming up from the bottom of the banner thins and fades as it advances upstream, the engorged red bodies turning into pale flesh over exposed bones.

Karen Tottman's *Big Lonely Doug* is a portrait of the sole old-growth Douglas-fir to remain in an area near Port Renfrew that was covered by dense ancient forest not too long ago, and not too far away from where the Fairy Creek campaign is now underway. Tottman creates an impressionist feeling in this work with multiple small triangles of fabric quilted together to suggest light in motion. The close-up framing with a small human visitor at the tree's base showcases its inherent grandeur, while a glimpse of its stripped surroundings reminds the viewer how vulnerable all big trees are in the current system. Tottman also has an arresting work with purple tones emphasizing the majesty of snow-capped mountains over the sea. A ring of endangered killer whales circles through the centre ground while delicate ghost versions of their relatives swim through pink skies above.

Other topics of concern raised in the show include loss of sea ice, the devastating effects of neonic pesticides on bees and the results of human selfishness on other animals, both on land and in sea. Linda Counsell takes two banners to create a chilling before and after duo, comprising *Coral Reef-1950* and *Coral Reef-2020*.

The textile artists have also contributed to a central hanging installation composed of multiple disks. Bird, sea creature and insect designs are printed in blue ink on a natural fabric background, framed in embroidery hoops and suspended from the ceiling. Each disk is available for purchase, with proceeds going to the Salt Spring Cat Welfare Society.

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